



Board Gathers for Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union was held from April 13-15, 2007, at the Home Office in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on April 13. Spiritual Advisor Philip A. Altavilla offered an inspirational prayer service which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present. New insurance applications were submitted by Dolores Evanko, Barbara Janicko, and Margaret Ferri. Motions were approved to accept the Board Meeting Agenda and the Minutes from the prior meeting. Correspondence was read by Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.

Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko presented the 2006 Audit Report, which was approved. The Secretary-Treasurer's Report by Mary Jo Savidge was approved.

President Kluchinski introduced Robert Kopec, LPSCU CPA, who discussed premium income, investment income, operating expenses, and the Annual Statement. He reported that the LPSCU's Solvency Ratio is 154%. President Kluchinski stressed that we must increase premium income as many premium paying members are becoming paid up and we should seek new members to replace paid up or deceased members. She further identified ways to increase our premium income.

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The LPSCU Board of Directors — Seated L-R: Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer, Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president. Standing L-R: Barbara Janicko, trustee; Margaret Ferri, public relations director; Charles Simalchik, Joan Hladek, and Dolores Evanko, trustees; Cecilia Gaughan, fraternal activities director; Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, spiritual advisor; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees.



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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 19** — “Slovak Day” sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park prior to the 1:35 p.m. game. Contact the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association for details and tickets.
- 20** — Deadline to register to attend the SCF’s September 22nd Pilgrimage in Danville, Pennsylvania. Contact Dolores Evanko at 570/454-5547 or e-mail jje@intergrafix.net.
- 31** — Deadline to apply for 2007 Post-Graduate Award and LPSCU Religious Awards. See page 7.

SEPTEMBER

- 1** — Deadline to apply for NJFC 2007 Youth Volunteer Award.
- 6-9** — NFCA Annual Meeting
- 16** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at Jodi B’s Restaurant, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 52 will host.
- 21** — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Danville, Pennsylvania
- 21** — Deadline to submit a tribute to our Military/Veterans. See page 12.
- 22** — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Danville, Pennsylvania.
- 23** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December *Zornicka*.**
- 30** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting, North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 7 and 122 will host.

NOVEMBER

- 7-8** — LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February *Zornicka*.**

DECEMBER

- 2** — Rev. Dianiska District’s Annual Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 6 and 48 will host.

Branch and Okres News

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The next meeting of the Rev. Dianiska District will be held on September 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, hosted by Branches 7 and 122.

Our special project for the September meeting will be “Make a Difference Day.” Members are asked to donate new socks for distribution to local charities. Also, school supplies may still be brought in for our May project.

All members are required to make full payment of their 50/50 chances at this meeting or mail same to Marge Zinkavich or Mary Ann Ewasko. Additional tickets are available.



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Spiritual Advisor's Message

Letting Go



Fr. Altavilla

As a result of his frequent radio commentaries, Reverend Stephen Bauman authored the book, *Simple Truths: On Values, Civility and Our Common Good* (Abingdon Press, June 2006). In the preface of his book, Reverend Bauman writes: "As I began preparing these one-minute prompts, I became aware that simple truth is often hidden in plain view . . . They are simple truths, even homely in their fashion, but remain buried or ignored, not least because of simple neglect in our clogged environment. This is so even for those who desire greater awareness and a more honest life."

He continues: "The mere fact that something is true reveals its ancient genetics. The small task I took on was to write and speak to things that were right in front of us today, fashioning little parables out of the cloth of our current culture that might tweak our minds to awareness of simple truth, making conscious what had been shrouded by slumber or intoxicants of one form or another."

In a minute, a small surprise, something unexpected, a simple truth, can catch us in an off-guard moment and raise our thoughts to a life deep with meaning. One of the stories that Reverend Bauman shares in his book comes from a Vietnamese Buddhist monk. It is a powerful story about the need for "letting go" in order that we might allow ourselves to experience deeper personal growth.

During the Vietnam war, a young Vietnamese woman was killed. She left behind her husband and her young son. Needing work, the husband often left the child with neighbors. After one trip, he returned to find the village demolished. Searching through the rubble, he found some small bones and he was certain that these were the bones of his young son. He wrapped them and carried them with him wherever he went.

Many years passed. Then one night he heard a knock on his door. "Who's there?" he called. "It's your son," the voice outside replied.

The old man shouted from the inside, "You are a fake and cruel man. My son is dead! Leave me alone!"

The young man continued to pound the door and plead with the old man to see him. But the old man would not be moved. Eventually the young man gave up and left.

The monk reflects: "The old man never found happiness and lost his son who was still living. Why? Because he was determined to hold onto the bones of the past."

I think that it's safe to say that in one way or another, we all can have a tendency to be like that old man. We hold onto the "bones" of the past and, in doing so, rob ourselves of the joy, meaning, and happiness that really can come from our present situation. In fact, for many, it is possible to become so comfortable with holding onto those "dead bones" that it really becomes a way of life for them. Oftentimes motivated by fear, many choose to live in the past, fail to move ahead, and criticize every "new" thing that comes down the pike.

These negative reactions can become quite paralyzing and destructive.

Even in situations that, sadly, we now face within our churches and our fraternal societies, the failure of people to let go of the "bones" of the past prevents the growth can come, even in the midst of very difficult situations. For example, due to a number of factors, some churches have had to face restructuring or, in some cases, even closure. When we gather people together to speak about the situation that is being faced, many will sit there and just speak about "the way it was." They are unwilling to let go of the days when there were many priests and many more people filling our pews. Such is not the case nowadays in many places. Certain decisions that need to be made are not made simply to make the lives of people miserable; rather, the

decisions are made to try and preserve the faith and to create situations where the gifts (and assets) of the people are best utilized. But, in order to move ahead in a healthy way, sometimes we must let go of the "bones" of the past. In

order to truly do this and to believe that a higher good is being served, we rely on FAITH.

Christ's call to discipleship demands our detachment from the "bones" of the past, from the beliefs and rationalizations we cling to but which, in some cases, just do not work anymore. In calling us to be his disciples, Jesus requires us to let go of our own needs and wants, our fears and doubts, in order to free ourselves to do great things for the love of God and others.

Reverend Bauman also writes in his book, "It's rush hour. The radio reports bumper-to-bumper traffic, rising interest rates, falling confidence, and another political scandal, when a quieter, less hurried voice asks: **'When was the last time you were asked to do something great?'**" The question begins a brief observation on simple truths — easily neglected but deeply significant — about life, meaning, values, and our common good.

Jesus is constantly calling us to do great things, especially for others. In order to hear His voice, calling us to greatness through love, we must slow down and listen. For many of us, even in our prayer, we are quite good at telling God what we want or how we think He should do things, but many of us are not good at listening as God tells us what He wants us to do for Him. That is harder to do because, oftentimes, we will hear God call us to let go of the "bones" of the past so that we can serve Him better in the present and well into the future.

To grow with the Lord, we need to give up the thought that all depends on us. We will seek help from other Christians and learn how to yield ourselves to Jesus and His grace. Even when we feel confused about where we stand with the Lord, or

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Member Comes in First

Malcolm Bowman recently won 1st Place in the Age 12 and Under category at the Pittsburgh Riverview Park 5K Race. He completed the run in 33 minutes and 4 seconds.

Malcolm is the son of Mary Ann Bowman and grandson of Mary Ann Kaylor, who is a member of the LPSCU Court of Appeals. The Bowman and Kaylor families are all members of Branch 64 in Pittsburgh.

The LPSCU congratulates Malcolm on his first place finish. Great job, Malcolm! We wish you continued success.



Malcolm Bowman, wearing his 1st Place medal, receives congratulations from his proud grandmother, Mary Ann Kaylor.

Letters

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you for giving me a \$500 scholarship to assist me in furthering my education at Temple University. I greatly appreciate your generosity and support. I think it's wonderful that your organization does so much to help students like myself pay for college. It is an honor to be one of the students chosen.

Sincerely,
Anneliese Dahms
Branch 102
Dupont, Pennsylvania

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ZORNICKA

Because of its fiduciary responsibility to the membership, the Board of Directors of the LPSCU often has to make decisions which, although difficult or unpopular, are ultimately in the best interest of our organization and its members. With that in mind, the Board announces that, **beginning with the next issue**, our *Zornicka* magazine will be published on a **bi-monthly** basis. We regret having to make this decision because we know how much the magazine means to our members, but with the ever-escalating costs of postage and mailing, the Board felt this was the most responsible course of action to take at this time. Every other month, *Zornicka* will continue to bring our membership all the news and information concerning our society, our products, our Slovak, Lithuanian and Catholic heritage, and the fraternal world. We ask that our members continue to share their news and information with each other through the pages of the magazine.

With the advent of the bi-monthly format, those submitting items for publication should be aware of the **new copy deadlines** in order to assure that any date-sensitive material or announcements reach our members in time. Therefore, beginning with the September/October issue, all articles and photos for publication must be received by our Public Relations Director five weeks prior to the issue date (July 25th for the September/October issue; September 25th for the November/December issue, November 25th for the January/February issue, etc.)

We sincerely thank our members and contributors for their understanding and cooperation.

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.

Tree of Life Update

LPSCU Members Have Pledged \$2,300 to Date!

The Board of Directors would like to recognize those members who have generously donated to our Tree of Life project.

Name	For	Type
Helen Bobeck	Joseph & Anna Bartos	Leaf
Elva Silay	Edward & Elva Silay & Family	Leaf
Irene Simalchik	Michael & Mary Simalchik	Leaf
Barbara Janicko	Lawrence & Barbara Janicko Family	Leaf
Rev. Joseph Wysocki	Cecilia I. Wysocki	Stone
Marian Krumhansl	Irma A. Vrbancic	Leaf
Mary Shannon	Shannon Family	Leaf
Mary Shannon	Mary Posivak & Mary Balent	Leaf
Msgr. Francis Beeda	Lois Beeda Savero	Leaf
Msgr. Francis Beeda	Msgr. Francis J. Beeda	Leaf
Barbara Janicko	Bill & Betty Bosko	Leaf
M/M Francis Posivak	Frank & Peggy Posivak	Leaf
Barbara Janicko	Branch 64	Leaf
Jeffrey Barto	Mary Wargo Zetts	Leaf
Theresa Kluchinski	Kluchinski Family	Stone

Proceeds will benefit the LPSCU Scholarship Programs. If you are interested in purchasing a leaf or stone, please see page 11 for more details.

LPSCU Branch Sponsors Christian Witness Award

For many years, it was an annual tradition of LPSCU Branch 83/130 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to sponsor a Christian Witness Award for an 8th grade graduate of SS. Cyril and Methodius School. Although the Catholic school is now closed, on June 4th of this year the Branch upheld its tradition by sponsoring a Christian Witness Award for an 8th grade graduate of Seton Academy, successor to SS. Cyril and Methodius School. Branch 83/130 offered its award to a female graduate and John and Margaret Ferri sponsored an award for a male graduate. The recipients were Vanessa Chambers and Christopher Mullane.

The awards were presented by Joan West, principal of Seton Academy, during the school's graduation ceremony held at SS. Simon and Jude Church Social Hall.

The 8th grade class was the first to graduate from the newly formed Seton Academy which opened in September 2006 with an enrollment of 240 students from three former Bethlehem Catholic elementary schools: SS. Cyril and Methodius, Holy Child, and SS. Simon and Jude.

Rev. Francis Straka, pastor of Holy Ghost Parish, celebrated a special Liturgy at SS. Simon and Jude Church for the graduates and their families prior to the graduation ceremony and reception. The homilist was Msgr. Michael J. Chaback, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. Attending the Mass and graduation ceremony were Mary Shannon, president of Branch 83/130; Margaret Ferri, secretary of Branch 130; and John Ferri, member of Branch 83.



L-R: Msgr. Michael J. Chaback, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish; Christopher Mullane and Vanessa Chambers, Christian Witness awardees; Margaret Ferri, Branch 130 secretary; and Mary Shannon, Branch 83/130 president.

Cooking Corner

BLUEBERRY DESSERT

Get 1 container of fresh blueberries. Wash the blueberries, pat them dry, and put them in the bottom of a 9x9 greased pan
 Note: Do not use a 9x13 pan

4 eggs, beaten
 1 cup milk (not skim)
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 cup sugar
 ¾ cup flour (sift)
 Pinch of salt

Mix ingredients together with a hand mixer. Pour mixture over berries. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool and refrigerate before serving. Yummy!

Recipe from the Kitchen of Brittany Wirth's Nanny, Carol Wirth
(Brittany is a member of LPSCU Branch 130, Bethlehem, PA)

**Have you signed up
a new member lately?
Do your part
to help your LPSCU!**

Board Gathers for Annual Meeting

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President Kluchinski then introduced LPSCU Financial Advisors Ellen Bush and Karen Natishan from Smith Barney. They provided the Board with the LPSCU Capital Market Overview, Employees' Pension Report, and 4th Quarter 2006 and 1st Quarter 2007 Reports. Ms. Bush reported the 2006 Equity Markets were very good and for the fourth year in a row, the stock market was positive. She reviewed the Bond Portfolio, which showed a return of 5.26%.

LPSCU Actuary Allan Ferrone of CPS Actuaries, Inc. presented an Analysis Report for the year 2006. He discussed the report in detail and offered suggestions to develop new plans of insurance.

Sessions held on Saturday, April 14, covered the Home Office Report, Member Benefits, Minor Beneficiary Accounts, Guaranteed Issue Program, 110th Anniversary in 2008, Officers' Committees Reports, Official Publication, Convention 2008, LPSCU Website, and Branch Restructuring and Consolidation.

Committee meetings were held on Sunday morning, April 15, after which each committee presented its report. Other business discussed included thoughts on an activity for children and the Tree of Life Program.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

JHD Plaque Presented to Home Office

At the conclusion of the Annual Board of Directors meeting on April 14, 2007, Margaret Ferri (center), treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Okres, and Cecilia Gaughan (left), LPSCU fraternal activities director, presented the 2006 JOIN HANDS DAY Excellence Award plaque to President Theresa Kluchinski (right) for display at the Home Office in Wilkes-Barre. The JHD Committee of the National Fraternal Congress of America and The Points of Light Foundation selected the Lehigh Valley Okres as a 2006 Excellence Award winner for its "Old-Fashioned May Day Celebration" project wherein District members partnered with Bethlehem (Pennsylvania) Special Olympians.



L-R: Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; Ellen Bush, LPSCU financial advisor; Allan Ferrone, LPSCU actuary; Theresa Kluchinski, president; and Karen Natishan, LPSCU financial advisor.



Seated, L-R: Mary Jo Savidge, Anita Gregory, Theresa Kluchinski, and Mary Ann Ewasko. Standing, L-R: Lawrence Janicko, Barbara Janicko, Charles Simalchik, Dolores Evanko, Joseph VanJura, Esq., Joan Hladek, Robert Kopec, CPA, Cecilia Gaughan, Helen Kopec, and Margaret Ferri.

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	Current Month	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Cecilia B. Gaughan	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
PA	Theresa Kluchinski		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Frendak		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Dolores Evanko		\$ 15,000.00
PA	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 12,000.00
OH	Lucille Komorosky		\$ 11,000.00
PA	Emily Degenhart		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Helen Arlotto		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Margaret Ferri		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ackerman		\$ 10,000.00
IN	Ann Dobias	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
PA	Barbara Janicko		\$ 7,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko		\$ 7,000.00
PA	Agnes Janinek		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Ann Tirpak		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Elva Silay		\$ 5,000.00
IN	Joan Hladek		\$ 4,000.00
PA	Deborah Adamchak		\$ 2,000.00
OH	Mary Ann Strauss	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 31,000.00	\$ 292,000.00

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

June 19, 2007 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer for Mary Ann Ackerman for a full recovery. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary/treasurer. Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko was excused.

The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the May 22, 2007, meeting.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read and approved the following:

- New Jersey Fraternal Congress requesting an ad for their convention logo program book, with funds raised going towards the Youth Award. *Approved a full page (\$100.00)*
- Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association requesting an ad in the 84th Annual Slovak Day program book. *Approved a full page (\$120.00)*
- Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Danville, Pennsylvania, requesting a donation for their summer festival. *Approved (\$50.00)*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of May 31, 2007: M & T Bank — General Operating Account, M & T Bank — Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account. The committee completed a review of the Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expense Sheet as of May 31, 2007. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2007 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 from May 31, 2007, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments, Schedule D-Parts 3 and 4.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: GEN (Group Exemption Number), Prompt Payment, Insurance Coverage, Building Improvements, and IT.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

LPSCU 2007 Educational Benefits



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**.

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:

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Letters

Dear Members of the LPSCU,

With sincere thanks for your kind gift and best wishes on the occasion of our marriage. Thank you very much for the beautiful wedding cross. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very much appreciated!

Warmest regards,

Beth and Mike Barnett

Beth is a member of LPSCU Branch 17, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, and is the granddaughter of Marion DiCalogero.



A Salute to Our 2007 Graduates

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

- Holding Carter



AMY SHANNON
Northampton, PA • Branch 130
Graduated from Northampton High School
Will attend DeSales University
*Here's to a bright future!
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Christopher*



VICTORIA LOMBARDO
Wyoming, PA • Branch 6
Graduated from Wyoming Area High School
Will attend The University of Scranton
*Congratulations, Ria! You have been more than we could have ever wished for. We will miss you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Danielle and Melanie
We're proud of you, Ria!
Auntie MaryAnn and Diane*



MARGO M. PUHALA
Brockway, PA • Branch 78
Graduated from Brockway Jr./Sr. High School
Will attend Gannon University
*Good Luck! We are proud of you for graduating a year early and being in the top 10.
We know you will do great!
Love Mom, Dad and Colt*



CHRISTOPHER SHANNON
Northampton, PA • Branch 130
6th Grade graduate of George Wolf Elementary, Bath, PA
Next Stop Northampton Middle School!
*Congratulations!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Amy*



ANNELIESE DAHMS
Dupont, PA • Branch 102
Graduated from Bishop Hoban High School
*Congratulations, Anneliese, on achieving this milestone and all the best to you as you prepare for fall semester at Temple University.
Love and prayers from Mim, Jane, Madeleine, Auntie Suzie and Perci*



SARAH SCHIMENECK
Bowers, PA • Branch 38
Graduated from Kutztown University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree
*Congratulations, Sarah!
May you always dance to the melody of your own music.
With much pride and love,
Mom and Dad*



HEATHER WAGNER
Lansford, PA • Branch 156
Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University
Congratulations, Heather!



ANGELA HALKO
Canfield, OH • Branch 159
Graduated from Ursuline High School
Will attend Kent State College
*Congratulations, Angela.
We are proud of you!
All the best to you at Kent State.
God bless, Mom, Dad, Theresa,
Lisa and Jesse*



PATRICK O. SABOE
Harleysville, PA • Branch 38
Graduated from St. Pius High School
Will attend New Haven University
*Congratulations, Patrick!
Continue the good work.
Best wishes for the future.
Love, Mom, Dad and Brendon*



JAMIE KESSLER
Kingston, GA • Branch 130
Graduated from Woodland High School
Will attend Gainesville Community College
*We're proud of you!
Love, Baba Shammon*



BRADLEY PUCCI
McKees Rocks, PA • Branch 202
Graduated from Sto-Rox High School
Will attend Kent State College
Congratulations, Bradley!



STEPHEN HUDAK
Windber, PA • Branch 81
Graduated from Windber Area High School
Will attend Duquesne University
*Stephen, we are so proud of you!
Stay strong in your faith and you will succeed in wherever God leads you.
Love, Your Family*



CHRISTINE E. MARLEY
Dallas, PA • Branch 214
Graduated from Bishop Hoban High School
*Congratulations, Christine!
Best of luck at the University of Scranton.
From Mom, Dad,
and brother Patrick*



ANNA MARIE ONDREJCO
Pittsburgh, PA • Branch 64
Graduated from Oakland Catholic High School
Will attend Duquesne University
*Congratulations, Annie!
Good Luck at Duquesne next year.
Love, Mum, Tat, Susie, TT,
and Gina*



MARISSA E. JASON
Wilkes-Barre, PA • Branch 6
Graduated from Pre-K at Small Wonders Wilkes-Barre Academy on Wednesday June 5, 2007
*My Angel, I love you!
Grandma*



ADAM WITKOWSKI

Harding, PA • Branch 213
Graduated cum laude from
Johnson State College, Vermont
with a Bachelor of Arts in
Jazz Performance/
Contemporary Studies
*Rock on Adam!
Love, Mom and Dad*



JOSEPH L. HRIBAR

Lorain, OH • Branch 77
Graduated from Rochester
Institute of Technology
with a Master of Fine Arts
in Computer Graphics Design
*With love and pride,
Your Family*



SARAH KALISH

Tunkhannock, PA
Branch 7
Graduated from
Moravian College

*Congratulations on your
graduation from Moravian
College, and the new job.
We're so proud of you, Sar!
Love, Dad, Mom and Edward*



THOMAS A. ZUPKO

Pittsburgh, PA • Branch 64
Graduated from
Montour High School
as president of his class.

*Will attend Indiana University
We are all proud of you, Tom.
Love you!
The Zupko Family*



COLIN ACKERMAN

Bethlehem, PA • Branch 83
Graduated from
East Stroudsburg University
with a Bachelor of Arts
in Political Science

*Congratulations, Colin.
We're so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Lizz, Jare
and Nana*



**JENNIFER M.
PRUCHNIK**

Windber, PA
Branch 12 & 24
Graduated Cum Laude from
Notre Dame University

*Congratulations,
Jennifer Marie.
We are proud of you!
Grandpa and Grandma
Pruchnik*



**STACEY
NAUGHTON**

Allentown, PA • Branch 19
Graduated from
Salisbury High School
Will attend Temple University

*We're very proud of you,
Stacey!
Love, Mom, Dad and Shelby*



**MATTHEW G.
MUTARELLI**

Catasauqua, PA • Branch 38
Graduated from
Moravian College

*So proud of you and all you
have accomplished in your
four years at Moravian.
Now as you head out on your
own, may all the skills you
learned serve you well.
And as "Grammy M" always
said: "To thine own
self be true."
Love, Mom and Dad*



**MEREDITH W.
WASKO**

Chenango Forks, NY
Branch 102
Graduated from
Chenango Forks High School

*We wish her well as she
prepares to attend
college to become a
Doctor of Psychology.
Love you, Grandma*

*Congratulations
Graduates!*

Member Receives Two Bowling Awards

During a special bowling banquet held on April 24, 2007, at the Masonic Temple in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Marianne Sopko, a bowler in a Special Olympics League, was awarded two bowling trophies. The league in which Marianne participates is sponsored by the MORA Club of Bethlehem and bowls at Town & Country Bowling Lanes in the city.



Marianne Sopko displays her bowling trophies.

Marianne received her first trophy for being named the most improved bowler from among approximately 100 bowlers. The second award was because she was a member of the 1st place team. She received a trophy, along with each other member of her team.

Marianne's team was coached by John Ferri, a member of LPSCU Branch 83. Coach Ferri reported that Marianne bowled some high games over 200 and also had several games in the high 180s and 190s. Her average score at the close of the bowling season was 148.

Marianne is an active member of LPSCU Branch 83 and the Lehigh Valley Okres, where she participates in all activities.

Our congratulations to Marianne for such a successful bowling season and especially for her outstanding bowling achievements.

In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Benedicta Chisnell	1	Hazleton, PA
*Dorothy Fox	19/122	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary A. Tomchak	37	Plymouth, PA
Henry F. Sulecky	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Susan H. Gondira	60	W. Hazleton, PA
Eugene B. Adams	65	Munhall, PA
Ann D. Macko	92	Munhall, PA
Margaret Sevec	102	Dupont, PA
Ethel Breslin	156	Coaldale, PA
*Irene Berger	157	Trenton, NJ
*Dorothy Costas	160	Youngstown, OH
*Margaret Kraynak	180	Youngstown, OH
Ethel Slivinsky	184	Johnstown, PA
Anthony Novak	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Irene Pieretti	L0001	Kingston, PA
Dorothy M. Queen	L0230	Detroit, MI
Margarita Perrien	L0300	Omaha, NE

*Multiple certificates

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.

Marcia Cooke Attends Nursing Symposium

St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights/Olympia Fields, Illinois, reported in a recent NURSELINK publication that Marcia Cooke, along with two other individuals, took first place with their poster titled *Body Art: What's the Attraction?* at the Nursing 2006 Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. Marcia completed a three-day Advanced Practice Institute focusing on how to incorporate evidence and research into practice. She has recently been appointed the Director of Nursing Education and Research at St. James Medical Center, Chicago Heights.

Marcia also participated in a program entitled "Champions of Patient Safety: Our Time, Our Watch" which focused on the integration of safety initiatives into the nursing orientation program.

Marcia is a 4th generation LPSCU member of Branch 109, Hammond, Indiana, and was a delegate at the 2004 LPSCU Convention. She has two daughters, Catherine, 11, who recently received the President's Award for Academic Achievement, and Grace, 8, who made her First Holy Communion on May 12, 2007. Both girls are Branch 109 members. Marcia is the daughter of Pat Stearney, a member of the LPSCU Court of Appeals. Marcia resides in Finley Park, Illinois.

We congratulate Marcia on her first place award and recent appointment.

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.

LPSCU to Honor Our Military and Veterans

Once again this year, the LPSCU is sponsoring a Veterans' Day Honorarium/Memorial Program to appear in the November/December issue. If you missed this wonderful tribute to our veterans and active military in past years, don't pass up this chance to participate.

Through our Veterans' Day Honorarium/Memorial listings, the LPSCU is affording our members an opportunity to honor loved ones, co-workers, friends, and neighbors who are presently serving in our military, and to remember those veterans who have served in any branch of the service in the past.

Tributes will be limited to 2-5 lines and should not exceed 25-30 words. There is no charge for placing a message, but a good will donation of \$5.00 per listing would be appreciated.

In keeping with the benevolent and fraternal nature of our Catholic organization, all proceeds from these tributes will again be donated to the **Catholic War Veterans**, an organization whose primary objective is to make the entire nation aware of the struggle and needs of many veterans, their widows and children. The CWV cooperate fully with all veterans organizations to better serve the interests of the men and women who served in each of the wars in which our nation has been involved. Further, as a Catholic organization, the CWV strives to serve God by demonstrating love and respect for individuals without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin. They also seek to instill in today's youth a respect for our flag, our national anthem, and our country's great traditions. The CWV was founded in May of 1935 by a Catholic priest and former Army chaplain, Msgr. Edward J. Higgins of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. It was officially recognized as a veterans organization by the Veterans Administration in Washington in July of 1940. To learn more about the CWV and their mission, visit their website at www.cwv.org.

A few examples of Honorariums/Memorials follow:

*In honor of our son serving in Iraq,
Marine Gunnery Sgt. Jack Gibbs
We pray every day for your safe return home.
Your loving parents, John and Mary Gibbs*

*In honor of my husband,
Lt. Harmon Elliott
presently serving his country in the U.S. Navy.
With love and pride from your wife Sara*

*In memory of our father,
Pfc. Arthur Bauer
who served with the U.S. Army in Korea.
We love and miss you – Tom and Chrissy*

Tribute messages, along with all donation checks (made payable to "Catholic War Veterans"), should be mailed to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. If you have any questions, contact Ceil at 610/433-4610 or e-mail CBGaughan@msn.com.

Deadline for submitting a veterans/military tribute is September 25, 2007.

We hope that many of our members will participate in this worthwhile fraternal activity which allows them to honor their family members, friends and neighbors who were members of the armed forces and/or those who are presently serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and other parts of the world. This is a wonderful way to show our love and appreciation to those serving our country and to show the concern and compassion the LPSCU has for our fellowman.



Wesnaks Wed 50 Years

Andrew (Bucky) and Justine Mello Wesnak of Schnecksville, Pennsylvania, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 12, 2007. The couple was married at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, Pennsylvania, by the late Rev. Godfrey Casper.

Bucky is the son of the late Andrew and Helen (Goscinsky) Wesnak of Taylor, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Taylor High School and Johnson College and retired from Lucent Technologies in 1999. He began his 42 year career as a tool and die maker for the Bell System with Western Electric in 1957. He also served on the Board of Directors of the First Commonwealth Credit Union for nearly two decades.

Justine is the daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret (Kochis) Pilosi of Scranton. She attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and Marywood College and was employed in the Health Office of Muhlenberg College before beginning a career as a national officer and administrator in the insurance world of the fraternal benefit system. She retired in 2003 after serving for nearly two decades as National President and CEO of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, domiciled in Stratford, Connecticut.

In 1996 Justine was awarded a papal honor, the "Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" (for the Church and the Pontiff) by the late Pope John Paul II for her assistance to Josef Cardinal Tomko, then Head of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, with his work on behalf of the missions in Africa. Both Justine and her husband remain active in Slovak Catholic and fraternal life.

Justine is a member of LPSCU Branch 38 in Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

The couple was honored at two separate anniversary events. On Friday, June 8, Justine's cousin Gladys and her husband, James Bowen of Fredericksburg, Virginia, hosted the couple and their immediate family at a dinner held at the King George Inn in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The following day, the Wesnaks were honored by their sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren at a party held at Nova Auxiliary Hall in Coplay, Pennsylvania. Over 100 family members and friends from Scranton, New Jersey, New York, and as far away as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Akron, Ohio, Virginia, and Orlando, Florida, attended the gala event.

The couple's three sons and their wives (Drew and Sharon of Whitehall; Michael and Veronica of Northampton, Pennsylvania; and Paul and Sue of Schnecksville) have blessed them with 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The Wesnaks will continue to celebrate their 50 years



Andrew and Justine Wesnak

Fraternalists Sponsor Children's Association Graduation

The Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently sponsored Wyoming Valley Children's Association's preschool graduation and class night celebration. A graduation ceremony for 36 preschool students and a class night celebration for more than 50 youngsters were held at King's College's Burke Auditorium and were followed by a reception held at the Kirby Health Center. FSNEP funded the celebration and many members of the local fraternalists served as volunteers.

Wyoming Valley Children's Association is a local United Way agency which offers therapeutic programs and services to local children who have disabilities, including speech delays.

Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania members include: the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Greek Catholic Union, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society of the USA, the Polish National Union, Polish Union of the USA, Slovak Catholic Sokol, and the Ukrainian Fraternal Association.

Pictured are volunteers from FSNEP presenting a sponsorship check to Wyoming Valley Children's Association. Societies represented are the Polish Union of the USA, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.



First row (L-R): Mary Jo Savidge, 1st vice president of FSNEP; Dr. Chris Alexander, president, Wyoming Valley Children's Association; Charlotte L. Androckitis, FSNEP president; Sharon Harry, executive director, WVCA; and Alice Czyzyk, 2nd vice president, FSNEP. Second row (L-R): Anna Hudock, Nancy Bachurek, Sophie Dubiak, Rose A. Wartko, William Giebus, Sr., and Bernard Kolodziej. Third row (L-R): Magdalen Iskra, Bernadine Kalna, Amy Savidge, Amy Viti, Ashlee Choman, and Kathryn Choman. Fourth row (L-R): Margaret Jollimore, Martha Iskra, Sheila Balas, and Maureen Grohowski.

together with a month-long family vacation at the beach in Stone Harbor, New Jersey in August and a three-week vacation to the Bahamas in October.

The LPSCU extends congratulations to Justine and Bucky on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary and wishes them many more happy years together.

Dear Junior Members,

OUCH! You've just been bitten by another pesky mosquito. Did you know that when you killed that mosquito you were as brave as a jungle explorer facing a hungry wild animal? That's because over the years, the tiny mosquito has killed more animals and people than any other single species.

Today we share the world with over 2,500 species of mosquitoes, with some 200 of them found in the United States. Mosquitoes thrive in moist, warm environments.



Indeed, most live in the tropics. But you will find them everywhere, from salt marshes to stagnant water, and even in urban areas and the icy polar seas. So you can't escape that mosquito, no matter where you live!

Mosquitoes are scientifically classified as true

flies. They have two wings, just like their relatives, the common housefly, gnats, and horseflies.

While all mosquitoes feed on nectar and other sugary sources, most female mosquitoes also require blood meals, and some will fly for miles to find it. Most prefer horses, cattle, birds, or small animals, but they won't shy away from human blood. The female mosquito has nothing personal against you. She doesn't realize how deadly her bite can be. She is just looking for the protein she needs to produce her offspring. She has already mated and she needs your blood to nourish her eggs. She can lay up to 500 eggs at a time.

Mosquitoes use the carbon dioxide from exhaled breath, moisture, color, and movement to help locate their prey. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is currently studying hundreds of naturally occurring chemical compounds on human skin to try to isolate which ones appeal to mosquitoes. Findings show that mosquitoes also seem to be more attracted to lighter colored clothing. They are especially active at dusk and dawn, but can bite at any time.

The mosquito's bite is a very skillful procedure. After she chooses her victim, the female mosquito will land and probe delicately with her legs for the most vulnerable flesh. Although the mosquito's "nose" looks like a hypodermic needle, it is actually a sheath that contains two saw-tipped scalpels, an injection tube, and a sucking tube. Within a minute of setting up shop on your skin, she will inject an anticoagulant through another lancet to keep the blood from clotting as she is pumping. Within two minutes, if not interrupted, she will have drawn enough blood for her eggs. She will then pull out the tube and fly away.

Now here comes a surprise you probably didn't know. Your first reaction, on discovering a mosquito chowing down on your skin, would be to squash it flat, but don't do it! It's the saliva that the mosquito leaves behind that causes the itch. Thus, the bite will itch more if you kill the mosquito before she is able to draw back the irritating liquid. I know that's a challenge, but try it and see. The bite will itch for about three minutes, and if you don't scratch and dig the irritating anticoagulant from the mosquito's saliva into your skin, the itchy sensation will disappear in about an hour.

Because mosquitoes tap into the blood of humans,

animals, and birds, they can be very efficient at transmitting certain diseases. Some of the best known transmitted diseases are West Nile Virus, Malaria, Yellow Fever, and Dengue Fever. While these diseases can have serious and even fatal consequences, most people just find the mosquito to be an annoying pest that spoils their time outside.

There are some things you can do to keep mosquitoes at bay. Wear darker colored clothing, long sleeves, shoes and socks. Use mosquito repellants, but apply them with care, following directions. Don't wear perfume or other sweet scents that attract bugs. Remove standing water from your yard. Old tires are a favorite breeding spot for mosquitoes. Clean out rain gutters, buckets, plant pot saucers, wheel barrels, and other containers where water might collect and stagnate. Refresh water in birdbaths and children's wading pools frequently. If you have a garden pond, stock it with fish. And if possible, avoid being outside at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Arts and Crafts

T-SHIRT ART

This is a fun project because you are going to splatter away on a T-shirt. There's no special way of doing this, so you can be as creative as you want. Be sure, however, to wear old clothes and protect your work area from unwanted paint splatters.



This is what you will need:

- A plain T-shirt (available at any crafts store)
- Nontoxic fabric paints mixed with water in plastic containers
- Plastic bags
- Some splattering tools such as squirt guns, plastic spray bottles, toothbrushes, eye droppers, or brushes

After you have assembled your supplies, you are ready to start. Working outside is best, perhaps on a picnic table that you've protected with a plastic sheet (an old shower curtain works great) or an old plastic tablecloth. Slip plastic bags inside the shirt so the front side paint won't bleed through to the back and vice versa. Add water to the paints, choose your means of decorating, and start to splatter away. Squirt, drizzle, and spray colorful paint on your T-shirt canvas. You can also knot your shirt and dip it into the paints. Be sure to let the shirt dry thoroughly before you wear it.

This is an excellent family project, so get everyone involved. Or have a summer painting party with your friends. You can even paint canvas sneakers or a pair of socks this way, and you'll end up with a one-of-a-kind creation that's yours alone! Have fun, but remember to clean up your work area when you're done.

The Month of Caesar Augustus

August is the eighth month of the year. It has thirty-one days and is the only month without a major holiday. (See if you can name a holiday in each of the other eleven months.) In ancient Roman times when the year began in March, August was the sixth month and had thirty days. It was then called Sextilis, meaning sixth. Augustus, Julius Caesar's nephew, renamed the month August in his own honor. This was done after the death of his uncle.

Long ago, the people of England called this month the "weed month" because the weeds grew so rapidly. Another name was "shear month" because they sheared the sheep at this time of the year. August was also the month that grain was harvested. A feast known as the "Loaf Feast" was named after that custom because bread was made from the grain.

Is your birthday in August? Perhaps you share your birthday with one of these people who were born in the month of Caesar Augustus:

- **Francis Scott Key** (August 1, 1779), the famous American who wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- **Ernie Pyle** (August 3, 1900), an American journalist during World War II who won the Pulitzer Prize for his newspaper columns written about our American soldiers in action.
- **Alfred Lord Tennyson** (August 6, 1809), a famous English poet.
- **Herbert Hoover** (August 10, 1874), the 31st President of the United States.
- **Katharine Lee Bates** (August 12, 1859), an American poet who wrote the words to the hymn "America the Beautiful."
- **Napoleon Bonaparte** (August 15, 1769), military genius and an emperor of France.
- **Fess Parker** (August 16, 1927), an American actor best known for his role as Davy Crockett.
- **Davy Crockett** (August 17, 1786), American frontiers-

man and U.S. Congressman who was killed at the Alamo helping Texas win its freedom from Mexico.

- **Roberto Clemente** (August 18, 1934), a Major League Baseball right fielder and the first Hispanic American elected (posthumously) to the Hall of Fame in 1973. He died in a plane crash in December 1972 while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.
- **Orville Wright** (August 19, 1871), pioneer American aviator and airplane designer, along with his brother, Wilbur.
- **Elizabeth Ann Seton** (August 28, 1774), the first American-born citizen to be canonized. A convert to Catholicism in 1805 after her husband's death, she established the first religious community of apostolic women in the United States in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Avoid Lightning Strikes

Summer is prime time for thunderstorms and their accompanying lightning. If you're caught during one of these displays of Mother Nature's power, taking these precautions may help keep you safe:

- Never take cover under a tree.
- If you're in a car, stay there. It is safer than picnic shelters or covered patios.
- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning.
- Never touch metal objects during a storm, whether you are in the car or in your home.
- Do not wash dishes, do laundry, or take a shower during a lightning storm. And stay off the telephone. Lightning can follow electrical and phone wires into your home.
- If you are swimming or boating when a storm forms, head for shore immediately.
- If you are caught outdoors during a thunderstorm, follow the 30-30 rule. Seek a safer location immediately if the thunder occurs 30 seconds or less after the lightning. Once the storm has passed, wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash before leaving shelter.



Kids In The Kitchen

FRESH FRUIT CUP

Try this delicious, cool and refreshing treat on a hot August day!

You will need:

- 1 cup of sliced bananas
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup chilled pineapple or orange juice
- Grated coconut (optional)

Gently mix the fruits together in a medium sized bowl. Spoon the mixture into small dessert dishes. Pour the chilled juice over the fruit and sprinkle grated coconut on top. Serve this dish while it is cool. If it can't be served immediately, refrigerate until ready to serve.



Slovak Lesson

ZVIERATÁ — ANIMALS

To je naša mačka.

That is our cat.

Nohy sú blanovité.

The feet are webbed.

Kde je sviňa?

Where is the pig?

Tvoje kone sú biele.

Your horses are white.

Videli sme tri líšky.

We saw three foxes.

Videl som veľkého psa.

I saw a big dog.

To sú vaše kačky.

Those are your ducks.

Ovce nám vlnu dávajú.

Sheep give us wool.

Sviňa bola v blate.

The pig was in the mud.

Či si videl čiernu hus?

Did you see a black goose?

Veverička je na plote.

The squirrel is on a fence.

To je veľký potkan.

That is a big rat.



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Letting Go

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when we feel that living the Christian life is more a burden than a joy, we can turn to Jesus, and He will answer us. We don't have to tough it out on our own. Jesus is with us every step of the way, always ready to give us His comfort, His encouragement, and His power. If we let go and let God, we have nothing to lose, but so much more to gain!

If we listen carefully, and respond generously to the life of Christ within us, we will prefer compassion over self-centeredness. We will live our lives out of a sense of gratitude and not regret and we will seek reconciliation and not revenge when our relationships are wounded. The Buddhist monk stated that because the old man was determined to hold onto the bones of the past, he would never experience true happiness. What "bones" do we need to let go of in our own lives so that we might experience the freedom and fulfillment that come from loving our God and our neighbor?

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla

Jenna Lynn Kienzle Receives Confirmation



Jenna Lynn Kienzle (right) walks in procession at St. Norbert's Catholic Church with her Confirmation sponsor, cousin Angelina Ferri.

Jenna Lynn Kienzle, 12, received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Bishop Joseph Robert Cistone, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, celebrated the Confirmation service.

Jenna chose her cousin, Angelina Kathryn Ferri of New Market, Maryland, as her sponsor. She selected Catherine as her Confirmation name.

Following the religious service, a dinner reception was held at Waynesborough Country Club in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

In September, Jenna will enter the 7th grade at Valley Forge Middle School. She is active in the sports of soccer, lacrosse, and swimming. She enjoys swimming competition and has won many swim meets for Waynesboro CC and the "Y" in her area.

Jenna, her sister, Victoriana, and brothers, Jace and Tate are 4th generation members of LPSCU Branch 130, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Dr. Rand and Patricia Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania, who are members of LPSCU Branch 83. Her grandparents are Dr. Ned and Terri Kienzle of Malvern, and John and Margaret Ferri, members of LPSCU Branch 83, Bethlehem. Jenna's grandmother, Marge Ferri, is LPSCU public relations director, secretary of LPSCU Branch 130, and treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Okres.

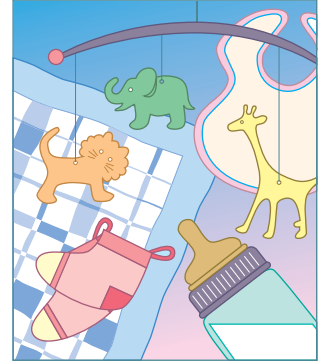
THE NEWBORN BENEFIT

The Newborn Benefit is available to infants from ten days old through six months of age who have at least one parent as a member in good standing with the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

The infant of any member will automatically receive the Newborn Benefit, at no cost, on notification of the birth to the Home Office. In families where either the mother or the father is an LPSCU member, the infant will receive this benefit of \$2,000.

The benefit begins from the time the Enrollment Form is received at the Home Office and expires when the infant reaches six months of age.

To find out more about the Newborn Benefit, contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office at 570/823-3513; toll free at 888/834-6614; fax 570/823-4464; e-mail lpscu@lpscu.org; or check our website: www.lpscu.org.



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