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Senior
University of Pittsburgh
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Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania



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Munhall, Pennsylvania



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SNEAD**

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Freshman
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Branch 64
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Calendar of Events

JULY

- 1** – Deadline to apply for the 2017 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award.
- 4** – Home Office closed for Independence Day.
- 7** – Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark outing for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders game at 7:00 p.m.
- 7** – LPSCU Branch 213 hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark outing for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders game at 7:00 p.m.
- 8** – Msgr. Beeda District's Annual Summer Picnic at the home of District President Anita Gregory, 304 Turkey Path Road, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Anita (570-788-3263) prior to the event if you plan to attend.
- 8** – 44th annual Summer Festival sponsored by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius on the grounds of their Motherhouse in Danville, Pennsylvania, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *See page 20 for more information.*
- 20** – 94th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. *See page 12 for details.*
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**
- 29-8/11** – 12th Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors arranged by Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko and his wife, Albina.
- 30** – Pittsburgh District's Annual Picnic at White Oak Park at the Beech Grove beginning at 1:00 p.m. Members should call their Branch Secretary or Jan Matthews (412-751-9572) to make a reservation.

AUGUST

- 6** – LPSCU Branch 60 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. Anyone planning to attend must contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by July 29 to make a reservation.
- 18-20** – Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, Du-bois, Pennsylvania. Application deadline is July 21. *See page 24 for more details.*
- 28** – Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by August 23 if you plan to attend.
- 31** – Deadline for those members aspiring to a Religious vocation to apply for an LPSCU Religious Award. *See page 5 for details.*

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A Message from Our National Spiritual Advisor

The good old summertime is here and after a long winter the warmth of the summer sun is welcome. It is a time for planting flower/vegetable gardens, to gather for picnics, backyard barbecues, and vacations. One particular summer holiday that is near and dear to all Americans is the 4th of July. On that day, we celebrate our nation's independence. But in a particular way, we celebrate the great gift of liberty. Our Founding Fathers declared: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Unfortunately, today's cultural environment seems to want to limit the freedom of religion or its role in public life. And need I say, we don't have to look too far to find examples of those limitations.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds all of us that, "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth."

As we celebrate our Independence Day, let us be truly thankful to God for His many blessings upon this great nation of ours. And together, let us pray in a particular way for the protection of religious freedom for all people of the world.

IMMACULATE MARY

Patroness of Our Country
Pray for us

Have a Happy 4th of July and a great summer!

Blessings,
Father Bob

PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer!

*Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.*

*Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends
and family,*

and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

*Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence
and light my path with your word and counsel.*

*As I enjoy your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for you.*

Amen.



Rev. Robert L. Seeman

Board of Directors Announces 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.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Semi-Annual Meeting should be received **no later than August 22, 2017.**

Branch 213 Makes Donation to Fight MS

On May 6, 2017, a local MS Walk was held at Nay Aug Park in Scranton, Pennsylvania. LPSCU Branch 213 President Mary Landmesser was a registered participant on the Land Walker Team. Branch 213 donated monies and through the LPSCU Matching Fund Program, an additional \$50.00 will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Also donating and walking on an individual level, Theresa Kluchinski and Mary Landmesser will have an additional \$25 each donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Some of the members of the Land Walker Team are pictured below at the starting line of the walk. Branch 213 Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski is pictured at far left holding her granddaughter, Emily Landmesser. Mary Landmesser is fourth from the right.



MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

Members of the Msgr. Beeda District held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 3, at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The meeting was hosted by Branch 60. Some of the upcoming events for the year 2017 were discussed and will include the following activities:

The District's Annual Summer Picnic will be held at the home of District President Anita Gregory, 304 Turkey Path Road, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 8.

On Sunday, October 1, a Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, will be followed by a breakfast buffet at Genetti's Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania. New blankets will be collected at the breakfast to be donated to the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter which serves the Hazleton community.

A 50/50 Matching Fund Raffle will be held after all Masses at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Hazleton, on the weekends of October 21-22 and 28-29. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit Holy Family Academy.

The Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Booty's Restaurant, Route 309, Hazleton.

The next District meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Monday, August 28, at Perkins Restaurant on Route 93, West Hazleton.

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Rev. Dianiska District held its spring meeting on April 23, 2017, at the North End Slovak Club, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Janet Marley welcomed everyone on behalf of host Branch 214.

District President Mary Ann Ewasko called the meeting to order. All recited an opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer was said for all deceased members. Recording Secretary Betsy Craig took the roll call and collected members' annual dues.

Chance books were distributed. Each member received six books. Returns will be made at the District's Christmas party in December.

On behalf of absent Secretary Susan Worth, Vice President Margaret Jollimore read the minutes of the October 16, 2016, meeting. A motion to approve, with corrections, was made by Jean Kapral, seconded by Janet Marley. All were approved. Treasurer Debra Adamchak presented the financial report. A motion to approve was made by Margaret Jollimore, seconded by Betsy Craig. All were approved.

Correspondence was read by Debra Adamchak. Thank you notes were received from scholarship winner Ryan Kinney, Sister McGroarty of the Catherine McCauley House for the cleaning supplies the District donated, and from the Commission on Economic Opportunity for the food and cash donations collected at the District's 2016 Christmas party.

President Ewasko made a recommendation to amend the District Guidelines for the eligibility of officers to include "social members who are active with the District." Officers will present the final wording to the members at our fall meeting.

It was reported that the District's Annual Report and Attendance Report for the Christmas party were both

submitted to the Home Office. Members were again reminded to read the *Zornicka* for announcements and upcoming meeting dates.

The District's annual Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017, at Gennetti's Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. An announcement of our selected charity will be made at the fall meeting.

In 2018, the Reverend Dianiska District will be 75 years old. Plans were discussed for a Mass and/or brunch to commemorate the occasion. Further discussion will take place at the fall meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Jollimore and seconded by Debra Adamchak. Afterwards, refreshments and bingo were enjoyed by all.

LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

The Lehigh Valley Okres held a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Clubhouse, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Okres President Jean Kosalko opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with a prayer for living and deceased members of the LPSCU. The Secretary's Minutes were read by Secretary Bernadine Kurzeja. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri. Both reports were approved as read.

Under Old Business, the Holiday Luncheon held last year received favorable remarks. Everyone approved to invite the children again, at the Okres's expense. The gifts of poinsettia plants to the ladies and a bottle of wine to the men will be repeated for our next Holiday Luncheon. President Kosalko also mentioned that our members did participate in a clothing drive for Join Hands Day for the benefit of the Cancer Boutique.

Under New Business, our annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Routes 512 and 22, Bethlehem. A punch reception will start at 12 noon and the buffet will begin at 12:45 p.m. A Matching Fund Raffle will be held at the luncheon to benefit the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. Members decided to open the Holiday Luncheon to all LPSCU members in the Lehigh Valley area.

Members were reminded of our LPSCU Scholarship Educational Benefits and deadlines were noted.

Members are looking into having a separate event for the children of the Okres. Many ideas were proposed but nothing definite was planned. Okres officers are trying to reach out to LPSCU members of other Lehigh Valley Branches to participate in Okres meetings and events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Pictured are some of the members who attended the Okres's May 17 meeting.

LPSCU 2017 RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR MEMBERS ENTERING RELIGIOUS LIFE

- ❖ *St. John Vianney*
- ❖ *St. Theresa of the Little Flower*
- ❖ *St. André Bessette*

\$300 ANNUALLY

The LPSCU is offering three separate Religious Awards for members entering religious life. They are:

❖ **The St. John Vianney Award**

This award is offered to any male member of the LPSCU aspiring to the priesthood. The member may apply for the \$300 Award upon entrance into an approved program of priestly formation. The award may be renewed for each successive year until ordination, provided the member re-applies for said award each year.

❖ **The St. Theresa of the Little Flower Award**

This award is offered to any female member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life. The member may apply for the \$300 award upon completion of her first year of Novitiate. The award may be renewed annually until the member is professed as a religious nun, provided she re-applies for said award each year.

❖ **The St. André Bessette Award**

This award is offered to a male member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life as a brother in a religious congregation. He may apply for the \$300 award upon entrance into an approved program for religious brother formation. The award may be renewed annually for each successive year until completion of the program, provided the member re-applies for said award each year.

Following are the guidelines for applying for each of the Religious Awards. All applicants must:

- ❖ Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with a minimum \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- ❖ Provide a wallet-size color photo with the application.
- ❖ Re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life in order to receive the award each year of his/her religious training.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined and provide data indicated 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 are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications for the 2017 awards must be postmarked by August 31, 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: lpscu@lpscu.org ❖ Website: www.lpscu.org

LPSCU Attends PFA Legislative Luncheon

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance held its annual Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on April 25, 2017. Fraternal leaders and over 100 legislators attended the affair. This function allows fraternal representatives an opportunity to meet with legislators as they exited from their morning session. The atmosphere was informal, with the lunch set up outside the Lt. Governor's Office on the second floor of the Capitol.

LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge represented the LPSCU at the Legislative Luncheon and took the opportunity to speak with members of the House of Representatives and Senate.



Representatives from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance are pictured with the 2016-2017 President and Secretary-Treasurer of the PFA.



L-R: LPSCU National Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, State Representative Eddie Day Pushinski, and LPSCU National President Theresa A. Kluchinski.

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.

Pittsburgh District Members Observe Join Hands Day

On Friday, May 5, Pittsburgh District members Dolores Sakal, Sylvia Goda, and Elizabeth Melko from Branch 42, Elva and Ed Silay, Helen Lorinc, and Mary Ann Kaylor from Branch 64, and Janice Mathews from Branch 65 were on hand at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to participate in Join Hands Day. Helen and Mary Ann are both volunteers at the facility.

Twenty-one residents (eighteen women and three men), along with several guests who were visiting the residents, joined District members for an ice cream social. Karen Jasko, the Home's activities director, also happens to be Slovak. She suggested that since most of the patients are either Slovak or Polish, they would enjoy seeing some articles from these countries. Helen and Sylvia brought some beautiful and historic items and told stories about them. District members then sang some Slovak songs. The residents especially liked "Tingi Lingi Boom" and joined in. Ice cream sundaes with various toppings were served, along with homemade cookies.

At the last regular District meeting, members donated slipper socks, stuffed animals, packets of Kleenex, packages of cookies and crackers, and various other items which were distributed to Home's residents.

In Memoriam

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Margaret M. Evangelista	1	Hazleton, PA
Veronica Meluskey*	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joan J. Bell*	7	Exeter, PA
Bernard Ziomek	7	Exeter, PA
John J. Sabadish	19	Swoyersville, PA
William Rider	21	West Lake, MA
Irena Gintautas	32	Pana, IL
Catherine Halyko	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Anna Melko	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Dorothy Dubeck	79	Whiting, IN
Monica Mores	79	Whiting, IN
Ethel A. Capone	132	Campbell, OH
Margaret Graff	132	Campbell, OH
Monica Van Such	132	Campbell, OH
Florence P. Bartal	156	Coaldale, PA
Ronald Homa*	172	Pittsburgh, PA
Edward R. Strauss	180	Youngstown, OH.
Agnes Bent*	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Francis A. Dauss	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rita Durkin	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Anna Kalonick	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Eleanor Miller	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary Stabinsky	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rita A. Dwyer	198	Whiting, IN
Viola Farkas	204	Northampton, PA
Florentine Weigel*	214	Duryea, PA

*Multiple certificates

The nursing and volunteer staff members were most helpful in making this event successful. This was indeed a very fulfilling and blessed day!



Pittsburgh District members who took part in the Join Hands Day event at the Little Sisters of the Poor facility.



Pictured are a variety of plush toys donated by Pittsburgh District members for their Join Hands Day event.



Dolores Sakal (standing) chats with some of the residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor Home.

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

In Memoriam

Sister Teresa Urda, SS.C.M.

Sister Teresa Urda (Sister M. Jonathan), SS.C.M., died at Maria Hall in Danville, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Born in Torrington, Connecticut, on October 15, 1942, she was one of five children born to Andrew and Helen (Vasko) Urda. She attended Sacred Heart School in Torrington and her junior year at Torrington High School. Her three other high school years were spent at St. Cyril Academy, Danville, from which she graduated in 1960.



Sr. Teresa

Sister Teresa entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on September 8, 1961, and was received as a novice on August 13, 1962. She made her first profession of vows on August 13, 1964.

Sister Teresa taught seventh grade at Blessed Sacrament School in Charleston, South Carolina, eighth grade at Holy Name School in Stratford, Connecticut, and St. Francis of Assisi School in Torrington. Sister taught English at Pius X High School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania; English and Psychology at Andean High School, Merrillville, Indiana; and English at Lebanon Catholic High School, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. During her years in secondary education she served as moderator of the yearbook, the Mission Club, the Student Council, and the sophomore and junior classes.

For eleven years, Sister Teresa was Director of Maintenance at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. She was particularly interested in environmental concerns. She was a volunteer at the House of Care at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, for many years. Sister Teresa had a gift for writing and editing. Each week she sent out *The Focus*, which apprised the Sisters of the Congregation's activities and achievements. She handled the publicity for the activities of the St. Cyril Spiritual Center, one of the congregation's ministries located in Danville. As moderator of the St. Cyril Academy Alumnae Association, she compiled news for *The Challenge*, the organization's newsletter. Her most important achievement was writing the history of the first hundred years of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Sister Teresa is survived by a sister, Mrs. Helen Borkowski, Harwinton, Connecticut; a brother, Cyril Urda of Torrington; and several nieces and nephews.

Transferral and recitation of the Rosary took place on April 7 at Maria Hall followed by a Wake Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maria Hall by Maria Hall chaplain, Reverend Gerard Heintzelman, with concelebrant Reverend Patrick Devine. Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sister Teresa can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.

Remember to notify the Home Office if your address changes!

In Memoriam

Sister Maria Isidore Tomascak, SS.C.M.

Sister Maria Isidore (Agnes Tomascak), 89, died on May 9, 2017, at Emmanuel Center, Danville, Pennsylvania. Born on April 17, 1928, in New Milford, Connecticut, she was the daughter of Andrew and Veronica (Piskura) Tomascak, and was the eldest of their 14 children.



Sr. Maria Isidore

Sister's elementary school education was completed in Brookfield, Connecticut, public schools. Later she attended Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and in 1947 graduated from St. Cyril Academy, Danville, Pennsylvania.

On February 1, 1948, she entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, was received as a novice on August 11 of that year, and made her first profession of vows on August 10, 1950.

During her entire religious life, Sister Maria Isidore lived at the Motherhouse complex in Danville, where she was involved in horticulture. From 1950 until recently she engaged in the cultivation of vegetables and flowers, and cared for the vineyard and the fruit trees, pruning the apple, peach, plum, and pear trees in early spring and gathering the ripe fruit in the fall. Sister Isidore spent a lifetime loving the earth, its plants, its creatures, and its possibilities. Under her care, the Motherhouse gardens produced an abundance of flowers, vegetables, and fruit.

Sister Maria Isidore was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers William and Methodius. She is survived by six brothers, Andrew and James of Southbury, Connecticut, Albert of New Milford, Peter of Bradenton, Florida, Cyril of Bradenton and New Milford, and Robert of Port Charlotte, Florida, and five sisters, Margaret DeLuca of Boynton, Florida, Barbara Carmignani of Danbury, Connecticut, Marion White of Bristol, Connecticut, Cecilia Hungerford of New Milford, and Christina Richards of Woodbury, Connecticut, and many nieces and nephews.

Transferral and recitation of the Rosary took place on May 17 at Maria Hall in Danville followed by a Wake Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maria Hall by Maria Hall chaplain Reverend Gerard Heintzelman, with concelebrant Reverend Adam Keltos, OSB (Sister Isidore's cousin). Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sister Isidore can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.

New Insurance Issued

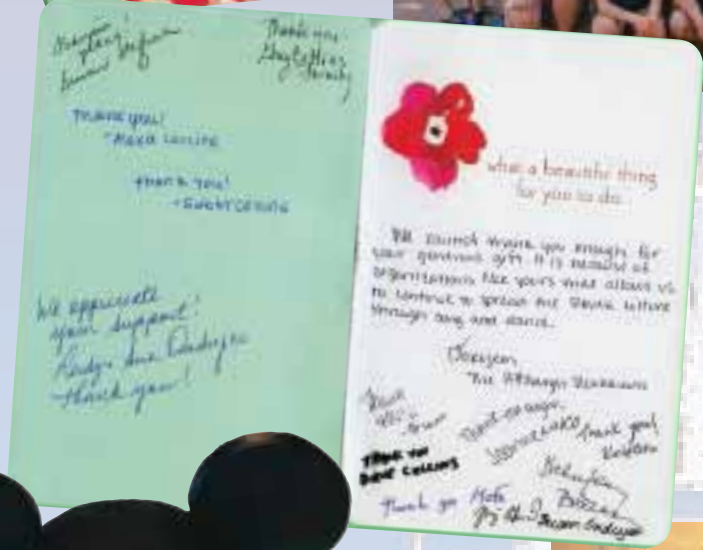
Branch	Branch Representative	March/April 2017	Year-to-Date Total
52	James Tomasic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
60	Anita Gregory	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
64	Elva Silay	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 17,000.00

Pittsburgh Slovaks Perform in Florida

The Pittsburgh Slovaks performed at the 65th Annual Slovak Day at the Slovak Gardens in Winter Park, Florida, this past March. While in Florida, the group also performed at the Disney Performing Arts in Walt Disney World, Orlando.

The LPSCU is pleased to have been able to make a donation to help defray some of the Pittsburgh Slovaks' travel costs.

Pictured on this page are photos from their trip as well as a thank you note received by the Home Office.



SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Home Office closed for Labor Day.
- 7-9 – American Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona
- 8-17 – Slovakia Heritage Tour, a 10-day tour celebrating the fall harvest and culture, history, and countryside of the Slovak Republic.
- 15-16 – Branch Seminars, Youngstown, Ohio. *See page 24.*
- 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. Members wishing to submit matters for the Board to discuss should submit any correspondence to Theresa Kluchinski at the Home Office no later than August 22. *See page 3.*
- 30 – Deadline to apply for the 2017 Post Graduate Award. *See page 15 for details.*

OCTOBER

- 1 – The Msgr. Beeda District will hold a Mass and Breakfast at 11:45 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.
- 9 – Home Office closed for Columbus Day.
- 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.

- 22 – Pittsburgh District Card Party at St. Maximilian-Kolbe Parish, Munhall, Pennsylvania. A Matching Fund project benefitting Magee-Women's Research Institution will be held in conjunction with the event. More information will follow.
- 22-24 – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER

- 20 – **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2018 Zornicka.**
- 23-24 – Home Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.
- 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 make a reservation with 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 to attend.
- 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 27 to make a reservation to attend.
- 9 – LPSCU Telephone Conference Meeting

NOTICE OF VACANCY

LPSCU Public Relations Director

Public Relations Director is a hired position of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union (LPSCU). This position is part-time with an estimated 10 to 20 hours per week. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the LPSCU.
- Represent the LPSCU at functions as requested (e.g., seminars, local socials, meetings, etc.)
- Shall portray, project and promote the public image and interests of the LPSCU through the media.
- Shall prepare and publicize activities and meetings of the LPSCU and its affiliates.
- Shall prepare, edit and coordinate the publication of articles/photographs received from members, Branches, Districts, etc. for publication in the official publication.
- Maintain/coordinate the publication with printing firm/company.

- Monitor and maintain LPSCU Website.
- Develop/monitor and maintain social media avenues, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Responsible for providing reports to the Board of Directors.
- Coordinate reimbursement of LPSCU Branch/District functions.

REQUIREMENTS: Background in communications helpful, especially various forms of social media. Use of Microsoft Office programs, such as Word, Excel and Power Point, as well as excellent organizational and writing/communication skills.

A written resume shall be submitted which states qualifications, personal background and history, as well as past experience.

Any member wishing to be considered for this position should send a resume to the attention of the LPSCU President, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032.

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

May 25, 2017 ❖ Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees.

The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from February 16, 2017, Executive Finance Committee meeting with one correction.

Correspondence/Requests

The committee acknowledged the correspondence read and approved the following:

- ❖ Youngstown Sister Cities is requesting a donation. *Approved a \$100.00 donation.*
- ❖ Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association is requesting a donation for the Chinese Auction which will be held at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. *Approved two \$25.00 gift cards.*
- ❖ The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance is requesting a donation to the scholarship fund and the charitable project which is Pittsburgh Hires Veterans. *Approved \$50.00 to the scholarship fund and \$100.00 to the charitable project.*

Slovak Benedictines Visit SS.C.M. Sisters

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius were recently blessed with visitors from the Slovak Republic. Father Vladimír Kasan, OSB, prior of the Monastery of the Transfiguration of Jesus in Sampor, Slovakia, and several Benedictine monks visited the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania. The Benedictines were traveling from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. where they celebrated the Ph.D. graduation of Father Dolný. They stopped in Danville on their way to Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio, where they visited with the Benedictine monks there.



From left are Brother Igor Hajas, OSB, Milan Kasan, Father Ján Dolný, Sister Jana Polakova, SS.C.M., Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M., and Father Vladimir Kasan, OSB.

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts: M&T Bank – General Operating Account and the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account for February, March, and April 2017 and the Home Office - Branch Deposit Account. The committee reviewed the March 31, 2017, Quarterly Report and the Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet for December 2016, January, February, March, and April 2017.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided and reviewed all activity from February, March, and April 2017, including Common Stock, Preferred Stock, and International Bonds. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported on the following: Cronauer Electric has completed the installation of new lighting in the Home Office; information on tickets for the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania Flag Day at the Ballpark was provided; and quotes were received from Golden Business Machine for a new Canon copier. After discussion, the committee approved the purchase of a Canon color copier.

Budget

The committee was provided and reviewed the budget through April 2017.

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be August 17, 2017.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

The Importance of Life Insurance

Many believe that they are invincible to harm, and that because they are young and in the best shape of their life, that they do not need to invest in life insurance. This may be true for a large percentage of people – most will live long, healthy lives – but this is not always the case. Tragedies do happen, and because of this it is of the utmost importance to not neglect our fragility.

One of my grade school friends was celebrating Easter with his family and, without warning, his father had a heart attack and passed away. My friend was in 6th grade with me and he has a brother that was a few years younger. Their family had been living comfortably, but was immediately devastated and was no longer able to live like they used to. Their father did not have life insurance and because of this their lives were forever changed. Life insurance could have helped my friend's family greatly.

When unforeseeable misfortunes occur, life insurance can significantly help those who must work through the volatility of this difficult time.

Benjamin M. Drexler

Branch 7, Exeter, PA

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION**
71 S. Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

**INFORMATION
REQUEST FORM**

If you would like information on any of our products or benefits, please complete the following information and mail the form to the address above:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Select how you would like to be contacted:

- Phone Email Mail

~ **REQUESTED INFORMATION** ~

PRODUCT

- Single Premium 3 Pay Life 5 Pay Life
 10 Pay Life 15 Pay Life 20 Pay Life
 Whole Life 20 Year Endowment
 Juvenile Estate Term (Term to 25)
 Flexible Annuity

FORMS

- Change of Address Change of Name
 Change of Beneficiary Direct Debit
 Cash Value Certificate Loan
 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: _____

**John Ferri Honored
with UNICO Award**

On April 27, 2017, the Bethlehem Chapter of UNICO, an Italian-American service organization, honored John Ferri with the Chapter's President's Award at its 31st annual Awards Dinner held at the Green Pond Country Club, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In presenting John with the award, Chapter President Michelle Pelizoto acknowledged John's dedicated service to the Chapter and listed the various offices he held during his 16-year membership. John recently retired as Scholarship Chairperson and still serves as a Trustee.

State Senator Lisa Boscola, who represents John's Senatorial District, introduced him as a long-time friend and praised his volunteer service to his church and community, noting especially his volunteer work at her yearly golf tournament. She presented John with a Senatorial Proclamation. He also received Proclamations from Mayor Robert Donchez of Bethlehem and State Representative Steve Samuelson.

John expressed his heartfelt thanks for the award and various proclamations. He acknowledged that he is proud to be a member of the Bethlehem Chapter of UNICO, whose motto is "Service Above Self."

John resides in Bethlehem with his wife, Margaret A. Ferri. They are proud parents of John A. Ferri of New Market, Maryland; David A. Ferri of New York, New York; and Patricia A. Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania. The couple has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All are members of LPSCU Branch 83 and Branch 130, Bethlehem.



Honoree John Ferri (center) is pictured with his brothers, James (left) and Carmen (right), who attended the awards ceremony.

**Branch 60 to Hold
Matching Fund Event**

LPSCU Branch 60 will be hosting a Matching Fund event in conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund program. The Branch will donate \$100, along with any donations received from their members and guests attending the Branch 60 Mass and Breakfast on August 6, 2017. (See page 18 for Mass/Breakfast details.) The proceeds, along with the matching funds received from the LPSCU Home Office, will then be given to the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter, a very worthy cause in the Hazleton community.

94th Annual Slovak Day is July 20 at Kennywood Park

The 94th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak folk dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, and special children's activities, as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be made.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the concelebration of the Slovak Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge." The main celebrant of the Mass will be the Very Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando of Youngstown, Ohio, along with several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Johnstown-Altoona, Pennsylvania dioceses. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs, and dances presented by the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS) and the Pittsburgh Slovaks.

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy *holubky* (stuffed cabbage), *haluski* (sweet cabbage and noodles), *pirohy* and *kolbasy*. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with homemade favorites, *ceregi* and *paska*.

Miroslav Lajcak Elected President of UN Assembly

On May 31, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly elected by acclamation Foreign Minister Miroslav Lajcak of Slovakia as President of its upcoming 72nd session. Following his election at UN Headquarters in New York, Mr. Lajcak outlined the priorities for his tenure: people; peace and prevention; migration; sustainable development goals; climate action; and human rights, which would guide his work as an overarching principle.

Mr. Lajcak (center) is pictured below with Joe and Albina Senko who were guests at a reception given by Frantisek Ruzicka, permanent representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations. The reception honored Mr. Lajcak's election.



Enjoy this delicious dinner or á la carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia as strolling musicians play all of the Slovak favorites. Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the Garfield's Revenge ride from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion # 3 you will be able to see the Slovak Wood Craft Shop exhibit prepared by the PAS Jr. and Maly ensembles. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion # 5 there will be Slovak cultural displays provided by the Slovak fraternal. A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat. From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels by grabbing a partner to dance to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble at the Kitchen Pavilion.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 20, at Kennywood Park. Tickets are \$26 for Fun Day General Admission, \$15 for those 55 and older, plus a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for \$11 + tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Sue Ondrejco (412-421-1204) or Mary Lou Wagner (412-462-1957). For general information about the 94th Slovak Day, contact Chairwoman Mary Lou at 412-462-1957.

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

U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Visits Pittsburgh

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) hosted Adam Sterling, U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, on his recent visit to Pittsburgh. At a reception given in his honor attended by approximately 50 people, the Ambassador presented an overview of contemporary Slovakia, discussing the country's

political, economic, and social progress since its independence in 1993.

Ambassador Sterling arrived in the Slovak Republic in August 2016. As a career member of the Senior Foreign service, he has served in the Netherlands, Azerbaijan, Israel, Kazakhstan, Belgium, and Peru.



Ambassador Adam Sterling

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

1st Quarter Report

Assets	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2016
Investments.....	\$ 15,668,165.00	\$ 15,579,044.00
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ -	\$ 96,000.00
Cash on Deposit.....	\$ 262,148.00	\$ 109,526.00
Mortgage Loans.....	\$ -	\$ -
Real Estate Owned.....	\$ 124,664.00	\$ 128,193.00
Other Assets.....	\$ 37,851.00	\$ 40,591.00
Totals	\$ 16,092,828.00	\$ 15,953,354.00

Liabilities & Fund Balance	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2016
Fund Balance.....	\$ 3,916,477.00	\$ 3,879,489.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	\$ 100,990.00	\$ 127,149.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee.....	\$ 147,710.00	\$ 134,289.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates.....	\$ 11,295,523.00	\$ 11,175,377.00
Other Liabilities.....	\$ 632,128.00	\$ 637,050.00
Totals	\$ 16,092,828.00	\$ 15,953,354.00

Revenues	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2016
Premium Income.....	\$ 45,249.00	\$ 62,868.00
Investment Income.....	\$ 186,258.00	\$ 197,335.00
Income - Other.....	\$ 9,522.00	\$ 9,396.00
Totals	\$ 241,029.00	\$ 269,599.00

Expenses	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2016
Death Claims.....	\$ 51,629.00	\$ 56,771.00
Endowments.....	\$ 7,010.00	\$ 7,286.00
Cash Surrenders.....	\$ 25,778.00	\$ 10,295.00
Annuity Benefits.....	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends.....	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in Aggregate Reserves.....	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
Commissions (new and renewals).....	\$ 1,093.00	\$ 237.00
General Operating Expenses.....	\$ 65,240.26	\$ 76,411.64
Officers and Committee Expenses.....	\$ 1,317.74	\$ 1,653.86
Actuarial/Accounting Expense.....	\$ 36,025.00	\$ 33,975.00
Investment Mgt. Fee.....	\$ 6,023.89	\$ 5,936.67
Official Publications.....	\$ 15,681.78	\$ 20,992.73
Travel Expense.....	\$ 485.38	\$ 601.10
Bureau and Association Dues.....	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,150.00
Donations.....	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 1,475.00
Scholarships.....	\$ -	\$ -
Fraternal Activities.....	\$ 2,391.95	\$ 2,377.00
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees.....	\$ 10,831.00	\$ 10,842.00
Sub Total	\$ 261,002.00	\$ 295,004.00

Net Gain/Loss From Operations.....	\$ (19,973.00)	\$ (25,405.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss).....	\$ 1,895.00	\$ (3,647.00)
Total	\$ (18,078.00)	\$ (29,052.00)

Slovak Dolls Donated in Member's Memory

The LPSCU recently received two Slovak dolls which were donated in memory of Josephine Royer by the Royer/Worth families. Josephine was a member of LPSCU Branch 6 and the Reverend Dianiska District of the LPSCU. The dolls are on display in the Home Office.

The LPSCU wishes to thank the Royer and Worth families for this generous donation in memory of their loved one. May God grant Josephine eternal rest.



**SIGN A NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**

LPSCU 10 Payment Life Plan

The LPSCU offers an economic 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 to 70, the minimum purchase amount is \$5,000; for ages 71 to 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 (10) 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 (10) 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

Member Initiates Military Care Package Project

Tate Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania, is a member of St. Norbert's Catholic Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. While reading his parish bulletin one Sunday during Lent, he noticed that the parish was requesting a "Lenten Day of Service" by donating "Comforts from Home" care packages to be mailed to three military sons of the parish and their fellow troops who are deployed in Iraq and Greenland.

Tate, who is a Junior Midfielder on the Conestoga Boys

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

Varsity Lacrosse team, took the initiative to become part of his parish's project. He coordinated the lacrosse team's collection of snack foods, personal care items, and other small comforts for preparation of the packages.



Tate Kienzle assembles items into care packages for the military.

The team collected approximately 170 pounds of snacks and various items and sorted them into care packages, together with personal notes and cards. They then delivered the packages to St. Norbert's Church for shipment to the military.

During a recent leave, one of the parish's military members who received the care packages, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Matthew Paski, Space Operations Specialist stationed at Thule Air Base in Greenland, personally visited Tate and his lacrosse teammates to thank them for their donations. Staff Sergeant Paski attended the team's practice and spoke to the players about personal integrity

and teamwork, critical to success not only on the lacrosse field but more importantly on the much larger playing field of life. The visit culminated with Staff Sergeant Paski joining the team on the sidelines for their recent Central League win after which he presented Tate and the team with a "Challenge Coin" – a military tradition and honor used to acknowledge hard work and excellence.

Tate is the son of Dr. Rand and Patricia Kienzle. He has two sisters, Victoriana and Jenna, and a brother, Jace. All are members of LPSCU Branch 83 and Branch 130, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.



Tate Kienzle (right) is recognized by Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Paski for his part in organizing a care package collection along with the members of Tate's high school lacrosse team.

FLEXIBLE ANNUITY

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- ◆ 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.
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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.
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 - Payment of a specified amount.
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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 Welcome New Associates

On May 7, 2017, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, welcomed 11 new SS.C.M. Associates from the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. Associate members share the faith, prayer, and in various ways, the Congregational spirituality, charism, and mission of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The new Associates serve in many capacities with the Sisters missioned in Bluffton and Saint Helena Island, South Carolina. All of the new Associates are active in a variety of volunteer ministries at St. Gregory the Great Church and/or School, and many also volunteer at the St. Francis Center at St. Helena Island and are involved in other charitable activities in the civic community.

Since the beginning of the SS.C.M. Associate program in 1987 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Christian women and men continue to enter into this covenant relationship with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. SS.C.M. Associates currently reside in California, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina, and pray and serve with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in many ways.



Sister Michael Ann Orlik (left), SS.C.M. general superior, signs the covenant agreement with new associate, Darlene Polk.



New SS.C.M. Associates are, front row, L-R: Patricia Vacchi, Lidia Marques, Judy Moleski, Gladys Servat, and Linda Walker; back row, L-R: Kathy Campbell, Judy Tessier, Betty Haddad, Nancy Kuykendall, and Darlene Polk. Also inducted but absent was Pat Lifritz.

LPSCU Seeking Independent Agents/Recommenders

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is seeking licensed independent agents/ recommenders to represent the Society and market our Life Insurance and Annuity products. Interested individuals do not need to be a member of the Society. Currently we are licensed to sell in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Massachusetts.

Please call or e-mail President Theresa Kluchinski at 888-834-6614 or Theresa@lpscu.org.

NOTICE OF VACANCY LPSCU Fraternal Activities Director

Fraternal Activities Director is a hired position of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union (LPSCU). This position is part-time with an estimated 10 to 20 hours per week. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the LPSCU.
- Represent the LPSCU at functions as requested (e.g., seminars, local socials, meetings, etc.)
- Responsible for the publication of the Junior Section in the official publication of the LPSCU.
- Responsible for all fraternal activities/programs (new/existing) of the LPSCU.
- Work with Branches/Districts regarding activities/programs and the reporting of activities/programs.
- Responsible for providing reports to the Board of Directors.
- Responsible for the development/maintenance of Fraternal Activities Manual.
- Coordinate reimbursement of LPSCU Branch/District functions.

REQUIREMENTS: Background in communications helpful, especially various forms of social media. Use of Microsoft Office programs, such as Word, Excel and Power Point, as well as excellent organizational and writing/communication skills. Travel is required.

A written resume shall be submitted which states qualifications, personal background and history, as well as past experience.

Any member wishing to be considered for this position should send a resume to the attention of the LPSCU President, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032.

Lehigh Valley Okres Joins Hands to Fight Cancer

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, Lehigh Valley Okres members partnered with the Cancer Boutique of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to “fight cancer with style” in a clothing drive project held in conjunction with Join Hands Day.

In the weeks leading up to Join Hands Day, Okres members collected clean, gently used clothing from their families, friends, and neighbors. On the morning of May 6th, Okres officers and members delivered the clothing to the Cancer Boutique, located at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick’s Mill Road. The clothing went on sale to the public from May 30 through June 2. All proceeds from the sale were donated to St. Luke’s Cancer Center, Cancer Support Community, and St. Luke’s Hospice of Bethlehem.



Okres members who delivered clothing on Join Hands Day are, from left, John and Margaret Ferri, Elaine Molchany, Bernadine Kurzeja, and Helen Bobeck. Not pictured are Jean Kosalko and her son, Jeffrey, who also helped with the drive.

Branch 60 to Hold Mass and Breakfast

On August 6, 2017, LPSCU Branch 60 of West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, will hold a Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The Liturgy will be immediately followed by a breakfast buffet at Genetti’s Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania. Those planning to attend are asked to make a reservation with Branch Secretary Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) **by July 29**. The Branch will be doing a Matching Fund fundraiser at the event to benefit the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Information About LPSCU Districts

LPSCU Districts were established to encourage LPSCU Branches and members in the same proximity opportunities to unite together for meetings, education, community activities, and social events. Did you know that **any member** can attend functions of **any LPSCU District**? That means if you are a member of a Branch in Pennsylvania but you currently live in Chicago, Illinois, you can attend and participate in functions sponsored by the District in Illinois.

Our six LPSCU Districts and their general locations are:

- Pittsburgh – Western, Pennsylvania
- Rev. Baloga – Youngstown, Ohio
- Rev. Dianiska – Northeast Pennsylvania
- Lehigh Valley – Southeast Pennsylvania
- Msgr. Beeda – Hazleton, Pennsylvania
- Illiana – Illinois and Indiana

Not sure what to expect or can’t make it to all the meetings or functions? That’s OK! Pick up the phone or send an e-mail with your questions or concerns. You can get involved as little as you want or as much as you want!

Want to check out what’s happening? Look at the Calendar of Events as well as District announcements published in the *Zornicka*.

If you would like more information or have any questions about our Districts, please contact your local Branch representative or President Theresa Kluchinski at the Home Office: phone 888-834-6614 or e-mail Theresa@lpscu.org.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT A DISTRICT EVENT SOON!



An LPSCU Educational Benefit

BOOK BUY PROGRAM

The LPSCU Book Buy Program assists our members who are attending college by reimbursing 15% of their college book expenses. This award is available *in addition* to any other educational award members may have received from the LPSCU.



How to qualify? You need only to purchase a **new 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy** during the student's freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior years of college. Premiums must be paid on an annual, semi-annual, or quarterly basis and must be current in order for the student member to be eligible for this program. **Student members can submit an LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application each school year and receive a 15% refund based on books purchased (limited to the amount paid for the annual premium on the 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy).**

Example: A 19-year-old female student purchases a \$10,000 20 Payment Life policy having an annual premium of \$99.70. (This does not include administration fee.) The student submits receipts totaling \$650.00 for book purchases. The benefit will reimburse student \$97.50 (15% of the books purchased).

Example: A 19-year-old male student purchases a \$10,000 20 Payment Life policy having an annual premium of \$114.60. (This does not include administration fee.) The student submits receipts totaling \$750.00 for book purchases. The benefit will reimburse student \$112.50 (15% of the books purchased).

Student members may take advantage of this program for a maximum of four (4) years. Simply complete the LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application and attach your book receipts. It's as simple as that! And in addition to receiving this reimbursement, you are protected with valuable life insurance.

For a Book Buy application, please contact the Home Office at 570-823-3513, toll free at 888-834-6614, fax 570-823-4464, e-mail us at lpscu@lpscu.org, or check our website at www.lpscu.org. For a life insurance application, please contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.

Slovak Catholic Federation Holds Spring Meeting

The Slovak Catholic Federation held its spring meeting at the Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on April 3-4, 2017. The agenda included:

- A Reflection by Msgr. Thomas Derzack: "Ten Ways to Meditate on Christ's Passion."
- Reports by Secretary-Treasurer Dolores Evanko and First Vice President Rev. Thomas Nasta
- Reports from the SCF Chapters and the Conference of Slovak Clergy
- Convention 2017 which will be held September 17-19, 2017, in Boardman, Ohio

SCF President Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic welcomed the newest member of the SCF Board, Rev. Robert Seeman, national spiritual advisor for the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.



Pictured are the attendees at the Slovak Catholic Federation's spring meeting in Wilkes-Barre.



Rev. Robert Seeman (center) is welcomed to the SCF Board by, from left, SCF 2nd Vice President Marie Golias, SCF President Rev. Andrew Hvozdovic, LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski, and SCF Secretary-Treasurer Dolores Evanko.

Lithograph Donated to SS.C.M. Sisters

Rev. Adam Keltos, OFM, recently donated a beautiful Saints Cyril and Methodius lithograph by Czech artist Jano Kohler to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in honor of his mother, Anna S. Keltos; his sister, Sister Louis Keltos, SS.C.M.; and his cousin, Sister Isidore Tomascak. SS.C.M.



Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M. (left), general superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, receives the painting from the Reverend Adam Keltos, OFM.

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

LPSCU Matching Fund Program

On January 2, 2011, the LPSCU initiated a Matching Fund Program for our Branches and Districts. In the program's initial year, we had one Matching Fund project.

As a fraternal benefit society, the LPSCU encourages our Branches and Districts to participate in a Matching Fund project for the benefit of a charitable organization. The funds that are raised from a matching fund event will be matched dollar for dollar by the LPSCU, up to a maximum of \$100 for a Branch event and \$200 for a District event. If a Branch or District prefers to make a donation to a charitable organization, that can be considered as a Matching Fund project except that the donation will be limited to 50% of the maximum amount, \$50 for a Branch and \$100 for a District. Each Branch and District is allowed two Matching Fund events per year.

For more information or to receive a copy of the Matching Fund Program Guidelines and Forms, contact the Home Office via phone 570-823-3513, toll free at 888-834-6614, by fax at 570-823-4464, or e-mail lpescu@lpescu.org.



The 44th annual Summer Festival, sponsored by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, will be held on the grounds of the Sisters' Motherhouse in Danville, Pennsylvania, on July 8. Activities will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The festival will feature a large flea market, a silent auction, home-made

baked goods, handcrafted items, a book store, and religious and Slovak articles for sale. There will be a variety of ethnic foods such as holupky, halusky, and potato pancakes, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, ice cream, and more. There will be a variety of games for children and adults plus special attractions like a petting zoo, raffles, and bingo. Tours of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius will also be available.

The Summer Festival has been a blessed opportunity for the Sisters to keep in touch with former students, their parents, and family members, and to reconnect with friends they've made over the years as well as to make new ones.

The festival will take place rain or shine. Bus parking is available. The day will close with a Mass at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sister Barbara Sable at 570-275-3581, ext. 302.

Do you need a very special gift?

Purchasing a LEAF or STONE from the TREE OF LIFE Program makes a unique and perpetual gift.

TREE OF LIFE

RESERVATION FORM

Your inscription may be personalized to recognize a loved one or special event with "In honor of ...", "In memory of ...", or "In celebration of ...". Or you may also choose to simply have your name, the family name, or business name inscribed on a Leaf or Stone. Restrictions as to space and number of characters are listed below, based on whether you choose a fraternal Leaf (\$100) or larger Stone (\$500).

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 _____

Enclosed is (please check one):

- My first donation toward my "Tree of Life," entitling me to an engraved (Please check one) Fraternal Leaf Fraternal Stone when fully paid. **(Minimum of \$20 per payment.)**
- My \$100 check as payment in full, entitling me to an engraved Fraternal Leaf
- My \$500 check as payment in full, entitling me to an engraved Fraternal Stone

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

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

PLEASE ENGRAVE MY FRATERNAL LEAF OR STONE AS FOLLOWS:

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SS.C.M. Sisters Select Director of Mission Advancement

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius are pleased to announce that Jessica Owens Pastuszek has been selected as Director of Mission Advancement at Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, Pennsylvania.



Jessica Pastuszek

Ms. Pastuszek had been serving as Museum Director and Corporate Communications Coordinator at Albright Care Services, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where she supported the fund development and marketing teams. As director of Slifer House Museum, she developed public programming and events, solicited donations, wrote grant requests, maintained the museum collection, developed a college internship program, and oversaw a team of volunteers. In her communications role, she planned and assisted in overseeing corporate events, maintained social media sites, and wrote press releases and content for publications.

As Director of Mission Advancement, Ms. Pastuszek has a dual role to develop funding for the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius and Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community in Danville. Some of her responsibilities include developing a long-range plan and annual goals to support the mission to provide compassionate care for the elderly and youth, working with leadership to establish a benevolent fund, directing the gift stewardship process, planning major events, and managing the production of the annual report.

Cooking Corner

BLUEBERRY BUCKLE

½ cup butter	2 tsp. baking powder
¾ cup sugar	½ tsp. salt
1 egg	½ cup milk
2 cups flour	2 cups blueberries

Topping

¼ cup butter	½ cup flour
½ cup sugar	½ tsp. cinnamon

Cream butter. Add sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk until smooth. Fold in berries. Pour batter into greased and floured 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Mix topping ingredients together and sprinkle on batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.





Junior Branch Journal

July 4 – Independence Day

In the United States, Independence Day - better known as the Fourth of July - is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches, ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

On July 4, 1777, thirteen guns were fired, once in the morning and again as evening fell, in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1791, the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1931, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

The residents of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated Independence Day for the first time since July 4, 1863, when the Siege of Vicksburg ended with a Union victory during the American Civil War.



See if you can find the answers to these five questions:

- ◆ A bicentennial is a 200th birthday. When was America's Bicentennial?
- ◆ Which Founding Father designed the beautiful home called Monticello?
- ◆ What famous poem about the American Revolution begins, "Listen, my children, and you shall hear...?"
- ◆ The Stamp Act triggered the American Revolution. Why was it so unpopular among the colonists?
- ◆ When asked to surrender, what naval hero of the Revolution said, "I have not yet begun to fight"?



Východná Folk Festival — June 29-July 2, 2017

The folk festival "Východná" is the oldest and largest festival in Slovakia. More than 1,400 performers participate in this festival each year. Craftsmen and artists are also a very important part of this festival on the grounds outside the large, open-air theater. In recent years, interactive programs such as dance, music, singing, and craft workshops have been added for children. The festival significantly contributes to



the revival, preservation, and development of the creative and public presentation of the values of the precious Slovak cultural treasures. The festival takes place annually, usually during the first weekend in July in the village of Východná, near the High and Low Tatras.

Junior Branch Journal



Just Smile!

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It takes just a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever. None are so rich that can get along without it and none are so poor that cannot be made rich by it. It enriches those who receive, without making poor those who give. It creates sunshine in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the best antidote



for trouble. It cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is of no value unless it is freely given away. If some people are too busy to give you a smile, give them one of yours, for the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so badly as he or she who has no more smiles left to give.

National Smile Week is the second week in August.

Did you know...?

- ◆ The Danube River is the 2nd longest river in Europe. It begins in the Black Forest in Germany and empties into the Black Sea, traveling a distance of 1,785 miles. This famous river flows through ten European countries: Hungary, Germany, Austria, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, and Croatia. It also flows through four capital cities. Can you name them?

The answer is: Budapest, Belgrade, Vienna, and Bratislava. How well did you do?

- ◆ At 6'1" tall, Slovak supermodel and actress Adriana Sklenářiková-Karembu is a former Guinness record holder for the longest legs among female models. In 2011 she was a contestant in the first season of the French *Dancing with the Stars*.
- ◆ The movies *Dragonheart*, *The Lion in Winter*, and *The Last Legion* were filmed at Spiš Castle.
- ◆ At 6'9", Slovak defenseman Zdeno Chára of the Boston Bruins is the tallest player in NHL history. He currently serves as the Bruins' captain. Chára played his 1,000th career NHL game on March 24, 2012. By the way, Slovakia is one of only five countries worldwide that are major manufacturers of hockey pucks. The other four are Canada, Russia, China, and the Czech Republic.
- ◆ With its location on the borders with Austria and Hungary, Bratislava is the only national capital in the world that borders two countries.



The Feast of the Assumption

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven and reunited with her soul. This holiday has been celebrated since the fourth century and is known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest in many parts of Europe. This year the feast day falls on August 15.



Have a Great Summer!

PERIODICAL

LPSCU TRAINING SEMINARS

Throughout 2017, the LPSCU has been conducting Training Seminars for existing Branch Officers and our Agents/Recommenders. We also encourage anyone interested in becoming a Branch Officer and/or Agent/Recommender to attend. The seminars are 4½ hours in length and include a light meal. Seminars have been offered in each area where we have a District. They have already been held in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Hazleton, the Lehigh Valley, the Chicago area, and Pittsburgh. Our final seminars for this year will take place in Youngstown, Ohio. Details are listed below. Reservations are required and seating is limited for each session.

We encourage those attending to bring an individual (or two) who may be interested in becoming involved with the LPSCU, whether it is in the capacity of serving as a Branch Officer or selling our products. We will license individuals interested in selling for the LPSCU.

Youngstown, Ohio

Friday, September 15, 2017

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. OR 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 16, 2017

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Boardman

7410 South Avenue

Youngstown, OH 44512

RSVP by August 30, 2017

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.

Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament Treasure Lake Golf Resort August 18-20, 2017

LPSCU members have been invited to participate in the Slovak Catholic Sokol's 2017 Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held August 18-20 at Treasure Lake's Golf Resort in Dubois, Pennsylvania.

Application deadline for the tournament is July 21st.

The full golf package is \$285.00 and includes the tournament entry fee and prize money, three full rounds of golf with carts, two night's lodging at the Fairfield Inn or Hampton Inn (double occupancy), and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Included in the package price is Friday night hospitality at the Lakeview Lodge and a buffet dinner and cocktails at Luigi's Villa in Dubois. All taxes and gratuities are also included.

Other rates include:

- Non-golf weekend: \$140.00 – includes meals and lodging.
- Golf only: \$145.00 – includes entry and tournament fees.
- Half golf package: \$215.00 – includes two rounds of 9 holes on Saturday and Sunday, along with lodging and meals.
- Half golf only: \$75.00 – includes entry and tournament fees.

Anyone interested needs to contact the LPSCU Home Office at 888-834-6614 or lpscu@lpscu.org for a complete set of rules and regulations as well as entry and hotel information. Applications must be received by July 21st.

Members will receive up to \$40 reimbursement for one event per year.

