



LPSCU Members Participate in 34th Annual March for Life

The frigid weather on January 22, 2007, did not deter members of the LPSCU from participating in the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Over 200,000 youth and adults marched in the pro-life rally protesting abortion. The march commemorated the 34th anniversary of 1973's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court which legalized abortion in the U.S.

Members of the LPSCU joined their brothers and sisters from the First Catholic Slovak Union, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, and Slovak Catholic Sokols in the march. The peaceful protest normally follows a route which starts at the Ellipse of the National Mall and continues down Constitution Avenue to end at the Supreme Court building.

Preceding the March for Life, there are several Masses, two of which were celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Another was held at the Verizon Center. National officers who participated in the March for

Life on behalf of the LPSCU were Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, President Theresa Kluchinski, Vice President Anita Gregory, and Trustee Charles Simalchik, as well as many of our young members from Ohio and the Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, and Sayre, Pennsylvania areas.

Carrying the LPSCU March for Life sign is President Theresa Kluchinski, accompanied by Vice President Anita Gregory and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip A. Altavilla.



Pictured at the rally is a large group of young people from Ohio and northeast Pennsylvania.



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Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 7** — Deadline for telling us why your Mom's "The Greatest!"
- 12** — LPSCU Annual Audit
- 13-15** — LPSCU Annual Board Meeting at the National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 13.
- 15** — Deadline to apply for WPSCA Scholarship.
- 22** — Spring Meeting of the Rev. Baloga Okres at St. Mathias Church, Youngstown, Ohio. Branch 163 will host.
- 24** — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.
- 27** — Deadline for submitting messages for our Father's Day tribute. *See page 10.*

MAY

- 5** — Join Hands Day. *See page 9.*
- 5** — Deadline for telling us why your Dad's "So Special." *See page 16.*
- 6** — Lehigh Valley Okres Mother/Daughter Mass and Luncheon. Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m. followed at noon by luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center. For luncheon reservations, call the Okres officers or your Branch Secretary. Reservation deadline is May 1.
- 6** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** (*Note time change for this meeting only.*) Branches 6 and 48 will host.
- 22** — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.
- 31** — Deadline to make reservations for FSNEP's Flag Day at the Ballpark.

JUNE

- 1-3** — 100th Anniversary of the Slovak League of America. Celebrations in the New York area.
- 12** — Flag Day at the Ballpark sponsored by the Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Yankee Stadium, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Game begins at 7:00 p.m. *See page 16.*
- 19** — Executive Finance Committee Meeting, Home Office, 8:30 a.m.
- 30** — Deadline to apply for 2007 Catholic High School Award and Bishop Grutka Award. *See page 12.*
- 30** — Deadline for Branch 77 members to apply for scholarship grants offered by the American Slovak Club of Lorain, Ohio. *See page 7.*

JULY

- 3-17** — 13th Annual Tour of Slovakia sponsored by Youngstown Sister Cities.
- 29** — Rev. Baloga Okres Picnic at Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio. Branch 180 will host.

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Spiritual Advisor's Message

My Son



Fr. Altavilla

There are a number of e-mail stories which certainly make the rounds. While to some it may be annoying that they keep “reappearing,” I find their reoccurrence to be helpful because in their beauty and simplicity, many of these stories can remind us in very inspirational ways about the unconditional love that God has for each of us. This love was dramatically revealed through Jesus, His Son, especially in the cruel death that Jesus suffered for our sins. This fact — the death of Jesus — we remembered on Good Friday. But, as Christians, we know and believe that the story of Jesus did not end in death; rather, it begins anew through his resurrection. This is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday and throughout this Easter Season of 50 days.

I recently received an e-mail story which I had received in the past. Since this story came to me during the final days of the Lenten season, I thought it would be good to share it with you so that we can come to appreciate better the message and meaning of Easter.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire these great masterpieces.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. The father answered and a young man stood there with a large package in his hands. He said, “Sir, you don’t know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.” Then the young man held out his package and said, “I know this isn’t much. I’m not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.”

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured his son’s personality in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

“Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It’s a gift.”

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportu-

nity to purchase one for their collection.

Among them on the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. “We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?” There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, “We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.” But the auctioneer persisted. “Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100? \$200?”

Another voice cried angrily, “We didn’t come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!”

But still the auctioneer continued, “The son! The son! Who’ll take the son?”

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long time gardener of the man and his son: “I’ll give \$10 for the painting.” Being a poor, simple man, it was all he could afford.

“We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?” the auctioneer said.

“Give it to him for \$10. Let’s see the masters.”

“Ten dollars is the bid. Won’t someone bid \$20?”

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn’t want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. “Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!”

A man sitting in the second row shouted, “Now let’s get on with the collection!”

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. “I’m sorry, the auction is over.”

“What about the paintings?”

“I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!”

This beautiful story reminds us that God sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. On Good Friday, Jesus took upon himself the sins of humanity. But, much like the auctioneer’s words, the Easter message today is the same for us: **“The son, the son, who’ll take the son?”** Whoever accepts the Son, and the power of his message, inherits everything — namely, eternal life in heaven.

As St. John reminds us in his Gospel, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16). Now that’s proof of how much God loves us! How much do we love God in return for this wonderful gift of salvation?

Whoever accepts the Son, and the power of his message, inherits everything — namely, eternal life in heaven.

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An Easter Message from Our Protector, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union:

Christians celebrate Easter with great solemnity. In Slovak, Easter is called “Velka Noc” or “the Great Night.” Saint Athanasius [+ 373] calls it “the Great Sunday.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to it as the “Feast of feasts.” Easter is the celebration of an event that gives Christians their identity.

Saint John Chrysostom [c. 347-407] exhorted, “Let us celebrate this greatest and most shining feast, in which the Lord has risen from the dead. Let us celebrate it with joy, and in equal measure with devotion. For the Lord has risen, and, together with him, He has raised the whole world. He has risen, because He has broken the bonds of death.”

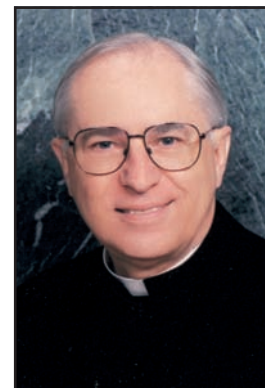
There is reason for rejoicing. Christians are called to be a happy people because they accept Jesus’ resurrection as a reality. We put our trust in the victory that was acquired for us by him on the cross — a victory that continues to give life in the most noble sense of that word — a victory that engenders hope of a better world.

We could presume to hear the Lord saying, “I gave myself up because of my love for you. All that I ask in return is that you rejoice in my gift.” The happiness that a gift brings is the ultimate sign of gratitude.

During this Easter Season, may you find much joy in what the Lord Jesus has accomplished in your regard, so that your life might be a continual *Alleluia!*

Fraternally yours in the Lord,
+ Joseph

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown
Protector, LPSCU



Bishop Joseph V. Adamec

The National Officers
of the
Ladies Pennsylvania
Slovak Catholic Union
extend a most
Blessed and
Happy Easter to all!



Veselá
vel'ká noc
Radostne
Aleluja
Šventu
Velyku
Linkejimai



Annual Board Meeting Announced

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, April 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at the National Headquarters of the LPSCU located 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Subsequent sessions will be held on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15.

JET Plan \$1.00 First Year Premium Extended

The LPSCU Board of Directors announces that the \$1.00 first year annual premium on the Juvenile Estate Term (Term-to-25) plan of insurance has been extended for the year 2007. **This offer is limited to certificates with an issue date of the year 2007.** After the first year, premiums will be billed at the rate of \$16.00 for \$10,000 of term life insurance and \$9.50 for \$5,000 of term life insurance.

The LPSCU's Juvenile Estate Term (JET) Plan, commonly referred to as Term-to-25, is an ideal insurance solution for students and is available to anyone less than 22 years of age. The plan provides full life insurance protection from date of issue to age 25.

A medical exam is not required to apply; however, the LPSCU reserves the right to require a medical exam on any applicant should it be deemed necessary.

Once the JET insurance certificate is issued, coverage remains in full force and effect through the maturity date of the certificate, provided premium payments are current. This plan matures when the insured's certificate reaches the anniversary of issue date closest to his/her 25th birthday. **When the certificate expires, the insured will be given an option to convert his/her current coverage amount to a legal reserve plan (permanent insurance) with no evidence of insurability being required. This is a guaranteed provision within the JET contract.**

In the event of the death of the insured prior to reaching 25 years of age, the face amount of the policy is paid to the named beneficiary.

The new legal reserve certificate may provide a death benefit equal to or less than the face amount of the expired JET policy. The policy date of issue will be the expiry date of the JET policy. The policy premium on the new certificate will be based on the member's age on the date of exchange and on the Society's premium rates then in effect. The first premium on the new certificate must be paid prior to the expiry date of the JET policy. Written request for exchange will be required.

JET Term-to-25 is an excellent, affordable plan providing protection for your children from infancy on through their school years, including college. Now the JET Term-to-25 is even more affordable with the first year's premium costing just \$1.00. This offer is good for certificates with an issue date in the year 2007.

Call your Branch Secretary today for an application for this economical term insurance plan for the young, or contact the LPSCU Home Office at 888/834-6614 or 570-823-3513. You can also e-mail the Home Office at lpscu@lpscu.org.

LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program

On January 1, 2007, the LPSCU introduced our newest Fraternal Benefit, the **LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program**. This award is in addition to any Educational Award you may have received from the LPSCU. The Book Buy Program will assist our members attending college by reimbursing 10% of their college book expenses.

How do you qualify? You need only to establish a **NEW 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy** during your freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. Premiums must be paid on an annual, semiannual, or quarterly basis and must be current for the member to be eligible for this program. You can submit an LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application each school year and receive a 10% refund on books purchased (limited to the amount paid for the annual premium on your 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy).

Example: A student age 21 purchases a \$10,000 20 Payment Life having an annual premium of \$124.00 (does not include administration fee). The student submits receipts totaling \$815.00 for book purchases. The benefit will reimburse the student \$81.50 (10% of the books purchased).

You may take advantage of this program for a maximum of four (4) years.

Simply complete the LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application and attach your book receipts. It's as simple as that! And, in addition to receiving this reimbursement, you are protected with valuable life insurance!

For an application, please contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513, toll free 888/834-6614, e-mail us at lpscu@lpscu.org or check our website at www.lpscu.org.

Malcolm Bowman Wins Pinewood Derby Competition



Malcolm Bowman

Malcolm Bowman, 7, recently competed in his first Pinewood Derby event for Cub Scout Pack 348 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Malcolm took first place in the Tiger Division. He will represent his Cub Scout pack in a Pinewood Derby challenge for the entire Pittsburgh area in the coming weeks.

Malcolm and his grandfather, Thomas Kaylor, worked on the derby car together. Tom Kaylor is an old pro at making Pinewood Derby cars as he is the father of two Eagle Scouts.

Malcolm and his sister, Rachel Marie, their mother, Mary Ann Bowman, and the entire Tom Kaylor family are members of LPSCU Pittsburgh Branch 64. Malcolm's grandmother, Mary Ann Kaylor, is a member of the LPSCU Court of Appeals.

Congratulations to Malcolm on his first-place victory in his very first outing. We wish him success in the upcoming Pittsburgh area Pinewood Derby challenge.

Pittsburgh District Donates Food to the Needy

In recent years, it has become an annual practice for members of the Pittsburgh District to collect and donate food to the needy at their District Christmas party. The recipient of this year's donation was the Interchurch Food Bank.

Each year, a Branch of the District is chosen to give the donated food to a food bank in their area. This year Eleanor Papst of Branch 202 presented some of the donated items to Flo Marx of the food bank. They were very grateful for the donation, especially coming as it did during the holidays.

Barbara Janicko



Eleanor Papst (at right) presents food that was donated by members of the Pittsburgh District to Flo Marx of the Interchurch Food Bank.

INSURANCE POLICY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Beneficiary:
Is my named beneficiary living?
- ✓ Address:
Is my current address on file with the Home Office?



It is very important that this information be correct and up-to-date. Please contact the Home Office or your Branch Secretary concerning these matters.

Calendar of Events

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AUGUST

- 31** — Deadline to apply for 2007 Post-Graduate Award and LPSCU Religious Awards. *See page 10.*

SEPTEMBER

- 6-9** — NFCA Annual Meeting
21 — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Danville, Pennsylvania
22 — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Danville, Pennsylvania

Tree of Life RESERVATION FORM

Your inscription may be personalized to recognize a loved one or special event with "In honor of...", "In memory of...", or "In celebration of...". You may also simply have your name, the family name, or business name. Restrictions as to space and characters are listed below, based on whether you choose a fraternal leaf or stone.

Your contribution can be paid in one installment or several; however, we will not bill you for any remaining portion. It is your responsibility to monitor your installments.

Please complete the Reservation Form and return it (a photocopy is also acceptable), along with your donation, to: LPSCU Tree of Life, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032. Please make checks payable to the LPSCU – Scholarship Fund.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Enclosed is: (please check one)

- my first donation toward my "Tree of Life," entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf or stone (please circle one) when fully paid. (Minimum of \$20 per payment.)
- my \$100 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf.
- my \$500 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal stone.

PLEASE ENGRAVE MY FRATERNAL LEAF OR STONE AS FOLLOWS:

Leaf inscription:

Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces.

Stone inscription:

Maximum of 6 lines with 40 characters per line, including spaces.

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	Current Month	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Cecilia Gaughan	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
PA	Theresa Kluchinski		\$ 30,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Agnes Janinek	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Ann Tirpak	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Barbara Janicko		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Dolores Evanko		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Elva Silay	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Emily Degenhart	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Helen Arlotto	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
IN	Joan Hladek	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PA	Verna Prawdzik		\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 86,000.00	\$ 159,000.00

Cardinal Tomko Chapter Collects Canned Goods

Members of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation collected canned goods at their Christmas party held on Saturday, December 16, 2006, at St. John the Baptist Slovak Church Social Hall in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Coordinating the collection drive were Cecilia Gaughan and Andrew Krempasky.

On Sunday, January 14, 2007, members delivered the canned goods to the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen located at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Allentown. Soup Kitchen Director Mildred Scrak graciously thanked the Chapter members for their generosity and assured them that the poor and needy would be most appreciative of their efforts.



Members of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF who delivered canned goods to the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen are, L-R: Cecelia Prockup, Cecilia Gaughan, Dorothy Lichman, Monica Anthony, Chapter President Margaret Ferri, Chapter Treasurer Andrew Krempasky, and John Ferri.

Support Your Local Branch
— Participate in Branch Activities —

Scholarships Available from Lorain's Slovak Club

The American Slovak Club of Lorain, Ohio, is pleased to make available \$500.00 scholarship grants to members of Branch 77 of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. These grants are available to graduating high school seniors who will enter college or a professional school in the fall of 2007. To qualify for these grants, students must have been a member of the LPSCU for the past five consecutive years. In addition, they must carry a 3.5 grade average out of a possible 4.0. The application must be signed by the principal or guidance counselor of the applicant's school.

Applications for these grants are available from the officers of Branch 77. It is up to the student to make the application. The American Slovak Club will not seek applicants other than to advertise in our official publication. The scholarship will be one \$500.00 non-renewable award for each qualifying applicant.

Applications must be received at the American Slovak Club by **June 30, 2007**. Request applications from and return them to:

American Slovak Club
Attn: Scholarship Chairperson
2915 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053
Telephone: 440/245-5146

Ethel Bozik
Branch 77, Lorain, Ohio

An LPSCU Life Insurance Policy Makes the Perfect Gift

Do you need a gift for a special someone who is celebrating a First Holy Communion, Confirmation, graduation, marriage, or the birth of a new baby? The LPSCU has the perfect gift for you to present to that special person. We offer a variety of life insurance plans from which to choose. And an LPSCU Life Insurance Policy does more than just provide life insurance protection. As a member of the LPSCU, the insured is also eligible for many fraternal benefits, including educational scholarships, attendance at Branch and District social events, and a monthly fraternal magazine. An LPSCU Life Insurance Policy is truly a thoughtful, unique, and lasting gift.

For an application or additional information as to the type of life insurance plans offered by the LPSCU, contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office toll free at 888/834-6614; phone 570/823-3513; fax 570-823-4464; or e-mail: lpescu@lpescu.org. Additional information is also available on the LPSCU website: www.lpescu.org.

LPSCU To Honor Its 2007 Graduates

Once again this year, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union would like to honor all our graduates with a photo and message in our magazine. If you know of a member who is graduating from college, a technical or career school, high school, junior high, elementary school, or kindergarten, we would like to feature them in our August issue.



Please send us a picture and brief message about the graduate. Messages should not be more than 25-30 words and should include the graduate's name, city and state, and Branch number, as well as the school and grade from which the individual is graduating. If space permits, add a brief congratulatory or informational message about the graduate. For example:

Robert Jones of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, Branch 38, graduated from Allentown Central Catholic High School in June. We're proud of you, Rob! Love, Mom and Dad

Melanie Smith of Taylor, Pennsylvania, Branch 6, graduated cum laude from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Critical Care Nursing. Congratulations, Melanie!

Thomas Phillips of East St. Louis, Illinois, Branch L0179, has graduated from Kindergarten at St. James Academy. We love you, Tommy! — Grammy & Pop

Please send your photo and message to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please include an address and phone number or e-mail address in case we have to get in touch with a question concerning your submission. The LPSCU reserves the right to edit messages that exceed the 25-30 word limit.

Moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents, siblings, friends and neighbors — we're sure you know an LPSCU/LCA member who's about to graduate this spring. We hope that all our members will take part in this program to honor all our member-graduates.

The deadline for submitting graduation photos and messages for our August issue is June 23, 2007.

In Memoriam

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Florence Sorber	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Helen Ruglass	9	Mahanoy City, PA
Kathryn Shiposki	25	Nanticoke, PA
Katrinia Pribish	90	Johnstown, PA
Barbara Niski	163	Youngstown, OH
Adele Tamashasky	L0051	New Philadelphia, PA

CANDY CAMPAIGN 2006 RESULTS

Issue Dates January 1, 2006 — December 15, 2006

The Candy Campaign 2006 issued a total of 148 policies for \$1,044,000 worth of insurance. Ninety-two policies qualified for the campaign, amounting to \$577,000 worth of insurance. Fifty-six policies were excluded from the campaign, amounting to \$467,000 worth of insurance. The policies excluded were Term Insurance, Guaranteed Issue, and Youth Achievement.

Mary Ann Ewasko	7	\$ 65,000
Agnes Janinek	1	10,000
Marion DiCalogero	1	10,000
Regina Kapral	2	7,000
Deborah Adamchak	2	15,000
Agnes McLaren	1	5,000
Cecilia B. Gaughan	9	38,000
Dorothy Lichman	1	2,000
Cecilia Sarocky	10	25,000
Theresa Kluchinski	14	163,000
James Tomasic	4	8,000
Margaret Jollimore	1	5,000
Bernadine Kurzeja	2	4,000
Barbara Janicko	1	10,000
Helen Durica	2	8,000
Amanda Kusbel	3	15,000
Rose Hudak	1	2,000
Home Office	1	10,000
Joan Hladek	1	5,000
Theresa Olshemski	2	7,000
Dolores M. Evanko	3	21,000
Mary Ann Ackerman	2	12,000
Margaret Ferri	1	10,000
Charles Simalchik	1	5,000
Joan Ellen Friendak	14	89,000
Lucille Komorsky	1	2,000
Mary Ann Strauss	1	2,000
Ann Dobias	1	2,000
Eleanor Papst	2	20,000
TOTAL	92	\$577,000

The quarterly winners are as follows:

First Quarter	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$50.00
Second Quarter	Theresa Kluchinski	\$50.00
Third Quarter	Theresa Kluchinski	\$50.00
Fourth Quarter	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$50.00

Congratulations to our winners!

The current Roll the Dice Campaign started with an issue date of January 1, 2007. It will run through June 15, 2008.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Dolores M. Evanko, National Trustee
 Mary Ann Ewasko, National Chairperson of Trustees
 Theresa Kluchinski, National President
 Mary Jo Savidge, National Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

January 31, 2007 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary/treasurer; Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from the December 19, 2006, meeting.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read, approving the following:

- St. John the Baptist Slovak Church — ad for their 100th Anniversary Centennial Souvenir Book. (\$100.00 approved)
- Slovak American Cultural Center — ad for their 15th Annual Slovak Ball Bulletin. (\$100.00 approved)
- Polish National Union of America — ad in their 28th General Convention program book. (\$100.00 approved)

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of December 31, 2006:

M & T Bank — General Operating Account; M & T Bank — Home Office Checking Account; Smith Barney Checking

Account. The committee completed a review of the Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expense Statements for December 31, 2006. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2006 for the assets, liabilities, fund balance, premium income, investment income, and investments were presented and reviewed.

Stock/Bond/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports for the month of December 31, 2006, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments, Schedule D — Part 3 and Part 4.

Other Business

The committee completed the 2007 schedule of the Executive Finance Committee. The next meeting will be held March 27, 2007.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary/Treasurer

Branch and Okres News

MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at St. Joseph's Church cafeteria, 604 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Branches 60 and 124 will host. All LPSCU members are welcome to attend.

Anita Gregory

*Youth and Adults,
Volunteering Together*

A JOIN HANDS DAY REMINDER

JOIN HANDS DAY is Saturday, May 5th. Have you planned your project yet? If not, don't wait for someone else to make the move. Contact family members, church members, fellow LPSCU members, neighbors, and friends and their children. If there are not enough participants in your group, check around your area to see if you can combine your efforts with those of another group. There is always something you can do to make life better for another person, and in the end, you'll both benefit!

If you have planned your project, be sure to invite the young people in your Branch and District to participate alongside your adult members at this year's JHD event. And remember to pre-register your project on the JOIN HANDS DAYS website (www.joinhandsday.org). You can also check the website for project ideas and to view and read about past JHD projects. After JOIN HANDS DAY, don't forget to register the result of your project online in order to compete for a JHD award.

We look forward to hearing from you about your group's JHD activity. Write a short article and send it, along with a group photo or two, to the LPSCU Public Relations Director so it can be shared with our members in the *Zornicka*.

Mary Lorinc, Great-Granddaughter Celebrate Joint Birthday

Mary Lorinc and her great-granddaughter, Rachel Marie Bowman, celebrated their respective birthdays on the same day, December 19, 2006. Mary ("Baba") turned 90 and Rachel turned five.

Rachel's mother, Mary Ann Bowman, hopes Baba is around long enough to teach Rachel how to make pirohy.

Both Mary and Rachel are members of Branch 64 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

We wish Mary and Rachel a belated Happy Birthday and hope that they get to celebrate many more birthdays together!



Young Member's Basketball Talent Shines

Brittany Wirth, a 4th grade student at Parkway Manor Elementary School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, was a key player at her team's final girls' basketball game held in February. Brittany scored half of her team's total points, helping to defeat the opposing team 12-10. Brittany's team, the "Fire Balls," is coached by Bill Schlechter. They closed the season with an undefeated record and were named League Champs.

To celebrate the Fire Balls' championship record, the team was honored at a party on March 6 at Paese Mio Restaurant in Allentown. Coach Schlechter presented each team member with a trophy and a small basketball signed by all the players.

Brittany, who is 10, is the daughter of Mary and Ronald Wirth. She and her brother, Ryan, are members of LPSCU Branch 130 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations, Brittany, for a very successful basketball season! The LPSCU wishes you and the Fire Balls continued success.

Father's Day Tribute/Memorial Program

A reminder that there's still time to honor that special father or grandfather while at the same time making a \$5.00 goodwill donation to aid diabetes research.

Father's Day Tributes/Memorials will be printed in our June issue. Submissions should not exceed 25 words. Mail them, along with your donation check (made payable to "American Diabetes Association") to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia Gaughan, 325 Florida Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052.

We hope many of our members will participate in this worthwhile charitable fraternal activity.

Deadline is April 27, 2007.

LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION PRIVACY COMMITMENT

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union (LPSCU), a fraternal life insurance society, shares your concerns about privacy. We believe in protecting the confidentiality and security of the information we collect. This notice describes our privacy policy and how we treat the information we receive about you.

Why We Collect and How We Use Information

We use the information we collected about you for business purposes with respect to our insurance and fraternal relationship with you. The business purposes include evaluating a request for our products, services or benefits; evaluating benefit claims; administering our products, services or benefits; and processing transactions requested by you. We may also use the information to contact you about other products and services we provide.

How We Collect Information

Much of the personal information that we have comes directly from you. The information you give us when you apply for our products or services generally provides the information we need. If we need to verify information or need additional information, we may obtain this information from third parties such as health care providers. Information collected may relate to your employment, finances, health, avocations, or other personal characteristics.

How We Protect Information

We treat the information we collected about you in a confidential manner. Our employees are required to protect the confidentiality of this information. Your personal information is available only to our employees who may need to see it fulfill and service your needs. We maintain safeguards to protect the information and our employees are required to comply with our established policies. Should your relationship with us end, your personal information will remain protected in accordance with our privacy practices as outlined in this notice.

What We Do With Personal Information We Collect

We do not disclose your personal information to companies or organizations not affiliated with us that would use the information we have provided them to contact you about their own products and services.

We may disclose information about you in order for us to conduct our business, or where law requires disclosure. For example, information may be disclosed to others to enable them to provide business services for us, such as performing general administrative activities. We may use your personal information for marketing purposes or to help with your overall insurance program. Information may also be disclosed for audit or research purposes, or to law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Further Information

A recently enacted federal law established new privacy standards and requires us to provide this summary of our privacy policy once each year. For additional information regarding our privacy policy, please contact us in writing at:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
ATTN: Mary Jo Savidge, National Secretary/Treasurer
71 South Washington Street
P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Celebrating a Century of the Slovak Cause

By Daniel F. Tanzone

~continued from last month ~

The Advent of Communism

With the advance of communism in 1948, Czecho-Slovakia began its darkest period in history. It was not until 1968 that an attempt to advance freedom in the then Czecho-Slovakia took place, led by the Slovak Alexander Dubcek. The Soviet invasion in August of that year crushed any attempt to put a softer face on communism. The political situation returned to its oppressive ways and any attempt at freedom for the Slovaks and Czechs was again derailed. During these years, the Slovak League kept the world apprised of the oppressive situation in Czecho-Slovakia.

Finally, in 1989 — after the fall of the Berlin wall and the failure of communism — the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe emerged from the long winter of oppression. A new spring of freedom blossomed and country after country rejoined the family of free nations of the world. The so-called “Velvet Revolution” saw the fall of communism in Czecho-Slovakia.

Slovakia's Independence

At the invitation of the Slovak League, Dr. Ladislav Kosta, Minister of Justice for the Slovak government, attended the 1990 Congress of the Slovak League in Orlando, Florida. He was the first government official to attend a gathering of American Slovaks since the advent of communism in Czecho-Slovakia in 1948. In turn, the Slovak government, then headed by Milan Cic, invited an official 4-member delegation of the Slovak League to visit Slovakia in May of 1990. Again, these representatives were the first Slovak American delegation to be officially invited to Czecho-Slovakia in nearly a half century. During the visit, in both official and private conversations, Mr. Cic conveyed the conviction that Slovakia would strive for complete independence, or at least press for a federative state with the Czechs.

Very quickly the Slovak question was once again placed in the international forefront. Could Slovakia declare its independence and establish an independent state? Would it survive? Would independence be in the best interests of the Slovak nation? These were questions pondered by Slovak political leaders.

Finally, in 1992, the “Velvet Revolution” gave way to what would become known as the “Velvet Divorce,” in which the Slovaks and Czechs peacefully agreed to seek their own political future. In the summer of 1992, it was agreed that two separate states be established. Thus, at midnight on January 1, 1993, amidst the pealing of its church bells, Slovakia declared its independence and once again joined the free and independent nations of the world. A delegation of the Slovak League of America was invited to the independence celebrations in Bratislava. Officers of the Slovak League were present in the Slovak Parliament on January 1, 1993, as the country's declaration of independence was read. It was a memorable moment in both Slovak and American history.

For the past 14 years since its independence, Slovakia has enjoyed a close association with the United States and for the

first time became an ally as a member of NATO. In recent years, the Slovak League of America and its member organizations have promoted a host of projects to assist the economic, religious, social, and cultural development of Slovakia. Close cultural and social ties currently enjoy great success.

Since 1907, the Slovak League of America has been a bridge between the old world and the new, uniting the best in culture and heritage of both the United States and Slovakia and, in effect, helping to make the world a better place to live in for all peoples.

~ To be continued ~

Letters

Dear LPSCU,

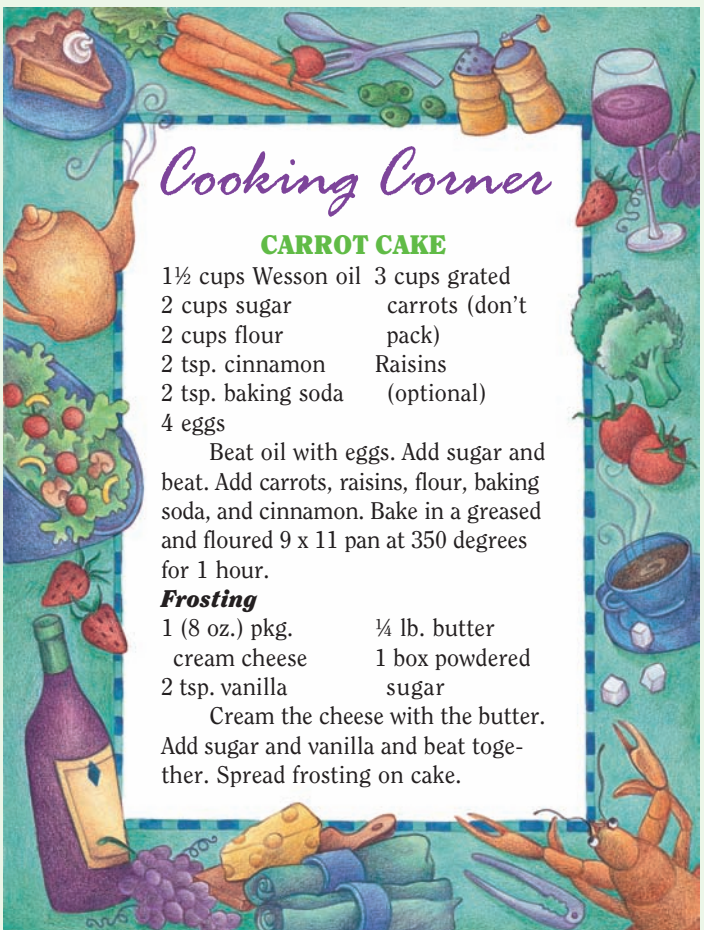
I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the educational scholarship you awarded me. Your generosity and kindness will benefit me for years to come.

God bless.

Fondly,

Mark Kavulich

Branch 151, Pittston, Pennsylvania



Cooking Corner

CARROT CAKE

1½ cups Wesson oil	3 cups grated
2 cups sugar	carrots (don't
2 cups flour	pack)
2 tsp. cinnamon	Raisins
2 tsp. baking soda	(optional)
4 eggs	

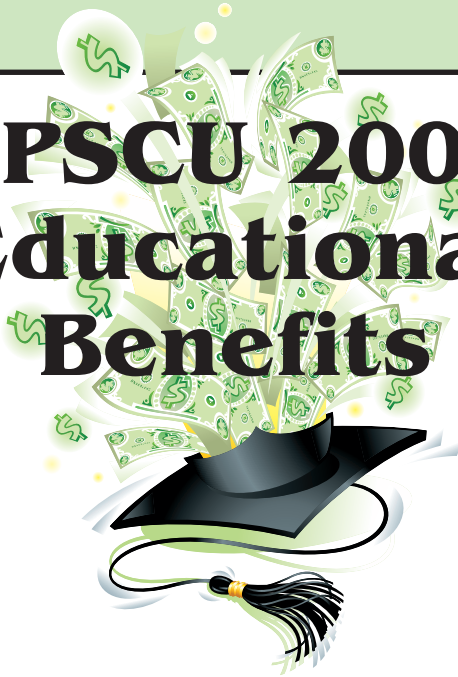
Beat oil with eggs. Add sugar and beat. Add carrots, raisins, flour, baking soda, and cinnamon. Bake in a greased and floured 9 x 11 pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Frosting

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese	¼ lb. butter
2 tsp. vanilla	1 box powdered sugar

Cream the cheese with the butter. Add sugar and vanilla and beat together. Spread frosting on cake.

LPSCU 2007 Educational Benefits



Catholic High School Award — \$150 One-Time Award

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **June 30th**.

College Scholarship — \$500 One-Time Award

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior to apply.
- High school senior must provide letter of recommendation from school guidance/principal.
- Submit official transcript from high school that includes test scores; college students must submit documentation indicating latest overall GPA.
- Provide detailed list of extracurricular activities, honors, and awards.
- Provide detailed list of church, community, volunteer, and work activities including honors and awards, with reference(s) included.
- Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of this year on a full time basis.
- Submit proof of acceptance/attendance for fall semester.
- Submit a brief essay (no more than 200 words) on the topic "Why is life insurance important?"
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **March 31st**.

Post-Graduate Award — \$300 One-Time Award

- Member of LPSCU for five (5) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Degree must be awarded between July 1, 2006 and August 30, 2007.
- Provide photocopy of diploma received.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **August 31st**.

St. Theresa of the Little Flower, Blessed Andre, St. John Vianney — \$300 Annually

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **August 31st**.

Bishop Grutka Award — \$1,000 (Maximum of \$2,000 per member)

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$5,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Must be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Must be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Must be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Must be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, Catechist/Aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, Youth Minister, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and/or other parish committees of organization.
- Active in organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Endorsed by your pastor and LPSCU branch secretary with additional endorsement provided by campus minister, youth minister, or pastoral associate.
- Attend or will attend an accredited college/university as a full time student.
- Provide a notice of acceptance or tuition receipt for the coming scholastic year.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **June 30th**.

Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award — \$500 (Maximum of \$1,000 per member)

- Must have a life certificate with LPSCU.
- Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of this year on a full time basis in the healthcare field.
- Provide proof of acceptance/attendance.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **March 31st**.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. Applications *must be* obtained by contacting the Home Office:

Phone — 570-823-3513
Toll free — 888-834-6614
Fax — 570-823-4464
E-mail — lpscu@lpscu.org

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Educational Benefit Committee
P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Congratulations to our
EARTH DAY
Contest
WINNERS



LUKE TURKOVICH



MICHAEL DeFAZIO



BECKY DREXLER



PAUL JASON





The LPSCU is pleased to announce five winners in our Earth Day Poster Contest. Our talented member-winners come from varied parts of the country and, as you can see from their winning entries, have quite the artistic flair. Each of them will receive a \$50 Savings Bond for their creative efforts.

 **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade (3-way tie)**
PAUL JASON
 Branch 6 • Wilkes-Barre Township, PA

JACK TIRPAK
 Branch 214 • Seattle, WA

LUKE TURKOVICH
 Branch 38 • Pittsburgh, PA

 **3rd Grade – 5th Grade**
MICHAEL DeFAZIO
 Branch 38 • Orefield, PA

 **6th Grade – 8th Grade**
BECKY DREXLER
 Branch 8 • Rochester, NY

Thanks to all our entrants for participating in our Earth Day Contest. Keep up the good work! The LPSCU offers our young members many opportunities to participate in our activities. Watch the Zornicka for announcements on future contests and activities.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director



Dear Junior Members,

Although the famous March winds are behind us, April is still an excellent month for kite flying.

The earliest history of kite flying dates as far back as 200 B.C. when it is believed kites were first flown in China. The earliest written account of kite flying is when the Chinese General Han Hsin of the Han Dynasty flew a kite over the walls of a city he was attacking to measure how far his army would have to travel to reach the inside of the city. This clever way of measuring surprised Han's enemies and he was victorious.

Traders quickly carried the practice of kite flying from China to Korea and then across Asia to India. Each area had its own distinctive style of kite. Buddhist monks brought kites to Japan in the 7th century. Kite flying became very popular in the Edo period when the Samurai class was allowed to fly kites for the first time. The pastime became so popular that the government tried (unsuccessfully) to discourage it because people were not paying attention to their work.

The earliest evidence of Indian kite flying comes from a miniature painting from the Mogul period around 1500 A.D. A favorite story tells of a young lad who uses his kite to skillfully drop messages to his lover who was being held in seclusion from him.

There are many stories about how people of Micronesia used leaf kites to carry bait far over the water where the garfish fed. The Polynesians have myths about two brother gods introducing kites to man when they had a kite duel. The winning brother flew his kite the highest. Many contests are still held in the islands.



Marco Polo carried stories of kites to Europe around the 13th century. During the 16th and 17th centuries, sailors brought kites back from Japan and Malaysia. But kites had very little impact on European culture; they were regarded as little more than a curiosity.

Kites were used as vehicles and tools for scientific research during the 18th and 19th centuries. Benjamin Franklin used his knowledge of kite flying to learn more about the wind and weather. The Wright Brothers experimented with kites in their development of the airplane. The U.S. Weather Service flew kites to raise meteorological instruments and cameras.

During the Civil War, the Union Army used kites to drop leaflets behind the front lines, urging the Confederate Army troops to surrender.

In WWI, the kites were used for enemy observation and signaling, but the introduction of the airplane made this practice obsolete. During WWII, kites were used to prevent planes from flying too low. The Gibson Girl box kite was used for pilots lost at sea; others were used for target practice and aircraft recognition at sea. But as the airplane became more and more widely utilized, the kite was used less for military purposes and more for recreational flying.

Did you know there is even a World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Washington? It is the only American Museum dedicated exclusively to the history of kites, kitemakers, and famous kite fliers.

Kite flying is a lot of fun and great exercise too, so why not get outside this month and "go fly a kite!"

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

April Planting

April is a perfect month to do some indoor planting. Here is a peachy idea. You can add a few unusual plants to your spring garden by saving your peach pits or a few of the seeds from your oranges, grapefruits, and lemons.

Once you have an assortment, try to turn your seeds and pits into plants. Here is what you do:

1. Soak the seeds in water overnight.
2. Line a shallow pan with pebbles. Add 1½" potting soil on top.
3. Plant your seeds about one inch apart.
4. Wet the soil and cover the pan with plastic wrap. Place the pan in a sunny location. Make sure the soil stays moist.
5. Watch for the first sprouts. (Be patient! The seeds from the orange, grapefruit, and lemon may take weeks to sprout.)
6. After your plants grow about an inch tall, transplant them to larger pots and watch them grow.

I hope you are lucky enough to see some pretty plants. Just don't expect to pick oranges this year! Have fun and enjoy your plants.

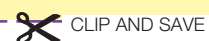
Kids in the Kitchen

BUNNY PATCH DESSERT

You can't celebrate Easter without having a Bunny Cake! And you can prepare this easy-to-make treat the day before Easter Sunday. Here's what you'll need:

- 1 pkg. (10.75 oz.) pound cake, cut into 10 slices
- 1 can (21 oz.) pie filling (any flavor)
- 1 tub (12 oz.) whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup of coconut
- Green food coloring

Line the bottom of a 12 x 8 inch baking dish with cake slices. Top with pie filling and all of the whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Tint the coconut pale green with food coloring. Sprinkle over whipped topping to resemble Easter grass. Decorate with Easter candies and decorations like marshmallow bunnies and jellybeans. Enjoy!



CLIP AND SAVE

Special Days in April

April is the fourth month of the year. The Romans called this month *Aprilis*. This name comes from a Latin word that means “to open.”

April 1st — **April Fools’ Day** — can’t really be called a holiday, but it is one of those days on the calendar that refuses to be ordinary. It is a day on which it is permissible to “befool” people, so beware — from the time you get up in the morning until you go to bed, you can expect to fall prey to an April Fools’ joke.

April 3rd is the first day of **Passover** this year. This Jewish festival marks the beginning of an 8-day celebration commemorating the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt and their safe flight across the Red Sea.

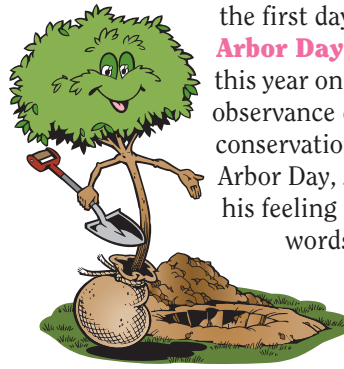
This year **Easter Sunday** falls on April 8th. Easter is the time of year for eating chocolate bunnies and eggs. But do we ever stop to think why? Why should bunnies, of all things, be the proverbial symbol of Easter? There is a reason. The bunny is really a hare, and according to legends of far-off Egypt, the hare is a symbol of the moon. And everyone knows that the moon determines the date of Easter. In the year 235 A.D., Emperor Constantine settled the date of this holy day for all time by taking the matter before the Council of Nicea. The worthy and wise members of the Council decided that Easter should fall upon the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 21st day of March. And so the hare — or bunny — comes into prominence because of the moon’s importance in determining Easter.

Sunrise services at dawn on Easter Day have become an established tradition of an American Easter. One of the first places in the United States to have observed this custom is Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. At about three o’clock on Easter morning, the Moravian Trombone Choir sends a message from the steeple through the still, clear air to the people of the town, calling them to the sunrise service. Thousands of men, women, and children stream into the old Moravian Burying Ground beyond the church to await the dawn of Easter Day. “Christ is risen!” The voices sing the message to the accompaniment of the trombones as the sun appears over the surrounding purple hills.

Soon these magnificent voices will join others all over the world to sing inspiring hymns of the Resurrection as millions of people fill the churches on Easter Sunday. This is without a doubt the holiest of all our holydays. The religious observance of Easter is surely the most significant “custom” of all, for it commemorates that very first Easter more than nineteen hundred years ago when the angel of the Lord spoke from the sepulcher garden: “He is not here, for He is risen.”

Two important days on the environmental calendar are observed in April.

Earth Day is a day dedicated to the environmental health of our planet. Earth Day is most often celebrated on April 22nd, although some people observe it on March 21st,



the first day of spring. We also celebrate **Arbor Day** on the last Friday of April, this year on the 27th. This is an annual observance dedicated to the planting and conservation of trees. The founder of Arbor Day, J. Sterling Morton, expressed his feeling about the holiday in these words: “Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future.” The planting of trees is indeed an act of “proposing” for the

future. From this motivation has come a great program of reforestation, soil and water conservation, and beauty to benefit our land. No other holiday has done more for our nation. Can you imagine what America would be today without its vast forests? It is estimated that each one of us, in his or her lifetime, uses the wood that has been produced by three hundred mature trees. So you can see why it is so important that we continue to replant trees for future generations to use and enjoy. You can learn more about Arbor Day and what you can do to help by visiting the Web site of the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org.

Arts & Crafts

MAKE A MAY DAY BASKET

May Day, celebrated on the first of May, heralds the return of sunlight and rebirth after the cold gray of winter. Ancient Europeans knew it as Beltane and honored the occasion with rowdy celebrations. One tradition that stems from this was to dance around a “May Pole” with long, colorful ribbons.

Another custom that survived in many parts of this country as recently as the 1940s and 1950s was that of the “May Basket.” You can make a May Basket for a special friend or family member or you can even take one to elderly neighbors, shut-ins, or a nursing home. You can use any kind of a basket. If none is available, make your own by rolling a heavy sheet of paper into a cone shape and staple or glue it in place. Then staple on a paper handle for hanging. While fresh flowers and candy treats are usually left in the baskets, you can put other things in as well, such as a small potted plant, a few tea bags and tea cookies, mints, or pretty note cards.

Once you’ve made up your basket, follow the custom of hanging it on the recipient’s door the night before May 1st (May Day). Imagine their surprise and delight when they open their door the next morning and see your thoughtful gift there!



My Son

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Through our baptism, the “portrait” of God’s Son is painted on our hearts. Because of this reality, Jesus, our Risen Lord, calls us to show our gratitude for the gift of salvation by listening consciously, deliberately, and wisely for his voice in the depths of our hearts and, above all, to listen for his voice in the love and joy, the pain and anguish, the cries for mercy and justice of those around us. Jesus, the Son, assures us that we are always safe in the loving embrace of his Father. In turn, to be true disciples of his, we must be the presence of Christ and the embrace of God for others. In a sense, we become living “portraits” of God’s love for others. At Easter, and always, may we be the compassion, peace, and forgiveness of the Son for others!

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, I wish you and your family a very happy and joyous Easter! During this holy season, may we show our acceptance of “the Son” by our living and sharing of his message of new life! As we celebrate the season of Easter, may Almighty God, who through the resurrection of His Son, shared with us His gift of everlasting freedom, lead you and your loved ones towards eternal happiness!

Počas obdobia Veľkej noci, nech vás všemohúci Boh, ktorý skrze zmŕtvychvstanie svojho Syna nám daroval dar nehyńúcej slobody, vovedie do večnej blaženosti!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla

Tell Us Why Your Dad’s So Special!



With Father’s Day rapidly approaching, we thought our young members would like a chance to explain what makes their dad that special man in their lives. Is it the way he makes you laugh? The fun times you spend together playing sports or involved in a family activity? Does he always make the time to listen when you have a problem? Can he grill the world’s best hamburger or figure out the toughest math problem? In two or three sentences, why not share with our readers why your dad (or grandpa) is “The Best Dad Ever!”

If you have one, send along a photo of you and Dad to accompany your letter. Please send or email your information **no later**

than May 5th to Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052 [cbgaughan@msn.com].

Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania



FLAG DAY AT THE BALLPARK

**Tuesday,
June 12, 2007**

Game Time 7 p.m.—Yankee Stadium – Lackawanna County

PRICE

Members — \$15.00 per person

Non-members — \$25.00 per person

INCLUDES:

Dinner on covered deck in right field!

Opportunity to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the game on the field!

Watch as one member throws out the 1st pitch!

All the camaraderie you can get!

Please make reservations by Thursday, May 31, 2007

Ask for Theresa or Mary Jo

570-823-3513 or 888-834-6614

RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY MAY 31, 2007

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LPSCU

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

71 South Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701
or Fax to: 570/823-4464

Branch No. _____ Certificate No. _____

Name _____

Old Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____