



## *St. Francis Xavier Church* **SITE OF OUR CONVENTION LITURGY**

Delegates meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for the 41st National Convention of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union will celebrate the Convention Liturgy in the beautiful St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Sunday, June 26, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 25 West High Street, Gettysburg, within the Diocese of Harrisburg, where Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer serves as bishop. Very Rev. John R. Bateman is pastor of the parish. Bishop Gainer has graciously accepted our invitation to attend the Convention Liturgy and will be the principal celebrant.



The Mission Statement for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, which offered refuge to the injured at the Battle of Gettysburg, continues to offer a place of healing and hope by proclaiming the Word through worship, sacraments, and service to all in need.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church was built and dedicated on October 2, 1831. It was the first to open its doors to the wounded as a hospital during the July 1-3, 1863, Civil War battle. The makeshift hospital closed some five or six weeks later, but the church suffered extensive damage during this period. It wasn't until a year later in 1864 that the church was able to raise the nearly \$1,000 needed to continue the work of cleaning up the war damage.

Worship in this historic edifice and house of God will truly be an inspiration to the LPSCU fraternal family and guests as during the Liturgy we invoke God's blessings upon the delegates to our National Convention.



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# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

- 1** — Deadline to submit matters to be discussed by the Board at its Annual Meeting on April 17-18. Submit all correspondence to Theresa Kluchinski at the Home Office by this date.
- 7** — WPSCA presents a free program, "Egg Decorating Eggstravaganza," at Mount Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 7:00 p.m.
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**
- 20** — Deadline to make a request to represent your Branch as a delegate to the LPSCU National Convention. *See page 9 for details.*
- 25** — Home Office closed for Good Friday.
- 31** — **Deadline extended for our Convention Calendar Contest. Last chance! Get your entry in now! See page 17.**

## APRIL

- 1** — Deadline to nominate a member as our 2016 Fraternalist of the Year. *See page 9 for details.*
- 1-2** — LPSCU Annual Board Meeting, Genetti's Hotel, East Market St., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Deliberations begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 1.
- 3** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at Risen Lord Parish Education Center, California Avenue, North Side Pittsburgh, at 1:00 p.m. Call your Branch Secretary to make a reservation to attend.
- 11** — The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a meeting on Monday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Any member planning to attend is asked to contact District President Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263 by April 8th.
- 15** — Deadline to submit a written application and Intent Form to the Home Office for those candidates seeking the office of President of the LPSCU at the National Convention. *See page 11 for details.*
- 15** — Deadline to apply for a scholarship to attend the Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program at Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia. *See page 7 for details.*
- 17** — Reverend Dianiska District Meeting at the North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 7 will host.
- 30** — Deadline to apply for an LPSCU 2016-2017 College Award. *Details on page 16.*

## MAY

- 1** — LPSCU Home Office begins "Summer Hours" from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., running through October 31. *See page 15 for details.*

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# An Easter Message from Our Spiritual Protector

**Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec**

*Bishop Emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown  
Protector, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the LPSCU:

It does not feel like Easter as I sit down to write this greeting to you. Not only am I snowed in to the point where I cannot even get out of my door, but it's barely two weeks that we ended the Christmas Season and our celebration of the Lord's birth.

As I look out of my study window, I see a hillside covered with knee-high snow. Normally at this time of the evening, I can see several deer making their way along the ridge while feeding on what the winter ground has to offer. A fox might be seen slinking its way in search of prey. There is nothing of that kind this evening. Everything is still, nothing is moving, and the earth appears to have died.

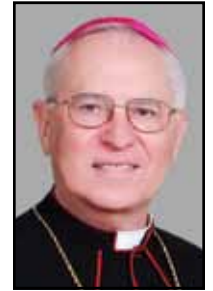
I trust that tomorrow the sun will come out. Someone will come to dig me out. The snow will begin to melt. Both humans and animals will be about. The neighborhood will once again come alive. The difference will be the sun and what it does to free us from that which holds us bound.

And then I thought – isn't that a perfect analogy of the very meaning of Easter! The sin of man's rebellion against God once covered the earth, causing human existence to be plunged into a night of death. It was the Son of God breaking through the clouds of darkness that melted away Satan's dominion and brought creation back to life. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad.

May you have a very Blessed Easter!

Fraternally yours in the Risen Lord,

+ Joseph



**Most Rev. Adamec**



The National Officers  
of the  
Ladies Pennsylvania  
Slovak Catholic Union

extend a most

Blessed and

Happy Easter to all!

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## 2016 Home Office Closings

*The LPSCU Home Office will be closed on the following holidays in 2016:*

Friday, January 1 .....	New Year's Holiday
Monday, February 15 .....	President's Day
Friday, March 25 .....	Good Friday
Monday, May 30 .....	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 .....	Independence Day
Monday, September 5 .....	Labor Day
Monday, October 10 .....	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 24 .....	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25 .....	Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, December 23 .....	Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 26 .....	Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 30 .....	New Year's Eve Holiday (½ day)
Monday, January 2, 2017 .....	New Year's Holiday

**BRANCH 52, NORTH BRADDOCK, PA**

Members of LPSCU Branch 52, North Braddock, Pennsylvania, attended their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at the Grandview Golf Club of North Braddock in western Pennsylvania. The festive event was again held in the club's spacious Kennywood Room.

A crowd of nearly 40 members and their families attended. The gathering included many new attendees.

The beautiful weather was a replica of last year's great weather and it again enhanced the day. It was so mild, bright, and sunny that golfers were out on the course playing again.

A tasty buffet brunch was served, with sufficient variety to satisfy everyone's palate. All of the children and adults present received gifts from the Branch and numerous door prizes were awarded.

Another generous donation of groceries was collected from the attendees and delivered to a local food pantry the following week.

Everyone enjoyed a memorable time and Branch members are looking forward with anticipation to another great LPSCU year.



**Pictured are some of the young members who attended Branch 52's Christmas party.**

**ILLIANA OKRES**

Members and guests of the Illiana Okres enjoyed their annual holiday social at the Bon Fire Restaurant in Homer Glen, Illinois, on November 28, 2015. Retiring Branch 28 Secretary-Treasurer Agnes McLaren and President Mary Lubtezak were honored at the event. The attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal of their choice and the following fellowship was enjoyed by all. The youngest members were treated to gifts, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.



**Members enjoying the Illiana holiday social.**

**PITTSBURGH DISTRICT**

On November 29, 2015, 42 LPSCU members and three guests of the Pittsburgh District gathered at Westwood Country Club in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, for an afternoon of entertainment and celebration of the Christmas season. A delicious luncheon was served by the Westwood staff and a beautiful cake decorated by Branch 42 member Janet Lawrence was served for dessert. The highlight of the afternoon was the entertainment, which was provided by singer Judy Figel accompanied by David Crisci on the organ and accordion. Capping off the day was a sing-along with well-known Christmas carols bringing everyone into the Christmas spirit. Donations of coats and blankets were collected to be given to a local charity.



**Members and guests who attended the Pittsburgh District's Christmas party.**



**Coats and blankets donated for a local charity.**



**Judy Figel (left) and David Crisci provided musical entertainment.**



**Branch 42 member Janet Lawrence created this beautiful cake for the party.**

**LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES**

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its annual Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception commenced at noon, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Thirty-nine adults and five children attended this festive event.

Jean Kosalko, president of the Lehigh Valley Okres, extended a warm welcome to all present. She distributed a handmade Slovak "pierka" (pastry brush) to each member with a number on each for a drawing for a beautiful tablecloth from Slovakia that was donated by a friend of the Okres. The winner of the tablecloth was Jeffrey Kosalko.

Msgr. John Mraz, pastor of St. Ann's Church in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, offered a special prayer for all to partake of distributed *oplatky* before the luncheon. The *oplatky* were sent to President Kosalko from relatives in Slovakia.

Members brought toys to donate to the Marines' Toys for Tots program for distribution to underprivileged children. Members also donated 18 themed gift baskets as a Matching Fund Raffle to benefit the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

At the conclusion of the buffet luncheon, President Kosalko announced that Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, who is the Okres Spiritual Advisor, was in the hospital, recuperating from surgery. Since Msgr. Kozel's birthday was the next day, Msgr. Mraz offered a special prayer for his recovery.

National Public Relations Director Margaret A. Ferri announced that Marie S. Clemens, a member of LPSCU Branch 83, had been selected as the 2015 Fraternalist of the Year for the LPSCU and also for the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance. Branch 83 Treasurer Helen Bobeck, who nominated Marie for the LPSCU award, presented a beautiful plaque to Marie on behalf of the LPSCU, and a monetary gift from the Lehigh Valley Okres.

Jeffrey Kosalko, a member of LPSCU Branch 196, was also honored by the Lehigh Valley Okres for recently receiving the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award for heroically risking his own life in an attempt to save another from death or injury by fire. The Okres presented Jeffrey with a monetary gift.

As the children were at the podium singing "Jingle Bells," Santa Claus entered the dining hall ringing his own bells. The children were very excited to see him. Santa called the children by name and talked with each of them. He presented gifts to them and a Christmas cane filled with candies. Then, to Santa's surprise, the children presented him with a gift. You could see Santa tearing up when he opened the gift, which was a sweatshirt. Santa also presented gifts to the Okres officers and our honored guests, Msgr. John Mraz, Sister Francine, OSF, and Sister Roseann, OSF.

As a favor, each attendee received a bayberry candle from the Okres. Special prizes in the annual holiday raffle

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**Helen Bobeck (with microphone), treasurer of Branch 83 who nominated Marie Clemens for the 2015 Fraternalist of the Year Award, presents Marie (right) with the Fraternalist of the Year plaque from the Home Office and a monetary gift from the Okres. Margaret A. Ferri is at left.**



**Margaret A. Ferri, Lehigh Valley Okres treasurer, presents Jeffrey Kosalko with a monetary gift from the Okres on the occasion of his being the recipient of the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award.**



**Receiving gifts from Santa are, L-R: Benjamin Kosalko, Alexandria Kosalko, Chase Geiger, Cole Geiger, and Kira Geiger (being held by her father, Douglas Geiger).**



**Santa holds Branch 83's newest member, 4-month-old Kira Geiger, at the Lehigh Valley Holiday Luncheon.**

**LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES** *continued from page 5*

were won by Margaret Jollimore, Tina Matteo, Joan Hladek, Bill Drost, Carol Harris, Patricia Kienzle, Dolores Evanko, Dolores Fartel, John Ferri, and Margaret Ferri.

President Kosalko thanked everyone for attending the annual holiday luncheon and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The festivities concluded with a blessing offered by Msgr. Mraz. A delightful time was had by all.

**REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT**

The Reverend Dianiska District's annual Christmas party was held on Sunday December 6, 2015, at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 6 and 213 hosted.

National President Theresa Kluchinski welcomed members and guests on behalf of the hosting Branches and from the LPSCU Board of Directors. District President Mary Ann Ewasko thanked all members for their cooperation throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. President Kluchinski recited a Christmas prayer and President Ewasko read the *Oplatky* prayer. Afterwards, everyone exchanged Christmas wishes while sharing their wafers.

A delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by all, along with numerous desserts and beverages.

President Ewasko presented Bernie Walchek with a monetary gift for introducing new members to the LPSCU.

National President Kluchinski presented Paul G. Jason with the 2015 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award.

President Ewasko next introduced the Disler and Chisdock families, who accepted the District/LPSCU 2015 College Scholarships on behalf of their children, Bailey Disler and Cecelia Chisdock.

Members and guests joined in the Matching Fund special raffle to benefit St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania. A check was presented to Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, IHM, president and CEO of the center. Members and guests also donated canned goods which were sent to the St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

Santa Claus stopped by the celebration for a visit and presented all the children present with gifts. He also visited members at their tables, assisted by David Worth and Caleb Kiss, and gave each one a candy gift and offered Christmas wishes.

Members of the Reverend Dianiska District exchanged Christmas greetings with one another and wished everyone at the LPSCU a healthy and happy New Year!



**Canned goods donated by members and guests for the St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen.**



**Young members are pictured with Santa.**



**Check presentation to St. Joseph's Center.**



**Pictured are the families of Bailey Disler, Branch 213, and Cecelia Chisdock, Branch 6, recipients of the District/LPSCU 2015 College Scholarships. From left are: A.J. Gabriel, Kelly Disler, Kathy Disler, Donald Disler, Theresa Kluchinski, Mary Ann Ewasko, Melissa Chisdock, and Zeb Chisdock.**



**Members and guests of the Rev. Dianiska District enjoy themselves at the annual Christmas party.**

# Calendar of Events

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**2** — Deadline to submit an Intent Form to the Home Office for those candidates seeking LPSCU national office (other than the office of President) at the National Convention. *See page 11 for details.*

**7** — Join Hands Day. *Details on page 9.*

**20** — **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.**

**30** — Home Office closed for Memorial Day observance.

## JUNE

**1** — Deadline to nominate a young member for our 2016 Youth Achievement Award. *See page 13.*

**17** — LPSCU Branch 213 hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark. *See page 11 for details.*

**17** — Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark. *See page 16.*

**24-27** — 41st National LPSCU Convention, The Eisenhower Complex, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Delegates due to arrive Friday, June 24 and depart Monday, June 27. The Convention Mass and Banquet is Sunday, June 26.

**30** — Deadline to apply for the 2016 Catholic Grade School Award. *Details on page 15.*

**30** — Deadline to apply for the 2016 Catholic High School Award. *Details on page 24.*

**30** — Deadline to apply for the 2016 Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship. *Details on page 21.*

## JULY

**1** — Deadline to apply for the 2016 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award. *Details on page 8.*

**4** — Home Office closed for Independence Day.

**20** — **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**

## AUGUST

**24-9/10** — 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors hosted by Joe and Albina Senko. *See page 16.*

## SEPTEMBER

**5** — Home Office closed for Labor Day observance.

**9-18** — 2016 Slovakia Heritage Tour. *See page 14.*

**20** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**

## OCTOBER

**10** — Home Office closed for Columbus Day.

**16** — Reverend Dianiska District Meeting at the North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 214 will host. This meeting will feature a “Make a Difference Day” event.

## NOVEMBER

**20** — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2017 Zornicka.**

**24-25** — Home Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

## DECEMBER

**4** — Reverend Dianiska District’s annual Christmas Party at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 7, 58, and 94 will host. Time to be announced later this year.

**23-26** — Home Office closed for Christmas holiday.

**30** — Home Office closing at noon for New Year’s Eve holiday.

## WPSCA Offers 11th Summer Scholarship

For the 11th consecutive year, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association and the Stephanie Husek Scholarship Fund are offering a scholarship to attend the Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, from August 2-22, 2016. WPSCA will award \$2,500 to cover transportation, tuition, room and board to the successful candidate.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full time college student
- Must be of Slovak heritage
- Must not have previously attended the program
- Must apply to Comenius University for acceptance
- Must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss the program

The Studia Academica Slovaca (SAS) Summer School is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia and is designed to enable students to improve and enhance their Slovak language competency as well as increase their knowledge of Slovak literature and culture.

For further information or for an application, contact Joe Senko at 412-531-2990 or 412-956-6000. Completed applications must be **received by WPSCA on or before April 15, 2016** at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

More information can be found at:

<http://staryweb.fphil.uniba.sk/index.php?id=899>

## Cooking Corner

### PEANUT BUTTER CAKE

2¼ cups flour	1½ cups sugar
3 tsp. baking powder	1 tsp. salt
½ cup shortening	⅔ cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup milk, divided	2 eggs

Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add shortening, peanut butter, ⅔ cup milk, and beat 2 minutes. Add ⅓ cup milk and eggs. Beat well.

Pour into pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes for round cake pans, 40 minutes for a 13 x 9-inch rectangular pan.



Dear Mary Jo and the LPSCU,

Thank you so much for giving me this amazing scholarship to help with the tuition at my school. I am eternally grateful for your consideration in choosing to award me with this

## *An LPSCU Educational Benefit*

# THE 2016 ANNE (SHINAL) CICHY MEMORIAL AWARD

**\$500 Award**

The LPSCU is proud to offer the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award for students in the health-care field. This award, instituted in 2006, is given in memory of Anne (Shinal) Cichy, the first LPSCU public relations director. The award is made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Shinal.



Those applying for the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a life insurance certificate with the LPSCU.
- Must attend an accredited college/university in the **fall of 2016** on a full time basis, pursuing a degree in the healthcare field. Proof of acceptance/attendance must be provided.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

The recipient of the 2016 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award will receive \$500.

The recipient of this award shall be selected by a random drawing from among all the qualified applicants. No individual shall be eligible to receive this award more than two times.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined above and provide data indicated on the application form to be eligible. Those applications with incomplete data or requirements will not be considered. All submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2016.** Submit application to:

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

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honor. With this scholarship it now makes it easier for my family and myself. We do not have to stress about if we'll be able to pay for me going to school. This has taken a huge weight off not only my shoulders but my whole family's. I will be graduating in May and after high school, my goal is to become a pre-school teacher and major in Early Childhood Education. This is my passion and with your help, I am able to get the high school education I need in order to achieve this dream goal. Once again, thank you so so much for choosing me.

Yours sincerely,

**Kara Haldeman**

Branch 122, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you very much for the scholarship. With the money, I was not only able to buy my textbooks, but also take a Japanese language course.

ありがとうございます

(ARI GATOU GOZAIMASU)

which means "Thank You."

Warmest regards,

**Bailey Disler**

Branch 213, Dallas, PA

Youth Achievement Award Committee,

Thank you for choosing me as the 2015 Youth Achievement Award recipient. The award is a great honor and is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

**Paul Gregory Jason**

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear Ladies,

I want to say thank you for the \$500 Scholarship. It was a tremendous help with my college expenses.

Sincerely,

**Cecelia Chisdock**

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

This letter is to acknowledge check 33649 in the amount of \$150 as a Scholarship Grant for Rachel Bowman. This money has been applied to the family's tuition. And check 33650 in the amount of \$150 as a Scholarship Grant for Katie Kontrik.

Thank you for the grant for the Bowman and Kontrik families. This is not only a help to the families but it is a great help for the Northside Catholic Elementary School. We truly appreciate the generosity of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union in all it does to promote Catholic education.

May God bless you.

Gratefully,

**Mrs. Rosanne Kwiatkowski**

Principal

Northside Catholic School

and Katie Kontrik

Branch 64, Pittsburgh, PA



# LPSCU Convention Notices

## ❖ NOTICE TO ALL LPSCU MEMBERS CONCERNING CONVENTION DELEGATES

Any member interested in being a delegate to the National Convention at the Eisenhower Complex, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on June 24-26, 2016, should contact their Branch Representative **before March 20, 2016**. If you, as a member, are unsure of who your Branch Representative is, contact the Home Office for the information. (Home Office toll free 888-834-6614; e-mail [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org); fax 570-823-4464.) Additional information regarding the National Convention and LPSCU Branches can be found on our website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org).

## ❖ BRANCH 90 (JOHNSTOWN, PA) AND 213 (WILKES-BARRE AREA) ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Members of Branch 90 (Johnstown, Pennsylvania) and Branch 213 (Wilkes-Barre/Dallas, Pennsylvania area) interested in representing their Branch as a Delegate to the LPSCU National Convention at the Eisenhower Complex, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to be held June 24-26, 2016, are instructed to contact Branch Representative Theresa Kluchinski. You may call 570-829-5410, email [tkluchinski@aol.com](mailto:tkluchinski@aol.com), or write to 446 Mountain Oaks Drive, Laurel Run, PA 18706.

**Requests must be received or postmarked by March 20, 2016.**

## ❖ ILLINOIS & INDIANA BRANCHES ANNOUNCE OPENINGS FOR 2016 CONVENTION DELEGATES

LPSCU Branches 28, 32, 79, 167, 194, and 198 have openings for delegates to the 2016 LPSCU Convention in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on June 23-26, 2016. Travel reimbursements will be provided and, once at the convention, room and meals are provided by the LPSCU. Contact Joan Hladek at 815-895-0431 **before March 20, 2016**, for information or delegate registration forms.

## ❖ NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF BRANCH 64/202

Any member from Branch 64 (or formerly from Branch 202) who would like to attend the LPSCU Convention is asked to call your Secretary-Treasurer to inform her. She will let you know if you are eligible to attend.

Fraternally, **Elva Silay**

## Join Hands Day is Saturday, May 7

**Join Hands Day** is a national volunteer day that brings young people and adults together to begin a year-round process of relationship building and to make great contributions to their communities. Youths and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize, and implement the day's activities.

The LPSCU encourages the youth and adult members of our Branches and Districts to partner with other volunteer groups in their community to organize Join Hands Day projects to be undertaken on Saturday, May 7, 2016. There are many reasons to participate, and lots of resources to help you plan your own project! These can include such varied activities as conducting a food drive for a homeless shelter, picking up litter in a community playground or park, visiting the residents in a nursing home, or cleaning up gardens and planting flowers for an elderly neighbor.

We look forward to hearing from you about your group's Join Hands Day 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*.

**After the big day:** You are invited to share your accomplishments and photos from the day on the American Fraternal Alliance's Facebook page!

**We're Looking for a  
Shining Star in the  
LPSCU to be our**

**2016  
Fraternalist  
of the Year**



Marie S. Clemens  
2015 Fraternalist  
of the Year



Who Will It Be?

Do you know a member who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer services?

Do you know a member who should be recognized for outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts?

If you can answer "Yes" to the above, then you have a "Shining Star" member to be nominated to be our 2016 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year!

To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at:

**570-823-3513**

or toll free 888-834-6614  
e-mail [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org)  
or visit our website  
[www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org).

**HURRY!**

**The Postmark Deadline  
for Nominations is  
April 1, 2016**

## Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

# Minutes of the Board Conference Call Meeting

December 12, 2015

### **Call to Order – Prayer**

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and offered a prayer.

### **Welcome Remarks**

President Kluchinski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

The agenda for this meeting was approved, along with the Minutes from the September 18-19, 2015, Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge read all correspondence received. There were no requests.

### **Financial Report**

Board members were provided and reviewed the following information:

- ❖ Quarterly Statement, September 2015
- ❖ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expenses Accounts
- ❖ Summary Market Value 2015
- ❖ Budget 2015/2016
- ❖ Transaction Summary Report

### **Home Office Update**

Since the Home Office report is detailed in the Executive Finance Committee meeting Minutes, Secretary-Treasurer Savidge gave a summary on the following:

- ❖ New website
- ❖ Building

### **Planning Committee**

The Board was provided a report on the items that have been accomplished or completed by the Planning Committee.

### **Convention 2016**

President Kluchinski updated the Board on information for the Convention.

### **Unfinished Business**

President Kluchinski informed the Board that the Employee Manual will be updated with the approved changes.

### **New Business**

The Board was provided and discussed the following:

- ❖ Annuity Rate
- ❖ Branch Deposit Program Rate

### **Committee Reports**

Reports were received from the following committees:

- ❖ Campaign Committee
- ❖ Youth Achievement Committee
- ❖ Educational Committee
- ❖ Fraternalist of the Year
- ❖ Cookbook Committee

### **Officers' Reports**

Reports were received from the following officers:

- ❖ Vice President Anita Gregory
- ❖ Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko
- ❖ Trustee Dolores Evanko

- ❖ Trustee Joan Hladek
- ❖ Trustee Margaret Jollimore
- ❖ Trustee James Yocum
- ❖ Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco
- ❖ Public Relations Director Margaret Ferri

### **National/State Alliance Meetings**

Reports were received from the following:

- ❖ President Theresa Kluchinski – New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting.
- ❖ Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge – New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance and the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meetings.
- ❖ Vice President Anita Gregory – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting.
- ❖ Trustee Dolores Evanko – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting.
- ❖ Trustee Joan Hladek – American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting.

### **Calendar of Events**

The Board was provided the Calendar of Events for 2016. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Jo Savidge**  
National Secretary-Treasurer

## Notice to Illinois Certificate Holders

Certificate holders in the State of Illinois residing in Alexander, Calhoun, Cass, Christian, Clinton, Cumberland, Douglas, Iroquois, Jackson, Jersey, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Menard, Monroe, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Richland, Randolph, Sangamon, St. Clair and Vermilion counties are hereby notified that the Insurance Department of Illinois State has provided certain safeguards due to the declaration of these counties being declared disaster areas after significant issues related to flooding impacted the counties. To ensure LPSCU certificate holders will not suffer unnecessary hardship, we have/had implemented the following:

- An extension of any and all policy provisions or other requirements that impose a time limit for an insured/claimant/member to perform any act, including submission of a claim or proof of loss, reporting of information, submission of bills, or payment of funds. Such extension shall be for a minimum of 60 days.
- Any member in these counties who needs additional information is requested to contact the Home Office toll free at 1-888-834-6614.

# ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ASPIRING FOR LPSCU NATIONAL OFFICE

According to the Official Minutes of the Board of Directors' Semiannual Meeting held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on September 18-19, 2015, it is required that any member with aspirations for National Office must request an Intent Form from the Home Office. According to the LPSCU Bylaws, the qualifications for candidates are set forth in Article III:

**Section 2.** A candidate for office must be at least 21 years of age, an active member with participation in LPSCU Branch or District activities for at least five years, and be present as a delegate at the Convention.

**Section 3.** No two immediate family members can serve as an Officer of the LPSCU during the same term of office. Immediate family is defined as: grandparent, parent, spouse, or sibling.

**Section 4.** A member or delegate, who is a National Officer/Director/Board Member of another fraternal benefit society, may not hold office in the LPSCU.

**Section 10.** No hired employee of the LPSCU shall be eligible to hold any National Office in the LPSCU while so employed, with the exception of the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 11.** Since the position of President is full time, working out of the Home Office, nominations for this position will not be made from the floor. Nominations for this position are by written application, stating the nominee's qualifications, personal background and history. Applications must be submitted to Home Office two months prior to the National Convention. The National Board of Directors will verify these qualifications by use of personal interviews, a professional investigating company, or any other means. From these applications, the National Board of Directors shall recommend to the Nominating Committee candidates qualifying for the position of President. In the event the National Board of Directors cannot recommend a qualified candidate to the Nominating Committee, a search committee will be appointed by the National Convention to fill the vacancy.

**Section 12.** While nominations from the floor are to be accepted for all National Offices, excluding the position of President and the hired position of Secretary-Treasurer, upon acceptance of the nomination, nominee will provide a resume to the delegates of the National Convention, containing personal background, history, and past experience to prove their qualifications for the office to which they have been nominated.

The completed Intent Form must be returned to the Home Office with a **postmark no later May 2, 2016**, with the exception of the Intent Form for the President's position, which is to be returned to the Home Office with a **postmark no later than April 15, 2016**.

## Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

### The Importance of Life Insurance

Life insurance is important because it ensures the financial sustenance of families in the event of a death in the family. Life insurance is essential for any young adult trying to build a strong financial plan for the future. Because the premiums paid for life insurance are fairly inexpensive, there is no reason not to plan ahead for the needs of one's family. The money provided by the insurer can be used by the family to pay off a mortgage, credit card debt, and for various other expenses. Also, additional coverage may be necessary if a person has one or more children still living at home. Certainly they would want life insurance to provide their children with an education and a plan of their own for the future.

Following an unexpected death, a family has enough to deal with in terms of emotional burdens. The last thing they need is the worry of whether or not they are capable of supporting themselves. Life insurance can cover the costs of the funeral for the family member lost and provide that person's spouse and children with peace of mind and a sense of security. Death is not a subject most people feel comfortable talking about, but no family member is going to live forever. It is imperative to create a plan for your loved ones as early as possible.

**Christian Nonnemacher**  
Branch 124, Hazleton, PA

LPSCU BRANCH 213  
is hosting

## FLAG DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, June 17, 2016

Game Time 7 p.m.  
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre  
RailRiders



### PRICE

Members of Branch 213 - \$0.00 per person  
LPSCU Members - \$15.00 per person  
Non-members - \$30.00 per person

### Includes:

Dinner on covered deck/suite in left field.  
Entry through the Mohegan Sun Club entrance.  
Food served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Watch as one member throws out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch!  
All the camaraderie you can get!

Please make reservations by Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Ask for Theresa - 570-829-5410

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY APRIL 20, 2016**  
Seating is limited!

Make checks payable to LPSCU Branch 213

**NEW FEATURE!**

## Where Are They Now?

In our November/December issue, we announced that a new section would be coming to *Zornicka* featuring updates on what has happened to our various scholarship recipients of past years. This is the first of what we hope will be many success stories from members who have received our College Scholarship Grants and Post Graduate Awards, as well as our Anne (Shinal) Cichy and Bishop Grutka Memorial Awards, and our Religious Awards. We invite all our past awardees (or their parents or other relatives) to fill us in on what's been going on in their lives in the years since they received their LPSCU award. Whether it be furthering their education, marriage, starting a family, embarking on a career, travel, or any other "adventure" they've had, we'd like to hear about it. Please feel free to share your success with our readers through a brief story and a photo or two. Send your information to Margaret Ferri, 428 E. Frankford Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or [mfluvbaskets@gmail.com](mailto:mfluvbaskets@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

I have five family members who have received and benefited from LPSCU scholarships. Two are my daughters, Dolly and Peggy, and three are my granddaughters.

Daughter **Dolly Nadzam Smith** received her scholarship in 1981. She attended Edinboro University in Erie, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1985 with a BS in nursing. She has been employed at Allegheny General Hospital in the CCU, stroke unit, and presently in the neurology unit. She has two sons, Ryan and Adam, and resides in North Hills, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Daughter **Peggy Nadzam Snead** graduated from Edinboro University in 1992 with a BS in secondary education in math. She began teaching on the East Coast at Accomac High School in Virginia on the Delmarva Peninsula. She was living on Chincoteague Island where she met her husband, Robert Snead. She received a master's degree in Education from Old Dominion University in Virginia in 1999. Robert and Peggy married in 1998 and have a daughter, Alison, and a son, Thomas. They now reside in Pocomoke, Maryland, where she teaches math. She is also a CCD teacher and lector in her local parish.

Granddaughter **Laura Anzaldi Mike** attended Duke University in North Carolina. She graduated in 2008 with a degree in chemistry. She furthered her education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Laura received a Doctorate in chemistry with a concentration in Pharmacology in 2012. That same year she wed Christopher Mike, whom she met in high school. They now live in Michigan where Laura continues her work in the University of Michigan chemistry and biology labs.

Granddaughter **Kelly Anzaldi** attended Duquesne University in Pittsburgh where she continued on to receive her Master's in Occupational Therapy. She graduated in 2011. Kelly is presently living in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where she works as an Occupational Therapist at Meadville Medical Center.

Granddaughter **Megan Zewe Concepcion** graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2010. She received a BS in secondary education in math. Megan taught for four years in Charlotte, North Carolina. She married Brandon Concepcion in 2013. Megan is now teaching in Roxboro where she and her husband live with their daughter, Macy, the newest member of LPSCU Branch 64, Pittsburgh.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide special recognition of past award recipients.

Kind regards,  
**Mary Jane Nadzam**  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Who Will  
Receive  
Our 2016**

**YOUTH  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD**



2015  
Winner  
Paul  
Gregory  
Jason



**2016 ~  
Who  
Will  
It Be?**

**Let an outstanding youth know**

*You Are Appreciated!*

We all know someone between the ages of 13 and 18 who deserves recognition for his or her scholastic, athletic, fraternal, volunteer, and/or other achievements.

Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young member that they are appreciated by nominating him or her for the

**2016 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at 570-823-3513 or toll free 888-834-6614; email: [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) or visit our website: [www.lpescu.org](http://www.lpescu.org).

The postmark deadline for nominations is June 1, 2016

**Lehigh Valley Okres Presents  
Matching Fund Check**

On December 25, 2015, Jean Kosalko, president of the Lehigh Valley Okres, presented a check for \$225 to the Mother Superior of the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The presentation was made at the monastery, located at 355 Lanark Road, Coopersburg. The funds were derived from a themed gift basket raffle held by the Okres at its Holiday Luncheon at Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on December 6, 2015. The raffle was an LPSCU Matching Fund project.



**Cole Geiger holds a Santa Claus that he won in the LVO Matching Fund gift basket raffle.**

**King's College Holds  
Traditional Ethnic Dinner**

A traditional ethnic dinner prepared by a chef from Europe was held recently by King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. A small gathering of twenty individuals was invited for the occasion, including two board members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Magdalen Benish of Plains, Pennsylvania, and Michael Stretanski of Kingston, Pennsylvania.

The "authentic Polish Dinner" was prepared by Chef Jaeck Wierzbicki of Poland. It consisted of pirohi, salmon, holupki, roasted pumpkin, and strawberry puffs.

Ms. Benish and Mr. Stretanski praised the efforts of Chef Wierzbicki and enjoyed meeting him afterwards, sharing Slovak recipes and life styles. They and the city were appreciative of the occasion made possible by King's College – a true international event.



**Magdalen Benish (left) and Michael Stretanski (right) of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania chat with Chef Jaeck Wierzbicki of Poland.**

# Slovak League of America Announces Scholarship Grant Winners

*By Daniel F. Tanzone*

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, Ohio in 1907, awarded ten \$1,000 college scholarship grants to deserving young students currently enrolled as full time students at a college, university, or professional school. The winners of the grants were announced on December 21, 2015.

The scholarship grants are named in memory of Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hunterbuchner of Rye, New York. Dr. Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner, a native of Slovakia who emigrated to the United States in 1949, served for many years as the national first vice president of the Slovak League of America and was active in the American Slovak civic and cultural community. His wife, Dr. Catherine Hinterbuchner, collaborated with her husband in various capacities in the work of the Slovak League of America as well as other Slovak cultural projects.

Each of the scholarship applicants had to prepare a scholarly paper of no less than five pages on some theme from Slovak culture or history.

The following were awarded a \$1,000 2015 Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner Memorial Scholarship Grant:

**Sidney A. Bittinger** of Marietta, Georgia, a student majoring in Architecture at the University Tennessee at Knoxville. The topic of her paper was "What is Slovak? – The History of the Slovak Language." She is a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

**Julie Ann Gurega** of Waldwick, New Jersey, a student majoring in Media and Commerce at Fordham University in New York City. The title of her paper was "Proud of Being Slovak." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Union.

**Victoriana Hall Kienzle** of Malvern, Pennsylvania, a student majoring in Fashion Merchandising at the University of South Carolina. The title of her paper was "A Slovak Christmas, The Most Beautiful Festival of the Year." She is a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

**Andrew J. Konzelmann** of West Paterson, New Jersey, a student majoring in Journalism at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. The title of his paper was "Learning About Slovakia." He is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union, and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

**Julia Kovacova** of Fraser, Michigan, a student majoring in Management and Marketing at Macomb Community College, Warren, Michigan. The title of her paper was "Losing Our Mother Tongue – The Importance of Language." She is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

**Rose M. Polney** of Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, a student majoring in Pharmacy at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The title of her paper was "History and Slovak Culture." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

**Joachim J. Piskach** of Independence, Ohio, a student majoring in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. The title of his paper was "Slovak Customs

and Traditions." He is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

**Garrett Anton Pruzinsky** of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, a student majoring in Business Accounting at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. The title of his paper was "Slavs to Americans." He is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

**Jessica Salley** of Lincoln, Nebraska, a graduate student majoring in Special Education at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. The title of her paper was "Slovak Castles." She is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

**Kaitlin N. Trokan** of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, a student majoring in English and Education at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. The title of her paper was "Slovak Fairytales." She is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Union.

In addition, the applicants who took the time to submit a completed application and paper but were not awarded a scholarship each received a stipend of \$100 for their efforts.

These include: Randy L. Czankner of Northampton, Pennsylvania; Rachel Durbin of Lowellville, Ohio; Mark W. Frantz of Morgantown, West Virginia; Lauren E. Getz of Youngstown, Ohio; Alexander Holba of Clearson, South Carolina; Megan Horensky of Slatington, Pennsylvania; Madison N. Hutchinson of Dravosburg, Pennsylvania; Dusan Kolesar of Edison, New Jersey; Rachel Kozma of Elyria, Ohio; Charles G. Kucharzak of West Lafayette, New Jersey; William Kucharzak of Phoenix, Arizona; Hannah Pruzinsky of Whitehall, Pennsylvania; Lisa Salley of Lincoln, Nebraska; Michael Skvarek of Sharonville, Indiana; Tessa M. Sighiatti of Athens, Georgia; and James A. Staley of Whiting, Indiana.

Over the years, promoting higher education among our youth has been an important component of the program of the Slovak League of America. Since 1972, scholarship grants have been provided to deserving young students. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to the 2015 scholarship recipients. Continue to make your family as well as the American Slovak community proud of your efforts. Happy future!

## 2016 Slovakia Heritage Tour September 9-18, 2016

Experience Slovak culture, history, and life in Slovakia today, up close and personal on the 10-day 2016 Slovakia Heritage small group tour. From September 9-18, we'll explore important cities and historic sites as well as folk-life museums, mountain resort towns, beautiful countryside, harvest and wine festivals, and the mix of medieval towns to Soviet-era remnants that make Slovakia such an interesting small country to visit today. Optional genealogical research and ancestral village visits are available.

For more information, visit [www.slovakiaheritage.com](http://www.slovakiaheritage.com) or contact Judith Northup-Bennett, Slovakia Heritage Tours, at 978-544-5144 or email her at [slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com](mailto:slovakiaheritagetours@gmail.com).

## Slovak Visitors Tour Pittsburgh

Dr. Jan Varso, newly appointed president of the Office of Slovaks Living Abroad, headquartered in Bratislava, Slovakia, visited Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania recently. While there, he presented a medal to Joseph Senko for his service and effort to spread Slovak culture to Slovaks abroad and for many years of keeping the Slovaks in the United States informed about their homeland.

Accompanying Dr. Vargo was his assistant, Dr. Pavel Meleg, and Jana Trnovcova, the Slovak Consul General from New York. While in Pittsburgh, the trio visited the National Slovak Society's heritage museum, had a tour of the city, visited the Heinz History Center, and the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh, where they met with Professor Martin Votruba, head of the Slovak Studies Program at the university.



**Honorary Slovak Consul and LPSCU member Joseph Senko (left) and Dr. Jan Varso, president of the Office of Slovaks Living Abroad.**

## Something New Has Happened!

The LPSCU website [www.lpsc.org](http://www.lpsc.org) has recently been revised and looks fabulous! Check out our website and look at all the Life Insurance and Annuity products, programs and benefits the LPSCU has to offer. And don't miss all the Branch and District events that are happening. After your review of the website, if you have any questions, please contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.



Starting May 1st to October 31st, the LPSCU's hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We hope that this will help our members when contacting us for information. If you call and the answering machine should pick up, please leave your name, certificate number, the reason for the call, a number to reach you, and a good time of day for us to call you back.

One of our goals to our members is to provide the best service we can. That is why when you call our office a "real" person answers the phone to help you with your questions. If you should get the answering machine, we are closed or all phone lines are busy!

### *New Educational Benefit*

## 2016 LPSCU CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL AWARD

### \$150 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is proud to announce that it is offering a Catholic Grade School Award Benefit, which is a \$150 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic Grade School during the 2016-2017 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

The following are the Guidelines for applying for the Catholic Grade School Award:

- Must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Must be enrolled in a Catholic grade school in kindergarten, or in Grades 1 through 8 in the fall of 2016.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. **Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2016.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting materials to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
Educational Benefit Committee  
P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ Toll free: 888-834-6614 ❖ Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpsc@lpsc.org](mailto:lpsc@lpsc.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpsc.org](http://www.lpsc.org)



## Join the 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors

Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko and his Slovak-born wife, Albina, have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia which includes the history-rich cities of Bratislava, Sastin, Skalica, Trencin, Bojnice, Rajecke Teplice, Cicmany, Zdiar, Stara Lubovna, Bardejov, and Presov, as well as the High Tatras. The tour runs from August 28-September 10, 2016. As you travel through the various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives or family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some of the highlights of the tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a visit to Dobsinska ice cave, a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting between Slovakia and Poland, spa treatments, and a welcome reception with the Mayor of Presov.

At no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included stops in Poland and a tour of Vienna. While in Poland, travelers will visit the famous shrine of Czestochowa and the cities of Zakopane and Krakow, including tours of Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, an air-conditioned bus, a professional guide, and more. At \$3,899, this is the lowest price of any deluxe tour to Slovakia. For a detailed daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com) or call 412-956-6000.

### Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania



hosts

## FLAG DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, June 17, 2016

Game Time 7 p.m.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders

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Dinner on covered deck/suite in left field.

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Watch as one member throws out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch.

All the camaraderie you can get!

Please make reservations by Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Ask for Theresa or Mary Jo at 570-823-3513 or 888-834-6614

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY APRIL 20, 2016**

**Seating is limited!**

Make checks payable to LPSCU

### LPSCU EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

# 2016 COLLEGE AWARD

\$500 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a \$500, one-time College Award to our members who will be attending college during the 2016-2017 academic year. A total of 25 College Awards will be granted.

In order for an applicant to be eligible, all criteria outlined below must be met and all requested data provided. Applications with incomplete data or missing requirements will not be considered. All submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. The LPSCU reserves the right to publish the applicant's entire essay or excerpts thereof, at its own discretion, in its official publication, *Zornicka*.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website.

**Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2016.**

Submit applications to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

Educational Benefit Committee

P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

P. 570-823-3513 • TF. 888-834-6614 • F. 570-823-4464

[lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) • [www.lpescu.org](http://www.lpescu.org)



#### These are the guidelines for those applying for this award:

- Applicants must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with at least a \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance plan (excludes term insurance).
- Applicants must be a high school senior or college freshman, sophomore, or junior.
- High school seniors must provide a letter of recommendation from a school representative (ex: teacher, guidance counselor, or principal).
- High school applicants must submit an official transcript from their school that includes test scores; College students must submit documentation indicating latest overall GPA.
- Applicants must provide a detailed list of extracurricular activities, honors, and awards.
- Applicants must provide a detailed list of church, community, volunteer, and work activities including honors and awards, with reference(s) included.
- Applicants must be attending an accredited college/university on a full time basis for the 2016-2017 academic year and must submit proof of acceptance for the Fall 2016 semester.
- Applicants must submit a brief essay (no more than 200 words) on the topic "Why is life insurance important?"
- Applicants must provide a wallet-size color photo.



**Last  
Chance!**

**ATTENTION!**

**Members 3 to 15**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

**To Enter Our**

**Convention Calendar Contest!**

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** The LPSCU is holding an **Art Contest**, the results of which will be featured in a very special 2017 Calendar. The calendar will be given to each delegate attending our 2016 National Convention and also be made available for distribution at LPSCU functions.

**CONTEST RULES**

1. Drawings must be created by LPSCU members who are between the ages of 3 and 15. (Age-related eligibility will be based on the date the drawing is **received** by the LPSCU Home Office.)
2. Submit an **original picture** that you have drawn. You may choose any subject pertaining to any of the 12 months of the year. Artwork should be horizontal (wider than it is tall) with a maximum size of 11" x 8½".
3. Use unlined drawing paper or poster board.
4. Use charcoal, ink, crayons, pastels, colored pencils, tempera, or watercolors. Do not use magic markers.
5. On a separate sheet of paper that accompanies your drawing, print your name, birthday (including year), full address, branch number, telephone number, and email address.
6. Place your drawing flat, protected between two sheets of heavy cardboard to keep it from being bent or folded, and mail it in a large envelope to the address below. **Don't forget to enclose your contact information!**
7. **All entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2016.**



Since there are 13 eligible ages, and 13 calendar pages available (each of 12 months plus the front cover), it is our intention to feature one drawing chosen from each age on those 13 pages. All submissions, however, will be featured somewhere in the calendar, so everyone's work will be recognized.

Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa – Here's a chance to encourage your children or grandchildren to show off their artistic talents and have their artwork printed for all to see! If they're a member of the LPSCU between the ages of 3 and 15, they're eligible to participate in this creative and fun activity.

Please send entries to:  
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
Convention Calendar Art Contest  
71 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

*In Memoriam*

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
* John Gregg, Sr.	37	Plymouth, PA
* Mary J. Montgomery	38	Whitehall, PA
Nicholas Vrablec	40	Allentown, PA
Susan Praestus	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Joseph Sapek, Jr.	58	Ashley, PA
* Lawrence Kaminsky	79	Whiting, IN
Thomas S. Kusbel	79	Whiting, IN
George Chladni	83	Bethlehem, PA
* Mary J. Ford	83	Bethlehem, PA
Irene C. Gorol	90	Johnstown, PA
Mary Prachick	90	Johnstown, PA
Joseph J. Prebola	90	Johnstown, PA
Emilie Villari	122	Wilkes-Barre, PA
* Frances Eichelberger	132	Campbell, OH
* Robert Staul	132	Campbell, OH
Elena Cizauskas	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Mary Highland	194	Chicago, IL
Marie Antoni	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Helen J. Beres	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rose M. Buckler	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susan Gudaitis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jean Holtz	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Margaret Matey	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joseph Stravinsky	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joyce C. Figmik	213	Dallas, PA
Josephine Zekan	213	Dallas, PA

*\*Multiple certificates*

**Paul Jason Receives Award Plaque**



**Paul G. Jason (third from left) was presented with the 2015 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award plaque by National President Theresa Kluchinski (far right) at the Reverend Dianiska District's annual Christmas party on December 6, 2015. Also pictured are Paul's mother and father, Diane and Paul Jason (left), sister Marissa (third from right) and grandmother Mary Ann Ewasko (second from right).**

# The 10 Payment Life Plan

The LPSCU offers an economical and beneficial 10 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 to 75. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase requirement of life insurance. For those ages 0-70, the minimum purchase amount is \$5,000; for ages 71-75, the minimum purchase amount is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for ten (10) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 10-year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

The plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of ten years, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with a 10 Payment Life Plan is entitled to all

fraternal benefits of the LPSCU including educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount card, official publication, and discount car rental.

The 10 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within ten years.

During these unstable economic times, the 10 Payment Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is economical and beneficial for estate planning and can especially help with the high cost of funeral expenses.

To apply for this specific plan, or any other insurance plan offered by the LPSCU, contact your Branch Secretary or the LPSCU Home Office.

Listed below are the Annual and Monthly Premium Schedules for the 10 Payment Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual and quarterly premium rates are also available. Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office for more information.

## 10 PAYMENT LIFE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000

Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables — Based on Age at Last Birthday

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	10.45	9.07	0.94	0.82
1	10.74	9.34	0.97	0.84
2	11.06	9.63	1.00	0.87
3	11.41	9.94	1.03	0.89
4	11.78	10.11	1.06	0.91
5	12.17	10.60	1.10	0.95
6	12.57	10.95	1.13	0.99
7	12.99	11.31	1.17	1.02
8	13.42	11.69	1.21	1.05
9	13.87	12.07	1.25	1.09
10	14.33	12.47	1.29	1.12
11	14.81	12.80	1.33	1.15
12	15.30	13.31	1.38	1.20
13	15.80	13.75	1.42	1.24
14	16.32	14.15	1.47	1.27
15	16.84	14.66	1.52	1.32
16	17.36	15.13	1.56	1.36
17	17.89	15.62	1.61	1.41
18	18.42	16.12	1.66	1.45
19	18.98	16.64	1.71	1.50
20	19.54	17.18	1.76	1.55
21	20.12	17.73	1.81	1.60
22	20.73	18.20	1.87	1.64
23	21.35	18.87	1.92	1.70
24	21.99	19.50	1.98	1.76
25	22.66	20.13	2.04	1.81
26	23.34	20.78	2.10	1.87
27	24.05	21.45	2.16	1.93
28	24.78	22.14	2.23	1.99
29	25.53	22.85	2.30	2.06
30	26.31	23.59	2.37	2.12
31	27.12	24.26	2.44	2.18
32	27.97	25.13	2.52	2.26
33	28.85	25.94	2.60	2.33
34	29.75	26.62	2.68	2.40
35	30.69	27.62	2.76	2.49
36	31.65	28.31	2.85	2.55
37	32.65	29.32	2.94	2.64

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
38	33.69	30.33	3.03	2.73
39	34.74	31.28	3.13	2.82
40	35.83	32.01	3.22	2.88
41	36.96	33.02	3.33	2.97
42	38.11	34.34	3.43	3.09
43	39.30	35.38	3.54	3.18
44	40.51	36.39	3.65	3.28
45	41.75	37.40	3.76	3.37
46	43.02	38.75	3.87	3.49
47	44.31	39.76	3.99	3.58
48	45.63	41.11	4.11	3.70
49	47.00	42.18	4.23	3.80
50	48.42	43.51	4.36	3.92
51	49.94	44.87	4.49	4.04
52	51.53	46.27	4.64	4.16
53	53.17	47.70	4.79	4.29
54	54.86	49.17	4.94	4.43
55	56.60	50.67	5.09	4.56
56	58.38	52.21	5.25	4.70
57	60.22	53.78	5.42	4.84
58	62.13	55.39	5.59	4.99
59	64.13	57.04	5.77	5.13
60	66.21	58.73	5.96	5.29
61	68.36	60.48	6.15	5.44
62	70.59	62.28	6.35	5.61
63	72.87	64.14	6.56	5.77
64	75.22	66.07	6.77	5.95
65	77.66	68.08	6.99	6.13
66	80.19	70.17	7.22	6.32
67	82.85	72.36	7.46	6.51
68	85.68	74.64	7.71	6.72
69	88.70	77.03	7.98	6.93
70	91.96	79.54	8.28	7.16
71	95.48	82.18	8.59	7.40
72	99.26	84.96	8.93	7.65
73	103.32	87.91	9.30	7.91
74	107.71	91.04	9.69	8.19
75	112.50	94.39	10.13	8.50

# Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year

On December 13, 2015, the Doors of Mercy were opened at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania. The Basilica was named a place of pilgrimage for the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year from December 2015 through November 2016. The Basilica, on the grounds of Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, is the motherhouse chapel for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius was named after the spiritual patrons of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius: the missionary brothers Cyril and Methodius. The Basilica is the daily place of prayer for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and is also the site of ecumenical gatherings, pilgrimages, weekend and week-long retreats, and days of prayer, not only for the Sisters, but for the general public. During this Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year, the Basilica will also house special Jubilee events, and welcome pilgrims throughout the year.



**More than one hundred pilgrims attended the Liturgy opening the Year of Mercy at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius on December 13, 2015.**



**The Doors of Mercy through which pilgrims pass to enter the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius.**

## Events to be Held at the Basilica During the Jubilee Year

The Basilica is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for private prayer and pilgrimage. Guided tours of the Basilica are available by calling in advance (570-275-3581).

Evening Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration – Every Sunday evening from 4:00-4:30 p.m., January 10, 2016 to November 13, 2016, there will be public celebration of Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, coupled with Eucharistic Adoration.

There will be a retreat specifically for those discerning a vocation to Religious Life, May 27-29.

There will be a series of Directed 24-Hour Retreats – March 18-19; June 10-11; September 9-10; October 28-29.

There will be a series of Silent Directed Retreat Weekends – March 18-20; June 10-12; September 9-11; October 28-30.

There will be two Taize Prayer Services – March 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m. and April 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

There will be two day-long Retreats – March 5, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., “People of the Passion” and April 23, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., “Compassionate Caregiving: Dimensions of Religion and Spirituality in Health Care Settings.”

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius for individuals or groups upon request.

For information on any event, about visiting the Basilica, or to make arrangements for a group pilgrimage, call 570-275-3581.



**Fr. James Lease, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Danville, was celebrant for the Liturgy opening the Year of Mercy at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius.**

## New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	SEPT/OCT 2015	Year-to-Date Total
7	Margaret Jollimore	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
60	Anita Gregory	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
64	Elv Silay	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
65	Janice Mathews	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
156	Michael Friendak	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
213	Maureen Grohowski	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
24*	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 53,000.00	\$ 108,000.00

*\*Sold through Home Office, not included in the Campaign*

## FLEXIBLE ANNUITY

### 1st Year's Interest Rate is 3.5%



- ◆ The LPSCU Flexible Annuity is a flexible-premium, deferred annuity that accepts ongoing deposits of as little as \$100 per month.
- ◆ An annuity is a long-term investment where the interest earned is accumulated and compounded.
- ◆ Annuities are used to supplement retirement income, whereby at some point you stop paying into the annuity and start taking out.
- ◆ Upon maturity, LPSCU offers a number of distribution options, giving our members the convenience of selecting the one that is best suited for them.
- ◆ LPSCU's competitive interest rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors; however, your rate will never go below the guaranteed minimum rate established by the annuity contract.
- ◆ You can become a member of the LPSCU by purchasing an annuity and you can own an annuity regardless of your health status.
- ◆ Deposits can be made at your convenience!
- ◆ Minimum deposit is \$100.00.
- ◆ After the sixth year, there is no LPSCU penalty on annuity withdrawals.
- ◆ If the annuitant dies prior to settlement, funds on deposit are payable directly to the named beneficiary(ies).

- ◆ Settlement Options:
  - Payment of a specified amount.
  - Payments for a specified period.
  - Life Annuity.
- ◆ Payment options can be monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, depending upon your needs.
- ◆ Prior to settlement, annuitant may withdraw the Cash Surrender Value at any time; however, the minimum withdrawal amount is \$250.00.

NOTE: *Withdrawals taken prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% Early Withdrawal Penalty by the Internal Revenue Service.*



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# BISHOP ANDREW G. GRUTKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**\$1,000 AWARD**

**(Maximum of \$2,000 per member)**

The LPSCU is proud to once again offer the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award for lay persons between the ages of 18 to 35. This award, implemented at the 37th National Convention held in Merrillville, Indiana, in August 2000, is given in memory of Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, an outstanding Slovak leader who was the founding Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Those applying for the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, adult altar server, catechist/aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, youth minister, member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and/or other parish committees or organizations.
- Be active in an organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Be endorsed by his or her 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.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. **Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2016.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting material to:

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Educational Benefit Committee

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ Toll free: 888-834-6614

❖ Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)



## UTILIZATION REPORT

	<b>For December 2015</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2015</b>
Prescriptions Filled:	5	95
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$ 464.40	\$ 5,304.94
Discount Program Pricing:	\$ 260.75	\$ 2,342.75
Total Dollars Saved by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 203.65	\$ 2,962.19
Average Saved per Discounted Prescription:	\$ 40.73	\$ 38.47
Overall LPSCU Discounted Prescription Savings:	43.85%	58.24%

December 2015 was a great savings month for our ScriptSave® card members. Our group's discounted prescription savings for the month amounted to 43.85%. With our group's 2015 discounted prescription savings averaging 58.24%, or \$38.47 per discounted prescription, it's easy to see how our members benefit from the program every day. During these tough economic times, a ScriptSave® card will provide savings to you on your prescriptions.

The ScriptSave® Prescription Savings Program is available at **NO COST** to you. There are **no monthly or ongoing fees, no limits on usage, and no income or age restrictions.** Your entire household can use the card to receive instant savings on brand name and generic prescriptions at over 62,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.

If you do not have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for any brand name or generic prescription you or a family member pays for out-of-pocket. If you have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for everyone in your household who is not insured and for any prescriptions that are excluded by Medicare Part D law or drugs not covered by your health insurance. In addition to prescription savings, the ScriptSave® card also provides savings on vision and Lasik, hearing, diabetic supplies, lab testing, chiropractic, X-ray/imaging, fitness/safety/medical supplies, and gym memberships.

If you do not have a ScriptSave® card, you may enroll online by visiting [www.scriptsave.com](http://www.scriptsave.com) and logging in with Group #S1000. On that web site, you can also find a participating pharmacy near you, look up drug pricing, and view the Preferred Medications List, health information, and more. Any LPSCU member (including the membership of LCA) can receive a ScriptSave® card at no cost. If you do not have access to a computer to apply for a card, call the Home Office and the Home Office will apply for a ScriptSave® card for you.

**Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies. The range of the discounts will vary depending on the type of provider and services rendered. This program does not make payments directly to providers. Members are required to pay for all health care services. You may cancel your registration at any time or file a complaint by contacting Customer Care. This program is administered by Medical Security Card Company, LLC (MSC) of Tucson, AZ.**



# Junior Branch Journal

## Word Search Puzzle



AXE	OUTLAW
BELT	ROBINHOOD
HERO	TERCHOVA
JURO	

## Jánošík and the Valaška

Did you know there was a Slovak Robin Hood? Juraj Jánošík (Yan-o-shik) was his name. Jánošík and his band of followers roamed the Tatra Mountains and the Slovak countryside.

As a young man, Jánošík was the victim of unfair and cruel treatment. He felt a need for justice and better treatment, not only for himself, but for all the poor and needy that were mistreated, and so he began to take from the rich to give to the poor.

Jánošík and his band hid in the shelter of the Tatra Mountains where, from their hideout on King's Mountain Glade, they would quickly surprise and overtake the caravans of wealthy merchants and nobles as they passed by. They would rob them and make off with all the money, supplies, and valuables they could handle and then distribute these goods to those in need. They would keep any leftovers in safe hiding places for future use. Under Jánošík's leadership, the group was exceptionally chivalrous and never killed those that they robbed.

After two years of such adventures, Jánošík was tricked into being captured. He was tried in Liptov, Slovakia, and was sentenced to death.

Juraj Jánošík was a real person, born in 1688 and died in March 1713. But, as with all folk heroes, tales get embellished over time until it is hard to tell what is true and what is false about his story. To many Slovaks, however, he remains a hero because he fought for justice for the oppressed.

The *valaška* (va-lash-ka) is like a mountaineer's axe and it played a big part in Jánošík's legend. Indeed, you do not think of one without the other. Jánošík used it as a weapon for self-defense and was very skilled in its use. Over the years, the *valaška* has changed some in size and shape in order to improve it, but it basically has the same outline as it did in Jánošík's day. Today the *valaška* is used as a walking stick. It is probably the most popular souvenir purchased by tourists visiting Slovakia.

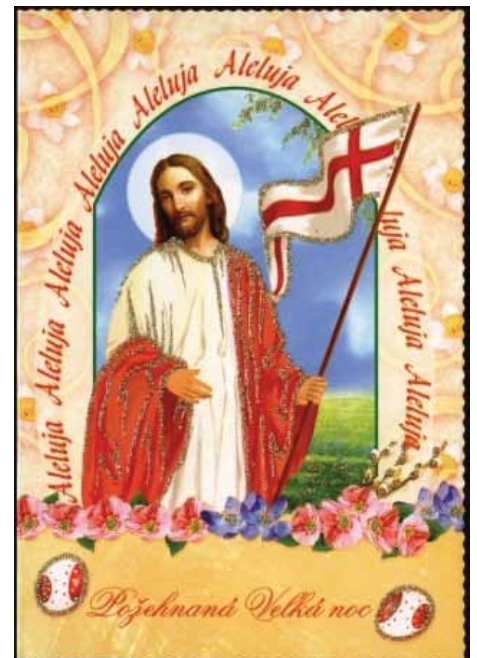


## Slovak Easter Eggs

For Christians, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, who died to forgive the sins of humankind. Before Jesus' time on Earth, eggs had long served as a symbol of new life and were used in spring festivals by many different cultures. Due to their connection to new life, eggs remain a symbol of Easter for many Christians.

Even Christian legends about coloring eggs developed. One legend says that an egg merchant, Simon of Cyrene, put down his basket of eggs in order to carry Jesus' cross. When he went back for his basket, all the eggs were colored. Another story suggests that eggs were originally dyed red to represent Jesus' blood.

In Slovakia, a lot of work is put into decorating eggs. *Kraslice*, as they are called, are sometimes dyed using wax to make designs on the eggs. In some parts of Slovakia, they are also decorated with straw, yarn, and even wire.



# Junior Branch Journal



## April Fun Facts

April was formerly the second month of the year in the ancient Roman calendar. March began the year. The "real" origin of April's name has been lost but the most common theory is that April is derived from the Latin verb *Aperire* - "to open" - as the opening, or blossoming, of trees and flowers.

The birthstone for April is the diamond. The flower for April is typically the Sweet Pea or the Daisy.

April is National Garlic Month (Garlic Day is April 19) and we're celebrating with a few garlic fun facts.

- Garlic is both a vegetable and an herb.
- Garlic is a member of the onion family, which also includes leeks and shallots.
- Garlic has been used medicinally since the Greek and Roman times. One of garlic's greatest health benefits includes the ability to enhance the body's immune cell activity.
- Garlic was once believed to fight off acne, warts, toothaches, and evil spirits.
- Garlic's pungent odor is caused by a chemical reaction that occurs when the garlic cells are broken. The odor is most intense just after mincing. The smell can be removed from your hands by running them under cold water while rubbing a stainless steel object
- The psychological term for fear of garlic is alliumphobia.



## Bratislava Castle

Monumental Bratislava Castle, towering over the Danube River and overlooking the capital city of Slovakia, was built in the 9th century. It is a symbol of the city where eleven kings and eight queens were crowned in the past.

The castle is an inseparable part of the scenery of the Slovak capital city. It is well visible from a distance and its distinctive silhouette catches the eye of every visitor.

The castle was built in a square formation with one spiral tower in each corner. Locals call it the "upturned table."



## The Legend of the Giant

In Slovakia, there is a fable about the history of Bratislava Castle. In Bratislava, before the Great Moravian Empire, some common folk moved into the four-tower castle. But they soon noticed that they woke up tired every morning and that everything was out of place. Before long, everyone was so tired that the king decided something had to be done. But no one knew what to do until a little girl spoke up and said, "My grandfather is a witch, and he has a crystal ball. I bet he could tell us."

After looking into the crystal ball, the girl's grandfather discovered there was a giant that lived in the mountains to the west and worked in the mountains to the east. Every morning on his way to work, the giant flipped the castle over and used it as a table. The witch suggested making a map to show the giant a new and shorter route to follow.

The best artists were contracted to draw a new route for the giant, but the next morning the people realized the map was too small to attract the giant's attention. Someone suggested releasing pigeons to fly in formation, but it would take a long time to train the pigeons to do this. Another suggestion made was to cut down trees and use them to draw the map, but it still would take a lot of trees and time. So they decided to make a map out of rocks in the courtyard of the castle.

It worked. When they woke up the next morning, they were fully rested and everything was still in its proper place.

## PERIODICAL

### Slovak Heritage Society Holds Hymn Sing



**St. Nicholas (Magdalen Benish) visits SHSNEPA's Slovak Hymn Sing.**

On Sunday, December 6, 2015, the feast of St. Nicholas, the Slovak Heritage Society of North-eastern Pennsylvania held its annual "St. Nicholas Celebration" at St. Matthew's Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Approximately 60 individuals from near and far attended the Slovak Hymn Sing. Traditional Slovak Advent hymns and Christmas carols were sung by all.

Bernadette Yencha, a member of LPSCU Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, was the leader of song. John Simkovich was the organist and sang "Spi Dieta, Spi" as a solo. The traditional Slovak *Vinc* was presented by Helen Savinski, and a humorous Slovak version of "The Night Before Christmas" was done in English by Anna Hudock. It was enjoyed by all.

Magdalen Benish, a member of LPSCU Branch 122, Wilkes-Barre, read an inspiring Christmas story and spoke of all the past traditions – the *Vilija*, the bell ringers, and the caroling from home to home. There was great participation as all reminisced about Christmas past.

St. Nicholas (portrayed by Magdalen Benish) came to visit and presented a gold coin (really chocolate) to each individual for good luck. Slovak hospitality followed and more stories were shared.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and left with a great Slovak Christmas spirit. The Society hopes to continue this annual Hymn Sing. For more information about us, visit our website: [www.shsnepa.org](http://www.shsnepa.org).

**Bernadette Yencha**  
Corresponding Secretary

### LPSCU 2016 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD \$300 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a Catholic High School Award Benefit, which is a \$300 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic High School during the 2016-2017 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.



The following are the Guidelines for applying for the Catholic High School Award:

- Must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Must be a Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the fall of 2016.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

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