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all the
blessings
of the
Christ
Child be
yours this
Christmas!*

*May you
and your
loved ones
share the
peace and
joy of His
love with
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The Christmas Story

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. — Isaiah 9:6



“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about.’ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about the child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

Luke 2:1-17

My Dear Friends — This Christmas season think about giving these gifts:

To your enemy . . . forgiveness,	To a customer . . . service.
To your opponent . . . tolerance.	To all men . . . charity.
To a friend . . . your heart.	To every child . . . a good example.
To yourself . . . respect.	

Merry Christmas! — Vesele Vianocce!

Warmly, Carolyn

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May the Infant Savior
Bless You and Your Loved Ones
With Peace, Love, and Contentment
During this Christmas Season and Always.

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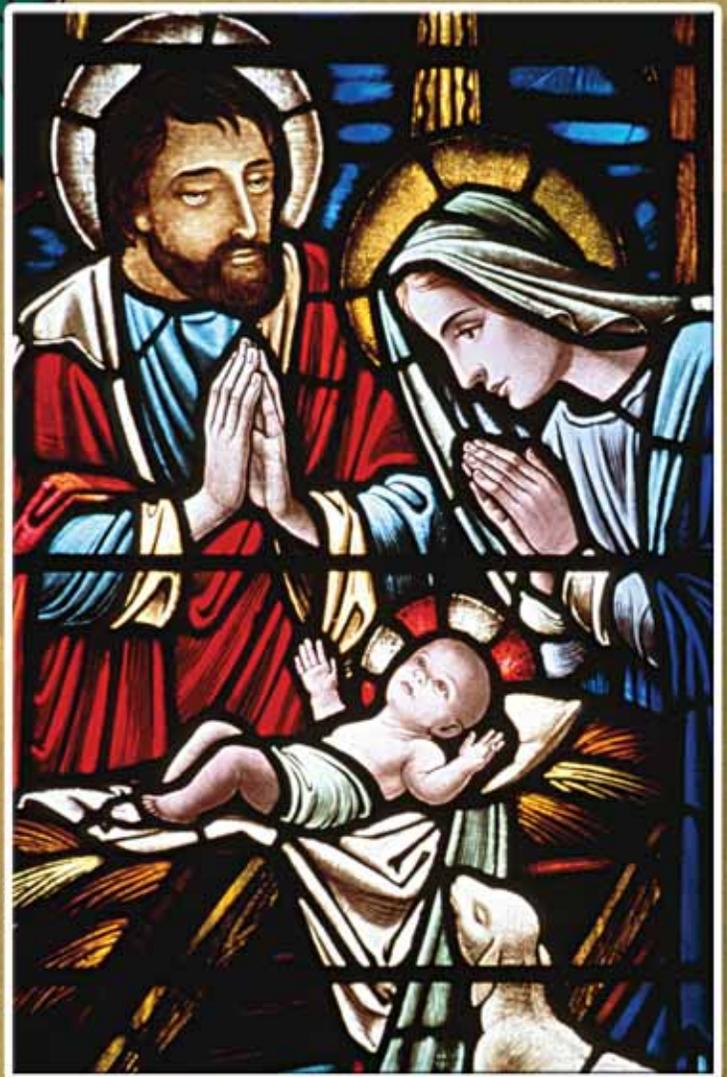
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Láskou a Spokojnosťou Nielen na Vianočné Sviatky ale na Veľky.

A LIFE OF PREPARATION!

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

A profound task that a priest possesses within his ministry is that of preparation of a couple for the Sacrament of Marriage. I really enjoy my meetings with couples as they contemplate becoming future wives and husbands. I am challenged by their reactions to the questions that I pose to them of how, when, and where they met each other, why they love each other, when and where their engagement took place, and most importantly to me, why have they decided to affirm their love and lifelong commitment to each other as spouses in the Catholic Church.

Catholics believe that marriage is a sacrament that does last “until death do us part” or “all the days of our life”. But we are cognizant of the fact that Christian marriage is challenged because of our cultural, disposable mentality – “if I do not like it, I will just get rid of it”. Statistics reveal that Catholics are in the mainstream of our American culture so much so that almost one in two marriages end in divorce. This has come to such a grave concern to the bishops and priests of the Province of Cincinnati that all gathered in convocation in the autumn of 2009 in Columbus, OH, to discuss the necessity of preparing engaged couples more comprehensibly and theologically for the Sacrament of Marriage. The sacredness and lifelong unitive factors must be emphasized so that woman and man may see their relationship to one another in Christian marriage paralleled to the sacred relationship between Christ and His bride, the Church.

Undertaking this lifelong endeavor takes much preparation. Within my diocesan Church, a couple must meet with the priest at least three times and with a marriage preparation couple for a minimum of three to five sessions. Is this enough? How can anyone evaluate adequate preparation for such a life long decision? Time, commitment, communication, and dedication are the guidelines for an aspiring couple. Can this guarantee

that the couple will have a successful marriage or will they become another “statistic”? The priest, the preparation couple and the individuals preparing for marriage do not have the proverbial crystal ball in front of them, but hopefully the engaged couple will view marriage as a serious life decision that will enhance their lives, bless them with fruitful and grace filled years, and bestow upon them the gift of human life in their children and grandchildren.

Once again, we find ourselves in the midst of the last month of the calendar year, ritually preparing ourselves and our homes for the celebration of Christmas! Although there is the hustle and bustle that traditionally seems necessary for the celebration of the season – cards to be written and sent; trees and houses to be festively decorated and admired; batches of nut, poppy seed, and apricot kolachi to be baked and shared; gifts to be selected and carefully wrapped; and, renewal of love for our family and friends – we, as Catholics, know there is a religious tradition that calls us to spiritually prepare ourselves intently to assist us in making this *the* Season! Our faith and hope point to the reality of our salvation; this Season is the anniversary of the beginning of our salvation.

The Church’s new year at Advent directs us to prepare for the anniversary of Christ’s birth. Advent affords you and me to review our relationships with Jesus and one another through our understanding of His preaching and teachings. It is the several weeks when we evaluate whether we are making the right choices and decisions that have the lasting affects for our salvation. But this only becomes a reality if we readily take the time, the commitment, are able to communicate, and fervently dedicate ourselves to the Faith we profess. No one outside of ourselves can grade us on how we profess this Faith, only we, in our individual personhoods, can do this.



There are many guides to assist us – the Sacred Scriptures, the teachings of the Church, the lives of the saints, a spiritual director, and the grace of the sacraments, to name a few. We must be disciplined by taking time out of our busy schedules in order to pray to Almighty God daily. We do this through the formal prayers that we have learned or in our own personal outpouring of praise, thanksgiving and petition to our God. But our prayerful communication with God cannot be a one way street. We have to listen to God speaking to us especially in the world that surrounds us. By opening our hearts to God’s Word, we immerse ourselves in the God who created us and thus are able to do God’s will, not just ours! In this fashion we become more dedicated to the work that God calls us to in our daily lives.

All of this leads us to a life of preparation not only for the particular religious events of the liturgical year but also preparation for the Beatific Vision, our encounter with our God face to face at the end of our lives. The liturgical seasons of the Church year assist you and me in making sure that we continue to dedicate our lives to our God and are review points to evaluate how we are doing in our relationship with God. May your Advent be fruitful and through the intercession of the Mother of God, may we rejoice at the event of our salvation, Christmas – God becomes Flesh for us.

Vesele Vianoce!



Deborah Brindza, M.D.

FCSLA FRATERNAL OUTREACH IS ON THE MOVE IN 2010

*From the desk of Deborah Brindza, M.D., National Medical Examiner
and Sue Ann M. Seich, Fraternal & Youth Director*

How To Have A Healthy Christmas



Sue Ann M. Seich

As we prepare for Christmas we make all kinds of lists. We may make a gift list, guest list, grocery list, etc. But have you ever considered making a list that will help you get through the holidays physically feeling better?

Here is a to-do list with helpful hints to keep you happier and healthier:

- **Get plenty of sleep.** (Lack of sleep decreases your body's ability to fight off infection.)
- **Don't stay up late.** (Staying up late will alter your natural body clock and cause you to be more stressed and accident prone.)
- **Watch weather reports.** (Remember bad weather increases the time to accomplish tasks and can cause accidents.)
- **Eat a nutritious breakfast to start the day.** (Try eating whole wheat toast, a fruit such as an apple

or banana or some protein in an egg or peanut butter.)

- **Wash your hands more than usual.** (Germs are passed from other people not cold temperatures. A lot more hugging and kissing is shared during the holidays.)

With a little thought and planning you will be able to enjoy the holidays without illness and also be able to make Christmas much more enjoyable for your family and friends. Years later no one will remember the little stuff like a perfectly set table but they will remember who sat at that table and how much they enjoyed the time spent with family and friends.

We enjoyed this past year reaching out to you, our members. We wish you a relaxing, enjoyable, and healthy Christmas season, taking one day at a time.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

Kimberly Worst Graduates from Westminster College



Kimberly Worst of Butler, PA graduated from Westminster College on May 22, 2010, with a BS in Chemistry and Chemistry Education. While at Westminster, she received the Dean's Award and was named to the Dean's List. Kimberly is a past FCSLA scholarship recipient. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority, served as President of the Newman Club, as well as, an Eucharistic Minister and Lector. She graduated from Butler High School in 2006 and is now employed as a Chemistry Teacher at Talbot County Schools in St. Michaels, MD. Kimberly is

the daughter of Paul and Maria Worst of Butler, PA and the granddaughter of Martin and Nancy Martonik. She has two brothers, John Paul and Christopher and one sister, Julie — all of whom belong to the FCSLA. She is a member of Branch ZJ.

IOWA BRANCH W137 HOLDS MEETING AND DINNER

Branch W137, Cedar Rapids, IA held its Board of Directors meeting and dinner on August 19, 2010 at the Light-house Restaurant. Next year's program and the upcoming special National Convention were discussed.



**Have You Signed Up
A New Member
This Month?**

MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Sr. Branch 88

Monessen Food Pantry

FCSLA Sr. Branch 88 recently sponsored a Matching Funds Project for the Monessen Food Pantry. The branch held a calendar party and sold seats for the tables. Sponsors were sought for each table. The sponsor of each table provided their own meal in accordance with the theme for that table. A Chinese auction and half the take tickets were also sold. The results of the afternoon netted a profit for the food pantry of \$1,788. The food pantry provides food for approximately 1,700 families per month.



Slovak President Ivan Gasporovic Visits United Nations

Cynthia Maleski, National Trustee, FCSLA, presented our Association's Anniversary Cookbook to Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic during his recent visit to the United Nations in New York on September 24, 2010. Looking on are Nina Holy, Secretary, Slovak League of America and Hon. Peter Burian, Slovakia's Ambassador to the United States. In her presentation representing FCSLA, Attorney Maleski stressed the importance of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies' Association and its longstanding mission to keep the Slovak name and culture alive in the United States.



RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH



Our presence at the 38th Annual Right to Life March on January 24th, 2011 in Washington, DC is so extremely important this year. FCSLA supports the position of the Pro-Life Movement.

The FCSLA is once again offering free transportation from our Home Office for this very important trip. Our goal for this march is to fill two buses with individuals who will march along side the many Pro-Life Organizations and faithful citizens of America who support this mission.

Will you join us? Please call Sue Ann at 1-800-464-4642, Ext. 1051 or email her at sueann@fcsla.org for details or questions and to **reserve your seat on the bus before December 20th.**

If you would like to attend and find transportation from your area, please look online for information and transportation. There are many Pro-Life Groups that offer transportation. If you cannot find information, please call or email Sue Ann for assistance.

Presents the First National Youth Recognition Award



National President Mary Ann Johaneck presents FCSLA's First Annual Youth Recognition Award to Kathryn ("Kate") Szymkiewicz, Branch 313, Natrona, PA, as Cynthia Maleski, National Trustee and President of Branch 313, and Judy Fedor, Pittsburgh District President look on.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Observed



October 1, 2010, Therese (nee Massura) and Leo J. Tylus of Calumet City, IL celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Leo and Therese were married in 1960 at St. Simon Slovak Catholic Church in Chicago, IL with the pastor, Fr. Joseph A. Petro performing the marriage ceremony with a nuptial mass offered by associate pastor Fr. John Petrik. To commemorate this momentous event, Therese and Leo attended a Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass hosted by Chicago Cardinal Francis George on September 19, 2010 at St. John Brebeuf where the Tylus' and 349 other couples who were married in 1960 renewed their marriage vows in the presence of the Cardinal.

On October 3, 2010, Therese and

Leo hosted a party for 48 family and friends at the Glenwood Oaks Restaurant in Glenwood, IL. Among the well-wishers in attendance were 19 senior and two junior FCSLA members along with the Rev. Leonard Dubi and Rev. Alejandro Marca, both of St. Victor Parish and the Tylus' former pastor, Fr. Thomas E. Cima, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Slovak Catholic Church in Chicago.

Leo and Therese have been blessed with four daughters, Mary Therese, Sharon Ann (Peter LoCascio), and Leslie Joyce, who are all members of Sr. Branch 485 along with their mother. The Tylus' have two grandsons, Vincent Leo and Francis Luke LoCascio, both of whom are Jr. Branch 382 members.

Leo and Therese are currently members of St. Victor Parish, Calumet City, IL where both are Eucharistic Ministers of Communion and Therese has volunteered for the last 20 years in the parish office as a receptionist.

Leo and Therese are the first in their family to commemorate 50 years of marriage and are one of nine couples from Therese's side of the family who were married at St. Simon Catholic Slovak Church.

CELEBRATES 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jason of Youngstown celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during a Mass on July 11 at St. Christine Church, and a luncheon at Tippecanoe Country Club, Canfield.

Hosts for the festivity were their children and their spouses and their grandchildren, Denise, Joe, Caitlin and Gary Kenney of Atlantic Beach, FL; Dan, Jayne, Dawn, Dylan, Janelle, Deanna and Joy Jason of Port Allen, LA; Ken, Laurie and Matt Jason of Star Valley Ranch, WY; Karen, Gav, Cody and Jamey Gavalier of Denver.

The former Genevieve Hamrock and Mr. Jason were united in marriage July 15, 1950, in St. Matthias Church. They are members of St. Christine Church. Agatha Fabiny was the maid of honor.

Mr. Jason retired from the Erie Railroad in 1985 after 38 years of service.

Genevieve is a member of Branch 161.

Branch W137 Holds 1st Annual Septemberfest

On September 26, 2010, Branch W137, Cedar Rapids, IA held their 1st Annual Septemberfest. This was an adult only gathering with beer tasting from Iowa breweries. Bratwurst, sauerkraut, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages were served. Door prizes were won by all in attendance.



Celebrates 80th Birthday

Martha M. Klein, (Sr. Branch 422, Warren, OH) celebrated her 80th birthday on October 22. She is still working as a substitute teacher in San Antonio, TX. Congratulations Martha!



Sr. Branch 376 and Jr. Branch 334 Celebrate 95th and 90th Anniversaries Respectively

On October 23, 2010, Sr. Branch 376 celebrated their 95th Anniversary and Jr. Branch 334 celebrated their 90th Anniversary at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, WI. Slovak costumes gave the celebration a special sense of excitement. Nicholas Loduha and Katie Skubal presented roses for living and deceased members just before Mass started, and Thaddeus Loduha was the server.

The Mass of Celebration was offered by Fr. Joseph Anderson, and then members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres. President Kathy Dorfner started the Program with a prayer to St. Ann, welcomed everyone, and introduced National First Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich, who gave a short speech. Members Michael Stivoric (Special Asst. to the President-Catholic Knights), and Tony Jurik (President, Wisconsin Slovak

Historical Society), gave congratulatory speeches as well, and Tom Stano was introduced as one of our insurance agents. A \$500 check was given to Mark Petersen for the Tatra Dancers!

While all of this was happening, Junior members were in the Bocce Room, learning how to play Bocce Ball! Dinner was then served as the Music Makers entertained us with lovely violin music that would make Mantovani proud! We were especially proud of Jr. Branch member, Libby Petersen, who was one of the violinists; and her Mom, Mary, made chocolate violins for everyone! Door prizes were given out — including flower bouquets and Slovak Cookbooks.

A group picture was taken and everyone received gifts from the Home Office and a sports bottle from the branch. Only five more years until we celebrate the BIG ONE — our 100th Anniversary!





LANSFORD, PA BRANCHES MAKE HOMETOWN DONATIONS

Sr. Branch 140 and Jr. Branch 46, Lansford, PA, recently made their annual donations to the Lansford Volunteer Fire Company and the Lansford Community Ambulance. Pictured



below are officers and members of the Fire Company and Ambulance along with Veronica Bazik, President of Sr. Branch 140 and Jr. Branch 46, as well as, Louise Dunstan, Branch Financial Secretary/Treasurer and Mary Ciganek, Branch Vice-President.



Maria E. Grega District Honors Scholarship Winners

The 12 Sr. Branch 161 and Jr. Branch 192 scholarship winners were honored at the annual Maria E. Grega District scholarship dinner held in Youngstown, OH. Each received a monetary gift from the District and also one from the Branch which was presented by Melanie Leonard, Treasurer. A FCSLA Slovak cookbook was also given to each winner by Auditor Agatha Fabiny. The six winners present addressed the group and spoke of their activities in their respective schools. Brian Witt was awarded the Katherine L. Sedlacko Family Trust Scholarship.

The following winners were not able to attend, but were represented by relatives: Christine Bacha, Akron, OH; Sarah Chizmar, Lewis Center, OH; Lauren DeLuca, Youngstown, OH; Lacey Lee Hufnagel, Golden, CO; Alexis Tych, Campbell, OH. Present, but not pictured is Benjamin Detwiler, Columbiana, OH.



Front row, L-R: Leo Puhalla, Youngstown, OH; Sydney Demechko, Akron, OH; Anatacia Viau, Baltimore, OH. Back row, Brian Witt, Poland, OH, Bernadette J. Demechko, Financial Secretary of Branch 161 and Secretary of Jr. Branch 192; Katie Krancevich, Youngstown, OH; and Colin Durina, Poland, OH.

Senior Chief Vincent DeAngelo, Jr. Selected for Advancement

United States Navy Chief Petty Officer Vincent DeAngelo, Jr. was recently selected for advancement to Senior Chief Petty Officer. Senior Chief DeAngelo has been serving in the Navy Submarine Force since 1999. He is also a Navy Diver and is currently the Leading Crew Chief at Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, NY.



A native of Dickson City, PA Senior Chief DeAngelo is the son of Vincent and Ann Marie DeAngelo and brother of Maria DeAngelo and Airman Matthew DeAngelo, United States Navy.

Vincent is the grandson of Eileen Woelkers and the late Leo C. Woelkers, Jr. and the late Salvatore and Agnes DeAngelo, all of Dunmore, PA and nephew of John and Catherine Stedina of Throop, PA. Senior Chief DeAngelo and his family are members of Branch 124, where his aunt Catherine Stedina serves as Financial Secretary.

Annual St. Ann's Breakfast Held by Branch 417

Senior Branch 417, Coaldale, PA held their annual St. Ann's Breakfast at the Beacon Diner in Hometown, PA on July 26th. Officers and members of the branch honored their scholarship winner Deanna Nicole Herb and also presented her with a check to help her with school expenses. Another scholarship winner Daniel Cutler was unable to attend the breakfast. Members and guests from Exton, Catasauqua, Coaldale, Tamaqua and Hometown, PA enjoyed a social time together.



Scholarship winner Deanna Herb with family members.

Front row, L-R: Joan Cutler, Deanna Nicole Herb (scholarship winner), Betty Vincent, Mary Pavlovich. Back row: Father John Pavlosky, and George Vincent.

From October 1 through December 31, 2010, older FCSLA annuities (issued prior to 2005) with a guaranteed minimum rate of 4.50% will earn a yield of 4.6025%, while newer FCSLA annuities (issued 2005 and after) with a guaranteed minimum rate of 3.50% will earn a yield of 3.5618%.

A Follow Up To The Special Convention

On this page and page 13 you have a chance to view a collage of photos from the special convention held on October 11th in Cleveland, OH at The Renaissance Hotel. By now you know that the proposed by-law change which would have empowered the delegate elected Board of Directors to hire the managing officers and the editor failed to pass with the required two-thirds majority. While this was certainly a disappointment the good news is that 62% of the delegates in attendance voted in the affirmative and means that we are on the right track in addressing the risk faced by our Association.

As I mentioned in my column in the September issue of *Fraternally Yours*, the proposed changes were designed to protect our Association in an increasingly complex world by placing greater accountability with both our management team and our Board of Directors. Had the proposed change passed the convention delegates would have continued to elect our Board and then empowered the Board they elected to hire the President/CEO. Once the President/CEO was in place, the National Secretary/ (COO), the National Treasurer/CFO and the Editor would have been hired with full board approval.

There are many reasons that this form of governance makes sense and is the right course of action for our Association. Other fraternal organizations have already adopted this governance structure because they know it means greater protection for members. Given that a majority voted "yes" we know that it will only be a matter of time before these needed changes will be approved.

We know that as a Board of Directors we must go back to the table and prepare for the next round. This change is necessary and in the best interest of our Association because we cannot allow an unqualified candidate for one of our top offices run a successful campaign based on popularity and then put our Association in peril! The complexity of our business has grown, as has the regulatory environment in which we operate; therefore, we can no longer **hope** that the right people with the right skills will be elected to run the FCSLA – now a corporation with assets in excess of 600 million dollars.

We appreciate the participation we had at the special convention and recognize that we fell just a little bit short of making history. We were saddened that someone felt the need to circulate unsigned and inaccurate material by mail prior to the convention and also by leaving it around the meeting rooms. We welcome and value **all opinions** but cannot address anonymous ones ...if you disagree let us know why, but please sign your name so that we can open a constructive dialogue with you!

Rest assured that we will continue to work with our members to help them understand why this change is necessary, so that the next time we meet to discuss this change, we can all be on the same informed page. Throughout our 118 year history this organization has always made the difficult decisions that have kept us alive and growing – I trust that the next time we will be successful in making this important governance change that will honor our past and protect our future!



Held October 11, 2010 In Cleveland, Ohio





IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET L. SOSKA Branches 262 & 126



Margaret L. Soska, a lifelong FCSLA member and President of Sr. Branch 262 and Jr. Branch 126, East Vandergrift, PA, died on October 20, 2010, at 93. A devoted Catholic, she

was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in East Vandergrift.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Soska; daughter and former FCSLA national editor Dolores Soska; parents George and Katherine Fabik; and three sisters. She is survived by her daughter and current FCSLA Vice President, Linda Killeen; niece Dorothy Kraus; sister-in-law Angie Soska, and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Margaret had many happy years in the East Vandergrift house where she lived for most of her life, before moving to a new home in Leechburg, PA in 2006. She had a passion for sewing and enjoyed watching EWTN: The Catholic Channel. She will be missed and lovingly remembered.

SISTER THERESA NOVAK Branch 542

Sister Theresa Novak, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, ended her earthly life of 70 years and began her eternal life on July 14, 2010.

Sister was born in Canton, OH. In 1955 she entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from Sacred Heart Parish, Canton and served God and the Church for 55 years. (The Vincentian Sisters of Charity, Pittsburgh, PA merged with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in 2008).

Sister Theresa earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, PA and a Master of Social Work from West Virginia University.

Sister taught for 10 years in both elementary and secondary schools in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg. Upon earning a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University, Sister served for 5 years as Director of Community Relations for the Diocese of Steubenville. She was then appointed as Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Steubenville, OH, a position she held for 10 years. Sister Theresa's ministry changed again when she received her Nursing Home Administrator License and became the Administrator of the Villa de Marillac Nursing Home in Pittsburgh, PA, serving there for 10 years. At the time of her death she was the Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging.

Sister Theresa was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Mary Novak and by her sister Betty Jane Chessler and her brother Joseph. Among her survivors are her sister, Mary, and brothers George and Robert as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends and Sisters in Community.

Memorial donations were made either to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Office of Congregational Advancement, PO Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048-0009 or to the Vincentian Charitable Foundation, 8250 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

DAVID A. KORTAN Branch W093

David A. Kortan, 92, of Tabor, passed away on August 9, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Center of Tyndall.

David was born on December 8, 1917, to Vaclav and Mary (Caba) Kortan on the family farm south of Tabor. He attended Country School.

On December 17, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on December 7, 1945. After serving tours in Northern Africa and Southern Italy, he returned to work on the family farm. He married Eileen Kortan on January 11, 1955. They owned and operated "Lefty's Bar"

for several years. He then began his career in carpentry until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching sports on TV.

Those who will cherish his memory are his daughters: Elaine (Ken) Vaith of Lesterville; Diane Kortan of Yankton; sons: Roger Kortan of Yankton; Rich (Karla) Kortan of Tabor; Ron (Karen) Kortan of Fremont, NE; Tim (Ginger) Kortan of Yankton; sister: Marie Schuch of Denver, CO; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Eileen, his wife of 53 years; parents; brothers: John and Jim and 3 great-grandchildren: Nicholas Vaith, Colin Hauck and Mallory Vaith.

MERLYN WANOUS Branch 49



Merlyn Henry Wanous, 76, of Silver Lake, MN formerly of Excelsior, died April 13, 2010, at his home after a brave fight with cancer.

He was born July 10, 1933 to Henry and Mabel (Sopkowiak) Wanous. Merlyn was united in marriage to Betty Dallmann, July 15, 1954, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. Merlyn and Betty shared almost 56 years of marriage.

Merlyn entered the US Army on April 13, 1955, serving initially at Ft. Knox, KY, and later at Ft. Sheridan, IL, where he was assigned to the 86th Missile Battalion. He attained the rank of Specialist 4 and was honorably discharged April 12, 1957.

Merlyn held employment with Minneapolis Moline in Hopkins, followed by 31 years with the Excelsior Post Office (26 years as Route 3 rural carrier). While working at the post office, he also worked part time at the liquor store in Excelsior and operated a family truck gardening business for over 20 years.

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He also worked with his son Duane in his woodworking business.

For 33 years, Merlyn served on the board of directors of the Mid-County Oil Cooperative of Cologne during which time he also served a term, both as board president and vice president.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Wanous of Silver Lake; children Michael Wanous of Winfield, IL, Lavonne Kucera and her husband, James of Eagan, and Duane Wanous and his wife, Linda of Silver Lake; grandchildren Kristina, Kimberly and Steven Wanous; Brittany, Victoria and Kevin Kucera; and Quentin and Justin Wanous; a brother, David Wanous of Cokato; a sister, Elaine Bebo and her husband, Wilfred of Silver Lake; nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Merlyn was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mabel Wanous.

WESLEY JOHN PANEK **Branch W045**

Wesley John Panek, 74, of Marion, died on August 13, 2010, at Willow Garden Care Center, Marion.

Wes was born July 8, 1936, the son of Frank and Blanche (Dvorak) Panek, in Cedar Rapids, IA. He served his country during the Korean Conflict.

Wes married Janice Gosnell on May 23, 1959, in Cedar Rapids. He was employed by Rockwell Collins for 33 years until his retirement in 1990 and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for 49 years. Wes loved his family and enjoyed hunting, fishing, Cubs baseball and Hawkeye Sports.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; a daughter, Julie (Allyn) Johnson of Cedar Rapids; sons, Tom (special friend, Tracy) Panek of Aneta, ND, Steve (special friend, Florence) Panek of California, and Matt (Cathy) Panek of North Liberty; three sisters, Mary Flickinger, Charlotte Starkey and Helen Schmu-ecker; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two great-grandchildren and his four brothers.

ROSALIE SHEBA **Branch 98**

Rosalie Sheba, 85, of Uniontown, PA, died on July 26, 2010 at her home.

She was raised in Puritan, daughter of the late Severin and Mary Spru-sansky.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Stephen S. Sheba, Sr., three brothers, and two sisters.

She was a member of Saint Mary (Nativity) Roman Catholic Church, and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

Rosalie lived a contented and happy life, dedicated to raising her family, and to their farm.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Stephen S. Sheba, Jr. at home; and Nancy Kovell and her husband Robert of Belle Vernon, PA; her grandson Sam Kovell; and several nieces and nephews.

The family extends their deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to her friend and neighbor Ann Vallozzi; the nurses and support staff of Albert Gallatin Home Care and Hospice; and Betty Skowronek of Comfort Keepers.

Memorial contributions were made to Saint Mary (Nativity) Church, 61 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.

ALAN M. DUDAK **Branch S007**

Alan M. Dudak, age 39, of Algonquin, formerly of Streator, died August 25, 2010 of a brain tumor at Fountains at Crystal Lake Health Care Center, Crystal Lake.

Alan was born May 20, 1971, in Streator, the son of Edward and Mary Jean (Natt) Dudak.

Alan was employed as a Web Systems Analyst at Triton College, River Grove. He was a member of St. Stephen's Church and was a graduate of St. Stephen's School, Streator Township High School and Roosevelt University.

He is survived by one sister, Susan

Dudak, Streator; one nephew, Brandon Pence, Streator; and a close friend, Rebecca Brown, Barrington.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials were made to the Chris Elliot Fund for Glioblastoma Brain Cancer Research or the American Cancer Society.

VIVIAN B. PICEK **Branch W500**

Vivian B. Picek died on July 17, 2010. Vivian was the beloved daughter of the late James and Helen Picek; loving companion of George Mikulski; dear sister of James Picek and his wife Maryann, Marie Steele and the late Mildred Stastny; cherished aunt of Jamie and Kristine Picek; special friend of Dolores Mikulski. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, family, friends and devoted golden retriever pups, Sailor and Gibson.

Memorial contributions were made to the Saint Jude Shrine, 512 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

LUMIR A. VRBICKY **Branch W080**

Lumir A. "Vrby" Vrbicky, 81, of Omaha, formerly of Clarkson, died July 14, 2010, at the St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point.

Vrby was born October 22, 1928, near Clarkson, to Anton and Mary (Smejkal) Vrbicky. He graduated from Clarkson High School in 1946, and he was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Karel on August 18, 1949.

The couple lived in Omaha for a short time before returning to Clarkson where they joined Betty's family grocery store and dry goods business. In 1967, they purchased the business from her parents and they operated the store until the early 1990's.

Music was a very important part of his life, and he was known for the special tone he produced on his trumpet. Vrby was a founding partner of the Solid

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8 Orchestra, and served as the lead trumpet player from 1956 to 1970. He was also a proud past member of the Clarkson Polka Band, Catholic Workman, Clarkson Commercial Club and the City Council. He was a 25 year veteran of the Clarkson Volunteer Fire Department.

Vrbý is survived by his wife Betty of Omaha; a daughter, Christine Vrbický-Benedict of Omaha; a son, Dr. Keith (Karyn) Vrbický of Norfolk; a daughter, Kaye Vrbický of Omaha; a son, Corrie (Jacquie) Vrbický of Omaha; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Mary Vrbický; sisters, Martha Faltys and Lillian Nemeč and a brother, Lambert Vrbický.

ELDEAN MARIE CAHOJ **Branch W074**

Eldean Marie (Reinert) Cahoj, 78, McDonald, KS, was born on September 11, 1931 and passed away on July 11, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Henry E. Cahoj whom she met when he was a handsome sailor and she was a stunning nurse. They were married on August 10, 1954, at the Sacred Heart Church in Atwood, KS.

She is also survived by their five children: Collette and her husband, Bruce Roscoe of Westminster, CO; Tonya of Seattle, WA; Brenda and her husband Mickey Weiser, of Grinnell, KS; Teresa Prochazka of Greeley, CO; Emery and wife, Teresa Seymour of Castle Rock, CO. She was dearly loved and is survived by her 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She served the community as a "registered nurse" for 28 years, working at the Rawlins County Hospital and Prairie Development Center in Atwood, KS. She was an active member of St. Joseph's Altar Society in Bird City, KS.

Eldean lived a full and wonderful life, finding enjoyment in doing the things she loved. Her family always came first, but she had a great love for many things

such as gardening, creating beautiful quilts for her children and making porcelain dolls for her grandchildren. She was beyond a doubt the best when it came to cooking, baking and canning.

She lived to celebrate her "kidney transplant" of 23 years which was a miracle from God during a small Reinert Reunion over Memorial Day. She had received Denver's 6th transplant on Memorial Day.

The family knows that she was greeted in Heaven by all her siblings and parents, who have preceded her in death.

JULIA MARIE DRENOVSKY **Branch S451**

Julia Marie Drenovsky, age 93, of Owosso, passed away Monday, January 25, 2010 at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility. Julia was born May 24, 1916 in Madison, WI, the daughter of Joseph and Augusta (Vida) Drenovsky. Julia was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was very active in her parish. She worked for St. Joseph Catholic Church while also working for the Bendix Corp and later with Universal Electric. She retired from Universal Electric after 29 years of service. Julia loved angels and had a collection of angel figurines. She also collected music boxes of all types. Julia was a loving friend to many and "Aunt Julia" to young and old.

Survivors include: sister-in-law, Agnes Drenovsky; nephews and nieces, Ed, Helen, Tom, Walter, Floyd and John Arvoy, Catherine Venable, Julie Paradise and Joe Drenovsky, Paul, Richard and Jack Drenovsky,

Josephine Conrad; many great nieces and great nephews who were very important to her; special niece and caregiver, Pat Arvoy.

She was predeceased by her parents; brothers, John (Anna Balish), Joe (Agnes Riha); sisters, Mary (Joseph) Arvoy, Helen (Steve) Vencil; and nephews, Joe Arvoy and Bob Arvoy.

ANNA I. KLUSARITS **Branch SZJ**

Anna I. Klusarits, 83, of Whitehall, PA, died September 17, 2010, in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township. She was the wife of John S. Klusarits for 62 years They married on September 11, 1948. Born in Cementon to the late Michael and Anna (Rezniski) Nederostek, she was a 1945 graduate of Whitehall High School. Anna worked for many years in the Treasurer's Office for the Township of Whitehall, retiring in 1991.

A faithful and devoted member of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Whitehall, she was the long time treasurer of the Golden Agers, and was responsible for organizing trips for the group all over the world, and their many visits to all of the casinos.

Survivors: Son, John M. and his wife Susan (Cardello), of Newtown Square; grandsons, John, Michael, Thomas and James; sister-in-laws, Ann Nederostek of Glenside, PA and Jean Nederostek of Minnesota. Anna was predeceased by brothers Michael, Emil, Albert and Edward.

Memorials were made to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052.



FCSLA 2011/2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

More than \$248,250 in Scholarship Awards!

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is pleased to announce its 2011-2012 Scholarship Program which is in fulfillment of one of the objectives of the organization. This year more than \$248,250 will be awarded to young members of the Association, which includes \$42,000 being awarded to elementary school applicants.

These elementary school awards are a benefit recently passed by the FCSLA Board of Directors. In this day of promoting education, one of the best means of offering assistance is by the Scholarship Program.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE \$1,250 EACH AND GRADUATE AWARDS ARE \$1,750 EACH

58 Freshmen • 27 Sophomores • 16 Juniors • 16 Seniors • 16 Full Time Graduate Awards

32 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AT \$1,000 EACH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

8 Freshmen • 8 Sophomores • 8 Juniors • 8 Seniors

28 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS AT \$750 EACH WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

7 for Grade 5 • 7 for Grade 6 • 7 for Grade 7 • 7 for Grade 8

28 EARLY ELEMENTARY AWARDS AT \$750 EACH

7 for Grade 1 • 7 for Grade 2 • 7 for Grade 3 • 7 for Grade 4

In addition, two (2) Theresa Sajan Scholarships are awarded to graduate students.

An eligible candidate for a FCSLA Fraternal Scholarship Award shall be a member of good standing for at least three years prior to date of application and hold a \$1,000 legal reserve certificate, a \$5,000 term certificate or have an annuity certificate. If applying for a Seminary or Deacon Scholarship it is necessary to complete all documents.

Winners will be chosen by a committee of impartial judges from the educational field and based on the following: Academic standing 50%, Family membership 15%, Financial need 20%, Leadership 10%, and extenuating circumstances 5%.

All applications and supporting documents must be completed and submitted to the Home Office no later than March 1, 2011.

Applications and further details for this program may be obtained by calling the Home Office, your local Branch Officer, or by visiting our website at www.fcscla.com or by completing the form on this page and mailing it to:

**First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association • Scholarship Department
24950 Chagrin Boulevard • Beachwood, OH 44122-5634**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUEST

Please send me a scholarship application form. (PLEASE PRINT)

Branch No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Application requested for following award:

College Graduate High School Seminary or Deacon Scholarship Grades 5-8 Grades 1-4

Chicago Junior Branches Host Miniature Golf Outing For Its Members

July 11, 2010 dawned bright, sunny and warm for Chicago Junior Branch members who attended the miniature golf outing at Novelty Golf in Lincolnwood, IL. The miniature golf course boasts two different 18 hole golf courses with a 19th hole shared in common with both.

The members were paired into “foursomes” with the option of wearing a colorful animal golf visor to protect their young eyes from the sun.

After the round of golf, the attendees and their chaperones were treated to hot dogs, french fries, and pop provided by the Bunny Hut located just across the parking lot from the golf courses. For dessert the golfers feasted on cupcakes.

At the end of the event, the participants were given goodie bags filled with beach balls from the Home Office, stickers, bats and swords. “A wonderful time was had by all, including the adults in attendance and many are looking forward to our next event.” District Vice President and Event Coordinator, Judy Tybor-Knizner reported.



L-R: Spencer Pond, Ricky Schultz, Cameron Palanca and Francis LoCascio.



Look out Tiger — here comes Anthony Palenica!



L-R: Ryan Kelly, MaKayla Henry and Addison Gillen.



L-R: Addison Gillen, Ryan Kelly, MaKayla Henry and Branch Officer Jori Knizner-Gillen.



Branch Officers: L-R: Barbara Mugavero, Rosemary Mlinarich and Judy Tybor-Knizner.



Alan, Amy and Laura Lucas and Tony Mugavero.



Sign in table for the “foursomes” — Joyce Kelly (Chicago Branch Officer).



Jim Knizner, John Kelly and Tony Mugavero.



Angela Bajek and Nicole.



Two Celebrations of 50th Jubilee for Sister Joan Marie Massura, OSB

Sister Joan Marie Massura, OSB, (Sr. Branch 485) former science/math teacher and counselor at Andrean High School celebrated her 50th Jubilee as a professed Sister. It was a trifecta celebration.

On June 28, 2008 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Sister Joan Marie celebrated her 50th with the Sisters who entered with her in 1955, Sisters Bernadette Marie Ondus and Sister Mary Anne Nemeec, former teachers at Andrean High School.

On July 20, 2008 at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, IN, Sister Joan Marie celebrated her 50th with her monastic community. Father Gordon Judd, CSB, Vicar General for the Basilian Community was the homilist, and Father Ken Decker, CSB, Superior General, concelebrated.

On August 3, 2008, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL, again

celebrated her 50th with her entire family. Father Gordon Judd was the celebrant and homilist.

Sister entered the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, October 2, 1955 and in July 2000 transferred her vows to the Sisters of St. Benedict, Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, IN.

Sister taught at Andrean from 1969-1979 and 1984-1985. She ministered to the teens at CYO as the Director of Youth Ministry from 1980-1984. She then went on to be the CYO Director of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

She also served as Vocation Director for her Benedictine Community and presently is the Director of Program at Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, Beech Grove, IN.

Sister continues many strong relationships with her former students throughout these many years. Former students ask her to be Godmother, Sponsor for Confirmation, and she is often invited to weddings and other momentous celebrations.

Sister is noted for counseling teens with problems. She has gone to court for them, worked with runaway youth and recently designed and executed a Youth Leadership Program at Benedict Inn this past July.

Sister is grateful for the many graces and blessings she has received from God. She is grateful for all the students and friends who have touched her lives these 50 years.

Congratulations Sister – your FCSLA family is proud of you too and asks God to continue to bless you as you continue to do HIS work in your community.



Sister Barbara Kolesar Celebrates Golden Jubilee

Sister Barbara Kolesar, O.P. (Sr. Branch 301, Canton, OH) celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Dominican Sister in Columbus, OH. Sister became a professed Dominican Sister of the former St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus, Ohio on July 9, 1960. Since that time seven communities of Dominicans united and are now known as Dominican Sisters of Peace.



Sister became interested in the Dominicans in elementary school when she was taught by Sisters from the Order in 4th to 8th grades. When she was in 6th grade, the sisters asked three students to help them iron their long habits during lunch hour. She was thrilled to help them and when she returned to her classroom, she found a holy card in her books with the picture of Christ on it with the words, "You I seek, you I mean, you, yes, you, I love you." From that day on, she knew she was going to become as Dominican Sister.

As a child, her family, including brothers John and Francis, walked to church three miles each way since the family didn't have a car. Her dad, John, like so many immigrants worked in the coal mines and her Mom, Mary, laundered the priests' albs and altar clothes. Sister said, "My parent's hard work, love for God and dedication to the church served as an inspiration both to myself and my brother, Msgr. John C. Kolesar, who has been a priest in the Steubenville diocese for 46 years."

Sister Barbara taught first and second grades for 35 years in many parishes in Ohio, Michigan, and Connecticut, an enjoyed every day of it. Currently, she is a pastoral Assistant at Our Lady of Peace, a position she has held for the past ten years. She serves on many parish committees and conducts Scripture Sharing Groups in Advent and Lent. She works with Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Servers and cantors at many Masses.

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on Sister Barbara as she celebrates 50 years of service to God and her community.

Attends NJ Fraternal Congress

Monica Anthony (Sr. Branch 319), former FCSLA National Auditor recently attended the 77th Annual NJ Fraternal Congress in Atlantic City, NJ. Pictured left to right are Myron B. Soltys, FIC from the Providian Association of the Ukrainian Catholics in America elected as First Vice President of NJ Fraternal Congress, Monica Anthony, former FCSLA National Auditor and Monica Kanopka, FIC from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who was elected President of the NJ Fraternal Congress.



SLOVAK DAY 2010 AT KENNYWOOD PARK IN PITTSBURGH

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

Since 1923, Kennywood Amusement Park in Pittsburgh has been home to a summer day of celebration and fun — Slovak American Day. And that tradition continues. This year, the Western Pennsylvanian Slovak Day Cultural Association hosted the 87th annual event on Thursday, July 15, 2010.

On this particular occasion, organizers dedicated Slovak Day to Cecilia Yaniga Sarocky, who since 1984 had served as general chairperson of the festivities, until her death on June 8, 2010. Dolores Sakal did a superb job of filling her shoes as chairperson, but all in attendance acknowledged a debt of gratitude for Cece's many years of service and dedication to promoting Slovak events and organizations.



Cynthia Maleski (left) and FCSLA display at Kennywood.

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association featured a table to promote our fraternal society, and offered some souvenirs for attendees. Cynthia Maleski, who serves on the FCSLA board, answered questions for those wishing to know more about our organization and its many benefits.

The early afternoon events featured the lively dancing and splendid singing of children and youth from the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks and the PAS Junior Dance Group.

The opening ceremony paid tribute to Mrs. Sarocky and a number of special guests, including Slovak Ambassador Peter Burian and Pavel Hagyar, the mayor of Pittsburgh's sister city, Prešov, and his dashing wife, Jana. The Rev. Joseph Grosko of Holy Trinity Church, who is



PAS Junior Dance Group.

As is typical for this time of year, it was a hot and sunny day. All attending could enjoy a hearty lunch for the bargain price of just six dollars at the *Slovenská kuchyná* (Slovak Kitchen). The meal *chalupky* (stuffed cabbage), *pirohy*, *halušky* (cabbage and noodles), a *klobasa* sandwich, and *ceregy* (pastry).



Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble at Kennywood.



Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble at Kennywood Park.

also the President of the Western Pa. Slovak Day Committee, delivered the invocation, and George Matta II served as Master of the Ceremonies.

Following the introductions and tributes, the Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, the Bishop of Greensburg, celebrated Holy Mass. Concelebrating were priests and seminarians from many dioceses – Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Altoona-Johnstown. Most of the Mass was recited in English, but the singing was in our beloved Slovak language, accompanied by organist Leonard Potemra and the splendid cantor, Robert Ponchak.

Lively music and dancing followed the Mass. PÁS, the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, first performed a lively set of dances and song, concluding with the Men's *Jánošík valaška* (axe) dance. The colorful Pittsburgh Slovaks continued the entertainment with a fine display of poise, talent, and healthy humor. The Pittsburgh area is indeed blessed with some very talented performers, who practice and work very hard to carry on our treasured Slovak traditions and culture.

Many people deserve recognition for the success of Slovak Day, including all the performers, the many unnamed volunteers, and all those who cooked, set up exhibits,

and donated their time in preparing and making the occasion a great success.

Likewise, the sponsors of the event deserve credit, including the National Slovak Society, the First Catholic Slovak Union, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, the Greek Catholic Union, the Slovak Savings Bank, the Western PA Slovak Day Committee, and other generous sponsors.



Presov Mayor Pavel Hagyar and wife Jana at lunch.

The financial and moral support of so many Slovak-Americans, as well as their prayers, have helped make this event something to look forward to each and every year.

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SLOVAK WORDS AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

Miscellaneous:

Excellent!
What time is it?
I don't have time.
Please wait.
Please take a seat.
Would you care for a drink?
Take it easy.
Sweet Dreams.
Sleep tight.
Keep quiet!
Shut up!
Think!
Plan ahead!
Whatever will be, will be.
Don't worry!
Have fun!
Good luck!
No pain, no gain.

Rozličné:

Výborne!
Koľko je hodín?
Nemám čas.
Čakajte, prosím.
Nech sa páči, sadnite si.
Chcete niečo na pitie?
Nerobte si starosti.
Sladké sny.
Spite dobre!
Ticho!
Buďte ticho!
Rozmýšľajte!
Plánujte dopredu!
Čo má byť, bude.
Nestrachujte sa!
Dobrá zábavu!
Veľa šťastia!
Bez práce nie sú koláče.

Miscellaneous:

My house is your house.
That's easy!
No problem!
Number one!
Awesome!
Nothing's new!
All's well that ends well.
Why do you ask?
Nobody's perfect.
I made a mistake.
Leave me alone!
I don't care!
I am an American.
How much does that cost?
The check, please?
Is the tip (service) included?
Keep the change.

Rozličné:

Čítte sa ako doma.
To je ľahké!
To nie je problém!
Jedinečný!
Užasný!
Nič nové!
Všetko v poriadku.
Prečo sa pýtate?
Nikto nie je dokonalý.
Urobil som chybu.
Nechajte ma osamote!
Nedbám!
Ja som Američan.
Koľko platím?
Pán hlavný platím/zaplatím.
Je v tom sprejitné?
To je dobré/To je v poriadku.

Narodenie Ježiša Krista A Poklona Troch Kráľov

Bohuslav Zeman SSP

(Please enjoy the English translation at right)

Čítam

Lk 2, 7; Mt 2, 1-12

Mária a Jozef prišli do Betlehema. Jediným pokojným a pohostinným miestom, kde sa mohli uchýliť, bola maštaľka v jaskyni. Kým tam boli, nadišiel Márii čas pôrodu. A narodilo sa dieťa Ježiš, ktoré Mária nosila pod srdcom. Mária ovinula svojho prvorodeného syna do plienok a uložila ho do jasieľ.

Po istom čase prišli do Jeruzalema mudrci z ďalekých východných krajín a vypytovali sa:

– Kde je novonarodený židovský kráľ? Videli sme jeho hviezdu na východe a prišli sme sa mu pokloniť.

Keď to počul kráľ Herodes, zľakol sa, lebo nechcel nikomu odovzdať svoj trón. Zvolal kňazov a múdrych zákonníkov.

– Kde sa má narodiť Mesiáš? – vyzvedal sa.

– V Betleheme. – odpovedali mu veľkňazi a zákonníci. –
Lebo tak predpovedali proroci.

Nato si dal Herodes potajomky zavolať mudrcov a povedal im o mieste, kde sa narodil Spasiteľ.

– Choďte do Betlehema a dôkladne sa vypytujte na dieťa. Keď ho nájdete, oznámte mi, aby som sa mu aj ja šiel pokloniť.

Mudrci si kráľa vypočuli a odišli. A hľa, hviezda, ktorú videli na východe, išla pred nimi, až sa zastavila nad miestom, kde bolo dieťa. Keď vošli do domu, uvideli dieťa Ježiša s jeho mamou Máriou, Mudrci sa veľmi potešili. Padli na zem a klaňali sa mu. Potom otvorili svoje pokladnice a dali malému Ježišovi dary: zlato, kadidlo a myrru. A pretože vo sne dostali pokyn, aby sa nevracali k Herodesovi, inou cestou sa vrátili do svojej krajiny.

The Birth of Jesus and the Visit from Three Wise Men

Bohuslav Zeman SSP

I Read

Luke 2:7; Matthew 2:1-12

Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. The only peaceful and hospitable place which had room for them was a little stable in a grotto. This is where the time came for Mary to give birth to the Baby she had been carrying under her heart. When Baby Jesus was finally born, His mother wrapped Him in bands of cloth and laid Him in a manger.

Some time later, Three Wise Men from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the newly born King of the Jews? We have seen His star and we have come to worship Him.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened because he did not want to hand his throne over to anybody. Then he called together priests and scribes and asked them, 'Where is the Saviour to be born?'

'In Bethlehem. This is what the prophets have been foretelling,' they replied.

Then King Herod called for the Three Wise Men and told them about the Saviour's place of birth.

'Go to Bethlehem. And when you have found the Child, let me know, so that I can go and worship Him too.'

The Magi thanked him and set out on their journey. The Star that they had followed on their journey from the East continued to guide them until they reached the place where the Baby was. This is where the star stopped. When they came inside, they saw Jesus with His Mother, Mary. The Three Wise Men were overjoyed. They knelt down and worshipped Him. Then, they opened their treasure-chests and offered Baby Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And because they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Slovak Heritage Society Enjoys Picnic

Members and guests of Slovak Heritage Society of North-eastern Pennsylvania enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic at the Grove of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church located in Nuangola, PA. Society Chair Philip Tuhy, Wilkes Barre, PA is shown seated in the center of the group photo below.

Various Slovak dishes highlighted the buffet menu — from goulash to several recipes of holupki, prepared pickles and salads, two kinds of haluski, various homemade cookies and rolls — concluding with corn-on-the-cob.

Special Slovak prizes were part of the afternoon raffle, plus guessing games of dessert treats and surprise boxes. Singing of Slovak tunes filled the air with gusty sounds of joyful expressions by all. John Simkovich from Hazelton, PA provided keyboard accompaniment.

A female foursome of the Society Board provided a very special entertainment, singing the well-known number, "Katarina"... complete with choreographic expressions! The foursome included Membership Chair, Mary Migatulski, Wilkes-Barre; Corresponding Secretary, Bernadette Yencha, Wilkes-Barre; Financial Advisor, Magdalen Benish, Plains; and Recording Secretary, Anna M. Hudock, Plains.

The afternoon concluded with awarding of door prizes and prayers of thanks for a wonderful day.



Ladies foursome singing at picnic, L-R: Mary Migatulski, Bernadette Yencha, Magdalen M. Benish, Anna M. Hudock.



REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 2010

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 18,607,115.27
Bonds	573,659,814.24
Preferred Stock	8,160,880.87
Common Stock	743,229.59
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,516,933.80
Promissory Notes	48,478.62
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,806,523.19
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,590,101.21
Other Assets	189,368.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 619,322,446.07
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 177,319,913.08
Annuity Reserves	335,669,977.10
Death Claims Payable	597,833.41
Unearned Premiums	516,963.00
Matured Endowments	308,259.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,817,909.54
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,602,637.57
Accrued Convention Donations	527,779.00
Provision for Future Conventions	495,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,225,676.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,503,399.00
Other Liabilities	1,497,927.89
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	3,081,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 533,164,274.99
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 86,158,171.08
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 86,158,171.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 619,322,446.07

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Seven Months Ending July 31, 2010

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 7,887,816.29
Annuity Premiums	23,961,102.93
Investment Income	19,878,260.50
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	74,489.00
Rental Income	230,310.00
Other Revenue	12,221.55
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 52,044,200.27
EXPENSES	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 8,677,913.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	20,938,977.00
Insurance Benefits	1,929,370.10
Annuity Benefits	10,383,358.75
Commission Expense	1,005,458.75
Surrender Benefits	1,599,400.97
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	44,056.23
Matured Endowments	4,542.00
Donation Expenses	228,437.58
Convention Expenses	105,832.00
Dividends to Members	1,093,602.14
Post Mortem Benefits	467,675.71
Bonus to Branches	561,870.00
Fraternal Activities	66,645.94
Bank Service Charges	49,180.62
Data Processing Service Fees	188,358.50
Accounting Fees	76,296.00
Actuarial Fees	91,999.00
Legal Fees	118,947.11
Consulting Services	83,228.36
Official Publications	194,719.35
Scholarship Awards	240,358.75
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	226,969.40
Fees — Directors	65,491.02
Salaries — Employees	781,646.12
Salaries — Officers	255,504.19
Interest Expense	151,618.86
Tax Expense	167,939.93
Depreciation Expense	162,721.00
Utility Expense	47,765.89
Postage and Printing	225,973.68
Advertising	64,540.61
Travel Expense	85,918.09
Insurance Department Fees	66,433.22
Sales Promotion	99,946.30
Rental Expense	230,310.00
Other Expense	264,363.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 51,047,370.11
NET INCOME	\$ 996,830.16



Cookie
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Anyone?

CHOCOLATE CRINKLES COOKIES

- 3 eggs
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- sifted confectioners' sugar

In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, beat eggs, sugar, chocolate, oil, baking powder, and vanilla until blended. Beat in as much of the flour with the mixer as possible, then stir in the remaining flour. Cover and chill the cookie dough for 2 hours.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in sifted confectioners' sugar, coating well. Place balls of cookie dough about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets and bake in a 375 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes, until cracks appear. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. Sprinkle with more confectioners' sugar if desired. Makes about 48 cookies.

NO-BAKE ALL-TIME FAVORITES

- 4 ounces butter or margarine
- ½ cup milk
- 2 cups sugar
- ¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons peanut butter
- 3 cups oats, quick or old-fashioned
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place chocolate chips, peanut butter, oats, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl.

Combine the margarine, milk, and sugar in a saucepan; bring to a rolling boil. Boil for 1 minute. Combine the hot mixture with the oatmeal and chocolate chip mixture; stir well. Refrigerate for approximately 15 minutes. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper.

7 LAYER MAGIC BARS

- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1⅓ cups sweetened flaked or shredded coconut
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 (14 ounce) can of sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place the rack in the center of the oven.

Melt the butter and pour it into the bottom of a 9x9 inch baking pan. Sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs evenly over the butter. Sprinkle the coconut over the crumbs. Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the coconut. Sprinkle butterscotch chips over chocolate chips. Sprinkle the nuts over the butterscotch chips. Finally, drizzle the sweetened condensed milk over all the ingredients. Do not mix the ingredients together, just layer them.

Bake in the preheated oven for about 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle of the squares comes out clean. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool. Cut into squares. Store in the refrigerator. Makes about 16 — 2 inch squares.

CHOCOLATE DIPPED COCONUT MACAROONS

- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup granulated white sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups sweetened shredded coconut

Ganache:

- 4 ounces semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- ½ cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a large stainless steel bowl whisk the eggs until well beaten. Stir in the sugar, salt, and vanilla extract. Finally, stir in the coconut, making sure that all the coconut is completely moistened.

Place small mounds (about 1 tablespoon) of the batter on the parchment-lined baking sheet, spacing several inches apart. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from

oven and let cool on the baking sheet for about 10 minutes and then place on a wire rack to cool. Dip or spread the bottoms of the macaroons in the melted chocolate and place the macaroons, chocolate side down, on a parchment lined baking sheet. Refrigerate the cookies for about one hour, or until the chocolate hardens. Store the macaroons in the refrigerator.

Ganache: Place the chopped chocolate in a medium sized stainless steel bowl. Set aside. Heat the cream in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring just to a boil. Immediately pour the boiling cream over the chocolate and allow to stand for 5 minutes. Stir with a whisk or spoon until smooth. Let cool to room temperature before using. Makes about 2 dozen.

CRANBERRY PISTACHIO BISCOTTI

- ⅔ cup granulated white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup shelled, unsalted pistachios, coarsely chopped
- ½ cup dried cranberries or cherries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place the oven rack in the center of the oven. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.

In the bowl of your electric mixer, beat the sugar and eggs on high speed until thick, pale, and fluffy (about 5 minutes). (When you slowly raise the beaters the batter will fall back into the bowl in slow ribbons.) At this point beat in the vanilla extract. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to the egg mixture and beat until combined. Fold in the chopped pistachios and cranberries.

Transfer the dough to your parchment lined baking sheet and form into a log, about 12 inches long and 3½ inches wide. You may have to dampen your hands to form the log as the dough is quite sticky. Bake for 25 minutes, or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack for about 10 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees. Transfer the log to a cutting board and cut into ¾ inch slices, on the diagonal. Place the biscotti, cut side down, on the baking sheet. Bake for about 10 minutes, turn slices over, and bake for another 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool. Store in an airtight container. Makes about 16-20 biscotti.

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