



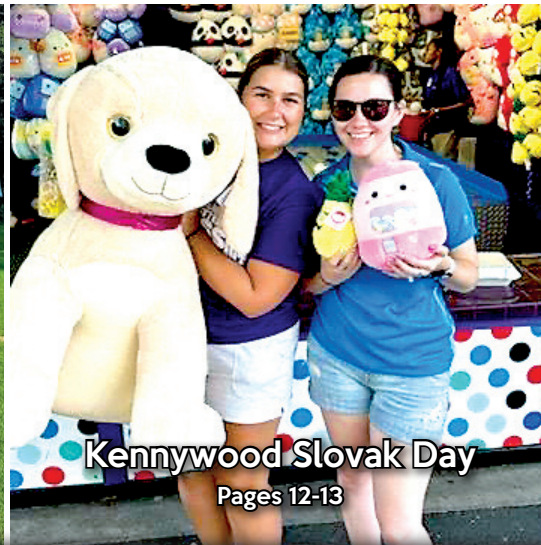
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RECOMMENDER FORM

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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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Prospect Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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

Change of Address Information:

Full Name: _____

Certificate #: _____ Assembly #: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Former Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Activities At A Glance

REGION 2

Assemblies L075, 0617

September 7
October 12
November TBA

Region 2, Concert for Paws, St. Anthony's Rec Center, Exeter, PA.
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

September 8
September 15
September 15
September 23
September 28
October 6
October 19
November 3
November 8
November 8
November 23
December 1
December 7
December 8
December 14

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 0123, Mini golf outing, Neville Island Miniature Golf Course at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka's residence, Gibsonia, PA at 5:00 pm
NSS Heritage Museum 12th Annual Septemberfest, McMurray, PA at 11:00am - 4:00 pm
Region 5, Date Changed, Meeting, Home Office, Canonsburg, PA at 1:30 pm
Region 5, Fall Fun Event, Iron's Mill, New Wilmington, PA 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Assembly 0588, Meeting, Stefka's residence, Gibsonia, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0123, Volunteer at World Vision, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Assembly 0774, Wheeling Nailers, Wesbanco Arena, Wheeling, W. VA at 7:10 pm
Christmas Around The World, NSS Museum, McMurray, PA
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 0123, Christmas Party, Rockefeller's Grille in Kennedy Twp 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Assembly 0039, Annual Christmas Party, Columbia Assoc. Social Hall at 2:00 pm

REGION 8

Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595

September 21
September 22

Assembly 0432, Fall WhirlyBall, Bedford Hts, OH at 2:00 p.m.
Assembly 0070, Meeting/Pot Luck Dinner, Dr. Martin Luther Church at 11:00 am

REGION 14

Assemblies R059, L102

September 5,6,& 7
September 22
October 20

Assembly L102, Matching Funds, St. Ann's Church, Emmaus, PA
Assembly R059, Meeting, Lahutsky residence at 3:00 pm
Assembly R059, Matching Funds, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

AT LARGE

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

September 29
November 10
November 21

Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home Seelyville, IN, at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home Seelyville, IN, at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0586, Meeting (Time/Place to be announced))

Deadline For Publication

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

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

No Exceptions!

The President's Page...

Joseph Stefka, Jr., FIC, President, CEO

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This writer had the opportunity to travel to Slovakia along with my wife, Annette on a tour directed by NSS members Kay and Jim Bench during the month of July. The tour was a magnificent experience as we stayed in seven different cities for two days each beginning with Pezinok, Trenčín, the High Tatras, Levoča, Kosice, Zvolen, and Bratislava. Daily tours of the cities and surrounding areas along with specially arranged meetings with Slovak governmental officials and special events made the trip extremely memorable. The trip was exciting but also emotional as we traveled to regions near where my grandmother and grandfather lived before they immigrated to the United States in hope of finding a better way of life in the early 1900's, leaving behind families while only in their teens. It is hard to imagine what went through their minds as they said goodbye to their families and left for a place in which they could not speak the language and had no real guarantee of success. Since this was our first trip to Slovakia we really were not sure what to expect. What we found was a country of beautiful, friendly, and generous people with sights that matched the beauty of the people! From incredible castles and cathedrals centuries old, to town squares filled with people and activity, to scenic rivers and mountains, wonderful restaurants, and new friendships! Some photos of the trip with descriptive captions will be included in the next few issues of the *National News*.

The 58th NSS National Golf Tournament held the weekend of July 12-14, 2024, was a huge success. The

weekend began with practice rounds being played on the Silver Course at Treasure Lake on Friday afternoon. Hospitality Night was held at the 19th Hole Tavern at the Silver Course on Friday evening along with the qualifying round for the Putting Contest on the practice green. Golfers and guests enjoyed food and beverages in a great fraternal atmosphere. First time attendees quickly were made welcome and enjoyed the evening! The Qualifying Round for the Putting Contest was held until darkness fell over the putting green. Golfers and guests returned to the hotel to rest in anticipation of the individual tournament competition held on Saturday. The weather was great for the entire weekend – sunshine and no rain!

Following the competition on Saturday, the final round of the Putting Contest was held on the 18th green adjacent to the clubhouse with a crowd of spectators. The three names drawn from qualifying tickets were Josh Berner, Chris Pytel, and Ken Rainey. They were each given one chance to make a fifty-foot putt to win \$1,000. Nobody made the putt, but everyone enjoyed the event! The Putting Contest was sponsored by our Independent Auditing Firm H2R CPA. The Hole In One Contest was sponsored by AQS Asset Management, our asset managers. Thank you to both firms for your continued support of our National Golf Tournament and the PVR Scholarship Fund. The Golf Banquet was held at Lakeview Lodge at Treasure Lake on Saturday evening. The banquet buffet, catered by Luigi's of Dubois, was excellent and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Unofficial winners were announced for each flight, skill prizes were distributed, Par Three Challenge winners were announced, Sunday Scramble Teams were posted, and the Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award 2024 Winner was recognized. History was made as Albert Suess became the first three-time winner of the Stefka Award, winning it in 2006 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 2016 at Treasure Lake Silver Course and again this year at Treasure Lake Silver Course. Congratulations Albert! Fundraisers for the PVR Scholarship Fund were held during the banquet including a basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, and a reverse club raffle. Thank you to all the individuals and assemblies that contributed the prizes for the raffles. Special

thanks to Assembly 774 for sponsoring the reverse club raffle. The NSS National Golf Tournament is the largest annual fundraiser for the PVR Scholarship Fund. Also thank you to all the individuals, Assemblies, and Regions for sponsoring holes at the tournament. All of the money for the hole sponsor signs goes directly to the PVR Fund. This year a total of \$6600 was raised for the PVR throughout the tournament weekend. Thank you to all the golfers and guests that participated in the raffles and contests making the fundraiser such a success. The winner of the Reverse Club Raffle was Joe Elliott! Congratulations Joe!! Special thanks to the staff at Treasure Lake Silver Course, the 19th Hole Tavern, Luigi's Catering and the staff at Lakeview Lodge for helping to make the weekend such a success! A huge thank you to our Member and Community Engagement Coordinator Bethany Bonnar for the hours of work organizing the tournament, compiling the entry forms, planning the weekend events, operating golf registration, and conducting the tournament. Congratulations for a very successful tournament! Also thank you to everyone that assisted with the tournament over the weekend! We would not have had a successful tournament without all of the NSS Staff and volunteers! The location of next year's tournament will be announced in a future issue of the *National News*. Make plans to join us next July for a great fraternal weekend at our 59th National Golf Tournament.

On Sunday, August 4th I had the opportunity to attend the Region #14 meeting held in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, and deliver a presentation on NSS operations, financial status, and the future based on our recently adopted Strategic Business Plan. The meeting was well attended and provided an opportunity for questions and input from those in attendance. Thank you to the members of Region #14 for attending!

The 12th Annual Septemberfest will be held at our Heritage Museum location at 351 Valley Brook Road in McMurray, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will include vendors, entertainment, scrumptious Slovak food, and a variety of activities. Make plans to join us for a day filled with fun, food, and a celebration of our Slovak Heritage. The event is made pos-

sible through the generosity of our assemblies, advisors, individuals and the many volunteers working throughout the day. If you would like to serve as a volunteer for the event, please contact our Museum Manager Sue Ondrejco at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

News of Narodniars

Happy Birthday wishes to National Slovak Society former Secretary-Treasurer and Honorary Director Paul M. Payerchin, Jr., former Director Gary Cepko, National Sales Director Greg Felton, Controller Donna Tenney, Home Of-

fice Staff members Tracey Bastaroli, and Linda Buono. Also, Chris Katricak, Melinda Young, Alan Burns, 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.

Get well wishes to our receptionist, Pam Blum who is recuperating from surgery. Wishing you a speedy recovery!

2024 2nd Quarter Statement Recap

Statement as of June 30, 2024

	June 2024	Dec 2023
Net Admitted Assets:		
Bonds	\$1,609,028,252	\$1,574,225,871
Preferred Stocks	4,268,069	4,086,280
Common Stocks	8,431,909	7,211,402
Mortgage Loans on Real Est.	129,716,955	130,050,075
Certificate Loans	971,641	970,114
Real Est Occupied by Society	3,258,613	3,292,610
Cash on Deposit	41,262,959	67,365,335
Other Invested Assets	18,476,362	18,654,590
Uncollected Premiums	164,743	188,692
TOTALS	\$1,815,579,503	\$1,806,044,969

Liabilities & Unassigned Funds

Aggregate Reserve	\$1,628,961,500	\$1,619,692,000
Deposit-type Contracts	62,211,617	66,067,814
Certificate Claims	325,000	500,000
Commissions Due	308,000	594,000
Refunds Due and Unpaid	1,260,000	1,180,000
General Exp Due	2,634,000	2,376,000
Retained by Society as Trustee	942,686	98,535
Asset Valuation Resv (AVR)	17,910,000	16,080,300
Interest Maintenance Resv (IMR)	4,520,714	4,597,901
Contingency Reserve	150,000	150,000
Unassigned Funds	96,355,986	94,708,419
TOTALS	\$1,815,579,503	\$1,806,044,969

Surplus Account:

Beginning Surplus	\$94,858,419	\$91,894,286
Net Income	2,353,164	5,981,020
Change in Net Unrealized		
Capital Gains or (Losses)	594,593	338,748
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	529,509	(818,135)
Change in Valuation Reserve	(1,829,700)	(2,537,500)
Aggregate Write-ins for Gains and Losses in Surplus		
Net Change in Surplus	1,647,566	2,964,133
Surplus At Statement Date	\$96,505,985	\$94,858,419

Summary of Operations:

INCOME:

	June 2024	Dec 2023
Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$111,154,056	\$244,904,400
Net Investment Income	44,007,107	86,610,661
Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	346,944	695,444
Aggregate Write-ins		
Income Sub-Total	\$155,508,107	\$332,410,514

EXPENSES:

Death Benefits	\$5,800,823	\$13,178,693
Matured Endowments	17,020	18,997
Annuity Benefits	127,181,021	251,615,462
Disability Benefits	3,296	4,584
Surrender Benefits	435,366	623,097
Interest On Deposit Type Contr	8,326	16,296
Increase In Aggregate Reserve for Life Contracts	9,269,500	44,021,000
Commissions On Direct Business	2,885,314	6,431,258
General & Fraternal Expenses	6,931,690	9,224,284
Insur, Taxes, Licenses, Fees	160,167	232,165
Expense Sub-Total	\$152,692,523	\$325,365,836

SUMMARY:

Net Gain From Operations		
Before Refunds To Members	\$2,815,584	\$7,044,678
Refund To Members	(636,475)	(1,186,893)
Net Gain From Operations		
After Refunds To Members	2,179,109	5,857,785
Net Realized Capital Gains	174,055	123,235
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$2,353,164	\$5,981,020



A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
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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.



Did you know...

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

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



2024 Annuity Contribution Coupon

Any time is a good time to invest, but investing earlier can maximize the compounding effect on your money. Consider making your 2024 contribution as early as possible.

Name _____

Certificate No. _____ Deposit Amount _____

Traditional IRA for 2024 _____ Roth IRA for 2024 _____

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...

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



Life Insurance Awareness Month

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month (LIAM). The goal of this initiative is to highlight the importance of life insurance to you and your family. Life insurance can provide benefits whether a person lives, dies, or quits paying premiums. It is the most unique financial product ever devised. Paying pennies on a dollar a person can be insured for thousands with the stroke of a pen and a single payment. More than half of the population has some life insurance, but more people need some. The reasons most people own life insurance:

- Life insurance cost is inexpensive compared to the benefits being provided.
- Life insurance proceeds provide money when it is most needed.
- Life insurance protects families from financial ruin.
- Life insurance can help you with a worry-free retirement.
- Life insurance can help you save some money for the future.

Life insurance has never been more affordable. We can design a plan to fit any budget. Start by contacting your local representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office for more information. We will be glad to get you a free quote. NSS Life has been helping people since 1890; so, we have a 134 year history of success. Interestingly, despite our longevity, life insurance has been around since 1759, a full 130 years before we were founded.

Reverse Rollover

A reverse rollover is when you move funds from your IRA to your 401k provider. Not all plans allow a reverse rollover but if you were able to do this there are several advantages. The first is stronger legal protections. There is also the possibility of accessing the funds at age 55 should you leave, or your employment was terminated. Another plus to money in a 401k is access, perhaps through a loan. One other advantage is if still working at age 73, a person can defer their 401k RMDs. Some of these items cannot be done with an IRA so it is an idea worth exploring.

Budgeting 101

Budgeting or tracking your spending is a good thing to do. This simple process will make you more aware and better able to make smart decisions in the future. The first step is to track all your spending for one month. Get a little notebook and write everything down. Candy, cigarettes, Starbucks, Dairy Queen, gas, etc. The big expenses will not be a surprise (mortgage, car, insurance) since you are already keenly aware of these. But when you total up the month of expenses and see that your Starbucks (\$4.25 per day or almost a \$100 per month) may surprise you. Keep all your receipts and track where your money goes.

So here is the 50-30-20 money method of spending and budgeting. Allow yourself 50% of your income for needs (car, home, etc.), 30% for what you want (vacation, dining out, new golf clubs) and 20% for savings. The savings can be a combination of 401k money, IRAs, and a savings account for the short-term. Prioritize debt repayment. Save first then spend. Use some helpful digital tools. Google this last item to get a list of the ten best budgeting tools available and use them.

Unless you want to be in the same place you are one year from now, change your life and try this simple method– it works.

National Hispanic Heritage Sun, Sep 15, 2024 – Tue, Oct 15, 2024



Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from **September 15 to October 15**. It began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Johnson and was expanded to a month by President Reagan 20 years later in 1988.

Thought For The Month:

It is impossible to please everyone. So, the question is, are you disappointing the right people?

Adam Grant – author and professor

The Community Corner

Bethany Bonnar,
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The first day of September marks my one-year anniversary as a member of the NSS Life team. I truly can't believe how fast a year has gone by! It feels like just yesterday I was learning about what assemblies are and how much good work they do in their local communities. Throughout this year I am proud to have brought new fraternal programs and activities to members like you! Your excitement and willingness to try new programs has blown me away. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without members like you! Thank you all. I can't wait to see what this next year brings!



Septemberfest

The perfect way to officially kick off the fall season is by attending Septemberfest! On Saturday, September 28th the NSS Heritage Museum is the place to be for music, food, and fun! Celebrate Slovak culture and support local artisans by shopping at the International market! You simply cannot miss grabbing lunch from the Slovak Kitchen, where all of your Slovak family favorites are made by hand! Afterwards,

listen to the Polka Classics Polka band and snack on a delicious "Chimney Cake." There will be plenty of fun and games for kids, so feel free to bring the little ones along! You can even talk to members of the NSS Sales Department about NSS Life's financial products! The best part is you do NOT have to be a member of NSS Life to attend this event! Bring along your family and friends who may not have learned about the NSS Life community yet! I hope to see you all there with pierogies in your hands!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

While the weather hasn't fully shifted to fall yet (at least in Pittsburgh), it's practically Halloween if you walk into any store! Let the early décor remind and inspire you for the upcoming NSS Pumpkin Decorating contest! Members of all ages are encouraged to send in photos of their Halloween pumpkin creations! Pumpkins can be submitted to either the "Painted" category or the "Carved" category. If you're feeling super creative, feel free to submit one pumpkin to each! Submit photos of your pumpkin creations via email to bbonnar@nsslife.org. Submissions are due by October 31st, but it's never too early!



Photo Contest

For those of you who are thinking "Bethany it is too early to be talking about Halloween" – I have the answer for you! While you're waiting to carve your pumpkins in October, why not enter the NSS Photo contest? With categories like: Babies, Architecture, Animals, and Scenic, you can share your photography talents with the NSS community and compete for the best

overall prize of \$150.00! Physical photos can be mailed in to our home office at 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. You can also save yourself the postage and submit your photos via email to bbonnar@nsslife.org. Reminder that each person may submit one photo for each category. Grab your camera (or even just your phone!) and start snapping shots! All submissions are due by October 31st.

Comment Cards

If you have participated in an NSS Life Fraternal event or program in the last few months, you may have noticed a comment card included with your post activity materials. These cards are opportunities for you to share your feedback on the NSS activity, in which you participated in! We use the comments and suggestions you provide to help tailor these benefits to your wants and needs. Positive feedback also helps us know what programs we should keep offering to members like you! Did I mention the best part? At the end of 2024, we will be doing a special raffle drawing for a super-secret prize. Every comment card completed will count as one entry into the raffle! There will be separate drawings and prizes for adult and youth members, so even our youngest members are encouraged to share their thoughts! Next time you participate in a fraternal benefit, fill out the comment and card and mail in or email it to bbonnar@nsslife.org.

Social Media

Wait...don't tell me you still haven't checked out NSS Life on social media.... With member photos, fraternal updates, and even policy information, you're missing out! Follow us on **Instagram (@NationalSlovakSociety)**, **Facebook (@NSS Life)** and **LinkedIn (@NSS Life)**.





SEPTEMBERFEST 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

351 Valley Brook Rd. McMurray, PA 15317

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

SEPTEMBERFEST HIGHLIGHTS ...

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

3 Rivers Model A Ford Club The regional club here in Western PA dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A cars as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

“Chimney Cakes” (Skalice trdelník) The most famous specialty of the Záhoria region is a sweet snack baked from sourdough covered with butter and then covered with chopped nuts and sugar, wrapped around a cylinder and baked slowly as it is turned over hot coals. Trdelník or “Chimney Cakes” are made for all festive occasions.

Crafts, Lacemaking & Spinning Demonstrations

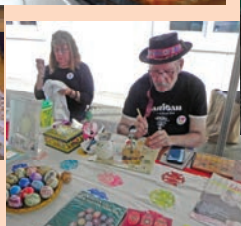
International Marketplace where unique items will be presented. Take home an interesting hand-made Slovak folk craft, Ethnic Gift, or sweet confection as a souvenir.

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!

Performance by the Pittsburgh Slovaks



2024 National Golf Tournament Results

Thank you to all in attendance at this year's National Golf Tournament!



Three-time Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award Winner

Congratulations to **Albert Suess**, who became the first three-time winner of the **Joseph Stefka, Sr. Memorial Golf Award!**

Name	Gross	Handicap	Score	Winners
Member Flights A & B				
Blum, Alex	92	20	72	First Place
Berner, Josh	113	37	76	Second Place
Froehlich, Dan	117	40	77	
Cheberenchick, Dan	109	29	80	
Czarney, Mike	102	17	85	
Senior Member Flights A & B				
Suess, Albert	87	17	70	First Place
Froehlich, Chuck	98	25	73	Second Place
Crowley, Kevin	102	26	76	Third Place Tie
Hannah, Melvin	101	25	76	Third Place Tie
McKain, Floyd	103	23	80	
Czarney, Jim	108	27	81	
Stefka Jr., Joseph	101	17	84	
Cooper, Ron	113	25	88	
Czarney, Tom	116	28	88	
Morehart, Jim	117	29	88	
Rainey, Ken	103	9	94	
Member Callaway				
Partyka, Mike	105	30	75	First Place
Motruncs, Art	115	40	75	Second Place Tie
Suess, Damian	105	30	75	Second Place Tie
Deter, Robert	95	19	76	
Pytel, Doug	88	12	76	
Payerchin, John	96	19	77	
Pytel, Shawn	111	34	77	
Galiyas, Nathan	106	28	78	
Pytel, Chris	98	20	78	
Pytel, Matt	111	32	79	
Sir Louis, Bob	126	40	86	
Women's Member Callaway				
Tenney, Donna	109	31	77	First Place
Froehlich, Carol	131	40	91	
Senior Member Callaway				
Shingle, Darryl	113	38	75	First Place
Pytel, Dave	112	36	76	Second Place
Hoche, William	105	28	77	
Walker, William	103	25	78	
Elliot, Joe	119	40	79	
Grega, Mike	126	40	86	
Guest Callaway				
Deter, William	85	12	73	First Place
Ravenscroft, Max	110	36	74	Second Place
Motruncs, Matt	115	40	75	Third Place
Daugherty, Wyatt	98	22	76	
Partyka, Zach	92	16	76	
Hoffman, Marty	106	28	78	
Barto, Don	123	40	83	
Stuart, Steve	123	40	83	
Gibbons, Ernie	124	40	84	
Broome, Jill	171	40	131	
Manning, Thomas			Did Not Finish	
McCoy, Rob			Did Not Finish	
Senior Guest Callaway				
Lecorchick, Steve	86	11	75	First Place
Miles, Gary	88	12	76	Second Place Tie
Bennet, Dan	101	25	76	Second Place Tie
Minto, Don	106	29	77	
Mazenko, Jim			Did not Finish	

Sunday Golf Scramble Results

- 1st Place** – Wyatt Daugherty, Robert Deter, Ron Cooper, Steve Stuart
- 2nd Place** – Dan Cheberenchick, John Payerchin, Marty Hoffman
- 3rd Place** – Max Ravenscroft, Mike Partyka, Ken Rainey



2024 National Golf Tournament Team Photos

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



L-R: Mike Czarney, John Payerchin, Floyd McKain, Joe Stefa, Jr.



L-R: Damien Suess, Albert Suess, Doug Pytel



L-R: Dan Cheberenchick, Darryl Shingle, Ron Cooper



L-R: Mike Grega, Kevin Crowley, Ken Rainey, Don Minto



L-R: Donna Tenney, Joe Elliott, Max Ravenscroft, Alex Blum



L-R: Mike Partyka, Wyatt Daugherty, Zach Partyka, Marty Hoffman



L-R: Dave Pytel, Chris Pytel, Shawn Pytel, Matt Pytel



L-R: William Hoche, William Walker, Jim Czarney, Tom Czarney



L-R: Josh Berner, Dan Froehlich, Jim Morehart, Nathan Galiyas



L-R: Robert Deter, Steve Lecorchick, Gary Miles, William Deter



L-R: Don Barto, Melvin Hannah, Ernie Gibbons, John Misiura



L-R: Steve Stuart, Jill Broome, Chuck Froehlich, Carol Froehlich



Order Unknown: Thomas Manning, Rob McCoy, Jim Mzenko



L-R: Matt Motrunecs, Art Motrunecs, Bob Sir Louis



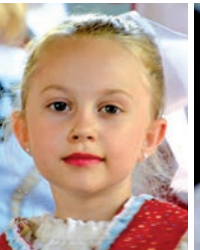
AQS Asset Management sponsored this year's "Hole in One" challenge, unfortunately no one won.

Scenes from the 2024 National Golf Tournament



Shawn Pytel playing a prank, pretending as if he'd been struck with a golf ball

The Pittsburgh Slovaks Performing for Slovak Day at Kennywood Park



NSS Life Members at Kennywood Park on Slovak Day



Entrance to Kennywood Amusement Park



Visitors are lining up early to buy their freshly cooked Slovak meals!



The weather was beautiful for Slovak Day. Visitors waiting to pay in the shade.



L-R: Linda and Patrick Buono



L-R: John Payerchin, Linda Strom, and Rick Toth



L-R: Lori Crowley and Sue Urcho



L-R: Ryan Strom, John Payerchin, Lori Crowley, Bethany Bonnar, Linda Strom, and Rick Toth



Members of Assembly 123 helping sell Ceregi at Slovak Day



L-R: Riley Conner, Riley Daugherty, Theresa Jacobs, and Patti Kropf



Riley Conner won a prize stuffed dog. She gifted her big win to two little friends she met at the park, which made their day!

2024-2025 Scholarships - Perpetual Award Winners



Isaac Bilitz
Assembly 0774
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Elijah Forrest
Assembly RO59
Mary B. Burns Scholarship



Carter Fox
Assembly 0554
The Grogan Family Scholarship



Natalie Goldsworthy
Assembly 0108
Mary Mravec Scholarship



Bella Infantino
Assembly 0039
Ann Marie Czarney Scholarship



Anna Layden
Assembly 0554
125th Anniversary Scholarship



Martin Meyer
Assembly 0737
NSS Board of Directors Scholarship



Marie Nastasi
Assembly 0123
Stephen J. Trusik Scholarship



Logan Pallo
Assembly 0160
Assembly 065 Scholarship



Alexander Petula
Assembly L075
Dr. John Gulash Scholarship

2024-2025 - 1st Year Scholarship Recipients



Skyler Albers
Assembly 0595



Max Blattenberger
Assembly 0123



Grant Blore
Assembly 0774



Tanner Blum
Assembly 0554



Audrey Bullock
Assembly 0554



Travis Calvetti
Assembly 0774



Alchemy Carlson
Assembly 0774



Anthony Catando
Assembly 0110



Lilyanna Coots
Assembly 0554



Timothy Driscoll
Assembly L105



Kayla Dudek
Assembly 0123



Nicholas Fedorak
Assembly 0123



Madeline Forrest
Assembly RO59



Sydney Grosholz
Assembly 0774



Jacob Hannah
Assembly 0737

2024-2025 - 1st Year Scholarships Recipients Continued



Cole Hillenbrand
Assembly 0588



Ethan Knotts
Assembly 0595



Madeline Kue
Assembly 0774



Ava Levine
Assembly 0737



Christina Mahoner
Assembly 0774



Lauren Mahoner
Assembly 0774



Arlo McIntyre
Assembly 0377



Daniel Mueller
Assembly 0381



Rebecca Murphy
Assembly L161



Wyatt Petula
Assembly L075



Isabella Portman
Assembly 0381



Brock Small
Assembly 0774



Olivia Smith
Assembly 0267



Donato Strish
Assembly 0617



Nathan Traud
Assembly 0434



Madison Trinko
Assembly 0774



Madelynn Triplett
Assembly L040



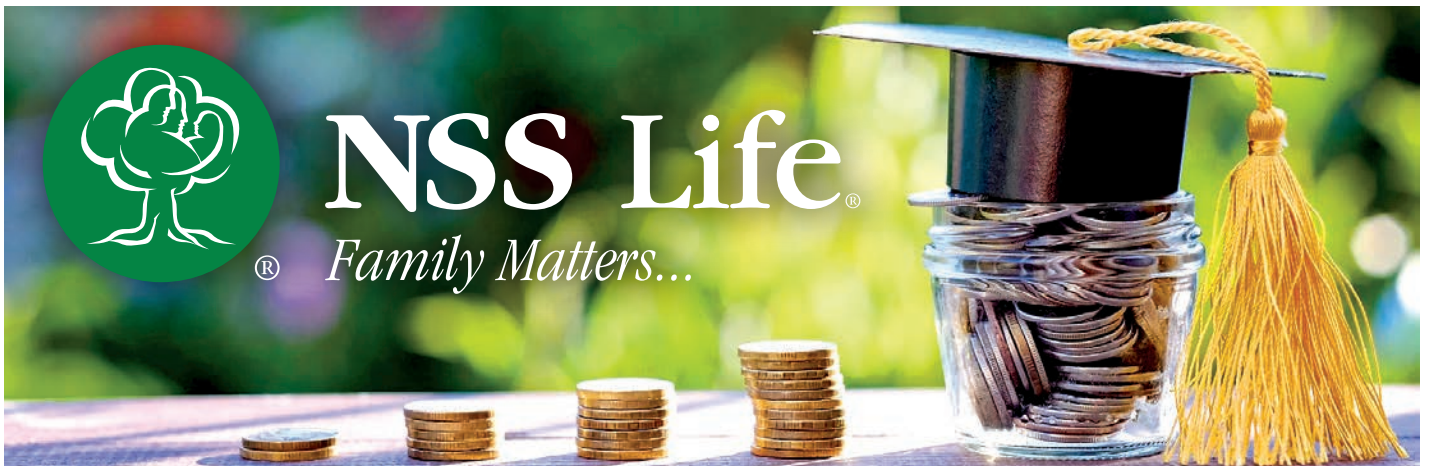
Tanner Wassilchalk
Assembly 0377



Chloe Woods
Assembly 0434



Newjai Xiong
Assembly 0774



ASSEMBLY 0039 Uniontown, PA

We extend our sincere congratulations to our assembly president for his recent appointment to the Office of Secretary/Treasurer/CFO of the NSS by the Board of Directors. He will replace our current Secretary/Treasurer, Linda Strom, who will retire the end of the year. He will work with Linda until he begins his duties on January 1, 2025.

We wish to thank the NSS Board of Directors for increasing the Assembly Fraternal Allowance to \$6.00 for those adult members attending a fraternal event.

Mark your calendar for our September dinner meeting at the Bob Evans Restaurant Community Room on the **8th** at 6:00 p.m. We will be remembering those Americans that died on United Flight 93 on September 11th.

The "12th Annual Septemberfest" will be held on Saturday, **September 28th** at the Slovak Heritage Museum (the old home office) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with great Slovak food, Slovak dancers, a variety of vendors, and a chance to visit our Slovak Heritage Museum. We will be a sponsor of the event. See you there!

Now is the time to start gathering your photos for the "NSS Annual Photo Contest" in October. Rules are in the latest issue of the "National News." For every entry you make, we receive award points. Another contest in October is the Pumpkin Decorating event. This is open to all ages and genders.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of Mary Marano, Betty D. Mull, Hilda Watkins and Agnes Yablunosky. May they rest in the resurrection arms of their Lord and Savior.

Attention: The date for our Annual Christmas Party has been changed from Sunday, December 8th to **Saturday, December 14th** at 2:00 p.m. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

Watch for those yellow school buses!

John Payerchin
President



ASSEMBLY R059 Bethlehem, PA

Our next meeting will be Sunday, **September 22nd** at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Paula and John Lahutsky. Best wishes to all for a safe and happy summer.

We will hold a matching funds coffee hour on Sunday, **October 20, 2024**, at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church following the Divine Liturgy to benefit the St. John Chrysostom Academy, a classical Orthodox School in Bethlehem PA.

Michele Guydan
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting and pot luck dinner will be held on Sunday, **September 22, 2024**, at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 11:00 a.m.

Please call John Karkosiak at 216 741-6990 if you plan to attend. Side dishes are welcome and we will be serving fried chicken.

John Karkosiak
Secretary-Treasurer

ASSEMBLY L075 Duryea, PA

Mark your calendars for our future meetings and events:

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 L102 Whitehall, PA

Matching Funds

Our assembly (L102) will do a matching funds with St. Ann's Church in Emmaus on **September 5th, 6th, and 7th**. Come out and enjoy delicious food, bingo, a huge basket raffle, and dance along with the live music.

On **September 21st** we will also do a matching funds for the benefit of the ALS foundation. It will be a pig roast held at the Kuhnsville Hotel. All day event with lots of food, and a room filled with baskets for the raffle. Rides for the kids, live music, tons of food, and a basket raffle.

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

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0123 Coraopolis, PA

Well, good-bye to summer and hello to fall. I hope it was enjoyable for our members. If you took photos, be sure to enter them in the NSS photo contest. The prize money has been increased. The dream of the Pirates making the playoffs this year has faded unless something miraculous happened since I wrote this. But never fear, hopes for the Steelers in the playoffs can now be the topic of conversations.

Sunday, **September 15th** is a good day to be an NSS member. That's the day that we have our mini golf outing at Neville Island miniature golf course. Official tee off is 1:00 p.m. but if you are early, you can practice your putting. If any members of NSS from other assemblies would like to join us, you are welcome, and we would love to meet you. Yes, after golf there will be pizza and drinks free for NSS members, for non-members the cost will be \$5.00 Please contact Bill Del Monaco at 412-264-7268, or me at 724-242-5085 to let us know you plan on attending. If you forget to call and show up anyway Bill Del Monaco will have to make more pizza.

Here's hoping that many of you will attend Septemberfest at the NSS Heritage Museum located at 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA on Saturday, **September 28th**. You'll find it both entertaining and educational.

I want to thank our members who volunteered at Global Links. It was a pleasure to be joined by Sales Director Greg Felton and his lovely wife Rhonda and Nancy Ziefel of Assembly 0434. We plan on returning there again later in the year. Mark your calendar for **Friday, November 8th** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are tentatively going

to volunteer at World Vision. Watch for details in the next issue.

Did you know September 25th is Daughter Day? I didn't know there was such a thing but since there is I want to take advantage of it to say I'm one proud and lucky guy to have been blessed with three great, accomplished daughters, Bethany, Marcy and Mariah. They have brought me much joy and happiness.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 0377 Bentleyville, PA

Mark your calendar and join us for our next two events:

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 business and ways to help the community. As always, please RSVP at 724-207-3171 or Bob Matko at 724-331-4122.

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 0432 Lakewood, OH

Mark your calendar for our **NEW EVENT** - Fall WhirlyBall at 5055 Richmond Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146 on **September 21st**. The games begin at 2:00 p.m. and we have the courts rented until 4:00 p.m. Food & drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Terri Hudak at 440-714-8902 by September 1, 2024.

Shawn Pytel
Publicity

ASSEMBLY 0586 Chicago, IL

Summer in the Chicagoland area this year has been hotter than last year. Even so, events are crowded with thousands of enthusiastic Lollapalooza-goers, Nascar followers, Cubs and Sox baseball fans, the Bean, and Lake Michigan's beautiful shoreline and beaches. Some of us are thankful for a cool home in the 90+ weather, happy to step inside after expe-

riencing the heat and humidity.

Our efforts in collecting treats for our troops are ongoing. We met on August 30 and will meet next on **November 21st**.

I read this in my monthly retirement newsletter and pass it on for you to take to heart. "Being a sibling means being part of something wonderful. It means being loved no matter what." And: Being a member of a fraternal means having a closeness with others for many years or just a short time.

Come join us for a good time in November. God bless our country and keep us safe from harm.

Irene Tomaskovic
President

ASSEMBLY 0588 Avella, PA

Mark your calendars for our last two meetings of the year:

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

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

All meetings are held at the Stefka residence, 5007 Old Orchard Lane, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Please plan to attend our meetings and become active members. Contact Annette at 724-407-3591 if you are planning on attending she can plan accordingly.

Annette Stefka
Recording Secretary

ASSEMBLY 0705 Seelyville, IN

Mark your calendars for the following meetings:

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 0813 Englewood, FL

Following is the list of activities that our Assembly 813 will participate in the next few months.

Brown Bag Program for Wiregrass (they do this every year)

October 19th - Cork Pull at the Thirsty Pig, for Catholic Social Services, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

October & November - Thanksgiving Baskets for Needy, contact Dan Farrell, Assembly 813 President

October 15th-December 3rd - Toys for Tots Collection, see Blaze Farrell for Dinner with Knights of Columbus

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary-Treasurer

REGION 2 Hazleton, PA

Matching Funds Event

A concert for Paws on **September 7, 2024**, at St. Anthony's Rec Center Exeter, PA. At 5:00 p.m. we will be doing a matching funds and basket raffle.

This event will be FREE admission event and entertainment will be provided by classic rock band Riptide, who have graciously donated their time for it. There will be a 50/50 raffle, gift card raffles, and refreshments for purchase while supplies last.

The shelters will also be represented there as well as a few of their furry friends you can meet who will be available for adoption. These shelters do thankless work and really can use our help. Please consider donating now and attending the event in person. Also, share it with your friends and family! We're hoping it will be a great success and become an annual event where we can add more shelters to the donation list.

Marlin Petro
Region 2

"Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."



REGION 2 & ASSEMBLY L075 Hazelton, PA

Save the Date - SPCA Bone Appetite

Region 2 will participate in the SPCA Bone Appetite Fund Raiser on Sunday, **November 3, 2024** at The Woodlands in Wilkes Barre, PA. Region 2 will be doing a matching funds and donating a basket. Assembly L075 members will attend and make a basket for the event. Members please continue to watch our Facebook Page for upcoming details. Until then SAVE the date.

Members can contact Marlin Petro directly for more details. RSVP date by October 11th.

Marlin Petro
President - Region 2

If you can do what you do best
and be happy, you are further along
in life than most people.

Leonardo DiCaprio
Actor-Producer

REGION 5 Pittsburgh, PA

Change of Date - Meeting Notice

The date of the fall meeting of Region #5 has been changed and it will be held on Sunday, **October 6, 2024**, at 1:30 p.m. at the NSS Home Office, 1403 Ashwood Drive in Canonburg, PA. Plans for Region #5 activities for the remainder of 2024 will be discussed. All assemblies in Region #5 are requested to send representatives to the meeting. A luncheon will be served following the meeting.

Joseph Stefka, Jr.
President - Region 5



PVR Appreciation Letters

Dear NSS:

I would like to express my gratitude for the continuous scholarship of \$600.00 for the past four years, as I pursue by degree in communications at St. Vincent College. It has helped me to cover the costs of college which I have come to understand every bit helps. Thank you for helping me in my journey throughout college and funding a way to help me pay for it.

Luke Phillis

Dear NSS Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the NSS Life PVR Scholarship. Your generosity and support mean the world to me, and I am very grateful for the opportunities this scholarship provides me in pursuing my educational aspirations.

Your investment in my future motivates me to continue striving for excellence in my studies and endeavors as I pursue a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at WVU. Thank you again

for your generosity. Your investment in my education means so much.

Tanner Wassilchak

Dear NSS:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the PVR Scholarship possible. I was very excited to learn that I was selected for this honor. I am so appreciative of your financial support. It will help my parents with the financial burden of a college degree.

I am beginning my first semester at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in electrical engineering. My mother is a high school math teacher and my grandfather has been working in the field of electricity for fifty years so they have been an influence on me. I believe that engineering is a field that can lead to many positive changes in the world. Thank you and the scholarship committee again for your very important financial assistance.

Timothy Logan Driscoll

40th Western PA. Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance

Contact: SUE ONDREJCO
Cell 412-953-4853

Mark your calendar for the 40th W. PA. Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance. The annual event will be held on **Sunday, October 13th** at the Stratigos Banquet Center, 131 Colonial Manor Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. The venue is handicap accessible, and there is plenty of free parking.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:00 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner at 5:30 which will include Wedding Soup, a duet plate of: Sliced Sirloin of Beef w/Mushroom Sauce & Stuffed Breast of Chicken w/Country Stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Seasonal Grilled Vegetables. There will be a cash bar.

"Kontakty" will treat guests to the songs and music of Slovakia as well as other popular dance favorites throughout the evening. For more information or tickets contact Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204. Tickets are \$60.00/person if purchased by September 26th. After September 26th tickets are \$65.00/person. Deadline for tickets is October 1st. All seats are reserved, no tickets will be sold at the door.

This annual celebration of friends is the major fundraising event for the Slovak Radio Hour heard each Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can tune in to AM 73 WPIT on your radio or simply download the free app from the Apple App Store, or google play and just say Alexa play **WPIT RADIO!**

Your continuing support for our Slovak culture is encouraged and very much appreciated.

Assembly Activities

Assembly 0377 Picnic



Our assembly held our summer picnic on July 14th at Richardson's Park in Bentleyville, PA. Everyone had a great time.

Assembly 0070



NSS Assembly 0070 presenting a NSS shirt to Milos Jacko, Slovak seminary intern at D. Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, Ohio.

Assembly 0123 Matching Funds

Nineteen members of Assembly 123 spent the afternoon of July 13th packing medical supplies at Global Links in Greentree. Global Links is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit dedicated to improving health in communities with need by sharing surplus rescued from the US healthcare system to support health programs globally and locally.



Assembly 731 Matching Funds



Assembly 731 and Rowdy Roosters 4-H Club worked together selling plants as a NSS Matching Funds activity. Kathy Cessna, Assembly Youth Programs Director, presented a \$500 NSS Matching Funds check to Ashlynn Mason, Assembly Youth Activities Coordinator and President of the 4-H Club. All the 4-H members are grateful to NSS for their support.

Assembly 774 Event

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

WHEELING TAILERS

VS TROIS-RIVIERES LIONS

Friday, November 8th - 7:10pm

Wesbanco Arena, Wheeling, WV

Tickets: \$10.00 each

Call 412-770-2093 or email bbonnar@nsslife.org to reserve tickets

checks payable to: NSS Life Assembly 774

REGION 5 FALL FUN EVENT

IRONS MILL FARMSTEAD

EST. 2012

where smiles are made

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

10AM-9PM - 252 GREENFIELD RD, NEW WILMINGTON, PA 16142

Adult Member Tickets: \$5.00

Youth Member Tickets (16 and under): **Free!**

Call 412-770-2093 or email bbonnar@nsslife.org to reserve tickets (limited availability)

Please include # of youth tickets with payment (checks payable to NSS Life Region 5)

Corn Maze, Candy Cannon, Food, Pig Races, Campfires, Pumpkin Bowling, Apple Blasters!

IN MEMORIAM AL ZBIN



Assembly 432's lifelong and active member **Al Zbin** of 97 years, passed away on June 29th, 2024. Al is survived by his wife of 72 years, Helen, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. Our deepest sympathy to the Zbin family.

September Calendar

September 2 - the first Monday of the month—is Labor Day. Canadians also observe Labour Day.

September 11 is Patriot Day, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

September 11 is also Grandparents Day this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day!

September 17 is Constitution Day. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787 (just five years before the founding of The Old Farmer's Almanac, believe it or not!).

September 21 is recognized as the annual International Day of Peace. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.

September 22 marks the start of fall! This year's Autumnal Equinox occurs at 8:44 A.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

Happy
LABOR DAY

DEPARTED MEMBERS AUGUST 2024

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Aimino, Dominick J	Indiana, PA	12/04/2023	0554
Allen, Harold A	Upper Marlboro, MD	05/29/2024	0774
Allis, Carol	Hopwood, PA	06/30/2024	0039
Arbogast, Karen	Indiana, PA	06/28/2024	0774
Arch, Larry M	Pittsburgh, PA	06/24/2024	0377
Aurndt, Freda G	Garrett, PA	07/13/2024	0039
Bails, Jason	Canonsburg, PA	07/04/2024	0588
Begandy, Patricia J	Port Vue, PA	06/27/2024	0108
Berberich, Robert W	Cabot, PA	06/27/2024	0123
Bigenho, Robert J	Apollo, PA	05/13/2024	L105
Blackard, Raymond	Sterling, IL	09/27/2021	0586
Boocks, Darla	Cranberry Twp, PA	06/10/2024	0123
Bowman, Albert E	Penns Grove, NJ	05/11/2024	0774
Brasington, Marlene A	Warren, PA	07/12/2024	0731
Brittain, Joseph A	Schuylkill Haven, PA	07/04/2024	L102
Brown, Jesse	Charleston, WV	06/13/2024	0774
Bucchianeri, Arthur	Lemont Furnace, PA	06/18/2024	0377
Buell Jr, Harry	Saltsburg, PA	07/07/2024	L105
Byler, Edria	Coatesville, PA	07/18/2024	L102
Cagnon, Donald	Midway, PA	06/15/2024	0588
Campbell, Phyllis	Huntington, WV	05/21/2024	0774
Capiak, John	Chicago, IL	06/14/2019	0586
Carey, Mary Alice	Chalfont, PA	06/21/2024	R059
Carter, Raymond T	Beaver Falls, PA	05/30/2024	L123
Cathey, Mary Ann	Huntersville, NC	05/20/2024	0774
Chio, Elsie	Mingo Junction, OH	06/26/2024	0588
Colananni, Norma M	Blairsville, PA	07/07/2024	0737
Connors, Elizabeth A	Du Bois, PA	06/19/2024	0774
Crissman, Cynthia	Rural Valley, PA	06/27/2024	L105
Curry, Helean	Havana, FL	10/17/2023	0774
Daniel, Delores Rose	Glen Daniel, WV	06/02/2024	0774
Defrancesco, Martha	Bridgeville, PA	02/07/2024	0039
Dilly, Orval R	Bellaire, OH	06/20/2024	0595
Dovalosky, William	Monongahela, PA	06/22/2024	0377
Dowling, Shirley A	St Petersburg, FL	06/23/2024	0813
Duda, Marian L	Newnan, GA	06/08/2024	L161
Dunlap, Dorothy	Dickerson Run, PA	03/14/2024	0039
Ehle, Charles	McKees Rocks, PA	06/30/2024	0123
Elliott, Eddie F	Tulsa, OK	05/18/2024	0774
Esposito, Geraldine	Brockway, PA	06/30/2024	0554
Fay, Patricia	Stony Point, NY	06/19/2024	0110
Fields, Robert	Lakeland, FL	12/20/2023	0813
Fitzsimons, Lucille	Columbiana, OH	05/22/2024	0731
Fowler, Samuel	Engadine, PA	05/08/2024	0381
Fox, Ann	McKeesport, PA	07/08/2024	0108
Fox, Harold	Norman, IN	06/07/2024	0705
Fox, Patrick	Butler, PA	07/02/2024	0123
Gaines, Kenneth	Verona, PA	07/09/2024	L105
Gall Zarnick, Rosemarie	Butler, PA	07/12/2024	0123
Gaus, Karl	New Castle, PA	06/18/2024	0731
Gerda, Thomas Lawrence	Rostraver Twp, PA	07/11/2024	0377
Greene, Katherine	Poland, OH	04/29/2024	0731
Gurgon, Robert	Fairmont, PA	06/13/2024	0039
Hansotte, Margaret	Saxonburg, PA	07/14/2024	L161
Harris, Robert	Mohrsville, PA	07/23/2024	L102
Hart, Joyce A	Pittsburgh, PA	12/23/2023	L105
Heisel, Robert	Pittsburgh, PA	06/17/2024	L105
Hemmis, Dale W	Canonsburg, PA	07/22/2024	0434
Holthouse, Howard	Clymer, NY	06/14/2024	0774
Hudson, Lewis J	Lexington, NC	06/16/2024	0774
Hughes, David C	Hadley, PA	06/30/2024	0123
Hughes, Joanne	Birdsboro, PA	07/11/2024	L102
Hunter, Leonard	Meadville, PA	06/05/2024	0731
Husher, Raymond	Manteca, CA	02/04/2024	0568
Hutzler, Wilma	Charles Town, WV	06/19/2024	0774
Jackson, Joan	Clearwater, FL	02/14/2024	0813
Junik, Melan F	Tarentum, PA	07/14/2024	L105
Kalich, Caroline M	Greensburg, PA	07/18/2024	0737
Kelly, Anna B	Leckrone, PA	06/12/2024	0039
Kershner, Jean	Mohrsville, PA	07/19/2024	L102
Kinney, Patricia	Sugar Notch, PA	07/21/2024	0617
Kiser, William S	Tarentum, PA	07/08/2024	L123
Kohut, Norma	Elizabeth, PA	07/15/2024	0737
Kraus, Joseph	Pittsburgh, PA	07/19/2024	L161
Landis, Richard	Johnstown, PA	07/15/2024	L105

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Leonard, Thomas	Wheeling, WV	06/10/2024	0108
Leroy, Ethel M	Pittsburgh, PA	07/22/2024	0100
Lewis, Frank E	Indiana, PA	06/28/2024	0554
Lomberger, Dolores B	Dyer, IN	06/01/2024	0586
Madison, Wayne	Spring Church, PA	07/22/2024	L105
Malley, Daniel	Jefferson Hills, PA	07/07/2024	0108
Mariano, Anthony James	Coraopolis, PA	06/15/2024	0123
Matuska, Milan	Valparaiso, IN	03/13/2024	0586
Mc Ardle, Linda L	Imperial, PA	11/05/2023	0588
Mc Ginity, William James	Brownsville, PA	06/19/2024	0377
Mcconachie, Bonnie	Rimrock, AZ	05/08/2024	0774
Mccune Jr, Lawrence	Kittanning, PA	06/15/2024	L105
Mcelravy, Ricky	Chicora, PA	07/07/2024	L105
Mckinnis, Shirley	Rochester, PA	06/27/2024	0123
Meadows, Lola	Canvas, WV	06/10/2024	0774
Messenger, Patricia	Keyser, WV	06/21/2024	0774
Minor, Caroleen W	Memphis, TN	07/10/2024	0774
Morrison, Joseph	Delray Beach, FL	04/28/2024	0774
Napier, Marilyn S	North Royalton, OH	05/28/2024	0070
Ozanich, Pauline S	McClelland Town, PA	07/08/2024	0774
Panyko, Donald	Coraopolis, PA	07/04/2024	0123
Pappalardo, Irene	Westmont, IL	05/28/2024	0586
Patterson, Elizabeth M	Harrisburg, PA	06/02/2024	L102
Porter, De Elda Jean	Lower Burrell, PA	06/29/2024	L105
Powell, Jo Ann	McMurray, PA	07/21/2024	0434
Powell, Leslie A	Tucson, AZ	04/26/2024	0774
Prasnikar, Helen	Gibsonia, PA	07/12/2024	0123
Prudente, Ann M	Slatington, PA	07/07/2024	0774
Puder, Carol	Scenery Hill, PA	06/12/2024	0377
Quinter, Carmel	Schuylkill Haven, PA	06/22/2024	L102
Rice, Robert	Leslie, MI	07/01/2024	0381
Ripp, Donald J	Black Earth, WI	05/30/2024	0774
Rohn, Ronald Lee	West Newton, PA	06/23/2024	0737
Sakson, John	Crescent, PA	07/14/2024	0123
Sanata, Albert J	Brookfield, OH	07/02/2024	0731
Sands, Arlene	Carnegie, PA	06/26/2024	0100
Schappell, David	Hamburg, PA	07/07/2024	L102
Shaulis, E Wayne	Berlin, PA	07/07/2024	0039
Sheehan, Mary	Chicago, IL	01/25/2010	0586
Sheehan, Timothy	Chicago, IL	06/01/2018	0586
Skriba, Robert	Elsie, MI	06/22/2024	0381
Smith, Carol	Honeybrook, PA	06/22/2024	L102
Spahn, Mary Margaret	Carmel, IN	04/19/2024	L161
Spayd, Margaret	Anaheim, CA	04/30/2024	0568
Spear, Ralph S	Greensboro, NC	05/16/2024	0774
Stimpson, Arlene	Wattsburg, PA	07/03/2024	0554
Stromick, Patrick	Hopwood, PA	07/02/2024	0039
Sullivan, Kathleen A	Lake Placid, FL	07/07/2024	0813
Taylor, Jerrold	West Mifflin, PA	06/13/2024	0108
Tirpak, Marlin J	Tamaqua, PA	11/15/2023	0774
Tokarek, Richard	West Friendship, MD	07/12/2024	L105
Turner, Lois	Brownsville, PA	06/26/2024	0377
Urban, Yvonne	Perryopolis, PA	06/20/2024	0377
Vonsik, Michael S	Harrison City, PA	05/01/2024	0737
Wagner, Ted E	Arcanum, OH	05/31/2024	0595
Walton, Jeffery C	New Stanton, PA	05/30/2024	0737
Walton, Randall	Lorain, OH	07/01/2024	0160
Warren, Dreama	Oak Hill, WV	04/17/2024	0774
Wickerham, Paul E	California, PA	06/08/2024	0377
Wogoman, Joyce	Beavercreek, OH	03/27/2024	0595
Wolfe, Sandra	Erie, PA	07/19/2024	0554
Wytiaz, Francine	Pittsburgh, PA	05/15/2024	0123
Yaggi, Norbert	McKees Rocks, PA	07/25/2024	0123
Yarkosky, Lorraine	Southview, PA	04/25/2024	0588
Yockel, Rosemary	Pittsburgh, PA	07/05/2024	0123
Zbin, Albert	Olmsted Twp, OH	06/29/2024	0432
Zendeck, Lawence	Leesburg, VA	05/02/2024	0267
Zewatsky, Patricia	Crystal River, FL	06/16/2024	0813
Ziegler, Theodore J	Oil City, PA	07/21/2024	0731
Zielinski, William	Northeast, PA	06/21/2024	0554

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September

Nie je nový rok, ale je nová sezóna. Deti sú späť v škole. Pomaly vyťahujeme zo skríň teplejšie vrstvy, sledujeme, ako sa lístie mení zo zelenej na zlatistú a plánujeme nadchádzajúcu sviatočnú sezónu. Než sa nazdáme, je čas vyrezať naše tekvice a potom moriaka. September akosi predstavuje rozlúčku s letom a veselý úvod jesenných slávností. Teraz je čas užiť si niektoré jesenné aktivity, ktoré ponúkajú regióny a zhromaždenia, a ideálnu príležitosť stretnúť sa s rodinou NSS.

Skalický trdelník

K najznámejšie špecialite oblasti Záhoria jednoznačne patrí tzv. skalický trdelník. Ide o sladkú pochutinu pečenú z kysnutého



cesta. Aj keď písomné dokumenty o výrobe trdelníkov pochádzajú až zo začiatku 20. storočia, jeho pôvod je pravdepodobne oveľa starší. Na výrobu trdelníka je potrebný drevený valec, nazývaný trdlo, ktorý sa vyrábala najčastejšie z hruškového alebo čerešňového dreva. Naň sa ovíjali pásy pripraveného cesta. Navinutý trdelník sa obalil vo vajecnom bielku, polial maslom a následne ešte obalil nasekanými orechmi a cukrom. Trdlo sa potom pripevnilo nad žeravé uhlíky v ohnisku a pomaly otáčalo, aby sa cesto rovnomerne do zlata upieklo. Trdlá sa otáčali buď pomocou kovovej kľuky alebo sa len mechanicky obracali po štvrtinkách, nakoľko koncové časti trdiel boli štvorhranné. V súčasnosti sa na jarmokoch tzv. trdelníky robia v rôznych príchuťach - škoricové, vanilkové, orechové, kakaové a pod. Skalický trdelník je však výhradne orechový. V roku 2007 získal ako prvý ochranné zemepisné označenie "slovenský výrobok", čím sa určila geografická hranica, kde sa môže vyrábať. Trdelník sa vyrába pri všetkých sviatočných príležitostiach.

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Patrónka Slovenska - Sedembolestná

15 Septembra ako Slovenský národ si úctíme patrónku nášho národa.

Ďakujeme ti Sedembolestná za tvoju materinskú lásku a vytrvanie s nami.

*Sedembolestna Matka
oroduj za nás.*



Pranostiky na mesiac september :

(8.09). Ako sa zachová počasie na deň Narodenia Panny Márie, tak bude potom za štyri týždne.

"Septemberfest" — Pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 28 septembra tu v našou múzeu. Počas festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, pyrohy, atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancom a spevom, a možno poniektorý si zakúpia i suveniri. Vstupné zdarma.

Stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu

Oznamujeme Slovákom a Slovenkám a priateľom Slovákov, že výbor Rádio Clubu západnej PA pripravuje stretnutie sa Slovákov v Pittsburghu čo sa prevedie na 13-teho októbra vo Stratigos Banquet Centre, vo North Huntingdon.

Lísky sú k dostaniu od členov prípravného výboru alebo urobte si rezerváciu u Sue Ondrejco na čísle 412 421-1204. Vstupné zahrňuje večeru a celovečernú zábavu keď do tanca bude vyhrávať skupina "Kontakty". Pozývame, všetkých Vás a Vaše rodiny.

Slovenské vysielanie možno počuť každú nedeľu na rádio stanici WPIT 730 AM od 3-tej do 4-tej popoludni z mesta Pittsburghu. Keď žijete mimo Pittsburghu Môžete počúvať stiahnutím bezplatnej aplikácie z obchodu Google Play a počúvať na akomkoľvek elektronickom zariadení. Len sa opýtajte "ALEXA."

Vinobranie

Do našich krajov prichádza jeseň. Sú to mesiace hojnosti, čas dozrievania v sade, vo vinici, aj na poli. Repa priberá posledné kryštáliky cukru, na poliach sa zberajú zemiaky, nuž a do viníc už dávnejšie vošiel veselý ženský spev a smiech. Na slnečných stranách Malých Karpát, Kováčovských kopcoch, na Modrokamenských stranách, v Torone či Honte, všade hlavu múti v tomto čase vinobranie.

Oddávna sa hovorí, že vinohradníci sú zvláštna kasta. Koľko je na tomto rozprávaní pravdy, dnes už len ťažko zistiť. Traduje sa že do našich krajov priniesli víno a vínnu révu rímsky legionári. Začínajú sa tvoriť osobitné obce, ktoré nemali síce svojho richtára, ale mali svojské vinohradnícke štatúty a pravidlá. Aj niekoľko obcí má svoj názov od vína, či viníc: Vinodol. Vinica, Viničany, Viničné, či Vinohrady nad Váhom.





Youth Circle Page

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2024 NSS PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline: October 31, 2024

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. Mail to: NSS Fraternal Dept., 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Judging is done by an outside professional.

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 - \$100.00 2nd Place - \$50.00
3rd Place - \$30.00 Best Overall - \$150.00

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

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Deadline: October 31, 2024

Description:

Carve out some time for some Halloween fun and submit a photo of your Halloween Pumpkin creations for a chance to win some fa-boo-lous prizes! Winning submissions will also be featured in the *National News!*

Contest Eligibility:

The Second Annual NSS Pumpkin Decorating Contest is open to all members, regardless of age. The decorated pumpkin must be created by the member submitting it.

Submission Deadline:

October 30th is the deadline for all submissions to be received. Submissions may be made online or through mail. Please mail to: National Slovak Society, Member and Community Engagement Coordinator, 1301 Ashwood Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Online submission may be made by direct messaging any of our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and X) or by emailing directly to bbonnar@nsslife.org. Judging will be completed by an outside professional.

Contest Rules:

- Must be a member before October 1st
 - One entry per category: Painted or Carved
 - Age Groups: 12 and Under, 13-17, 18+
- Please include your name, address, age, and assembly number along side your submission photo.

Prize List:

1st Place	\$100.00
2nd Place	\$50.00
3rd Place	\$30.00
Best Overall	\$150.00

Please contact the Member and Community Engagement Coordinator, Bethany Bonnar, at bbonnar@nsslife.org or call the Home Office at 724-731-0094 Ext. 1010 if you have any questions.

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