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The American Dollar Bill

If you can find one take out an old one dollar bill and look at it carefully. I am talking about the old dollar bills, before the redesign in the late 90s, the ones that first came off the presses in 1957. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with minute red and blue silk fibers running through it. It is actually a fabric material. We've all washed one without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents of which we will never know. It's overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look and feel.



Look on the front of the old dollar bill. You will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for the balance — a balanced budget. In the center there's a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut (not to mention for Masonic emblems, such as the all-seeing eye). Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of the old dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.



If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just

beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, and ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency because our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, wanted it that way. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, FL, National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The bald eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and smart enough to soar above it. Second, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice that the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. The white bar at the top of the shield signifies congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS

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A FIFTY YEAR HISTORY: VATICAN II

Decree on the Appropriate Renewal of the Religious Life *Perfectae Caritatis*

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I have been re-reading the Documents of the Second Vatican Council for these monthly articles, I am reminded that I was nine years old when the Council, which began in 1963, concluded in 1965. I was in the fifth grade at Holy Name of Jesus School that year and my teacher was Sister Lucille Onda, an Ursuline Sister of Youngstown who taught my father in the fifth grade in the same school. I believe I mentioned her once before I one of my articles. Sister Lucille was pretty strict and placed the fear of God in us. But as I look back, a sense of appreciation enters my heart as I believe Sister and all the Religious Women and Men of those days were heroes in many ways. I appreciate their hard work.

There were over fifty students in my fifth grade classroom and Sister did not have the pleasure of having a teacher's aide. She had lesson plans for subjects that ranged from religion in the morning to music at the end of the day. She had to deal with the over fifty various personalities in the room - the academically superior to those who did not like to study; the athletically skilled to the ones who liked the bench; the unruly to the timid; and, so forth. At the end of the school day, she and the other Sisters returned to the Motherhouse. I could only imagine the rest of her day there: praying, correcting all of the tests of that day and the homework from the previous night, preparing lesson plans, dinner with all the other Sisters, personal meditation, and then a good night's sleep, only to get up the next day and face us all again!

Many of the religious orders that originated in this country came from Europe in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The bishops here in the United States basically called them to their dioceses to assist in the Catholic educational task from grade school to high school and in colleges and universities. For many of the religious orders, they placed their charisms, the original intent and purpose of the founder of the particular religious order, aside so that Catholic education could be sustained. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council recognized the importance

of the religious orders maintaining the charisms of their founders and thus wrote the twenty-five paragraph decree entitled in Latin *Perfectae Caritatis*.

In paragraph two, the Council Fathers wrote, "The appropriate renewal of religious life involves two simultaneous processes: (1) a continuous return to the sources of all Christian life and to the original inspiration behind a given community and (2) an adjustment of the community to the changed conditions of the times." The religious orders were challenged to review their purpose through their following Jesus as set down in the Gospels; renewing themselves in light of the charisms of their founders; participating in the scriptural, liturgical, doctrinal, pastoral, ecumenical, missionary, and social life of the Church; promoting awareness of contemporary human conditions and the needs in the Church; and, seeking an interior renewal of the evangelical counsels, i.e., traditionally associated with poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Those of us who lived through the years immediately after the Second Vatican Council recall the many changes we experienced in the Church. Among them were the celebration of Holy Mass from the Latin into the vernacular and the revision of the celebration of the other Sacraments; the revision of catechetical instruction reflecting the teachings of the Council; and, the renewal of the religious orders to their original charisms. We saw the gradual change in the garb of the religious from centuries old dress to the updated look. No longer were the religious restricted to the classroom or hospital work but they became more involved within the life of the Church and the life of the communities in which they lived.

I take for example Sister Isabel Rudge. Sister is also an Ursuline Sister of Youngstown and the Pastoral Minister and CCD Coordinator at the Cathedral of Saint Columba where I am the rector. Sister is celebrating her sixty-fifth year in the religious life. In her early years, she taught children in grade school while continuing her own education by attending the local university in the evenings and on Satur-

days to obtain her bachelor degree. Then she taught at Ursuline High School where later she became an administrator. After twenty-four years of being in education, Sister was asked by the Bishop of Youngstown to work in the diocesan Tribunal where she did advocacy for people who were seeking annulments from their prior marriages for nine years. She was asked to return to the Motherhouse to take charge of the health care facility where Sister Lucille was in residence. After twelve years in that position, she had a sabbatical in the Holy Land and then came to the cathedral where she has served faithfully for sixteen years. She fulfills the charisms of Saint Angela Merici, the foundress of the Ursulines, by living at *Beatitude House*, a residence where single mothers live with their children. These mothers were formerly homeless and the Ursulines invite them to live in these various residences with the understanding that the mothers attend the local university to obtain a degree in order to better their lives and eventually live on their own. Sister also has an outreach ministry to the poor that is centered at the cathedral rectory.

Currently, there are a variety of ministries the religious communities possess in the life of the Church, blessings for all of us and those to whom they minister. Let us pray that they continue in their renewal and may their lives reflect the words of the Council Fathers, "Let all religious therefore spread throughout the whole world the good news of Christ by the integrity of their faith, their love for God and neighbor, their devotion to the Cross, and their hope of future glory. Thus will their witness be seen by all, and our Father in heaven will be glorified (cf. Matthew 5:16)" [paragraph 25].

**Watch your thoughts,
for they become words.**

**Watch your words,
for they become actions.**

**Watch your actions,
for they become habits.**

**Watch your habits,
for they become character.**

**Watch your character,
for it becomes your destiny.**

CHICAGO DISTRICT HOSTS TRAINING SEMINAR

Pat Braun, the FCSLA's National Sales Manager, conducted an Insurance Training Seminar for the Illinois FCSLA Producers on Saturday, April 13, 2013 hosted by the Chicago District at the American Legion Post 1941 in LaGrange, IL. Pat walked the 23 member attendees through a presentation, along with many helpful handouts, on how to sell our products. He also led the group through the existing products we have to offer potential members of any age and their updated brochures, and then spent the rest of the morning and early afternoon covering in great detail each section of the life insurance application and their accompanying forms.

The Illinois producers were extremely grateful for the updated information and came away with a better understanding of the existing products and the more robust Illinois insurance application and forms. Another training session for the Illinois producers to review the existing annuity products and its application will be scheduled for some time later this year or early next year.



FCSLA Connects . . .

By Kelly Shedlock and Danielle Sturgeon

As we celebrate America's 237th birthday this Independence Day, we ask you to spend some time reflecting about your own independence and freedoms.

As Americans, we have many freedoms. Some we do not even think about on a daily basis. Did you ever think that one of our many freedoms is to be able to put our money and financial investments where we want? We can! We can use a bank, a credit union, or an FCSLA Annuity!

Have you considered one of FCSLA's annuity products to help secure this Financial Freedom?

Annuities are the ideal tool for retirement. Funds from your annuity can help plan for needs during this time in your life, such as medical costs or house payments. However, these funds can also be used for leisure time activities! Imagine being able to finally take the vacation you always wanted or being able to buy your dream fishing boat!

Too often, we feel as though we do not have the financial independence to do what we want or buy the items we think we can't afford. Annuities can help preserve your investments and generate a lifetime income so you can afford to do those activities you always wanted to do!

If you are looking for an outlet to start saving for retirement, consider looking at FCSLA's annuity products. ***It's never too late to start saving!***

HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

If you belong to a household receiving two or more magazines or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the form on page 22 and mailing to the home office address. We ask that one magazine per household be sufficient.

From the Desk of the National Secretary

Sue Ann M. Seich



Just recently I had the pleasure of representing our Association at an opening for the new home office of Loyal Christian Benefit Association in Erie, PA. They were founded in 1890. It is always interesting and beneficial to visit our brother and sister fraternal societies to find out how they do business and what fraternal activities or benefits they offer.

In some ways we are in advance of other fraternal societies, but in some circumstances we are still in the 20th century. Rest assured your managing officers work daily to keep us forging ahead and working toward our Association's continued growth.

Do you know the difference between an application and a certificate /contract/ policy? An application is what you fill out to apply for membership in our association along with the information required to apply for life insurance or an annuity. The certificate/contract/policy is the agreement you receive from FCSLA stating that you were approved and do have life insurance or an annuity with FCSLA. At times these terms are confused and it takes a little longer to fulfill a member's request. Hopefully this will be a helpful clarification for you.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy every minute of it!

Until next issue, may God keep you happy, healthy and loved.

Happy 237th Birthday America!

July 4th also known as Independence Day is the 185th day of the year (186th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 180 days remaining until the end of the year. The Aphelion, the point in the year when earth is farthest from the sun occurs on July 4th.

Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring the legal separation between the Thirteen Colonies and Great Britain.

Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams the only signers of the Declaration later to serve as the Presidents of the United States died on the same day July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.



Fifty flags are flown 24 hours a day at the Washington Monument. Setting off firecrackers formed part of the early Independence Day celebrations. This made the horses miserable. If Benjamin Franklin would have had his way, the turkey would have been the animal on the flag instead of the bald eagle. (Nothing against turkeys, but personally I am glad it's the bald eagle).

Only 2.5 million people lived in the U.S. in 1776, about 314 million live here now. The White House held its first 4th of July party in 1801. Barbeque is big on Independence Day. More than 74 million Americans will plan one. We will eat around 150 million hot dogs and 700 million pounds of chicken.

I love history and fun facts. I hope you enjoy your day off from all your wonderful fraternal work you do. Enjoy all the parades, barbeques, picnics, concerts, baseball games, fireworks, family and friends.

Celebrate America's birthday! But, Remember Freedom is Not Free.

90th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 90th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday July 18, 2013 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the con-celebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" at 4:00 pm. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be Reverend Thomas Nasta, Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union, along with several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Johnstown-Altoona Dioceses. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the "Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble" (PAS) and the "Pittsburgh Slovakians."

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), haluski (sweet cabbage and noodles), and kolbasy. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite – ceregi. Enjoy this delicious dinner or ala carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all of the "Slovak favorites". Food will be served in Pavilion #4

behind the ride "Garfield's Revenge" from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion # 3 you will be able to see an exhibit on "Odpust" Slovak Pilgrimages, prepared by the "PAS" Jr. and Maly Ensembles. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion # 5 there will be Slovak Cultural Displays provided by the Slovak Fraternal as well as the popular "Kroj" Slovak National Costumes Exhibit.

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

To conclude the 90th Annual Slovak Day, one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble in front the Main Pavilion directly after the main program.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday July 18, 2013, Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$24 for Fun Day General Admission, \$14 for those 55 years of age and over, plus a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for \$10.00 + tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Dolores Sakal at (412) 243-0438 or Rev. Joseph Grosko at (412) 466-6545.

*Message from our
National President*
CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



The upcoming summer months are an ideal time for parents and grandparents to insure our younger family members at affordable rates. During our Founders' month in August, please contact your branch officers or recommender to sign up a new member! When you do so, that person can, not only become insured with one of our excellent products, but also can take advantage of branch membership and our other excellent fraternal benefits, including our scholarship program, magazine and the opportunity for fellowship and volunteer service that we provide through our branch gatherings and events. This is a chance for everyone, but especially our younger people, to become active in our many branches located throughout our country and develop the skills essential for effective leadership.

In the spirit of fraternalism, we are hopeful that your branch and district officers respond to our call for donations for our disaster relief drive to help our members in West, Texas seriously affected by the explosion there. Many of our members' homes were destroyed, and many have been left homeless. We reach out with our hearts and our prayers to help them and the community in which they live in their time of need.

I wish to take this opportunity to again THANK everyone again for their congratulatory greetings when I received the Fraternalist of the Year Award from the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh in March of this year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I was very honored and privileged to receive this prestigious award on behalf of our society. FSGP is comprised of 17 fraternal benefit societies and nine business associated groups representing over one million members, and has been serving western Pennsylvania in fraternal and humanitarian efforts for over 66 years.

In July, as well as gathering for Independence Day cookouts, barbecues and fireworks to commemorate our nation's birth, many of us will celebrate St. Ann's Day and a number of Slovak and Slavic-American events around our country. In making your plans for summer outings, please consider bringing your family and friends to one of the gatherings that the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has supported and sponsored for many, many years during this carefree and joyous month of July!

Fraternally,
Cynthia M. Maleski

PA Fraternal Alliance Annual Legislative Luncheon

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 The PA Fraternal Alliance held their annual Legislative Luncheon in the Lt. Governor's reception area of the Capitol Building.



For the sixth year the Alliance presented the Keystone Legislative Award to honor a Special friend of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance. Pictured with this year's recipient State Senator John T. Yudichak (D-Luzerne/Carbon/Monroe) are L-R: National Vice-President Larry Golofski, National Trustee Virginia Holmes, Senator Yudichak, National President Cynthia Maleski and National Vice-President Barbara Waller.



L-R: National Vice-President Larry Golofski, National Trustee Virginia Holmes, State Representative Ted Harhai, National President Cynthia Maleski, National Vice-President Barbara Waller, and State Representative Mike Tobash.

Fall Language Classes Set

WPSCA has scheduled its annual fall session of the Slovak language classes every Tuesday, September 3-October 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Brashear Association, 2005 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, phone 412/431-2236. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members with Bozena Hilko as the instructor.

For more information or to sign up for the classes, please call 412/956-6000 or 412/343-5031.

Spring Luncheon Held for Louise M. Yash District

The Louise M. Yash District held their spring luncheon at Alioto's Restaurant on Saturday, April 13th, 2013. While the morning started with a cold windy sleet, the members were still able to gather together to enjoy an afternoon of laughter and a fulfilling meal. Each member in attendance selected from pork, chicken or fish and the tables were adorned with fresh daffodils, hyacinth, and Gerber daisies. President Mary Jo Noyes opened the meeting with prayer, Vice-President Carolyn Chabron read the opening prayer, Secretary Kathy Valent reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer Betty Novak gave a full accounting of the district finances and Auditors Bob Budjac and Fred Forest verified that the books were in good order.



Members were reminded of upcoming dates: Join Hands Day (JHD), May 11th with the Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Ann's Day, July 25th, Wisconsin will host the Tri-State luncheon with Indiana and Illinois; December 7th the annual Christmas Luncheon at Alioto's. Members are requested to bring a donation to the Christmas luncheon for the Ronald McDonald House from a wish list that was distributed containing much needed items.

Kathy Sager was honored as a 50 year member with FCSLA and a very special wish was given to Martha Kosir who celebrated her 90th birthday!



The American Dollar Bill

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UNUM", meaning "one nation from many people." Above the eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

There is a superstition that the number 13 is unlucky. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually not see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 original signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

Dear Friends,

*I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" I bet your children don't know this and it is likely many of their history teachers don't know it, either. Too many Americans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. **Too many veterans never came home at all.***

Tell everyone you know what is on the back of the one dollar bill and what it stands for, because nobody else will. It is valuable information, for all Americans, to better understand and appreciate the vision and ideals of our forefathers. This Independence Day and during the month of July help keep their vision and memory alive.

*Until Next Month,
Warmly,
Carolyn*

JOHN'S TOURS TRAVELS TO SLOVAKIA!

John's Tours of Vandergrift, PA has an extensive tour of Slovakia set for September 9-23, 2013 featuring stays in Bratislava, Piestany, Kosice and Krakow.

For a brochure and further information please write to John's Tours, PO Box 154, Vandergrift, PA 15690 or phone 724/567-7341 or 1-800-260-8687.

MAGDALEN BENISH IS AWARD RECIPIENT

In conjunction with "National Volunteer Week", Geisinger Medical Center of Wilkes-Barre, PA held a special luncheon to honor its dedicated volunteers reaching milestones of service achievements. Over 200 individuals were in attendance for the event held at the East Mountain Inn in Wilkes-Barre.

Among the award recipients was Magdalen Benish of Plains, PA, honored for 15 years service at Geisinger South in Wilkes-Barre, where she served in the Pastoral Care Unit in the Hospice and Rehabilitation Centers.

Ms. Benish is a board member of the S.H.S., a member of Sr. Branch 172, Wilkes-Barre and a board member of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania.



St. Domitilla's Announces Woman of the Year

St. Domitilla's 2012-2013 Woman of the Year is Toni Fabbri. She has been married to her husband Frank for 56 years. Together they have 6 children, one of whom is special needs. She is the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Toni and Frank have lived in Hillside, IL and have been active members of St. Domitilla's parish for 46 years. She has been a proud member of Sr. Branch 181, Chicago, IL for over 50 years.



As a stay at home mother, Toni found time to participate as a Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a member of the Catholic Council of Women and has served as both Vice President and President. She was also President of Vicariate IV. She serves as a Eucharistic Minister, minister of care, member of St. Vincent DePaul food pantry, and a board member of St. Domitilla's seniors. She acted as Pathways of Awareness Foundation representative for disabled parishioners.

In addition Toni also finds time to assist in her community at the Village of Hillside Senior meetings. She is also Vice President of Broadview/Hillside Unit 626, American Legion Auxiliary, Sergeant at Arms and chairperson of the Emergency Relief Fund for the 5th District Auxiliary. She finds time to collect funds on Poppy Day for Veterans, Tootsie Roll Day for the Knights of Columbus and Misericordia for their Candy Day.

With the impressive list of contributions, it is obvious to everyone why Toni Fabbri has been named 2012-2013 Woman of the Year. To all who know and have benefitted from her selfless example and her love be it as a spouse, parent, good friend or fellow parishioner, we feel that she is and will always be "Woman of the Year".

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SS.C.M. Sisters to Hold Summer Festival

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius invite you to their Summer Festival which will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA. The Festival starts at 10:30 a.m. and runs until 5:00 p.m. There will be food, fun, arts and crafts, baked goods, games, and a flea market. Come and enjoy the festivities! Mass for Sunday will be celebrated in the Basilica at the Festival's close at 5:00 p.m.

65th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Charles and Martha (Svoboda) Dolezal will celebrated their 65th Anniversary on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at St. Pat's Social Center in Tama, IA.

They are the parents of three living children: Monica (Bob) Berger of Urbandale, IA, Jeff (Carolyn) Dolezal of Whiteland, IN, and Trude Ann (Ed) Moyer of Palmetto, FL.

Their deceased children are Tom and Chris (Peterson) Dolezal and Kerri Lynn.

They have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their step family includes Marcia Dolezal, five step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Charles and Martha were married on June 22, 1948 at St. Wenceslaus Church, west of Clutier, IA. They are members of Branch W130, Clutier, IA. They are retired from farming and now reside in Toledo, IA.



Silver Wedding Anniversary Honored This Month

John and Barb (Patrick) Shedlock will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 27, 2013. They were married at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Hawk Run, PA in 1963. Barb has been a Home Office employee for 23 years. They have a daughter Kelly, Fraternal Director for FCSLA. John and Barb are members of Sr. Branch 525 in Lakewood, OH.



Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar

The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar in Chicago will take place on Sunday, September 15, the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia. Location: St. Simon the Apostle Church, 5157 S. California Ave., Chicago 60632. At 2:00 p.m., Slovak Bishop Milan Sasik will celebrate Mass. A catered dinner will follow at 3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., Vladimir Libant, former mayor of Nitra, Slovakia, will speak on "New Discoveries From Ancient Slovakia." Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, if reservations are made by September 4th. After September 4th, tickets are \$25 for adults. For more information, call John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810; Geri Hletko at (708) 387-7812; or (Slovak) Maria Lukasova at (708) 497-3738. This is the 1150th anniversary of the evangelization of the Slovak people by Saints Cyril & Methodius.

BRANCHES 81 AND 58 MAKE DONATION TO CHURCH

FCSLA Branches Sr. Branch 81 and Jr. Branch 58, Whiting, IN made a very generous donation to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Whiting, IN toward the purchase of a new sound system for the church. Because of the size of the church and with older sound system the Priest could not be heard in certain areas of the church. The newly installed system is wonderful and now everyone can hear the Mass loud and clear! Father John Kalicky and Father Kevin Scalf were very thankful for this donation, which helped significantly to pay for this important upgrade to the parish church.



Attention Members!

Have you checked out the FCSLA website lately?

www.fcsla.org

We have updated the Fraternal Section!

There is a new Virtual Coloring Book, Word Search Puzzle, Word Fun Puzzles, Fun Fact section & new jokes!

Complete the puzzles or color a page or two, send them in you may win a prize!

8th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest

It's so hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about what's going on in August! But the annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be here before we know it! And it's even harder to believe that this will be our eighth SlovakFest! But we are expecting a great turnout because there has been so much renewed interest in our Slovak heritage in this area. Between the Simply Slavic Heritage Festival in downtown Youngstown which just had its third successful celebration in June and the publishing of a new book about ***The Slovaks of the Greater Mahoning Valley***, there has been a real resurgence in celebrating our heritage.

This year the SlovakFest will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2013, on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (St. Matthias church grounds) which also includes two other Slovak churches, SS Cyril and Methodius and Holy Name of Jesus) at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown, OH. With parishes being merged and churches being closed it is more important than ever to support our Slovak events!

The SlovakFest kicks off as usual with a wonderful Slovak Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. This joyful Mass will be offered at 11:00 a.m. with the music provided by the Eddie Vallus Band. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center. There will be plenty of Slovak foods and baked goods available all day long! All of these are made by local men and women from local Slovak parishes such as St. Matthias, St. John the Baptist, Holy Name and Holy Trinity! There will also be indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books. Also information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages.

Food will be available all day outside including halušky, klobassi, pirohy and more. Slovak pivo (beer) will be available also! Inside the school hall, dinners will be served from noon till 3 with a choice of chicken or halubky (stuffed cabbage).

There will also be wonderful Slovak baked goods for sale!

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Eddie Vallus Band, the Del Sinchak Orchestra and Living Traditions Folk Ensemble which has always put on great traditional Slovak singing and folk dances inside the hall after the dinners are finished.

The SlovakFest also has many Slovak items on display or for sale including a selection of beautiful Slovak crystal. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, and a raffle of \$2,000 worth of Get Go/Giant Eagle gift cards for gasoline or food! There will be children's games and other activities throughout the day. If you remember the Slovak picnics of your childhood, or if you don't, but would like to make some new memories, plug us into your GPS, jump in your car, and join us on August 11th for a wonderful time at the 8th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest!

For more information: Loretta Ekoniak (330) 549-3760 or loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com



2ND ANNUAL UNITED FRATERNALS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

It was a beautiful weekend to take a drive to Buffalo, NY for the 2nd Annual United Fraternal Bowling Tournament. It was the first time FCSLA participated.

FCSLA had 13 members from 3 different branches take part in the team, double and singles bowling events. Total from all fraternal that participated there were 160 bowlers!

The bowling weekend started Friday night at AMF Lanes with Team Bowling at 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with hospitality night in between. We had a variety of food for the members to enjoy. The team event wrapped up about midnight.

The first group of bowlers were back at the alley bright and early for an 8:30 a.m. start time for the doubles and singles events. The second group arrived for a 12:30 p.m. start time.

There were 50/50 raffle tickets sold both Friday night and Saturday. Each participant received a bag of goodies donated by all three fraternal societies for participating.



A room at the hotel was set up for mass at 5:30 for those who wished to attend. Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain of FCSU was the celebrant. Dinner followed the mass with approximately 90 in attendance.

A Power Point Presentation was running as attendees entered the banquet room – showing photos and winners of the weekend tournaments. Greetings were offered by Brigid



Delien of NSS Life and Sue Ondrejco of FCSU. Rev. Nasta said grace before the meal.

The dinner for participants and guests was a delicious buffet.

After dinner Cynthia M. Maleski, our National President, greeted the attendees. Linda Strom, NSS Life National Secretary/Treasurer and Andrew M. Rajec, National President of FCSU also offered greetings.



In attendance at the dinner were FCSLA National Secretary Sue Ann Seich and National Treasurer, Steve Hudak.

Everyone at the dinner received a raffle ticket and was eligible for a drawing. Various prizes were donated by each fraternal organization.

I would like to thank

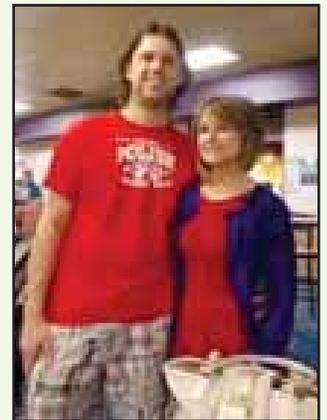
all the FCSLA Branches and Districts that were a lane sponsor. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the Buffalo Sr. Branch 630 for their participation and representing FCSLA.

Finally, Congratulations to Tom Jandrokovic who placed 8th in the Singles Tournament! Your prize is in the mail. Congrats!

This bowling tournament took months to organize. Many people worked very hard and put a lot of effort into making this a successful fraternal event! There are too many to mention – you know who you are – Thank you! You are Awesome!

To view all of the photos please go to our website: www.fcsla.org.





IN MEMORIAM

SUE (SUZANNE MESTYANEK) HEALY

Sr. Branch 146



Sue (Suzanne MestyaneK) Healy passed away recently. She was born to Slovak parents Joseph and Susan (Jasko) MestyaneK. She was married to her husband James John

Healy for over 50 years. They have 3 children James J. Healy Jr. (deceased) Jane (Bob) Brown and Michael (Nicole) Healy. She is survived by 3 grandsons, Anthony Brown, Tim Brown and Eddie Brown. Her five siblings are Joseph MestyaneK, Jr. deceased, (Frances, deceased), Hal MestyaneK deceased (Sandra) and Diane Barbaro, (Rocky) Larry MestyaneK (Judy) and Tom MestyaneK. Also survived by many in-laws and nieces and nephews.



Suzanne was a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for over 28 years with Kaiser Permanente. She initiated the Great Starts Program, doing physical exams on early discharges of newborns and was a UCLA lactation consultant, and child development instructor to family practice residents. Also she was a preceptor in Pediatric Clinic to Nurse Practitioner students from the University of San Diego, UCLA, California State College, Los Angeles. She was a volunteer for the Riverside Alliance for Mentally Ill, support for self help groups for mentally challenged children and teens. She volunteered many hours at the Divine Word Missionaries in Riverside, CA as a camp nurse and nurse looking after the elderly priests and volunteered for sports physicals for Notre Dame High students in Riverside, CA. Offering many hours at an orphanage in Alhambra, CA.

Earlier on she graduated from St Vincent's College of Nursing in Los Angeles and Chapman University, Orange, CA.

She was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies, which helped with many scholarships for her grandsons. And loved her Slovak!

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Dominic's Church, 475 E. I St., Benicia, CA 94510 to benefit feeding the poor.

CYNTHIA SHUBA RAIFORD

Sr. Branch 433

Cindy was born in Lemont Furnace, PA, February 7, 1954 when the coal mines and coke ovens were the main industry of the area. She lived in what was formerly "company housing" with her mother, Catherine (Kate) Shuba, and her beloved Uncles John and George.

Cindy graduated from North Laurel Highlands High School in 1972 and then attended the Pennsylvania State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1976. Cindy was devoted to her friends and maintained close relationships with many no matter how far away they lived.

Following graduation Cindy moved to the Washington, DC area taking her first full time job working for the Defense Mapping Agency as a brand new US Government employee.

In April, 1981, she moved to the Defense Communications Agency within the Department of Defense as a communications systems test engineer for the Airborne Command Post Program where she excelled and was rapidly promoted to more interesting and demanding positions. While at DCA, Cindy attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA – a special honor to be selected as a civilian to attend this primarily military officer course.

In 1988 she moved to the Office of the Secretary of Defense to work on programs very important to the entire

US Government. During this timeframe, she met her husband-to-be, Bob Raiford, who was an active duty Army officer at the Pentagon.

Cindy married Bob on April 21, 1991 at the Fort Myer, VA chapel.

During this time, Cindy earned a Master of Arts in Telecommunications degree from George Washington University while maintaining active roles in various professional organizations including the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA), Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Cindy retired in 2001 and continued to pursue her interests in acting performing yearly in the annual Hexagon Review at the Duke Ellington School for the Arts and in several community theater productions.

Cindy and Bob enjoyed going out to eat and traveling with their dogs, Amos and Sage, and then Ginger (their newest rescue dog adopted following Sage's passing) in their RV. They had just completed a week long adventure in Aruba and were starting to discuss retirement in Virginia's Northern Neck near the Chesapeake Bay when Cindy was suddenly stricken very ill – a sickness from which she never recovered, going to eternal joy and happiness on January 26, 2013.

She is survived by her husband of almost 22 years, her stepson B.J. and his wife, Colleen, and her newest grandson, Maxwell Robert Raiford, all of Springfield or Falls Church, VA.

STEPHEN P. MICHALSKY

Branch SZJ

Stephen P. Michalsky passed away on June 5, 2012. He was born on May 16, 1943 in Jersey City to his parents, Ann and Stephen Michalsky. The family moved to Spring Lake Heights in the 70's and Stephen spent many years as a postal worker in Spring Lake greatly enjoying working the customer service desk.

He was widowed by Debra Michalsky and is survived by his daughters, Sara and Rachel; sister, Francine; and grandchildren, Dylan, Ava, and Mia. Stephen was a kind and good man with a sense of humor that couldn't be beat down even when life beat him down. His caring nature, profound kindness, and generosity not only extended to his loved ones, but also to the most random strangers he happened across. He is a beautiful thread in God's tapestry and has touched many people's lives.

ANGELINE ROSE BALVIN
Branch W093



Angeline Rose "Angie" Balvin was born Monday, May 27, 1918 in Tabor, SD, to Ladislav and Lillian (Hamberger) Cimpl and she passed away on May 18, 2013 at St. Michael's Hospital

Avera in Tyndall, SD.

She graduated from parochial school in Tabor, Tabor High School and the Van Sant School of Business in Omaha, NE. She worked in the Bon Homme County Treasurer's Office, with Civil Service, and for the Farm Security Administration in several counties and the district office. She later worked at Yankton Production Credit. She was associated with the family business of Cimpl, Inc. in Tabor and Yankton. Angie was united in marriage to Hayes Balvin on September 4, 1950 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor. They lived and worked together on the family farm until they retired and moved to Tyndall in 1994. Angie was a member of St. Leo Catholic Church and St. Leo Altar Society.

Angie is survived by her son, Bill (Joanne) Balvin of Tyndall and daughter Mary (Joe) Vartigian of Niskayuna, NY; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild, three brothers: John Cimpl of Yankton, Leonard Cimpl of Tabor and Don (Joan) Cimpl of Omaha, NE and

two sisters-in-law: Roma Cimpl of Yankton and Millie Cimpl of Columbus, NE.

In addition to her parents, Ladislav and Lillian Cimpl, Angie was preceded in death by her husband Hayes in 2009, three brothers, Laddie, Jim, and Manny Cimpl, and three sisters-in-law Doris, Darlene and Mildred Cimpl.

ROMAN GEORGE HONNER
Branch W093

Roman George Honner, 85, of Tabor, SD, passed away May 1, 2013 at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center. He was born on November 24, 1927 in Yankton, to Albert and Alice (Rokusek) Honner.

He attended St. Wenceslaus Parochial Grade School, Tabor High School and graduated from Trinity High School in Sioux City, IA. Roman graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1949 and started to work with his father at the A.G. Honner Implement. He was drafted into the Army in 1950 and served until 1952 when he returned to the family business.

He married Frances Bouska on June 9, 1953 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, where he was a life-time member and sang in the Choir. He was also a member of the Kortan-Hatwan Legion Post, the Catholic Workman and 25 year member of the Tabor Bluebird Baseball Team. He enjoyed hobbies of goose hunting and fishing and following the activities of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Frances and sons, Richard (Rita) of Tabor, Don (Jodie), David (Tonja) and Joseph (Rachael) of Sioux Falls, and a daughter Mary Frances (Dave) Bitterman of Delmont. There are thirteen grandchildren; and 1 great-grandson.

Roman was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Alice Honner and one brother, Father Paschal (Don) Honner of St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, IL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials directed to the Tabor Legion Post, P.O. Box 53, Tabor, SD 57063 or

Queen of Peace at Trinity Heights, 2511 33rd Street, Sioux City, IA 51108.

JOSEPH A. SIKINA
Sr. Branch 177



Joseph A. Sikina, 74, of Lemont Furnace, PA, passed away at home on April 29, 2013. He was born on May 14, 1938 in Lemont Furnace, son of Michael S. and Mary (Miscik) Sikina.

His parents, and siblings Veronica Sikina, Ann Digga, Edward Sikina, and Margaret Dockman, preceded him in death.

Joseph was a member of St. Mary (Nativity) Roman Catholic Church, Jednota Lodge, and the FCSLA. He was a graduate of North Union High School Class of 1956, and served on the Class Reunion Committees.

Joseph retired from Crown Cork and Seal (formerly Anchor Closure Plant in Connellsville) with 33 years of service. He was a volunteer at Uniontown Hospital, and served as a Board Member of Glass-Cap Federal Credit Union. He was an avid tennis player and thoroughbred horse racing fan.

Left to cherish his memory is a sister, Mary F. Kubiak with whom he made his home, a brother, Bernard Sikina and wife Patricia, also of Lemont Furnace, a special niece, Diane Sikina Hrebenar and husband Michael of Uniontown, PA; nephews, Frank Digga of Florida, Steven, Michael, and Mark Dockman of Ohio, niece Mary Jo McCormick of Ohio, and their families. He also leaves behind his beloved dog "Champ" with whom he enjoyed countless daily walks.

MOVING?
See form on page 22 for
address change information.



We Want to Hear From You!

- Did your children, grandchildren receive special awards or achievements in school?
- Baptisms? Confirmations? New Members?
- Participated in Volunteer and Community Projects?

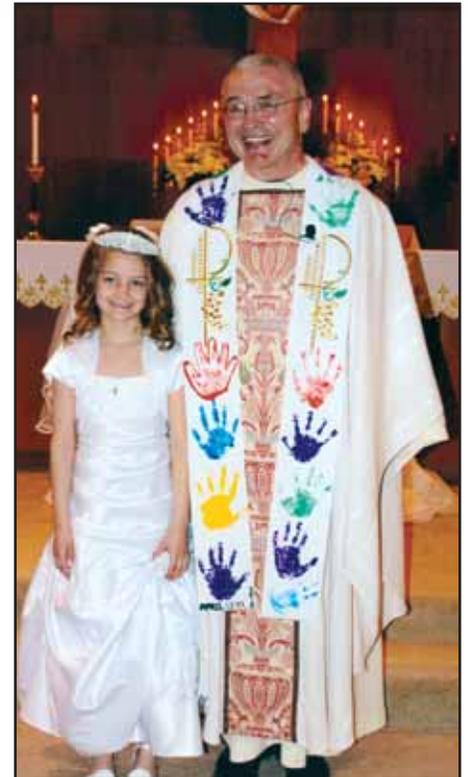
If they are members of the FCSLA please send us a photo and short article about their special achievements!



REBEKAH SCHROEDER made her First Holy Communion on April 21 at St. Joseph Church in Hays, KS. Rebekah is pictured with her grandparents, Marion and Madonna Oborny. All are members of Branch W133, Timken, KS. Rebekah is wearing the same dress her mother wore for her First Communion. The dress was made by Rebekah's Great-Great-Aunt Rosie Oborny.



KAYLA JUNE MIENT (Jr. Branch 32, McKeesport, PA), daughter of Vicki Sweet-Mient and Darrin Mient, granddaughter of Anna (Kascak) Mient and the late Robert Mient, received her First Holy Communion on Saturday April 20, 2013 at St. Barbara Church, Harrison City, PA from Fr. Ken Zaccagnini, pastor. Kayla's grandmother is a member of Sr. Branch 77 in McKeesport, PA.



REBECCA ROSE HEJLIK (Branch W051, Duncan, IA) received her First Holy Communion on April 14, 2013 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Britt, IA. Father Paul Lippstock was celebrant. She is the daughter of Mark and Dena Hejlik.

BRANCH W051 SPONSORS EASTER EGG HUNT

The anticipation is evident for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Branch W051, Duncan, IA on March 23, 2013. The "fans" on stage are ready to go. The Easter Egg Hunt was held indoors at the Duncan Community Hall, Duncan, IA.





The Officers and members of Branch 339 of Chicago send congratulations to **MAKAYLA HENRY** on her First Holy Communion. She is the daughter of Michael and Jenny Gavelda Henry of Oak Lawn, IL. Makayla was also a recipient of a 2013 scholarship, attending St. Linus School in Oak Lawn. Makayla and her brothers, Will and Ryan are "life-long" members of the Chicago Branch.



IAN CONNOR (W051, Duncan, IA) received his First Holy Communion on April 13, 2013, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan, IA. Fr. Miller was the celebrant of the Mass. He is the son of Karen and Bradley Connor of Britt, IA. The entire family belongs to Branch W051.



ANNA MARIE ZROSTLIK, W051 (Duncan, IA) received her First Holy Communion on April 13, 2013, with Fr. Miller as celebrant, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan, IA. She is the daughter of Julie and Michael Zrostlik of Garner, IA, and has a brother Nicholas. The entire family belongs to Branch W051.



RYAN GRABOWSKI, Jr. Branch 202 (Greensburg, PA) received his First Holy Communion on April 14th, 2013 at St. Barbara's Church in Harrison City, PA.



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FCSLA Junior Member Sings on EWTN

FCSLA member Meghan McKeogh traveled to Irondale, Alabama in March to appear on EWTN with The Lyceum Schola Cantorum. The Schola is the choir from The Lyceum, a Catholic school located in South Euclid, OH. The Schola sang selections from Palestrina's Missa Brevis for EWTN's April 25th daily Mass. In addition to providing the music for the Mass, the students also appeared on, and produced a recording of the *Gloria* from the Missa Brevis for the May 2nd airing of EWTN's show, Life on the Rock. After appearing on EWTN, the students travelled to Hanceville, AL to visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery (also founded by Mother Angelica) and sing for one of its daily masses. The students then went

on to Nashville, TN to visit with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia before returning home.

The Schola has received national recognition for its sacred liturgical music, has produced two CDs and has its own YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/LyceumVideo>. The Lyceum has been recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society's National Catholic Honor Roll for both "Excellence in Catholic Identity" and "Academic Excellence". A quarter of The Lyceum's graduates are National Merit Scholars, Finalists, and Commended Students, having scored in the top 1 percent to 5 percent on the PSAT, and the school's average SAT is in the top 14 percent of the nation.

The trip would not have been possible without the financial support of FCSLA as The Lyceum Schola received donations from FCSLA, FCSLA's Cleveland District and several Cleveland branches.

10th Consular Tour to Slovakia

August 24-September 3

Indian Summer or Babie Leto in Slovakia is a wonderful time to visit the country of your ancestors. The frantic days of summer, full of tourists and visitors, are over and the tranquil beauty of Slovakia is yours to see and experience at your leisure.

We will visit the three largest cities in Slovakia: Bratislava, the capital city; Kosice, the 2013 Cultural City in the European Union; and Presov, the sister city of Pittsburgh. In each city we will have special programs and activities. We will also visit the historical manor houses, castles, as well as the famous churches and shrines. This year, we will overnight at a famous spa, Trencianske Teplice, where we can relax with some of the health treatments.

We are offering several wine tastings, one in the Pezinok Modra region, which is famous for their white wine and one in Eastern Slovakia where we will sample the Tokaj wines.

We will stay in first class hotels and travel in air conditioned buses with bathroom facilities with an experienced English speaking guide. So think about this as the year that you will meet the people and see the places you have heard about for so many years.

For those of you who want to know from where and why your family immigrated to America, we will have English speaking drivers to take you to villages to see families and places that you heard about and will be able to see and meet your relatives.

If you are interested, and want more information please contact Joe Senko at 412/531-2990 during office hours or 412/956-6000 after office hours or at jtsenko@aol.com.



Miksaneck Receives Perfect ACT Score

Tyler Miksaneck (Sr. Branch 181, Chicago, IL) is a student at Wheaton Warrenville South. He received a perfect ACT score of 36 and is a member of the Math and Speech Team. Both teams recently competed in state competitions; the Math team placing 8th in oral and the speech team placing 3rd in the extemporaneous category.

Tyler is the son of Robert (S181) and Missy Miksaneck.



2013 WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE #4



Find words associated with Slovakia.
Words may be found up and down,
side to side or diagonally.

SLOVAKIA

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All 6 Puzzles must be in the Home Office by Friday, October 18, 2013!

Mail to: FCSLA Fraternal Department
24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122



Join Hands Day

Around Our Communities

Cleveland District



The Cleveland District branches participated in two Join Hands Day projects.

A big "Thank You" to the 2013 Join Hands Day volunteers!

The first was the Catholic Worker project organized by Mike and Pat Phillips and family of Sr. Branch 141, Helen Gebura and Sr. Branch 408. They organized getting donations of paper product supplies and they served a hot breakfast.

And, once again the Light of Heart Villa (LOHV) grounds have been brought back to life with love from the volunteers and color from the flowers!

Everyone "dug in" and knew what needed to be done! Another group of volunteers along with Light of Hearts Villa residents enjoyed BINGO! Another group worked on making shawls for Christmas gifts for the residents.

Our youngest member helping was 18 month old Sydney Seich. She helped supervise the shawl making and she brought her grandma National Secretary Sue Ann Seich. Maybe next year she can help with the planting of the flowers.

After all the hard work, we gathered together for our spiritual nourishment. We joined the LOHV residents with singing and a prayer service thanking God for the absolutely gorgeous day he had blessed us with and all the good friends that came to help. What would Join Hands Day be without the release of red, white and blue balloons released into the clear blue sky?

We also paid tribute to the U.S. Military since it was Armed Forces Day. Thank you to all those who have and continue to serve and protect our country!

With our spiritual nourishment complete we wrapped up the day by nourishing our bodies with pizza (hand made by LOHV chef Ray), chips, soft drinks and cake! No FCSLA event is complete without food!

Thank you again everyone! We could not have had such a successful Join Hands Day without you! Next year let's all bring one family member or friend to experience Join Hands Day!

Please go to the website www.fcsla.org to see all the photos.



Thank You FCSLA!

Earth springs forth her hidden colors
once winter's chill frees up the soil.

Then the joy of hearts and hands
descend on the Villa for a day of toil.

Smiling faces enter the doors
ready to give plants a healthy place.
Residents eagerly greet our friends
and gardening ambitions
resemble a race.

Each flowering plant
is tendered with care,
gently nurtured
and set in a place to share
its beauty and delight
throughout a season warm and bright.
Yes, our FCSLA friends bring joy and
happiness.

They fill our hearts with light.

*Gratefully,
The Residents and Staff
of
Light of Hearts Villa*

Cleveland District



Pittsburgh District

The Pittsburgh District held their first annual Join Hands Day Project on Saturday, May 4. The District was represented by members from 5 branches: Branch 433/East Pittsburgh, Branch 177/Clairton, Branch 77/McKeesport, Branch 127/Donora and Branch 313/Natrona Heights.

District members joined with volunteers from the St. Vincent DePaul Society and worked in a St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store. We also got to celebrate Cinco de Mayo while volunteering in the store. The volunteers sorted and priced clothing, stocked shelves, assisted customers and did lawn maintenance. The Pittsburgh District also donated \$300 to

the St. Vincent DePaul Society. All of the volunteers had a very rewarding experience while helping those in need. We are all looking forward to next year's project.



St. Ann's Feast Day Celebration

St. Ann's Sr. Branch 114 in Lorain, OH will hold their annual St. Ann Feast Day Celebration on Sunday, July 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club. There will be a lunch, meeting and presentation of our scholarship winners. Please make reservations by July 15th. Phone Bernadette Danevich at 960-2605 or Margaret Thomas at 288-1492.

FORMATION OF NOUNS

In connection with the development of production, with changes in the social system, etc. new instruments and products, new social systems as well as new occupations are evolving. Therefore, new words are formed in a language. New words are formed by means of suffixes, prefixes and by means of combination.

Formation of Nouns by Means of Suffixes

a) Names of individuals according to the activity they pursue, are formed from the verb stems or roots with the aid of these suffixes:

-tel': učiteľ (teacher), čitateľ (reader), prednášateľ (lecturer), spisovateľ (writer), mysliteľ (thinker);

-č': holič (barber), hasič (fireman), kurič (stoker), hráč (player);

-ák, -iak: spevák (singer), divák (spectator), tulák (tramp),

-ec: letec (aviator), plavec (swimmer), vedec (scientist), kupec (merchant), strelec (rifleshooter);

-ca: sudca (judge), správca (administrator), strážca (guard), obranca (defender), obhajca (advocate), zástupca (representative), radca (councillor);

-ár, -iar: fajčiar (smoker), lekár (physician), pekáč (baker), pisár (scribe).

b) Names of individuals according to their occupations are usually formed from nouns and adjectives and sometimes from verbs by means of the suffixes:

-ár, -iar: hodinár (watchmaker), mliekár (dairyman), mlynár (miller), novinár (journalist), rybár (fisherman), sklár (glass-blower);

-ník, ník: pracovník (worker), remeselník (artisan), roľník (peasant), úradník (clerk), vrátnik (porter), záhradník (gardener).

c) Names of bearers of certain qualities are formed from adjectives by means of the suffixes:

-ík: násilník (bully), maškrtník (sweet-toothed), smrteľník (mortal);

-ec: zajatec (prisoner), umelec (artist), poslanec (deputy), znalec (expert), slepec (blind man).

Sometimes these are formed by the suffixes:

-oš, -áš, -oň, -ál, -ul'a, -uša: krivoš (lame man), veľikáš (megalomaniac), černuša (black cow);

-ák: dobrák (good-natured fellow), druhák (second year pupil);

-och: beloch (white man), černoč (blackman);

-áň: dlháň (tall fellow), skupáň (miser).

Names referring to the membership of an individual in a social organization or in some movement, are formed by means of the suffixes:

-ovec or -ec: štúrovec (follower of Štúr), mičurinec (follower of Michurin);

-ár, -iar: hraničiar (borderguard), odborár (trade-unionist).

d) Names indicating place of origin, stay, nationality etc. are formed by means of the suffixes:

-an, -čan: Bratislavčan, Trenčan, Košičan (citizen of Bratislava, Trenčín, Košice);

-ák, -iak: Záhorák, Lipták (that living in Záhorie, Liptov), dolniak (lowlander), horniak (highlander);

-iar: východniar (one who lives in east Slovakia), západniar (one who lives in the west);

-ec: Oravec (inhabitant of Orava), Japonec (a Japanese).

e) Names of places are formed by the suffixes:

-áreň: cukráreň (sweetshop), lekáreň (chemist's), mliekáreň (dairy), pekáreň (bakery), kaviareň (café), nočľaháreň (dormitory);

-ovňa: opravovňa (repair shop), poisťovňa (insurance company), snemovňa (parliament), strojovňa (machine-room);

-ňa: spálňa (bedroom), telocvičňa (gymnasium);

-isko, nisko, -ište: ihrisko (playground), rodisko (birthplace), stanovište (location);

-ica, -nica: knižnica (library), rovnica (equation), strážnica (guardroom);

-ina: cudzina (foreign countries), výšina (height), hĺbina (depth);

-ník, -nik: trávnik (lawn), rybník (pond), popolník (ashtray);

-ín, -inec: včelín (bee-hive), starobinec (home for the aged), chudobinec (almshouse);

-dlo: napájadlo (watering-place).

Names of places are also formed by the suffix *-ie* from the prepositional cases: predmestie (suburb).

f) Names of instruments are formed by means of the suffixes:

-dlo: strúhadlo (grater), lietadlo (airplane), nosidlo (stretcher);

-ák: vrták (gimlet), struhák (grater), zdvihák (lift);

-č': chladič (car radiator), sekáč (cutter);

-ačka: krájačka (cutter), striekačka (syringe).

g) Names of products are formed by means of the suffixes:

-ivo: farbivo (dye), krmivo (fodder), palivo (fuel), tkanivo (tissue);

-ica: kapustnica (sauerkraut soup), praženica (scrambled eggs), železnica (railway);

-ník, -nik: parník (steamer), slovník (dictionary), blatník (mudguard);

-ina, -ovina: bravčovina (pork), miešanina (mixture);

-ok: *príbytok* (dwelling), *bielok* (eggwhite), *odliatok* (cast), *príspevok* (contribution);
 -ka, -enka: *vstupenka* (admission ticket), *zásuvka* (drawer), *čítanka* (school reader).

h) Names of qualities are formed from adjectives by means of the suffixes:

-ost': *krátkosť* (brevity), *srdečnosť* (cordiality), *sladkosť* (sweetness), *múdrosť* (wisdom), *hlúposť* (stupidity), *mladosť* (youth), *trpezlivosť* (patience);
 -oba: *staroba* (old age); *chorba* (illness);
 -ota: *novota* (novelty), *slepotá* (blindness), *dobrota* (goodness), *suchota* (drought);
 -stvo, -ctvo: *bohatstvo* (wealthness), *lajdáctvo* (slapdash).

i) Names of actions are formed by means of the suffixes:

-ie: *čítanie* (reading), *chodenie* (walking), *volanie* (calling); these are verbal nouns;
 -ot: *šuchot* (rustle), *buchot* (banging), *praskot* (crackling);
 -ačka: *kopačka* (digging);
 -ba; *služba* (duty), *prosba* (request), *túžba* (desire), *tvorba* (creation).

j) Collective nouns are formed by means of the suffixes:

-ie: *kamenie* (stones), *perie* (plumage), *prútie* (bushwood), *korenie* (spices), *uhlie* (coal);
 -ina: *zverina* (game), *družina* (suite);
 -stvo, -ctvo: *členstvo* (membership), *Slovanstvo* (Slavs), *roľníctvo* (peasantry), *žiactvo* (pupil community).

k) Diminutive nouns are formed by means of the suffixes:

-ík, -ik: *vtáčik* (little bird), *zajačik* (leveret);
 -iček: *nožiček* (little knife), *tatíček* (daddy);
 -ok: *vlások* (little hair), *kvietok* (little flower), *oriešok* (little nut);
 -ec: *domec* (small house), *stromec* (small tree);
 -ček; *domček* (small house), *stromček* (small tree), *vrabček* (little sparrow);
 -ka: *piecka* (small stove), *muška* (small fly), *dierka* (small hole), *pílka* (small saw);
 -ica: *izbica* (small room), *dievčica* (little girl);
 -ička: *ružička* (small rose), *ihlička* (small needle), *kravička* (small cow), *mamička* (mummy);
 -očka, ôčka: *šatôčka* (small scarf), *košeľôčka* (small shirt), *chvíľôčka* (short while);
 -enka, -ienka, -inka: *maminka* (mummy), *devulienka* (little girl);
 -uša, -ul'ka, -uška: *mamuša* (mummy), *tetuša* (auntie), *Katuška* (Cathy);
 -ko: *skielko* (small piece of glass); *otecko* (daddy), *Jožko* (Joe).

l) Augmentative nouns are formed by means of the suffixes -isko, -sko: *chlapisko* (robust fellow), *dievčisko* (big girl), *horisko* (high hill), *knižisko* (big book).

Augmentative nouns often carry a very derogative meaning.

m) The names for women are formed from the corresponding names of men. The most frequent suffix is -ka, which is simply added to the masculine names ending in a consonant. E.g. *doktor* – *doktorka* (doctor – woman doctor), *učiteľ* – *učiteľka* (teacher – woman teacher), *Angličan* – *Angličanka* (Englishman – Englishwoman). If the stem ends in -k, -h, -ch, the alternation k/č, h/ž, ch/š take place, e.g. *úradník* – *úradníčka* (clerk – woman clerk), *černoč* – *černoška* (black man – black woman). In names ending in -g, the feminine nouns are formed by the suffix -ička: *geológ* – *geologička* (geologist – woman geologist), *chirurg* – *chirurgička* (surgeon – woman surgeon).

In the nouns ending in -c, this suffix is omitted, e.g. *cudzinec* – *cudzinka* (foreigner), *Nemec* – *Nemka* (German).

Less frequent is the suffix -yňa, e.g. *svedok* – *svedkyňa* (witness – woman witness), *otrok* – *otrokyňa* (slave – female slave).

In names ending in -ník, the suffix -níčka is used: *pomocník* – *pomocníčka* (helper), *robotník* – *robotníčka* (worker).

The suffix -iná is used in some nouns indicating kinship, e.g. *švagor* – *švagriná* (brother-in-law – sister-in-law), *stryk* – *stryná* (uncle – aunt).

The ending -ovná is used in some feminine nouns indicating the feudal names of individuals, e.g. *kráľ* – *kráľovná* (king – queen), *cisár* – *cisárovná* (emperor – empress), similarly: *princ* – *princezná* (prince – princess).

Mať rád	to like
Ja mám rada teba	I like you
Ty máš rád mňa	you like me
On má rád ju	he likes her
Ona má rada jeho	she likes him
My máme radi vás	we like you
Vy máte radi ich	you like them
Oni majú radi nás	they like us
L'úbiť	to love
Ja ľúbim teba	I love you
Ty ľúbiš mňa	you love me
On ľúbi ju	he loves her
Ona ľúbi jeho	she loves him
My ľúbime vás	we love you
Vy ľúbite ich	you love them
Oni ľúbia nás	they love us

Sr. Branch 153 Holds Annual Party

On Sunday, December 9, 2012, Sr. Branch 153 held their annual Christmas Party at the Park Inn at the Radisson in West Middlesex, PA. Nineteen members enjoyed a lovely sit down dinner.

After dinner Bingo was played for prizes and door prizes were given out. Each member in attendance received a special gift from the Home Office. The afternoon concluded with a prayer for deceased members. Slovak and English carols were sung during the festivities!



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REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$	17,307,607
Bonds		689,459,714
Preferred Stock		4,012,288
Common Stock		986,183
Investment Income Due and Accrued		10,510,999
Property Plant and Equipment, Net		6,272,825
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest		2,174,485
Other Assets		184,142

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 730,908,243

LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$	248,096,063
Annuity Reserves		382,846,373
Death Claims Payable		1,252,101
Unearned Premiums		587,805
Matured Endowments		342,172
Provision for Dividends Payable		1,276,783
Accumulated Dividends and Interest		3,969,127
Accrued Convention Donations		278,000
Provision for Future Conventions		220,000
Asset Valuation Reserve		7,409,869
Interest Maintenance Reserve		1,210,979
Other Liabilities		1,042,459

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 648,531,731

Surplus \$ 82,376,512

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 730,908,243

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Two Months Ending February 28, 2013

REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$	1,135,536
Annuity Premiums		5,452,496
Investment Income		6,338,601
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve		14,935
Rental Income		61,326
Other Revenue		2,745

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 13,005,639

EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$	1,268,063
Increase in Reserves — Annuity		4,125,909
Insurance Benefits		1,412,017
Annuity Benefits		3,964,004
Commission Expense		213,191
Surrender Benefits		273,302
Post Mortem Benefits		246,283
Miscellaneous Member Benefits		6,965
Matured Endowments		(1,089)
Donation Expenses		37,727
Convention Expenses		38,000
Bank Service Charges		1,544
Data Processing Service Fees		34,623
Accounting Fees		13,536
Actuarial Fees		27,515
Consulting Fees		14,535
Bonus to Branches		150,000
Fraternal Activities		11,118
Official Publications		50,097
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits		75,998
Fees — Directors		21,450
Salaries — Employees		239,692
Salaries — Officers		74,418
Interest Expense		32,049
Tax Expense		51,847
Depreciation Expense		49,006
Utility Expense		15,616
Postage and Printing		63,357
Advertising		19,036
Travel Expense		5,301
Insurance Department Fees		37,902
Sales Promotion		15,975
Rental Expense		61,326
Other Expense		70,318

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 12,720,630

Income (Loss) from Operations

\$ 285,009

Capital Gains (Loss) 331,264

Subtotal INCOME (LOSS) \$ 616,273

Dividends to Members 207,257

NET INCOME (Loss) \$ 409,017



POTATO SALAD

- 2 pounds cooked potatoes
- ¼ cup cider vinegar, divided
- ½ cup olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, shelled and diced
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped sweet pickles
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley

Slice the cooked potatoes while they are still warm, and sprinkle with half the vinegar. Mix the remaining vinegar with the rest of the ingredients and toss with the potatoes. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

BROCCOLI GRAPE SALAD

- 2 cups chopped broccoli
- 1 cup red seedless grapes
- 1 can (8 oz) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 small white onion, thinly sliced
- 5 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar

Place broccoli in large bowl with grapes, water chestnuts, onion and bacon. Whisk together mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar and pour over salad. Toss gently until evenly coated. Refrigerate until chilled.

PENNE PASTA WITH BACON AND SPINACH

- 1 (12 ounce) package penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 bunch fresh baby spinach, rinsed

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the penne pasta, and cook until tender, 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon of olive

oil in a skillet over medium heat. Place bacon in the skillet, and cook until browned and crisp. Add garlic, and cook for about 1 minute. Stir in the tomatoes, and cook until heated through.

Place the spinach into a colander, and drain the hot pasta over it so it is wilted. Transfer to a large serving bowl, and toss with the remaining olive oil, and the bacon and tomato mixture.

GRILLED PESTO SHRIMP

- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼ cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1½ pounds jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined (*weight after peeled*)
- kosher salt and fresh pepper to taste
- 7 wooden skewers

In a food processor pulse basil, garlic, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper until smooth. Slowly add the olive oil while pulsing.

Combine raw shrimp with pesto and marinate overnight, or a few hours in a bowl inside refrigerator. Soak wooden skewers in water at least 20 minutes (or use metal ones to avoid this step). Thread shrimp onto 7 skewers.

Heat an outdoor grill or indoor grill pan over medium-low heat until hot. Be sure the grates are clean and spray lightly with oil. Place the shrimp on the hot grill and cook until shrimp turns pink on the bottom, about 3-4 minutes; turn and continue cooking until shrimp is opaque and cooked through, about 3-4 minutes.

GRILLED AVOCADO WITH MELTED CHEESE AND HOT SAUCE

- 2 avocados
- 2 tablespoons chipotle sauce (Tabasco or Louisiana)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper

Slice the avocados in half and remove the stone. Prick all over with a fork, or cut criss-cross patterns with a knife. This allows the sauce to penetrate the flesh.

Pour the sauce over each half, then top with lime juice and salt and pepper.

In the cavity where the stone has been, place ¼ cup cheese divided equally on each avocado half. Place on plate and put under (pre-heated) broiler for 2 minutes.

Top with remaining cheese and broil for another 2 minutes until completely melted and avocado is warmed through.

Serve hot with wedges of lime and chipotle sauce on the side!

GRILLED PICNIC TACO NACHOS

- 5 cups tortilla chips
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained, rinsed and mashed
- 1 can (4.5 oz.) chopped green chiles, drained
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix (from 1 oz. package)
- 2 plum (Roma) tomatoes, chopped
- 2 medium green onions, sliced (2 Tbsp.)
- 2 cups finely shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese blend (8 oz.)

Heat gas or charcoal grill. Spray 12x18-inch foil pan with cooking spray. Spread tortilla chips in pan.

In medium bowl, mix beans, chiles and taco seasoning mix; spoon evenly over tortilla chips. Top with tomatoes and onions. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover pan with foil.

Place foil pan on grill over medium heat. Cover grill; cook 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Carefully remove foil and serve.

SALSA DIP

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1 cup medium hot salsa
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Coat 1-quart casserole or baking dish with cooking spray. In medium bowl, with electric beater, combine all ingredients and beat until smooth and well blended. Transfer to prepared baking dish and bake 30 minutes, or until lightly golden.

Serve warm with tortilla chips or fresh cut veggies for dipping.

APPLE BERRY CRISP

- 4 large cooking apples, peeled and sliced or coarsely chopped
- 2 cups raspberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- ⅓ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cold butter, cut in small pieces
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ⅓ cup brown sugar
- ⅔ cup sifted all-purpose flour
- dash salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ⅔ cup quick cooking rolled oats

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Butter an 11x7-inch baking dish.

Combine sliced apples, berries, and granulated sugar. Toss to coat. Dot with small pieces of cold butter. Combine the melted butter with the brown sugar, flour, salt, baking soda, and rolled oats. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over fruit.

Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until fruit is tender and topping is browned.

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Established in 1892, the FCSLA provides financial security to its members nationwide through its premier life insurance and annuity products. Sales of these products allow FCSLA to serve both its members and the community with fraternal and charitable opportunities that promote Catholic and Slavic traditions.

The FCSLA Vision is to:

- *Promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of the members through fraternal and charitable activities in our communities*
- *Promote our Slovak Catholic values and traditions and all Slavic cultures*
- *Be a premier Fraternal Benefit Society that offers quality financial products and benefits*