



Gabriella Kupsho

Receives 2017 Youth Achievement Award

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Gabriella Kupsho of Drums, Pennsylvania, a member of LPSCU Branch 60 for 12 years in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has been selected as the recipient of our 2017 Youth Achievement Award. She was nominated for the award by her parents, Robert and Diane Kupsho.

Gabriella attends MMI Preparatory School in Freeland, Pennsylvania, where she has just begun her senior year. MMI's core curriculum includes all honors level coursework. In addition to those challenging courses, Gabriella selected AP Biology in her sophomore year and 3 AP level courses in her junior year, demonstrating a most rigorous curriculum. She is a member of the MMI Ambassador Program, Future Business Leaders of America (where she earned 5th place at the Regional Level for Global Business and 3rd place for Management and Decision Making), and Junior Leadership Hazleton. She was Class Representative, Class of 2018, MMI Student Council, Ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar at Shippensburg University, and a participant at the Pennsylvania Governor School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University.

Gabriella's awards and achievements are numerous and impressive. In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and the Science and Math National Honor Societies, she was recipient of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Excellence Award in Botany; Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Oerlien Junior High Excellence Award at the State Level; Academic Excellence Awards in Mathematics, History, and Spanish; Silver Medal on the National Spanish Exam; King's College 2015 National Spanish Exam – Gold Medal; Penn State Hazleton Annual STEM Research Fair 1st Place Award; Freeland VFW Voice of Democracy Honorable Mention Award; Dessen Scholar for Junior Leadership Hazleton Class of 2016-2017 Academic Excellence Awards – AP European History, Spanish III, and Pre-Calculus with Limits; Honorable Mention on the National Spanish Exam Level 3; and the George Eastman Young Leaders Award from the University of Rochester. She has been on MMI's Honor Roll and President's List from 2014 to the present.

Also finding time for sports, Gabriella is a member of the Junior Varsity/Varsity Softball team and Varsity Volleyball team. She received the MMI Coach's Award for Varsity Volleyball. She was also a manager of the MMI Varsity Boys' Basketball team during her sophomore year.

Having an extensive history of community service, Gabriella volunteered for SAFE Autism Walk, Hazleton; Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Hazleton; Northeast MS Walkathon Team Captain, Wilkes-Barre; Conyngham Valley Civic Organization Valley Day; United Children's Charity Home Christmas Fundraiser, West Hazleton; Class Fundraiser for Lehigh Valley Health Network, Hazleton; Little Acts of Love Week-long Summer Camp, Reading, to help renovate and restore homes of war veterans and other less fortunate people; HOBY Leadership for Service Program; American Cancer Society Ball; Helping Hands of Hazleton Area; and Peer Tutoring at MMI Preparatory School. During the summer of 2015-2016, Gabriella worked as a Camp Counselor at Butler Township Recreation Center in Drums.

As for fraternal activities, Gabriella attends Msgr. Beeda District summer picnics, Mass/Breakfast events, Christmas parties, and clothing collections for Make a Difference Day.

The Director of Youth Ministry of Saint Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, of which Gabriella is an active member, detailed in a letter of recommendation Gabriella's volunteer work with Little Acts of Love, which is a program that helps the elderly, disabled, and veterans with home repairs. The director states, "Gabriella is a hard worker, who sets a wonderful example for other youth." In a letter of recommendation from Gabriella's college admissions counselor, the counselor notes, "Gabriella is a passionate young woman driven by her academic and career goals of one day working in the biomedical science field."

Gabriella has outstanding credentials and has exhibited ambition, achievement, and dedication to all of the activities she has participated in within her school, church, fraternal, and community organizations to qualify her for this award. It is with great pride that the LPSCU presents Gabriella Kupsho with the 2017 Youth Achievement Award. Congratulations, Gabriella!



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SEPTEMBER

- 4** – Home Office closed for Labor Day.
- 7-9** – American Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona
- 15-16** – Branch Seminars, Youngstown, Ohio.
- 17-19** – Slovak Catholic Federation Convention, Boardman, Ohio.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for November/December *Zornicka*.**
- 29** – LPSCU Semi-Annual Board Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- 30** – Deadline to apply for the 2017 Post Graduate Award. *See page 5 for details.*

OCTOBER

- 1** – Deadline to submit articles for the 2017 issue of *The Good Shepherd*, annual publication of the Slovak Catholic Federation. *See page 11 for more information.*
- 1** – The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a Mass and Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. A breakfast buffet will immediately follow the service at Genetti's Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania. Those planning to attend should contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by September 25 to make a reservation.
- 2** – The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association presents a Slovak Heritage Program: "*Oplatky* – Christmas Wafers" at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The program is free and open to the public. *See page 6 for more details.*
- 9** – Home Office closed for Columbus Day.
- 14** – Pilgrimage of Faith sponsored by the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pennsylvania. *See page 8.*
- 15** – Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. "Make a Difference Day" will be observed as members are asked to bring cleaning supplies for the Catherine McCauley House in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Please call your Branch Secretary to make a reservation to attend.
- 21-22 & 28-29** – The Msgr. Beeda District will be selling tickets for a 50-50 Drawing to benefit Holy Family Academy in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, as part of a Matching Funds project. Contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) to purchase. Tickets will also be available after all Masses at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the weekends of October 21-22 and 28-29.

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A Message from Our National Spiritual Advisor

This past summer, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops convened a gathering of Catholic leaders from across the country to take a look at the challenges and opportunities of our time. “An ongoing initiative of the Bishop’s Working Group on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person, the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America, assembled Catholic leaders for a strategic conversation under the leadership of the bishops, on forming missionary disciples to animate the Church and to engage the culture.”

I had the opportunity to watch some parts of the conference that was aired on EWTN. It was an awesome experience of Catholic leaders gathered for Mass, prayer, powerful and energizing presentations inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) by Pope Francis. We are called to be missionary disciples. We are all called to be evangelizers. We are called to bring Christ’s love to others. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, “We are permanently in a state of mission,” conquering the “great danger in today’s world,” that of individualist “desolation and anguish.”

The Holy Father’s exhortation reminds all of us that the Gospel is meant to overflow in us, sending us out into our communities and into the world. The goal of the gathering of Catholic leaders from all over the United States in Orlando, Florida, was to form leaders who will be equipped and re-energized to share the Gospel as missionary disciples. I recommend for personal study and reflection, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation: *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

“An evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always.”

— Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Blessings,
Father Bob



Rev. Robert L. Seeman

FSNEPA Celebrates Flag Day at VA Medical Center

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania held a Flag Day Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2017, at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Medical Center. Members of the organizations that comprise FSNEPA gathered with local veterans for the ceremony and afterwards joined them for games of bingo, which the veterans enjoyed playing. Prizes were vouchers which are used to purchase personal items in the facility’s store. Refreshments were also served.

The LPSCU is a member society of FSNEPA. President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge attended the presentation and stayed to play bingo with the veterans at the Medical Center.

Amy Savidge Receives Anne (Shinal) Cichy Award

The LPSCU is pleased to announce that Amy Savidge of Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2017 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship.

Amy graduated from Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School in 2012. She graduated from Misericordia University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Imaging. She was on the Dean’s List in college and was a member of the Medical Imaging Club and was involved with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

She did her clinical rotations at General Hospital and the VA Hospital and her Internship in Radiation Oncology at Dorothea Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. All the medical facilities are located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. During college, Amy worked at AC Fitness and Smokey Bones Restaurant in Wilkes-Barre. Currently, she is a graduate student in Radiation Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Amy is a member of LPSCU Branch 213, Dallas, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of LPSCU National Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge and the late Joseph Savidge.

The LPSCU is proud of Amy’s outstanding achievements and accomplishments. She is most deserving of this year’s Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations, Amy! Wishing you continued success as you pursue your studies in Radiation Oncology.



Amy Savidge

Where Are They Now?

Awhile back, we announced a section of Zornicka featuring updates on what has happened to past recipients of our College Scholarship Grants and Post Graduate Awards, as well as the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship, Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship, and our various Religious Awards. We invite all our past awardees (or their parents or other relatives) to fill us in on what has 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 would 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 Donna M. Perhach, 110 Maltby Avenue, Swoyersville, PA 18704 or email: dperhach@lpscu.org. Our readers look forward to hearing from you.

22 – Pittsburgh District Card Party at St. Maximilian-Kolbe Parish, Munhall, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. A Matching Fund project benefitting Magee-Women’s Research Institution will be held. Call Dolores Sakal (412-243-0438) if you plan to attend.

22-24 – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER

6 – The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association presents a Slovak Heritage Program: “Slovak Immigrants to America” at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library,

16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The program is free and open to the public. *See page 6 for more details.*

23-24 – Home Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

20 – **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2018 Zornicka.**

24 – The Msgr. Beeda District’s Christmas Party will be held at Booty’s Restaurant, Route 309, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Anyone planning to attend should call Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by November 17.

DECEMBER

3 – Rev. Dianiska District’s Christmas Party at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 214 will host. Please call your Branch Secretary to make a reservation.

3 – Lehigh Valley Okres Holiday Luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Routes 512 and 22, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Punch reception begins at noon with buffet served at 12:45 p.m. There will be a themed gift basket raffle benefitting the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, as a Matching Fund project. Call Marge Ferri (610-866-8945) by November 25 to make a reservation to attend.

4 – The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association presents a Slovak Heritage Program: “Show-n-Tell” at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The program is free and open to the public. *See page 6 for more details.*

9 – LPSCU Telephone Conference Meeting

LPSCU Hires New Public Relations Director

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is pleased to announce the hiring of Donna M. Perhach as our Public Relations Director.

Donna is a long-time member of LPSCU Branch 19, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, and is very well qualified for the position. Her qualifications are as follows:

- Bachelor of Science in Marketing from College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania
- Associate in Applied Science, Information Systems Technology from Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania
- Marketing and Retention Manager, Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company
- Marketing Specialist, Koehler-Bright Star, Inc.
- Volunteer with the Wyoming Valley Children’s Association
- Member of Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania

Donna thanks her mother, Helen E. Perhach, who believed in the LPSCU and took an enthusiastic role in making sure she passed along the respect for tradition and appreciation of the Slovak heritage. Donna says, “I can think of no better way to carry on that appreciation and tradition than by using my talents to make it even stronger for generations to come.”

The LPSCU would like to extend a welcome to Donna as our new Public Relations Director and wish her success in her position!

LPSCU Board to Hold Semi-Annual Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. All subsequent sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until all Semi-Annual Meeting business has been completed.

Cooking Corner

APPLE CAKE

2½ cups flour, unsifted	½ cup brown sugar
2 tsp. baking soda	2 cups peeled and sliced
2 tsp. cinnamon	1 cup sugar
¼ tsp. salt	2 eggs
½ cup butter	1 cup sour cream
2 cups peeled and sliced McIntosh apples	

Topping

¼ cup brown sugar	½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ cup sugar	½ cup chopped nuts

Mix ingredients together and sprinkle on cake batter before baking.

Cream together butter, sugar, brown sugar, and eggs. Mix together flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Add flour mixture to the creamed mixture, alternating with sour cream. Fold in apples. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 baking pan. Sprinkle on topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes. (Check until toothpick comes out clean.)



Msgr. Beeda District Plans Christmas Party

The Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. It will take place at Booty's Restaurant, Route 309, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Anyone planning to attend should make a reservation with Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by November 17th.

LPSCU 2017 POST GRADUATE AWARD

The LPSCU has revised its Post-Graduate Award Benefit to our members who have received a Master's or Doctorate degree during the period from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. Members who qualify may receive this award one time upon receiving their Master's degree and one time upon receiving their Doctorate. (Members must apply separately and provide all the required criteria to be eligible to receive both the Master's and Doctorate Post Graduate awards.)

Following are the guidelines for applying for the 2017 Post Graduate Award. All applicants must:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for at least five (5) years with a minimum \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance) for a \$300 Post Graduate Award **OR**
- Be a member of the LPSCU for at least five (5) years with a minimum \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance) for a \$500 Post Graduate Award.
- Provide a photocopy of the Master's or Doctorate degree received.
- Provide documentation that the degree was awarded between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined and provide data indicated in order to be eligible. Applications missing data or with incomplete requirements will not be considered. All 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 September 30, 2017.**

Submit applications 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: lpescu@lpescu.org ❖ Website: www.lpescu.org

Jude Schafer Graduates from Elementary School

Jude Schafer graduated from 5th grade at High Peaks Elementary School in Boulder, Colorado, on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. His parents, brother, and grandparents were in attendance for the ceremony. The theme of the event was Dr. Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go." The students sang songs, gave tributes to their parents, teachers, and school principal, and recounted individual memories of their time at High Peaks. The fifth grade teachers presented each graduate with a diploma.

A reception followed in the cafeteria, which was decorated in the Dr. Seuss theme. Cupcakes and cookies, also in keeping with the theme, were served, making the graduation a very festive event.

Jude will be attending Summit Middle School, also in Boulder, in the fall. His brother Luke will be in the 8th grade there. Jude is the son of David and Dr. Jacqueline Schafer. His grandmother is Helen Schafer of Tucson, Arizona. All are members of LPSCU Branch 172.



Jude (second from left) is pictured with, L-R, his dad David, his mother Jackie, and his brother Luke.

LPSCU Newborn Benefit

The Newborn Benefit offered by the LPSCU is available to infants from 10 days old through six months who have at least one parent who is a member in good standing of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. In families where either the mother or the father is an LPSCU member, the infant will automatically receive this benefit of \$2,000 of life insurance coverage, at no cost, upon notification of the birth to the Home Office. 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.

Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office to find out more about this free fraternal benefit.

Paul Gregory Jason Receives 2017 Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Award

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Paul Gregory Jason of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2017 Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award.

Paul is an active member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish of Saint Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre, where he is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

In recommending Paul for the Bishop Grutka Award, Rev. J. Duane Gavitt of the parish notes, "Paul Jason is a man of great character and kind disposition. He never fails to embrace his ministries (Lector/Eucharistic Minister) with respect and zeal. He is thoughtful, kind, and always ready to help. I know that he is an active member of the LPSCU in a variety of ways. Paul is eager to embrace and respect the life of his neighbor. He is a blessing to all those fortunate to know him!"

Paul graduated from Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, in June of this year. While there, he participated in the Chess Club, Science Club, Patriotic Club, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS), and Young Scholars Program in which he attended college classes. He also participated in Model U.N. sponsored by King's College.

During high school, Paul received numerous awards and honors including the Best Delegation Award for Model U.N.; two first place awards and one second place award for the regional level of PJAS in Behavioral Psychology; second place and first place awards for the state level of PJAS in Behavioral



Paul Gregory Jason

Psychology; Excellence Awards in Theology 1, Spanish 1, Honors Ancient Civilizations, Honors Economics, and Honors American History; and Cum Laude for Excellence in the National Latin Exam. In the summer of 2016, Paul attended the American Legion's Keystone Boys State Camp.

In 2015 Paul was the recipient of the LPSCU Youth Achievement Award and in 2017 he received an LPSCU College Award. In 2017 he also received the prestigious Bishop's Youth Award from the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Paul is a very talented young man. For over ten years, he has been playing the piano and participating in art and karate. He received a black belt in karate in 2013 and second degree black belt in 2016. He has received numerous first place awards from the Luzerne County Fair for his artwork. He also received third place for his entry in the Pennsylvania State Duck Stamp Contest.

As a member of LPSCU Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, Paul regularly volunteers with the LPSCU and the Rev. Dianiska Okres for various events such as the annual Christmas Party, Make a Difference Day, and setting up/cleaning up for regular meetings.

Paul has just begun his freshman year at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

Paul is the son of Paul J. and Diane Jason of Wilkes-Barre. He has a sister, Marissa. All are members of LPSCU Branch 6 of which his grandmother, Mary Ann Ewasko, is Secretary. Mary Ann is also LPSCU Chair of Trustees.

The LPSCU congratulates Paul Gregory Jason on receiving the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award. He is a remarkable young man and most deserving of this honor. We wish him continued success in his educational endeavors at Susquehanna University.

WPSCA Announces Fall Slovak Heritage Programs

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will continue to present Slovak Heritage Programs on the first Monday evening of October, November, and December at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The programs are free for both members and non-members. The agenda is as follows:

October 2, 2017 – "Oplatky: Christmas Wafers" – Larry Kozlowski will explain the history behind the Slovak custom of sharing the sacred wafer at Christmas Eve supper. He will also demonstrate the making of *oplatky*. Participants will be able to take home a sample.

November 6, 2017 – "Slovak Immigrants to America" – Board member Joe Bielecki, a frequent presenter, will give the history of Slovak immigration to the United States.

December 4, 2017 – "Show-n-Tell" – Because of the popularity of this program in prior years, we are again asking you to bring your memorabilia from Slovakia – photos, books, souvenirs, etc. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate.

SS.C.M. Sisters to Offer Christmas *Oplatky*

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 23 until December 15, 2017.

The *Oplatky* are thermal-sealed in packs of five. They can be purchased for \$5.00 per package. In addition, the minimum cost for shipping and handling is \$7.00 and upward, depending upon the number of packs ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Orders can be customized to meet your needs. Payment (to Jankola Library) must be made before orders will be shipped.

For more information or to place an order, contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M., at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 580 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

LPSCU Hires Fraternal Activities Director

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is pleased to announce the hiring of Susan M. Ondrejco as our Fraternal Activities Director.

Susan has ten years of experience as a fraternal activities director with the last few years as the appointed national LPSCU Fraternal Activities Director. She has coordinated bowling and golf tournaments, national picnics, photo contests, and most recently organized a very successful coloring contest for the LPSCU. Susan was also responsible for the LPSCU's 2017 Calendar and prepares material for the Junior Branch Journal in the *Zornicka*.

Susan has a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Duquesne University and is currently furthering her education at Old Dominion University. She is employed at Bechtel Marine Propulsion Corporation as a principal scientist in their Shield Analysis Support department.

Susan is a dance instructor for the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks, a member of the Pittsburgh Slovaks Folk Ensemble, and an active member of St. Rosalia Parish.

She has been doing a great job for the LPSCU and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship!



Susan M. Ondrejco

Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

The Importance of Life Insurance

Life insurance is an important tool for providing stability for one's self and family. Some people think that they do not need life insurance on account of their lifestyle, activity level, or that they cannot afford the premiums. These people, however, are mistaken. Death is impartial and does not care about how good one's health is prior to death. If a person doesn't have life insurance, their family is in for a grueling process. Funeral expenses, hospital/medication bills, and potential repair costs will have to be paid. Without the assistance provided by life insurance, these expenses will most likely come out of pocket or through loans that will have to be repaid. The death of a loved one is painful enough and all the bills having to be paid out of pocket just rubs salt in the wound.

Getting life insurance should not be thought of as an unpleasant chore that may or may not need to be completed. Rather, it should be viewed as a responsibility for one's self and family. No one knows what the future holds. Therefore, one should be prepared in the event of a tragedy occurring.

Paul Gregory Jason
Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Pittsburgh District to Hold Matching Fund Event

The Pittsburgh District will hold a Matching Fund event at its Card Party to be held on October 22, 2017, at St. Maximilian-Kolbe Parish, Munhall, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. The Matching Fund project will be a 50-50 raffle for the benefit of the Magee-Women's Hospital Cancer Research. For reservations to attend the card party, call Dolores Sakal at 412-243-0438.

My Dzedo Was My Hero

Branch 42 member Sylvia Goda sent us this poem about her father, John Goda. He was quite a storyteller, especially when his grandchildren were around. According to Sylvia, "We went on adventures that took us around the world and back, right from his porch swing!" We print this in honor of all the *Dzedo's* and *Baba's* out there on National Grandparents Day, which is Sunday, September 10.

*On the old porch swing with Dzedo when I was just this high,
I have many fond memories of the summer days gone by.
Dzedo knew how to make me laugh. Oh what tales he could weave!
But Baba always caught his act and would say,*

"Boys, don't you believe!"

*Dzedo talked of life long ago, when he was just a lad.
He shared how life was tough back then... at times, a little sad.
He told me how most things were made,
of the work by his own hands.*

*About when he and Baba bought their home
and made it spic and span.*

*Sometimes we had adventures on the old porch swing, midday.
I became the bravest captain. "All aboard!" and we sailed away.
Often we watched the setting sun, and talked of things to be.
When the evening breeze turned chilly, I curled up on Dzedo's knee.
We'd plan for things that were to come,
in the days when I'd be grown.*

I promised I would remember, with children of my own.

*I'll love forever that great old house, with its many rooms to share.
Baba's soft heart, her spirit sweet ... seemed she'd always be there.
How I miss swinging with Dzedo ... all the joys that it would bring.
How I wish I could sit and talk with him ...
on that old wooden porch swing!*



"Dzedo" John Goda is pictured with his two grandsons, Donald and Thomas Ellenberger, in the Fall of 1963 on the back porch swing of his home at 404 Johnston Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2017 Catholic Grade School Award Recipients



Emma Gregory
Kindergarten
St. Joan of Arc School
Hershey, Pennsylvania
Branch 60
West Hazleton, Pennsylvania



Benjamin Kosalko
1st Grade
St. Ann School
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Branch 196
Hellertown, Pennsylvania



Andrew Nederostek
7th Grade
Good Shepherd Catholic School
Northampton, Pennsylvania
Branch 62
Northampton, Pennsylvania



Lacey Ann Rinker
8th Grade
St. Nicholas/St. Mary's School
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Branch 213
Dallas, Pennsylvania



Carmella San Severino
Kindergarten
St. Joan of Arc School
Hershey, Pennsylvania
Branch 130
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Slovak Catholic Federation Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter

Pilgrimage of Faith

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Villa Sacred Heart
580 Railroad Street
Danville, Pennsylvania

Arrival 11:00 a.m.

*Tours of the Basilica and
Jankola Library and Museum*

Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Cost \$15.00
(includes lunch)

*RSVP by October 2nd
to Theresa Kluchinski*

Call or Text 570-817-4657
Mail: 446 Mountain Oaks Drive
Laurel Run, PA 18706

Lehigh Valley Okres Plans Holiday Luncheon

The Lehigh Valley Okres will hold a Holiday Luncheon on December 3, 2017, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception will begin at noon followed by a luncheon at 12:45 p.m.

A Matching Fund Raffle for themed gift baskets will be held at this event to benefit the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. We ask our members to support our efforts by donating a themed gift basket for the raffle or by attending the luncheon and purchasing raffle tickets towards a basket.

We will also participate in the "Toys for Tots" Program sponsored by the Marine Corps. We would appreciate if attendees could bring an unwrapped toy to the luncheon.

This festive event is open to all members of the LPSCU. For reservations, please call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 **before November 25, 2017.**

Member Participates in Tribute to Breast Cancer Survivors

Mother's Day 2017 was the occasion for another awesome tribute to breast cancer survivors at Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This year there were 1,500 survivors and approximately 18,000 attendees at the annual function. Pictured at right is LPSCU Branch 42 member Sylvia Goda, who hasn't missed the event since her diagnosis almost 19 years ago – to which she adds, "Thank you, God!"

Every year Sylvia carries a sign to bring attention and a little levity to her joy of survivorship, as well as hope to those suffering with anxiety following a recent diagnosis. Her favorite sign when she celebrated 13 years was, "Who said 13 is an unlucky number?" This year her sign read, "Yep, they're fake. The real 1's [ones] tried to kill me."

Sylvia said she felt like she was on the Red Carpet in Hollywood, because people were requesting a picture of her with her sign. Sylvia is hopeful their picture will pass from friend-to-friend and bring attention to the importance of doing monthly self-exams and having yearly mammograms. And some day a CURE for breast cancer!

To those of you out there who are faced with worry and anxiety, Sylvia says, "You have survived; you do survive; you will survive! Pray and Believe! God bless you."



Ryann Brinkman Named Crohn's 'Honorable Hero'



Ryann Brinkman

Ryann Brinkman, a junior at the University of North Carolina, was named 2017 "Honorable Hero" for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's Taking Steps Walk.

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation is a non-profit organization run by volunteers that works to find cures for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis. The organization was founded in 1967, making this year its 50th anniversary. The Triangle Branch of the Walk took place on June 18, 2017, and is just one of the many walks that take place across the country each year.

Community Development Manager Elizabeth Fligor coordinated the local Taking Steps Walk. She thinks Ryann is a great choice for the Honorable Hero award and says, "Ryann has handled her diagnosis incredibly well for a child her age. She finds the positive in her situation and is a great example for other kids living with Crohn's or Ulcerative Colitis. These are not easy diseases to manage but Ryann continues to take it one day at a time with great maturity."

Ryann represented the University of North Carolina at the Taking Steps Walk by giving a speech and cutting the ribbon to start the walk. She has raised over \$2,870 so far, the third greatest amount of money raised by a participant.

Ryann is a member of LPSCU Branch 6 in Wilkes-Barre. The LPSCU would like to congratulate Ryann and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International to Hold Genealogical/Cultural Conference

**Tuesday, October 17th – Saturday, October 21st
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Pittsburgh International Airport**

Conference Theme:

- Industry and Our Immigrant Ancestors

Conference Speakers:

- International, National, and Local Experts

Conference Activities:

- Informative presentations on the genealogy, history, and ethnic heritage of the Slovak, Rusyn, and Czech ancestors and the Pittsburgh area.
- Lively cultural programs including music, dance, folk art, and folk dress (*kroj*).
- Guided historic Pittsburgh Slovak and Rusyn neighborhoods and institution tours.
- On-site access to genealogical resources from the CGSI Traveling Library.
- Regional round-table networking sessions, an exceptional opportunity to meet with fellow researchers, experts, and enthusiasts from across the county.

Registration and additional information can be obtained on the website www.cgsi.org or e-mail paulmczech@comcast.net. You can also write to CGSI, P.O. Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225.

Remember to notify the Home Office
if your address changes!

Minutes of the Mid-Year Board Meeting

CONFERENCE CALL ❖ JUNE 10, 2017

Call to Order – Prayer

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert Seeman offered a prayer.

Roll Call

All were present.

Welcome Remarks

President Kluchinski welcomed everyone to the Mid-Year Board Meeting and expressed sympathy to Trustee James Yocum on the loss of his sister and to Trustee Joan Hladek on the loss of her brother.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for this meeting was approved, along with the Minutes from the March 31, 2017 Board Meeting.

Correspondence/Requests

The board was provided with all correspondence received. There were no requests.

Financial Report

Board members were provided and reviewed the following information:

- ❖ Quarterly Statement – March 2017
- ❖ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expense Statement
- ❖ Summary Market Value 2017
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Transaction Summary Report
- ❖ CPA Audit

Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge provided the board with a report on the following:

- ❖ Installation of sign on building
- ❖ Installation of LED lighting throughout the building
- ❖ Replacement of back-up battery for the server
- ❖ Purchase of a new copier

Seminar Update

The board was provided and reviewed information on the Training Seminars that were held and a schedule of upcoming Training Seminars.

Colonial Supplemental Insurance Cafeteria Plan Resolution

The board was provided and accepted the Colonial Supplemental Insurance Cafeteria Plan Resolution.

Strategic Plan

The board will be holding a Strategic Plan Meeting on July 22, 2017.

New Business

The board was provided and reviewed information on the following:

- ❖ Annuity Rate
- ❖ Branch Deposit Rate
- ❖ Position of Fraternal Activities Director

Officers' Reports

The following quarterly reports were provided and reviewed:

- ❖ Spiritual Advisor – Rev. Robert Seeman
- ❖ Vice President – Anita Gregory
- ❖ Chairperson of Trustees – Mary Ann Ewasko
- ❖ Trustees – Dolores Evanko, Margaret Jollimore, Joan Hladek, and James Yocum

2016 Internal Audit Report

The board was provided with the 2016 Internal Audit Report from Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko.

Calendar of Events

The board was provided and reviewed the calendar of events for the remainder of 2017 and for 2018.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary-Treasurer

Msgr. Beeda District Hosts Picnic for Members

Picnics are one of the best ways to enjoy the simple pleasures of life and it is important to spend time with family, friends, and neighbors. On Saturday, July 8, members of the Msgr. Beeda District held their annual picnic at the home of District President Anita Gregory.

Both young and old alike enjoyed the day. The children spent it running around the yard playing all kinds of games including bean bags, spikeball, and tossing around Frisbees while the adults played washer toss and horseshoes. And there was certainly plenty of food and drink so for sure no one could say they went home hungry.

At dusk several of the guests launched lanterns into the sky as the crowd watched to see where they all went. As soon as it was dark enough, a spectacular twenty-five minute fireworks display was presented by District member Chris Gregory. We thank Chris for putting together this wonderful show every year for us. As the evening came to a close, everyone said their goodbyes and looked forward to next year's event.



Members of the Msgr. Beeda District who attended the annual picnic.

Slovak Catholic Federation Seeks Contributors for 2017 'Good Shepherd'

Dobry Pastier ("The Good Shepherd"), published annually by the Slovak Catholic Federation, is a compilation of articles of interest to Slovak-American Catholics. The Federation is currently seeking material for inclusion in the 2017 edition. While the scope of the annual is broad, encompassing the areas of heritage, history, religion, traditions, travel, and personal experience, items of a solely political nature cannot be accepted. **The deadline for all articles is October 1, 2017.** The annual will be available for distribution in the latter part of 2017 or early 2018. Submissions and any questions can be sent to the editor, T.L. Wagner, at dobrypastierscf@gmail.com.

Rev. Dianiska District Announces Christmas Party

The Reverend Dianiska District wants to remind our members that our annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Members of Branch 214 will host.

Please call your Branch Secretary to make a reservation to attend.

Susan Worth

New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	MAY/JUNE 2017	Year-to-Date Total
64	Elva Silay	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
130	Margaret Ferri	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
156*	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
180*	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
194	Ann Dobias	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
		\$ 111,000.00	\$ 124,000.00

*Sold through Home Office, not included in Campaign

Donate to the LPSCU Scholarship Program

Would you like to help our young members who are facing ever increasing tuition expenses? You can by donating now to our LPSCU Scholarship Program!

Send your check payable to:

LPSCU
P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032

Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. And be sure you remember to tell us it's a donation to fund our scholarship program! It's such a rewarding feeling to know you've helped our young members pursue and achieve their educational goals through our LPSCU Scholarship Awards.

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted and donors will be recognized in the *Zornicka!*

And, donations of \$100 to \$499 will receive a Leaf and \$500 or more will receive a Stone on our Tree of Life

See page 21 for more information on the LPSCU Tree of Life

Need a Unique Gift for a Special Occasion?

Whether it be for an anniversary, baptism, birthday, first Holy Communion, confirmation, graduation, or wedding, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union has the perfect gift – a life insurance certificate. The LPSCU offers Single Premium, Three Payment Life, Five Payment Life, Ten Payment Life, Fifteen Payment Life, Twenty Payment Life, Twenty Year Endowment, and Whole Life insurance plans. All are excellent choices, suited to your individual needs.

Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office for current premium rates. Premiums are based on the present age of the intended insured.

Insurance coverage with the LPSCU also provides quality service and excellent benefits.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Educational Benefits	Newborn Benefit
Activities (Youth/Adult)	Official Publication
Discount Car Rental	Prescription Discount Card

Don't delay! Call today!

Apply for that special someone to become a member of our fraternal family!

LPSCU

**Family Protection
from Generation to Generation**

SIGN A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

94th Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

A Big Hit

On July 20, 2017, local Western Pennsylvania Slovaks gathered at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, for the 94th annual Slovak American Nationality Day. The LPSCU's Pittsburgh District provided a table full of pamphlets promoting all of the offerings of the organization, along with displays of some Slovak dolls and needlework. The table was organized and staffed by Celeste Palcsey and Sylvia Goda throughout the festivities.

Games were held for the children and then they were provided with a hot dog lunch accompanied by a visit from "Kenny the Kangaroo," mascot of the park. A number of LPSCU members volunteered their time and talent to prepare and serve food in the Slovak Kitchen. The menu included homemade stuffed cabbage, halushki, kielbasa, pierogis, and cherigis. Homemade paska was also for sale.

Entertainment was provided by the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks, PAS Junior Dance Group, and the PAS Dance Ensemble. The Pittsburgh Slovaks also led a Slovak Sing-along.

A Eucharistic celebration was held in the large pavilion at 4:00 pm. The principal celebrant was LPSCU Branch 132 member, the Very Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando, D. Min, J.C.L., national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, from the Cathedral of Saint Columba, in Youngstown, Ohio. There were many concelebrants from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Altoona-Johnstons dioceses and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. The organist was Leonard Potemra and Karen Humphrey served as cantor.

A special tribute was given to LPSCU's Pittsburgh District President Dolores Sakal for her 35 years of service to the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee. Her successor, Mary Lou Wagner, introduced Dolores and gave her a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Cynthia Maleski, national president of the FCSLA, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. Cynthia is also a member of LPSCU Branch 42, Pittsburgh. The Slovak fraternal was also recognized for having reached this milestone.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in continuing the Slovak American Day tradition, especially the following Pittsburgh District members of the LPSCU: Dolores Sakal, Sylvia Goda, Mary Heckel, Margaret Joschak, Gerri Kallay, Celeste Palcsey, David Palcsey, Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, and Joseph and Albina Senko.

Donna M. Powell



SLOVAK KITCHEN



The Lord's Prayer (Otcie nas)

Otcie nas, ktorý si na nebesiach,
Posväť sa meno tvoje,
Príď kráľovstvo tvoje,
Buď voľa tvoja ako nebi tak i na zemi
Chlieb náš každodenný
daj nám dnes a odpusť nám naše viny
ako i my odpusťme svojim viníkom
a nevydaj nás do pokušenia,
ale zbaň nás od zla.

Update on the 2017 Sts. Cyril and Methodius Appeal

The 2017 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is progressing well. As many of you know, the funds raised in this annual appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius to assist with its day to day operations. The College is the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

While collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry at one time provided the bulk of the donations, today the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors. If you have already made your donation to the 39th Annual Appeal, thank you. If not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check to the address provided. Donations received before November 30, 2017, will be credited to the 2017 appeal.

Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. As of July 15, the 2017 Appeal has raised \$15,249. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Slovak Catholic fraternal organizations for cultural, religious, and educational needs. Serving as moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, Pennsylvania. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, serves as first vice president of the Federation and is the Appeal coordinator.

39th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Amount \$ _____

Please make check payable to
Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:
Dolores Evanko, National Secretary/Treasurer
Slovak Catholic Federation
173 Berner Avenue
Hazleton, PA 18201

Letters

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you for the gift card. I can't wait to use it. I had fun coloring the picture.

Lucas Balas

Branch 213, Dallas, PA

Lucas was an Honorable Mention winner in our 2016 Junior Branch Christmas Coloring Contest.

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for the Scholarship. I appreciate it very much. It will be put to use this fall when I begin college at Misericordia University.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kinney

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mrs. Kluchinski and LPSCU,

Thank you so much for the five dollar gift I received for the coloring contest. I enjoyed coloring the picture, it was fun.

Cameron Gregory

Branch 60, West Hazleton, PA

Dear LPSCU,

I would like to thank you for the honor of being named the recipient of the 2017 Bishop Grutka Award. As I enter Susquehanna University, I plan on continuing my involvement in the Church as well as my volunteer work.

The financial award will ease the financial burden of my transition to life as a college freshman.

Fraternally,

Paul Gregory Jason

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear LPSCU,

I would like to thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the Anne Shinal Cichy Award. This will help immensely as I continue my education at Thomas Jefferson University.

Sincerely,

Amy Savidge

Branch 213, Dallas, PA

Msgr. Beeda District to Hold Mass and Breakfast

The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. There will be a breakfast immediately following at Genetti's Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania. Contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) to make a reservation if you plan to attend.

As part of "Make a Difference Day," which takes place in October, new blankets will be collected at the breakfast and will be given to the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton.

Branch 213 Celebrates Flag Day at the Ballpark

On Friday, July 7, 2016, LPSCU Branch 213 hosted a group of 15 members and one guest at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders Ballgame in Moosic, Pennsylvania. The Railriders, an affiliate of the New York Yankees, played the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs at 7:05 p.m. The Railriders lost to the Iron Pigs in a game that was plagued with rain delays.

Members attending from the Branch are pictured on this page. The youngest attendee of the group, Emily Landmesser, is pictured with "Champ," the Railriders' mascot. Emily is the granddaughter of National President Theresa Kluchinski.



Lehigh Valley Okres to Hold Matching Fund Event

In conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund Program, members of the Lehigh Valley Okres will hold a themed gift basket raffle for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery, 3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

For the Matching Fund event, Okres members will prepare themed gift baskets and raffle them off at their Holiday Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017, in the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We ask our Lehigh Valley LPSCU members to support this worthwhile project by either donating a themed gift basket or by attending the Holiday Luncheon and purchasing raffle tickets towards a basket. For further information, call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945.

Get involved in the LPSCU
Meet new friends!
Attend Branch & Okres meetings!
Sign up a new member!

It's a Risk You Don't Have to Take

Driving race cars for a living means going 200 miles an hour around a track with concrete walls. I know the risks, which is why I've had life insurance since the start of my career. But that's not the only reason I own it.

As teenagers, both my parents lost their fathers. Neither had life insurance. My mom was one of five kids, and remembers her mom having to sell off most of the family farm as a result. So my parents made sure they had coverage to take care of my sister and me in case something happened to them.

But so many people are taking an unnecessary risk by not protecting their families with that financial safety net. It means your loved ones would suffer financially if something happened to you.

It's time to protect your family's financial future. Get life insurance. It's affordable; it's doable and it's the right thing to do for your family. Let's get it done.

—DANICA PATRICK
*professional race car driver and
spokesperson for Life Insurance
Awareness Month*



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- Single Premium 3 Pay Life 5 Pay Life
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FORMS

- Change of Address Change of Name
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 Cash Surrender Lost Certificate

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

- Fraternalist of the Year Award
 Youth Achievement Award Book Buy Program
 Newborn Benefit Wedding Cross

EDUCATION AWARDS

- Catholic Grade School Catholic High School
 College Post Graduate
 Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Bishop Grutka
 St. John Vianney
 St. Theresa of the Little Flower
 St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C.

Comments: _____

Youngstown Sister Cities Hosts Slovak Mayor

Youngstown-Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities (YSC) recently hosted Slovak Mayor Jan Volny as a gift to celebrate the group's 25th Anniversary.

Mayor Volny presented Youngstown Mayor John McNally with two wooden plaques carved by an artisan in Slovakia depicting of the crest of Spisska Nova Ves and the seal of the City of Youngstown. Accompanying the plaques, stamped in metal, is an explanation of the organization, its accomplishments, and the names of the current Board of Directors. The plaques will hang on the wall of the entrance to Youngstown City Hall.

During his seven day visit, Mayor Volny spent one day greeting visitors at Simply Slavic Fest in downtown Youngstown. He also visited the offices of three Slovak fraternal societies in the area. He spent time in prayer at the gravesite of his uncle where he sprinkled soil that he had brought from his garden over it and buried a small heart of Travertine marble in the ground. The heart was similar to the one given to the Mayor of Youngstown. Spis Castle and the Parliament building in Bratislava are made of this marble.

YSC would like to thank the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union for its donation which helped to fund the Mayor's visit. A special thank you, as well, to the many Slovak friends who helped out financially, by offering hospitality, or who gave of their time and talent to make the Mayor's visit a memorable one.



The Youngstown-Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities Board of Directors with Mayor Jan Volny (Spisska Nova Ves) and Mayor John McNally (Youngstown).



Two plaques and a framed metal plate will hang on the wall of Youngstown City Hall.

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.
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- ◆ 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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SS.C.M. Sisters Celebrate Multiple Jubilees

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members. The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Illinois, and in the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The celebration included a Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The Liturgy was followed by a dinner to which the friends, family, and Community members of the Sister celebrants were invited.



Celebrating anniversaries were: Front row: **Sister Elizabeth Ann Matonak (60 years)** and **Sister Mary Paul Kurator (65 years)**. Back row, L-R: **Sister Maria Jana Polakova (20 years)**, **Sister Barbara Sable (45 years)**, **Sister Seton Marie Connolly (45 years)**, **Sister Anne Renee Pennino (50 years)**, **Sister Deborah Marie Borneman (20 years)**, and **Sister Rita Polchin (65 years)**. Not pictured is **Sister Maria Goretti Hudak (65 years)**.

In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Mary A. Kratzer	7	Exeter, PA
Bernard Ziomek	7	Exeter, PA
John J. Sabadish	19	Swoyersville, PA
Ronald Koot	24	Windber, PA
Anna Wetherell*	32	Pana, IL
Edward Holaska	39	Hazle Township, PA
Mary Yocum*	39	Hazle Township, PA
Regis T. Kollar	52	North Braddock, PA
Joseph Mihal	60	West Hazleton, PA
Karen Yuhas	76	White Oak, PA
Corey J. Leech	90	Johnstown, PA
Jurgis Idzelis	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Peter P. Brussock, Jr.	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Dorothy M. Campbell	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Larry Golobish	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ernest Kristopaitis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stephen J. Pastrick, Jr.	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Sister M. Ignatia Strapak	210	Lacon, IL

*Multiple certificates



L-R: Sisters Carol Ann Terlicher, Donna Marie Ivanko, and Margaret Dubas prepare for the entrance procession before the Jubilee Liturgy.



Pictured at the Liturgy are, L-R: Rev. John Cyriac, chaplain at Maria Joseph Manor and Geisinger Medical Center, Danville; Rev. Ignatius Madumere, OP, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish and chaplain at Danville State Hospital, Danville; Deacon Thomas Baranoski, Charleston, South Carolina; Rev. Martin Moran, dean of the Northumberland Deanery and pastor at Divine Redeemer Parish, Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania; Rev. Gerard Heintzelman, rector of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius and chaplain at Maria Hall, Danville; and Rev. Patrick Devine from the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Msgr. Beeda District to Hold Matching Fund Project

In conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund program, the Msgr. Beeda District is planning a Matching Fund event. A 50-50 raffle will be held on the weekends of October 21-22 and October 28-29, 2017. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on both weekends at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit Holy Family Academy, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

LPSCU 20 YEAR ENDOWMENT PLAN

A unique way to generate sizable funds for the purpose of future college education costs for young family members is through a 20 Year Endowment Life Insurance Plan. Planning for college education tuition and costs should be implemented as soon as a child is born in order that the necessary resources will be available for the child to pursue a college degree. The payment of a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual endowment life insurance premium for a period of 20 years will help defray higher education tuition and costs. An endowment life insurance certificate can serve many other purposes as well, such as assisting with wedding expenses or towards the purchase of a home, furniture, car, or vacation.

After 20 years of premium payments, the insured will have the choice of any one of the following three options: (1) Immediate payment of the face value; (2) Immediate payment of a portion of the face value and a paid-up certificate for the face amount of the existing certificate (Option A); or (3) Paid-up certificate for a larger face value (Option B). In the event of death prior to 20 years,

the face amount of the endowment certificate is payable to the named beneficiary/ies.

The 20 Year Endowment Life Insurance Plan is offered from age 0 to 70 and premium payments can be made on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. This plan offers the added fraternal benefits of educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount plan, official publication, and discount car rental.

Consider the LPSCU 20 Year Endowment Life Insurance Plan to build up savings for the future, while at the same time protecting the insured with life insurance. 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 20 Year Endowment Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semi-annual and quarterly premium rates are also available by contacting your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.

20 YEAR ENDOWMENT 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	\$ 39.97	\$ 39.60	\$ 3.60	\$ 3.56
1	40.17	39.79	3.62	3.58
2	40.36	39.98	3.63	3.60
3	40.55	40.17	3.65	3.62
4	40.75	40.36	3.67	3.63
5	40.94	40.55	3.68	3.65
6	41.13	40.74	3.70	3.67
7	41.32	40.93	3.72	3.68
8	41.51	41.13	3.74	3.70
9	41.72	41.33	3.75	3.72
10	41.92	41.53	3.77	3.74
11	42.12	41.72	3.79	3.75
12	42.32	41.92	3.81	3.77
13	42.52	42.12	3.83	3.79
14	42.73	42.32	3.85	3.81
15	42.93	42.52	3.86	3.83
16	43.13	42.72	3.88	3.84
17	43.33	42.92	3.90	3.86
18	43.54	43.13	3.92	3.88
19	43.76	43.34	3.94	3.90
20	43.97	43.55	3.96	3.92
21	44.18	43.76	3.98	3.94
22	44.39	43.97	4.00	3.96
23	44.60	44.18	4.01	3.98
24	44.81	44.39	4.03	4.00
25	45.02	44.60	4.05	4.01
26	45.23	44.81	4.07	4.03
27	45.44	45.02	4.09	4.05
28	45.66	45.24	4.11	4.07
29	45.89	45.46	4.13	4.09
30	46.11	45.68	4.15	4.11
31	46.33	45.90	4.17	4.13
32	46.55	46.12	4.19	4.15
33	46.78	46.34	4.21	4.17
34	47.00	46.56	4.23	4.19
35	47.22	46.77	4.25	4.21

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
36	\$ 47.44	\$ 46.99	\$ 4.27	\$ 4.23
37	47.67	47.22	4.29	4.25
38	47.91	47.45	4.31	4.27
39	48.13	47.68	4.33	4.29
40	48.36	47.91	4.35	4.31
41	48.59	48.14	4.37	4.33
42	48.83	48.37	4.39	4.35
43	49.06	48.59	4.42	4.37
44	49.28	48.82	4.44	4.39
45	49.52	49.06	4.46	4.42
46	49.77	49.30	4.48	4.44
47	50.00	49.53	4.50	4.46
48	50.24	49.77	4.52	4.48
49	50.48	50.00	4.54	4.50
50	50.71	50.24	4.56	4.52
51	50.96	50.47	4.59	4.54
52	51.19	50.71	4.61	4.56
53	51.42	50.94	4.63	4.58
54	51.66	51.19	4.65	4.61
55	51.92	51.43	4.67	4.63
56	52.16	51.67	4.69	4.65
57	52.40	51.92	4.72	4.67
58	52.64	52.16	4.74	4.69
59	52.89	52.40	4.76	4.72
60	53.12	52.64	4.78	4.74
61	53.36	52.89	4.80	4.76
62	53.61	53.14	4.82	4.78
63	54.19	53.39	4.88	4.81
64	56.03	53.64	5.04	4.83
65	58.08	53.89	5.23	4.85
66	60.34	54.14	5.43	4.87
67	62.84	54.39	5.66	4.90
68	65.63	55.44	5.91	4.99
69	68.76	57.38	6.19	5.16
70	72.26	59.56	6.50	5.36

Rev. Dianiska District to Hold Matching Fund Event

In conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund Program, members of the Rev. Dianiska District will hold a Special Gifts Raffle at their Christmas party on Sunday, December 3, 2017, to benefit the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.

The WVCA is an organization that provides early childhood education including therapeutic and support services as needed. Their goal is to ensure the greatest developmental potential for each child in partnership with their families. They are located on Wyoming Avenue in Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania.

Every year our District members donate special gifts valued at a minimum of \$10.00. These gifts are raffled off at the District's annual Christmas party, with the proceeds going to a special charity.

This year's Christmas party will be held on December 3 at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

We are asking our District members or any LPSCU member to support our worthwhile project by donating a gift or by attending the Christmas party. For further information, please contact Mary Ann Ewasko at 570-823-6432 or Janet Marley at 570-675-6108.

Flag Day Celebrated by NJ-NY Fraternal Alliance

Directors of the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance celebrated Flag Day while attending a scheduled meeting of the Alliance. Attending the meeting were LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski, past president of the Alliance, and LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, who is a current director of the Alliance. The meeting was at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey, which is also the venue for the group's annual meeting in October. Pictured below are current and past officers and directors of the Alliance in attendance.



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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 payments.

Please complete the Reservation Form below (a photocopy is also acceptable) and return it, along with your check, payable to LPSCU, to:

LPSCU
P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA
18703-0032

All proceeds received fund our Scholarship Program.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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PLEASE ENGRAVE MY FRATERNAL LEAF OR STONE AS FOLLOWS:

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National Chocolate Milkshake Day

National Chocolate Milkshake Day is observed each year on September 12.

The first time the term "milkshake" was used was in 1885. During this period, milkshake referred to an alcoholic beverage. By 1900, milkshakes were known as "wholesome drinks made with chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla syrup." Ice cream was added in the early 1900s. The electric blender was invented in 1922. After the invention of the blender, milkshakes began to take on the chipped, aerated, and frothy form they are today. By the 1930s, milkshakes were a popular drink in malt shops everywhere!



Sounds like it's the perfect time to enjoy a nice, tall, thick and delicious chocolate milkshake!

INGREDIENTS

- 4 scoops vanilla or chocolate ice cream (about 2 cups)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Hershey's chocolate syrup

DIRECTIONS

Place ice cream, milk, and syrup in blender container and cover. Blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

The First Phone Operators

In January of 1878, the Boston Telephone Dispatch Company started hiring teenaged boys as telephone operators. Boys had been very successful as telegraph operators, but it was soon apparent that their attitude (lack of patience) and behavior (pranks and cursing) were unacceptable for live phone contact, so the company instead began hiring female operators. To be an operator, a woman had to be unmarried and between the ages of seventeen and twenty-six. She had to look prim and proper, and have arms long enough to reach the top of the tall telephone switchboard.

On September 1, 1878, Emma Mills Nutt became the world's first female telephone operator, starting a career that lasted about 35 years. Emma was hired by Alexander Graham Bell at the Boston Telephone Dispatch Company in Boston, Massachusetts. She was paid a salary of \$10 per month for a 54-hour week. The customer response to her soothing, cultured voice and patience was overwhelmingly positive. Reportedly, she could remember every number in the telephone directory of the New England Telephone Company.

A few hours after Emma started working, her sister, Stella Nutt, became the world's second female telephone operator, also making the pair the first two sister telephone operators in history. Unlike Emma, Stella only remained on the job for a few years.



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Fire Prevention Week

In the United States, National Fire Prevention Week is observed during the week (from Sunday to Saturday) in which October 9th falls. This year it begins on Sunday, October 8 and ends on Saturday, October 14. Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance, according to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center. The theme this year is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"



The first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. When President Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives had been lost to fire in the United States.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA) sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, deciding to observe the anniversary as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) continues to be the international sponsor of the week.

Kid's Fire Checklist

- Does your home have working smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Have you planned how you would escape from each room if a fire occurs? If possible, plan two escape routes from each room - don't forget windows!
- Is your house number easily visible from the street so emergency responders can find it quickly?
- Has your family chosen a safe place to meet outside if you have to evacuate during a fire?

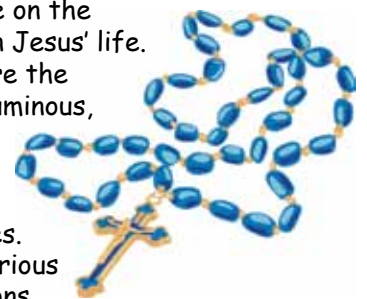
It's smart to plan these things before you actually need them. Talk to your Mom and Dad about holding a "mock" fire drill to practice so you'll all be prepared in case a real fire happens.

The Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The day was instituted by St. Pius V who credited a victory over the invading Turks to the intercession of Mary through the rosary. Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary.

Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. This prayer is super powerful. The rosary begins with the recitation of the Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be, and have ten Hail Mary's in between. When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus' life.

There are the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries.



In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him.

Rosaries are not just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too. October is the perfect month to get started with your daily rosary devotion.

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2017 LPSCU Catholic High School Award Recipient



RACHEL BOSCHELE

Freshman

*Bishop McCort High School
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Branch 90
Johnstown, Pennsylvania*

HAVE ANY NEWS?

We welcome any news concerning honors, awards, or outstanding achievements received by our members, news on a Branch/Okres social, or any letters, articles, or information of interest to our members.

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LPSCU 2nd Quarter Report

	2nd Quarter 2017	2nd Quarter 2016
Assets		
Investments.....	\$ 15,870,994.00	\$ 15,460,251.00
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ -	\$ 96,000.00
Cash on Deposit	\$ 161,424.00	\$ 244,734.00
Mortgage Loans	\$ -	\$ -
Real Estate Owned	\$ 124,626.00	\$ 128,193.00
Other Assets	\$ 36,778.00	\$ 41,293.00
Totals	\$ 16,193,822.00	\$ 15,970,471.00
Liabilities & Fund Balance		
Fund Balance.....	\$ 3,965,896.00	\$ 3,905,951.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	\$ 95,290.00	\$ 118,813.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee.....	\$ 142,139.00	\$ 133,532.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates.....	\$ 11,321,523.00	\$ 11,185,377.00
Other Liabilities	\$ 668,974.00	\$ 626,798.00
Totals	\$ 16,193,822.00	\$ 15,970,471.00
Revenues		
Premium Income	\$ 84,144.00	\$ 109,757.00
Investment Income.....	\$ 401,714.00	\$ 421,029.00
Income - Other	\$ 19,647.00	\$ 19,705.00
Totals	\$ 505,505.00	\$ 550,491.00
Expenses		
Death Claims	\$ 115,724.00	\$ 159,746.00
Endowments	\$ 14,560.00	\$ 11,652.00
Cash Surrenders.....	\$ 53,408.00	\$ 32,135.00
Annuity Benefits.....	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in aggregate reserves.....	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 73,000.00
Commissions (new and renewals).....	\$ (1,784.00)	\$ 555.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 169,964.69	\$ 132,550.99
Officers and Committee Expenses	\$ 6,837.39	\$ 8,901.11
Actuarial/Accounting Expense.....	\$ 55,375.00	\$ 55,250.00
Investment Mgt. Fee	\$ 12,242.39	\$ 11,915.99
Official Publications.....	\$ 27,068.01	\$ 30,413.22
Travel Expense	\$ 2,579.57	\$ 2,865.80
Bureau and Association Dues	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 3,675.00
Donations.....	\$ 4,845.00	\$ 5,300.00
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ (405.00)
Fraternal Activities.....	\$ 4,731.95	\$ 7,966.89
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees.....	\$ 20,424.00	\$ 18,914.00
Sub Total	\$ 548,676.00	\$ 554,436.00
Net Gain/Loss From Operations.....	\$ (43,171.00)	\$ (3,945.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss).....	\$ 1,268.00	\$ 12,023.00
Totals	\$ (41,903.00)	\$ 8,078.00