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of the National Slovak Society

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Flag Day is June 14th

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. The first recognized formal observance of Flag Day was held at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. The event was organized by a grade school teacher, Bernard J. Cigrand. Cigrand is credited with being the "Father of Flag Day."

Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.



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REGION 2	Assemblies L075, P09M, 0146, 0617 No Activities at this time
REGION 5	Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0283, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0700, 0737, 0774, 0809
June 7	Assembly 0039, Meeting, Denny's Restaurant, Uniontown, PA at 7:00 pm
June 12	Assembly 0123, Meeting, Panera Bread, Cranberry Mall at 1:00 pm
June 26	Assembly 0377, Picnic at Richardson's Park, Bentleyville, PA at 3:00 pm
July 1-31	Assembly 0588, Fundraiser, Avella Library Center, Avella, PA
July 10	Assembly 0039, Golf Outing, Springdale Golf Club at 7:00 am
July 15-17	NATIONAL Golf Tournament, Culbertson Hills, Edinboro, PA
August 20	Assembly L161, Meeting, Ondrejco Home, Pittsburgh, PA at 1:00 pm
August 27	Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16, Pittsburgh, PA at 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm
October 29	Assembly L161, Meeting, Ondrejco Home, Pittsburgh, PA at 1:00 pm
REGION 7	Assemblies P09A, 0008, 0731
June 13-15	Assembly P09A, Fraternal Trip to Frankenmuth & Soaring Eagle Casino
July 17	Region 7, Family Picnic, Poland Township Countryside Farm, OH
July 23	Assembly 0731, Matching Funds Garage Sale, Poland Township Countryside Farm, OH
September 1	Assembly 0731, Youth Day Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, OH from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
August 7	Assembly P09A, Picnic, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, OH at 1:30 pm
October 13	Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Poland Township Countryside Farm, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
December 3	Assembly P09A, Christmas Party, Yankee Kitchen at 4:30 pm
December 11	Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Center, Poland, OH at 2:00 pm
REGION 8	Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595
June 11	Assembly 0070, Meeting/Picnic, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 5:30 pm
June 12	Assembly 0004, Golf Tournament, Mr. Divots, N. Royalton, OH at 1:00 pm
June 21	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Pytel Home, N Olmsted, OH at 7:30 pm
July 19	Assembly 0004, Meeting, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:00 pm
September 20	Assembly 0004, Meeting, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:00 pm
October 18	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Location TBD at 7:30 pm
November 15	Assembly 0004, Meeting, Dr Martin Luther Church, Brooklyn, OH at 7:00 pm
December 11	Assembly 0432, Family Xmas Party, Transfiguration Parish Hall
December 20	Assembly 0432, Meeting, Transfiguration Parish Hall
REGION 10	Assemblies 0065, 0586
June 2	Assembly 0065, Meeting, St Matthew's Healthcare, Park Ridge, IL at 11:00 am
September 8	Assembly 0065, Meeting, St Matthew's Healthcare, Park Ridge, IL at 11:00 am
November 3	Assembly 0065, Meeting, St Matthew's Healthcare, Park Ridge, IL at 11:00 am
December 8	Assembly 0065, "tentative date" Stredraky Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 pm
REGION 14	Assemblies R059, L006, L102, 0211
June 11	Region 14, Picnic, Wesnak Home, Whitehall, PA at 2:00 pm
June 26	Assembly 0211, Meeting, Golden Home, Broomall, PA at 1:30 pm
REGION 15	Assemblies L002, L006, 0028, L145 No activities at this time

AT LARGE

June 5
June 11
June 12
June 18
June 18
June 19
August 21
September 4
September 7
October 9
October 15
October 23
November 6
December 4
December 24

Assemblies R019, R023, P31M, 0038, L040, 0110, 0207, 0236, 0240, 0267, 0299, 0316, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0705, 0800, 0805, 0813

Assembly 0554, Meeting, Curwensville, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly L040, Annual Gathering, 3 Point Sportsman Club, Clarence, PA at 12:00 noon
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0381, Meeting, Medved Home, Grosse Ile, MI
Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0568, Mass/Luncheon, St. John Bosco, Bellflower, CA at 11:00 am
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0554, Meeting, Dubois, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly R019, Appreciation Luncheon, time/location to be announced
Assembly R019, Chinese Auction/Luncheon fundraiser at St. Peter & Paul O.C.
Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0554, Meeting, Curwensville, PA at 2:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm
Assembly 0705, Christmas Eve Celebration, Buck Home, Seelyville, IN at 6:30 pm



Kurt T. Payne 2011 Youth Achievement Winner

Congratulations to Kurt T. Payne who was chosen as the 2011 Youth Achievement Winner. Kurt is an energetic, personable young man who is an asset to his assembly, school, church and community. He is currently a Junior attending Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, PA. and is currently ranked 3rd in a class of 471, maintaining First Honors status for his entire high school career.

Kurt has numerous achievements and involvements. Starting at a young age he earned the "Student Peacekeeper" award several times. In his junior year, Kurt was selected by the Religious Faculty attend the "Kairos" Religious retreat usually reserved only for Senior classmates and was invited to return as the "Kairos" leader of the senior class.

Kurt also participated in Indoor and Outdoor Track teams, was a linebacker for the Varsity Football team and received the Great American Rivalry Scholarship Award for the team spirit, excelling in both academics and active in sports. In his community, Kurt has been active as a Boy Scout of America and reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kurt has been offered and has accepted an Appointment with Full Scholarship to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, as a member of the Class of 2015.

Here is a young man who has no problem giving it his all. We wish him well in all of his endeavors. We at NSS are proud to honor Kurt as the NSS Youth Achievement winner for 2011.



Trecia Montgomery Fraternalist of the Year

I would like to congratulate Trecia Montgomery of Assembly 813, Englewood, Florida on being named the 2011 National Slovak Society's Fraternalist of the Year. Although Trecia is relatively a new member, joining us in 2009, she exemplifies what a Fraternalist is.

A breast cancer survivor, she regularly participates in the Relay for Life program. She volunteers at the Scope Harbor Elder Daycare center at the Christ Episcopal Church and supports the efforts of Hospice of the Valley by visiting and sharing her experience with those who have lost loved ones. She is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church welcoming committee, Beautification Committee and is working with the Memorial Committee.

Trecia actively participates in Assembly activities and attends events on the Regional and National Level. She enjoys the Annual Golf Tournament banquets and hospitality nights and is hoping to play golf this year. She was also a delegate to the NSS 35th Convention this past summer.

Trecia is a wonderful asset to her community, her church and the NSS. We are proud to honor Trecia as the 2011 Fraternalist of the Year.



Because of lack of space with the official bowling results and golf application, our Secretary/Treasurer Linda Strom's column will not be in this issue. Her column will return in the July issue.

From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC
National President

While I am writing this article for June, we are experiencing one of the wettest Springs on record all over the country with the threat of major flooding from the Mississippi River. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be drier and warmer and summer will be in full swing. June 14th is Flag Day and in honor of this day, I have included a poem about the flag in my article below. Happy Father's Day to all fathers on Sunday, June 19th. In addition to regular meetings of our assemblies and regions, Assembly P09A Youngstown, is sponsoring a fraternal trip to Frankenmuth & Soaring Eagle Casino June 13-15, and Assembly O377 Bentleyville will hold a picnic on June 26th at Richardson's Park.

News of Narodniars

Let me start by wishing belated birthday wishes to Tom Kearney, and Cindy and Gary Robinson, who celebrated in May. Celebrating birthdays this month are National Directors Bob Katricak and Mary Jo Holker, Legal Advisor Ron Cooper, Honorary Officer Justine Wesnak who will celebrate on Flag Day, staff members Jill Grover, and Amanda Richmond, former staff member Nina DiLelio, Blaze Farrell, Joey Palko, Christina Eubank, Karyn Chojnicki, and nephew Joshua Marshall, who recently along with his wife Linda celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Riley. Congratulations to the above and all others celebrating this month.

Wedding Anniversary wishes go out to Shannon and Edwin Woods, Mary Lou and Tony Chojnicki and Justine and Bucky Wesnak. Speaking of Mary Lou Chojnicki, best wishes for a speedy recovery from knee surgery.

For our Youth Members

Every so often, I find the need to reprint an article targeted for our members on drinking and driving. We have added many new members since the last time we published this poem; if you have read it before, I apologize but for the newer members:

ON DRINKING

I went to a party mom, I remembered what you said, you told me not to drink mom, so I drank soda instead.

I felt proud inside mom, the way you said I would, I didn't drink and drive mom, even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing mom, I know you're always right. Now the party is finally ending mom, everyone drives out of sight.

I got into my car mom, I knew I'd get home in one piece, because of the way you raised me mom, so responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away mom, but as I pulled onto the road, the other car didn't see me mom, and it hit me like a load.

I just wanted to tell you mom, I swear I didn't drink, It was the others mom, the others didn't think.

He didn't know where he was going mom, he was probably at the same party as I. The only difference is mom, he drank and I will die.

Why do people drink mom, it can ruin your whole life. I'm feeling sharp pains now mom, pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking mom, I don't think it's fair, I'm lying here dying mom, while all he can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry mom, tell daddy to be brave, and when I get to heaven mom, write "A Daddy's Girl" on my grave.

Someone should have told him mom, not to drink and drive, if only they'd have taken the time mom, I would still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter mom, I'm becoming very scared, please don't cry for me mom, because when I needed you, you were always there.

I have one last question mom, before I say good-bye, I didn't drink mom, so why am I to die?

IN HONOR OF FLAG DAY

A Toast To The Flag

by John Jay Daly

Here's to the Red of it;

There's not a thread of it
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the White of it;

Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it;
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so White!

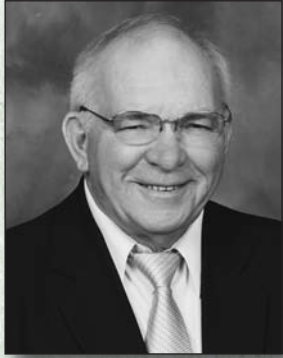
Here's to the Blue of it;

Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the Blue!

Here's to the Whole of it;

Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White and Blue!

The Second Opinion from the Vice-President



Dean Burns, FIC
National Vice-President

June

If the post office cooperated and delivered the paper on time, today is the first day of June, but apart from it being a month mid-way through the year heralding Winter/Summer depending on which hemisphere you live in, what else do you know about it? Well, no other month begins on the same day of the week as June. This year, that day is Wednesday.

These are designated days in June:

- 1 – Donut Day
- 3 – Egg Day
- 4 – Cheese Day
- 5 – Gingerbread Day
- 6 – Yo-yo Day
- 9 – Donald Duck's Birthday (1934)
- 10 – Iced Tea Day
- 12 – Magic Day
- 13 – Weed Your Garden Day
- 14 – Flag Day
- 16 – Fudge Day
- 17 – Eat Your Vegetables Day
- 18 – Picnic Day
- 19 – Garfield's Birthday (1978)
- 20 – Ice Cream Soda Day
- 21 – Fathers Day
- 23 – Soap Opera Day
- 24 – UFO Day
- 26 – Chocolate Pudding Day
- 27 – Helen Keller's Birthday (1880)
- 29 – Camera Day

There seems to be a lot of food days. There are also a couple of strange birthdays such as Donald Duck. And UFO Day makes me wonder how to observe the occasion. Father's Day is easier to deal with. I think it was added as an afterthought because Mother's Day happened in May and people did not want to slight the other half of parenting.

According to the Georgian calendar, which is used over most of the world today, June is the sixth month. On the Roman calendar, it was considered the fourth month had only 29 days. Julius Caesar gave the month 30 days in 46 B.C., when he reformed the Roman calendar. I suspect that Julius just liked the weather so much that he wanted the month to last a little longer.

Spring ends and summer begins around June 20, 21, or 22 in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the time that the flowers are most beautiful. It is especially the month for roses. In the Southern hemisphere, winter begins during June, and it brings cold, rainy weather to this part of the world, but we have very few (none) members in the Southern Hemisphere so we will ignore them.

It is appropriate to have the longest day of the year when the weather is exceptionally nice. (If I were Julius Caesar, I would have added ten days onto that old calendar). The promise of Spring and the crocus and other early bloomers is fulfilled in June. Most of the flowers are in full bloom. Strawberries ripen and remind us that other fresh fruit is coming later.

The month of June is the traditional time to have weddings, first communions, and graduations. Graduations bring the inevitable commencement addresses. At no other time (well maybe during election campaigns) are so many words said that have little relevance and most of the audience doesn't care. If you doubt that, try to remember the message delivered at any commencement you have ever attended. But tradition says we keep on doing it.

Flag Day

There is a better tradition that we observe in June. **Flag Day** is observed in the United States on June 14. It commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our flag. It then had only 13 stars, to match its 13 stripes.

It's not an official national holiday, but in Pennsylvania, it is a legal holiday. The President has proclaimed a public Flag Day observance every year. It was first observed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the selection of the flag. President Harry S. Truman officially recognized June 14 as Flag Day by signing the National Flag Day Bill.

Fraternal Insurance companies have traditionally had programs to commemorate Flag Day. I think that ethnic fraternal seem to appreciate the significance of Flag Day more than other people because we (or our forbears) came from harsher conditions and welcomed the gift of America. But many people have become complacent and the Flag Day observance is lessening.

June Quotation

*Then let us, one and all,
be contented with our lot;
The June is here this morning,
and the sun is shining hot;
Oh! let us fill our hearts up with
the glory of the day,
And banish every doubt and
care and sorrow far away.*

Source: James Whitcomb Riley

So enjoy the summer. Stop to smell the roses as the cliché tells us. Have a donut to start the month. Maybe plan a picnic on the 18th. There are lots of other options.

Join your local lodges in their activities as well as planning your own. Plan to attend National events as well.

**NSS Men's Annual
Bowling Tournament
Official Prize List
April 29th - May 1st, 2011**



**NSS Women's Annual
Bowling Tournament
Official Prize List
April 29th - May 1st, 2011**

Men's Team Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. BIG Z Albert Zbin, Andy Shuttleworth, Richard Zbin, Horst Hillrich, Steve Zbin	2552	549	3101	\$325
2. ONEIDA SERVICES James Hutzal, Don Kolecky, Mike Kolecky, Anthony Ribic, Peter Kolecky	2830	246	3076	\$250

Men's Doubles Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. George Svec/Jim Deak	1242	114	1356	\$150
2. Don Kolecky/Mike Kolecky	1126	195	1321	\$120
3. Ryan Strom/Dale Strom	1114	201	1315	\$100

Men's Singles Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. George Svec	757	39	796	\$100
2. Richard Zbin	603	129	732	\$75
3. Ryan Strom	653	69	722	\$65
4. Earl Shick	601	111	712	\$55
5. John Good	551	132	683	\$45
6. Donald Kolecky	551	129	680	\$35

Men's All Events

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. George Svec	1913	117	2030	\$60
2. Donald Kolecky	1610	387	1997	\$45
3. Michael Kolecky	1782	198	1980	\$30

Men's High Scratch Game

	Actual	Prize
George Svec	279	\$25

Women's Team Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. SOUTHSIDE GIRLS Judy Milius, Maryann Naple, Shelia Verno, Karen Suchy, Chris Chervenak	2191	852	3043	\$325
2. WE SUCHS Helen Zbin, Mary Zbin Ann Stockmaster, Susan Shuttleworth, Linda Hillrich	2109	900	3009	\$250

Women's Doubles Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. Sue Shuttleworth/Linda Hillrich	935	360	1295	\$150
2. Paula Suess/Janet Mirt	935	342	1277	\$120
3. Judy Milius/Sheila Verno	854	360	1214	\$100

Women's Singles Event

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. Alexandria Pappial	490	180	670	\$100
2. Chris Chervenak	520	135	655	\$75
3. Rachel Kolecky	435	180	615	\$65
4. Janet Mirt	450	162	612	\$55

Women's All Events

	Actual	Hdcp.	Total	Prize
1. Janet Mirk	1388	486	1874	\$60
2. Chris Chervenak	1449	405	1854	\$45
3. Rachel Kolecky	1254	540	1794	\$30

Women's High Scratch Game

	Actual	Prize
Sue Shuttleworth	218	\$25



**National Slovak Society
Annual National Golf Tournament**

July 15-17, 2011

**Culbertson Hill Golf Resort
Edinboro, PA 16412**

**Room accommodations provided by
Comfort Suites Inn
Edinboro, PA 16412
814-969-7000**

**Room Rates: \$109 per night/ King or 2 Queen
Deadline for Reservations is June 15, 2011**

Name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number participating – Dinner included in Golf Fee

_____ Saturday Individual Competition - \$50.00 _____ Sunday Scramble - \$50.00

_____ Both Saturday and Sunday - \$95.00 _____ Par 3 Challenge - \$10.00

_____ Will **not** attend Saturday Dinner

_____ Will attend Saturday Dinner (list dinner attendees)

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

_____ Adult **Guest** Dinners @ \$20.00 _____ Children 12 and under (Free)

_____ Child Dinners (13-18) @ \$10.00

_____ Will attend Hospitality Night _____ Will **not** attend Hospitality Night

_____ Hole Sponsor @ \$100 Name for sign: _____

_____ TOTAL

**Join us on Friday Evening for Hospitality Night at Culbertson Golf Course
for the kick-off of the Annual Putting Contest to raise money for the PVR Scholarship Fund**

Fraternal Matters...

By: Brigid Delien
Fraternal Activities Coordinator
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Bowling Results

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the NSS members and guests who attended this year's National Bowling Tournament. Being that it was my first time hosting the NSS Bowling Tournament, I was a bit nervous, but excited. I was warmly welcomed by all, and my nerves put at ease immediately. Although, there were some glitches here and there, I think the event was a success.

The weekend opened with Fraternal Night being held at Camelot Lanes with an evening of bowling just for fun, good food and refreshments, and spending time with NSS friends. Although only about 25 members took advantage of the evening, a good time was had by all.

The tournament began Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with 75 adult and 19 junior bowlers. Junior bowlers were treated to lunch and each received a medal for their efforts!

Afterwards, we all returned back to the Dutch Village Inn for dinner and Monte Carlo. The food was superb and Monte Carlo was a great success. We had a total of 10 baskets for the Chinese auction and all were unique. Thank you to everyone who donated a basket and to all those who participated in the Auction, we raised \$1329 for our PVR Scholarship fund!

We finished up the weekend with double and single events. Junior bowlers were invited to The Fun Fac-

tory for fun, games and refreshments with transportation being provided by NSS.

Look for the results highlighting the winning teams, doubles, singles and all events winners else where in this publication.

Without the hard work and efforts of the following, the weekend could not have been successful. I wish to personally thank Bob Smith and his staff at Camelot Lanes which did an awesome job in accommodating us. Tracey, Jackie and the entire staff of the Das Dutch Village Inn for outstanding accommodations and the wonderful

food prepared and served so elegantly. Kelly from Talent Network, Inc for providing us the Monte Carlo Event, as always, it was professionally done and fun for all! All Officers and Board Members who were able to attend and not only offer their assistance, but supported me in my efforts to put together a successful event, and most of all to all the members for actively participating and keeping the fraternal bowling program alive. One last thank you goes out to my loving husband, Bernie, for his support and understanding guiding me through the rough spots and sharing in the success of the event.



2011 Golf Tournament

Set the date aside and begin preparing for attendance at the 2011 NSS National Golf Tournament. I have highlighted the event below:

Date: July 15-17, 2011
Golf Course: Culbertson Hills Golf Resort, Edinboro, PA
Hotel: Comfort Suites, Edinboro, PA

Friday – July 15

Practice rounds starting at noon
Fraternal Hospitality Night and
Putting contest

Saturday – July 16

Individual Events and Banquet

Sunday – July 17

Scramble Event



On the prior page you will find the golf application. A mailing to all past participants will be going out in the next month that will include an application, the rules and regulations, and details for the golf weekend events.

For those of you that may be new members or have not previously

participated and would like this information, please contact me either by phone at 724-371-0094 or by email at bdelien@nsslife.org.

We look forward to sharing this fraternal weekend with you. Please make every effort to join us!!



Your Money is
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with
NSS Life



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& 3
account holders**

Conversions receive a higher yield for existing members **beginning March 1, 2011**. If you have one of the above accounts and convert to a Preferred 5 or 8 product you will receive the higher, "existing account" interest rate.

The current "existing account" rates are 4.10% on the Preferred 8 and 3.75% on the Preferred 5 product. Members do not need to do anything since we will notify you at the appropriate time.

Current Annuity Rates

For All Existing Accounts:

Current APY Interest Rate

Preferred 8	4.10%
Preferred 5	3.75%
Optimum 3	3.15%

Other Rates of Interest:

Optimum Choice	3.00%
Preferred 7	4.00%
Flex accounts	4.00%
Investment Growth	2.75%

New Business Annuity Rates:

Effective January 1, 2011

Preferred 8	3.50%
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Preferred Choice	3.00% (Available 9/1/10))

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3.00% less than 10 years - 4.00% over 10 years

Please contact your NSS Life financial service representative or
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From the Sales Department...

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC
National Sales Director

Fraternal Benefit



As America's oldest Slovak fraternal organization (121+ years) we offer our members complimentary benefits in addition to their life and annuity plans. Some of these extra benefits include golf & bowling tournaments, the monthly magazine, youth & adult contests, Heritage Museum and scholarships for youth and seniors.

Let's focus on the PVR scholarship program for the youth. This award is \$400 per year or \$1,600 over a four year college career. Some basic requirements to qualify for this program states that a person must be a member of the Society for at least 2 years and have at least a \$10,000 permanent plan of insurance or \$5,000 in an annuity. Of course there are some other stipulations that include an application, grades, etc.

The important point is to at least get a \$10,000 plan in force for a child or grandchild right now. Make sure you help them anyway you can. For more information please check our website www.nsslife.org or contact us by phone at 724-731-0094.

The Signs are Everywhere

Ever think about how many signs you are exposed to in the course of a day? While driving to work you probably see hundreds of speed limit, stop signs, red lights and even dangerous curves ahead. The purpose of these signs is to protect you by helping you navigate better and keeping the traffic safely moving.

There are all kinds of other signs that we should be aware of and pay attention to: health related signals like chest pains, insomnia and a tooth ache. Other signs might be strange car noises, leaky roofs or a baby crying. All of these external messages require some action be taken on your part. This made me wonder what are the life insurance signs, if any? Here is a partial list of events or signs that should cause you to think about your life insurance.

- Children or a new Baby
- Marriage/divorce/death
- Retirement, new job, or any change in income
- New House, mortgage or home equity loans
- New business or increased debts
- Charitable giving or legacy planning

Life insurance is one of the most unique financial instruments ever devised. You give us pennies and if something happens to you; NSS Life gives your heirs dollars. So in effect, all you really do is reserve the amount of money you would like us to pay to someone, some day in the future.

Life insurance has never been less expensive and easier to purchase. With the stroke of a pen you can establish a life insurance program that will take care of your family when you are not able too. For more information please call your NSS Life representative or Joe Elliott in the Home Office at 1-800-488-1890.

The Story of Insurance

One night a thousand years ago, three horsemen were riding across the land. A voice out of the heavens told them to stop and fill their pockets with pebbles. When they did this the voice said, "Tomorrow you will be both happy and sad.

The next morning when they awoke they checked their pockets. The pebbles miraculously had turned into valuable gems, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, etc.

And at that moment that were both glad and sad. Glad they had taken as much as they had and sad that they didn't take more. This is the story of life insurance. Someday you or your heirs will be glad you have what you have but sad that you didn't take more.

Why not get more today? It is easy to apply for and affordable.



Thought for the Month

Opportunity is often missed by people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Edison (1847 - 1931)

NSS Members & Family - We Can Help You Avoid A Stroke

1. Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery \$60

Screens for buildup of fatty plaque in the carotid artery, the #1 cause of stroke.

2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening \$60

Screens for the existence of an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

3. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening \$60

Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities, which is linked to coronary artery disease.

4. Atrial Fibrillation Screening \$60

Screen for the most common irregular heart beat, which increased the risk of stroke 5 fold.

We'll be in your neighborhood!

We have over 1,400 events planned in 48 states in 2011. Call 1-866-964-5845 to find an upcoming event in your neighborhood. Please mention priority code: CSMS-015
www.Lifelinescreening.com/membersbenefits

NSS members & family sign up for all 4 tests and pay member price of only \$135.00

Call today and save \$105 on all 4 tests



ASSEMBLY 004/C004 Parma, OH

Our 7th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Mr. Divots, 13393 York Road, North Royalton, Ohio at 1 :00 p.m. This is an adult/youth activity with trophies and awards to the winners, and ice cream for all signing up. In the event of rain, a back-up activity will be planned. All assembly members are invited to attend with their family for this tournament Batting cages, cannon ball shoot and a driving range are also available. The awards will be given out following the tournament in the lounge.

If interested, call Jay Vorell at 440-238-6912 and we'll sign you up. The teams will be set up right before the tournament. The entry fee is \$6.00 per person. Join us for some fun, a challenge and ice cream.

Jay Vorell
Tournament Chairman

ASSEMBLY 039/C039 Uniontown, PA

“John Hands Day” Project Special Olympics

Our “Join Hands Day” project with the local Knights of Columbus Council will be the Tony Bartock 12th Annual Golf Outing for the benefit of Special Olympics of Fayette County. The event will be held at the Springdale Golf Club on Sunday, July 10th. We need volunteers to help with registration starting at 7:00 a.m.

The NSS National Golf Outing will be held at the Culberson Hills Golf Club in Edinboro, PA on July 15-17. Contact the Home Office if you are interested in attending.

Youth members are reminded to contact the Home Office for your “Summer Project” of collecting pennies to help families around the world who are affected by fires, floods, earthquakes, etc. Special “Globe Banks” are available for your pennies. Deadline is September 15th.

We are planning for our annual Steak Fry in September. More information will be in next month's announcement.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that turned out to help with the National Letter Carriers Food Drive last month.

The June meeting of Assembly 0039 and Circle C039 will be held on Tuesday, June 7th starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come to the Denny's Restaurant for “Dessert” and the meeting. Denny's restaurant is located in Uniontown on West Main Street across from the Scheetz service plaza.

Paul M Payerchin, Jr.
President

Bring a friend to an assembly
event and show them what
NSS Life is all about.

ASSEMBLY L040/C040 Clarence, PA

Our Annual Gathering for members is Saturday, June 11th, 2011 at the 3 Point Sportsmans Club. Please arrive for a 12:00 (noon) luncheon. All members are welcome.

Leona Koleno
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 065 Chicago, IL

A meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2 at St. Matthew's in Park Ridge at 11:00 a.m. Plan to join us. Plans are in the making for the Christmas “Stedraky” luncheon in December.

Mildred Mendel
President

ASSEMBLY 070/C070 Brooklyn, OH

A meeting and picnic will be held on Saturday, June 11 at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:30 p.m. Call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. Donation of bakery or side dishes would be appreciated.

John Karkosiak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY L102 Schnecksville, PA

Assembly L102 will be hosting a Region 14 picnic on June 11th, 2011 at the Wesnak residence, 1727 Elmhurst Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 at 2:00 p.m.

For more information or directions, call Sharon Wesnak at 610-769-7006. Please try to attend.

Sharon Wesnak
Secretary

ASSEMBLY R019 Buffalo, NY

Mark your calendars and attend our future events. The In Appreciation Luncheon will be held on September 7th, 2011 at a restaurant to be announced. A Chinese Auction and luncheon fundraiser will be held on October 9th at St. Peter & Paul O.C.

These events were decided on by our members at the last meeting. (Dates are subject to change). Please try to attend.

Irene Zinter
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 110

New York, NY

A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18, at Bohemian Hall, Astoria, New York at 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for our next meeting on Saturday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. at Bohemian Hall, Astoria, New York. Our annual meeting in December will be announced at a separate time.

Rich DeSanctis
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 377

Bentleyville, PA

Our assembly will be having a picnic on June 26th at 3 p.m. at Richardson's Park in Bentleyville. Food and drinks are provided and we will have a meeting. Please bring your baseball bat or frisbee for a fun time! All members are welcome! Please RSVP to me at 724-207-0410 and see you there!

Suzanne Skrypak
President

ASSEMBLY 588/C588

Slovan, PA

Matching Funds Project

The members of Circle 588 and Assembly 588 will be conducting a matching funds project to benefit the Avella Area Library Center. The fund raiser will be held during the month of July. The Avella Library Center serves the town of Avella, Independence Township, Cross Creek Township, Hopewell Township, and parts of Jefferson, Smith, and Mount Pleasant Townships. The collection of funds will be used to help support the library's summer reading program for children. This year's program, "Reading Around the Globe," will focus on teaching children about the people and cultures of the world.

Joseph Stefka, Jr
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 123

Coraopolis, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12th at the Cranberry Township Panera Bread located in the Cranberry Mall off of Freedom Road at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your ideas for assembly activities for the balance of the year, and don't forget a food item for the Food Bank.

Please call Joan Smith at 412-778-0431 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly for refreshments.

I hope we can see some new members at our meeting.

Bill Knoll
President

ASSEMBLY 381

Grosse Ile, MI

A business meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the home of Martin and Joanne Medved, 27620 Elba Island Drive, Grosse Ile, Michigan. Time to be announced.

Joanne Medved
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 705

Seelyville, IN

Mark your calendars for the following meetings of our assembly:

June 12	1:00 p.m., Seelyville, IN
July 27th	Celebration of Mary Buck's 95th birthday
August 21	1:00 p.m., Seelyville, IN
October 23	1:00 p.m., Seelyville, IN
December 4	1:00 p.m., Seelyville, IN
December 24	6:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Celebration

Mary Buck
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 211

Philadelphia, PA

A meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at the home of President, Mary E. Golden, 137 Cypress Drive, Broomall, PA at 1:30 p.m.

Regular business will be conducted and refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the President at 610-356-7956 for directions.

Kathryn M Golden-Brady
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 568

LaCanada, CA

The Los Angeles Assembly #568 will hold their Annual Father's Day Mass on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at St. John Bosco Highschool located on 13640 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. A delicious authentic Slovak lunch will be served after mass. Come and join us in celebrating the Slovak Spirit of Father's Day.

Also, following the festivities Assembly #568 members will hold a meeting to review officer reports and discuss branch activities.

We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special and safe Father's Day.

Milan Konkol
President

ASSEMBLY 737

North Huntingdon, PA

A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #16 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting will be brief as the District #5 picnic will follow at 12:00 noon. All members are urged to attend for a very enjoyable day.

Paul J Godor
Secretary

ASSEMBLY 731 Lowellville, OH

Matching Funds Activity

Assembly 731 members are organizing an all day flea-market-type garage sale on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Countryside Farm, 4684 Center Rd. (Rt 224) in Poland Township, Ohio. As a matching funds activity, we will charge \$10 for a spot to set up a table to sell items. Money raised from the "rental" of spaces will go to the Beatitude House. People selling items will need to bring their own tables and they may also want to set up a canopy for protection from the weather, they can keep their profits. A special area will be set up for donated items that are on the Beatitude House's Wish List. The list is long, but we'll reach out to the community for items such as gift cards for groceries and gas; diapers; clothing items for children; household supplies; personal hygiene/medical supplies; and office supplies. The Beatitude House is sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters, they are committed to serving disadvantaged women and children in the Mahoning Valley by creating homes, providing educational opportunities and helping families to be healthy.

Join Hands Day

Members of Assembly 731 will assist the Beatitude House with some fix-up work and painting at the homes of the families they serve. They currently maintain 12 apartments in Youngstown and 13 in Warren. We are looking forward to helping the Beatitude House as they begin their 21st year of service to the community.

Lauren Fox
Secretary

REGION 5 Pittsburgh, PA Fraternal Picnic

Come spend the day with family and friends, enjoy good food and fun activities and take a chance on a Basket in the Chinese Auction.

DATE: Saturday, August 27, 2011

PLACE: Cedar Creek Park

Pavilion #16

TIME: 12:00 Noon

Food & refreshments 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by August 1st by calling Brigid Delien or Linda Strom at the Home Office. NSS Members will be "treated" to the picnic by Region 5. We are asking Non Members to "donate" \$5.00 (proceeds from the Chinese Auction and Non Member donations will benefit the NSS PVR Scholarship Fund and NSS Heritage Museum).

Linda Strom
Secretary

REGION 7 Youngstown, Ohio

Region 7 will host a family picnic at Countryside Farm, 4684 Center Rd. (Rt 224) in Poland Township, Ohio on Sunday, July 17th, 2011. More details will be provided as planning continues.

Mark the date for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11th, at the Holy Family Parish Center, Poland, Ohio at 2:00 p.m.

Lauren Fox
Secretary/Treasurer

Assembly L040 Activity



Corey McLaughlin, Jordan Wozniak, Kylie Wozniak, Makinzie Seprish, Leah Seprish, Jo Jo Seprish, and Joseph Seprish, III.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 24, 2011 at the home of Rebecca Seprish. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Assembly 065 Celebration

A celebration in honor of Susan Hrusik's 90th birthday was held on Saturday, May 7th at St. Matthew's Healthcare. Sue is a life-long member of the NSS as well as holding various offices in Assembly 065 and Region 10 through the years. Family members, friends and NSS members joined Sue on her birthday. We wish Sue a HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many more!

Mildred Mendel
President

Assembly 123 Outing



Members and friends of Assembly 123 enjoyed a day out at the Pittsburgh Aviary.

*Visit our website at www.nsslife.org
for all current information*

Assembly 813 Matching Fund Project

Assembly 813 recently completed a Matching Funds project for the United Way Wiregrass 2-1-1, a community health and social service organization that connects people in need to the right services to fill their immediate needs. The service of 2-1-1 provides information and referrals to human services for every day needs as well as in times of crisis. These services range from basic human needs such as food, clothing and shelter, to physical and mental health programs and employment support.

The fundraiser was the Tri-State Barbecue Festival on April 8th and 9th and \$3,451.00 was raised for the benefit of 2-1-1. Assembly members were involved with the children's inflatable play area as well as the information booth. The weather was ideal for both days and the barbecue was outstanding. Large crowds attended making the festival a great success. Assembly 813 was proud to be a sponsor with the help of the Matching Funds program from the Home Office.

Mary Jo Holker
Secretary

Championship Deck Hockey Team



The youth deck hockey team that is sponsored by Assembly 0039 in Uniontown, PA won their division championship at the Hot Shots Center in Mount Pleasant, PA.

The "Assault" team wore shirts that included the "NSS Life Family Matters.....Logo." We congratulate them for their championship effort.

National Slovak Society Heritage Museum Presents: Cooking, Crafts & Customs Series Painting on Glass and Pagač

These hands-on events will afford participants the chance to learn about, discuss and create various traditional items which were once a part of everyday Slovak life in the village.

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Simple and fun to create - Reverse Painted Glass, also called back painted glass, originated in China. Near the end of the Renaissance, it was adapted for use with water based paints in Italy and subsequently grew in popularity across the rest of Europe. Choose to paint a folk scene or a religious picture.

Slovak Pagač (puh-GUTCH) is traditionally served at meatless meals especially during times of fasting. It is a flat bread with a potato or cabbage filing. We are planning to make enough to taste and to take home.

Workshops will be conducted by Lawrence Kozlowski, noted Slavic Folklorist and Author who has gathered a wealth of information on ritual foods, folk crafts, and customs. He has conducted many such creative workshops for various ethnic groups.

Where: National Slovak Society Heritage Museum
351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. (Allows for coffee and pastry break)

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Includes all materials & refreshments)

**Register at NSS Home Office - 1-800-488-1890 -
Deadline for June workshop - Friday - June 3, 2011
Minimum of 15 participants required**

Everyone is welcome to participate!

Saturday - July 9, 2011 -

Medovniky, (Honey Cakes) Paint Glass Ornament

Fall 2011 (Date to be announced) -

Create a Straw painting, and Straw ornaments

ATTENTION Members of NSS



Elder Law Management is offering discounted estate planning documents for members living in Western PA. These important documents include Wills, Living Trust, Durable Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Directives and Living Wills. Also offered are plans to lower potential inheritance taxes, assist with Medicaid planning and avoid Probate cost and delays. **Western Pennsylvania members can receive 10% to 15% discounts off our already competitive rates.**

For a no cost consultation call our Pittsburgh office at 412-456-4700; toll-free at 1-877-456-4700. Ask for Estate Advisor Rich Nulph.

OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS April 2011

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Argay, August	Troy, NY	04/01/2011	0100
Bensy, Raymond	Carnegie, PA	03/16/2011	0434
Berzanski, Susan	Tomchicken, PA	03/10/2011	P09M
Britko, Frank E	Washington, PA	03/23/2011	0377
Bryan, Benjamin	Ladoga, IN	02/07/2011	0705
Campbell, Benjamin	Uniontown, PA	04/13/2011	0039
Cavarretta, Joseph G	Erie, PA	03/20/2011	0004
Coppi, Frances M	Monongahela, PA	04/14/2011	0377
Dayton, Eileen W	North Huntingdon, PA	02/18/2011	0737
Doering, John L	Pittsburgh, PA	03/23/2011	0434
Fitzwater, Timothy M	Warren, OH	02/09/2007	0731
Galiszewski, Adele T	Pittsburgh, PA	03/22/2011	0100
Gardner, Michael C	Evans City, PA	04/10/2011	0123
Gera, Georgette P	Grindstone, PA	01/28/2011	0039
Goulder, Susan	Eighty Four, PA	03/29/2011	0377
Gress, Anna	Bellaire, OH	04/10/2011	0595
Gnibus, Teodor, R	Homer City, PA	02/02/2011	L105
Gurski, John J	Middle River, MD	03/11/2011	0774
Hantak, Philip J	Crete, IL	03/02/2010	0065
Hudock, John J Jr	Trumbull, OH	06/25/1994	0731
Krsul, Patricia A	Glenshaw, PA	03/11/2011	0700
Kundrat, Helen	Jessup, PA	03/15/2011	L102
Lawrence, Margaret	Swoyersville, PA	02/16/2011	0617
Limbruner, Joseph G	Pittsburgh, PA	03/12/2011	0100
Livery, Maria	Birmingham, AL	03/04/2011	0100
Magusin, Geza J	Lincoln Park, MI	03/23/2011	0381
Malone, Julia A	Bethel Park, PA	02/14/2011	0434
Miller, Harry W	Punxsutawney, PA	03/27/2011	0554
Miller, Robert D	Pfafftown, NC	11/20/2010	0774
Mischyshyn, Bertha J	Greenfield, WI	12/30/2010	0377
Mullen, Everett E	Fairmont, WV	04/06/2011	0809
Ontolchik, Michael Jr	Seven Hills, OH	03/12/2011	0070
Reddinger, Patricia	Moon Twp, PA	03/24/2011	0434
Rinaldi, Rose M	Mt Pleasant, PA	04/02/2011	0737
Rooke, Barbara	Fair Oaks, CA	01/21/2011	0568
Sass, Ann	Seven Hills, OH	03/09/2011	0004
Skrzeczkoski, Roman	Junction City, WI	02/25/2011	0316
Surra, Dora	Kersey, PA	03/18/2011	0554
Sweeny, Lucille	Indiana, PA	12/24/2010	0038
Tilton, Maralee	Fairview Hts, IL	12/05/2010	0586
Thomas, Anna L	Medina, OH	05/22/2010	0004
Wrzesinski, Lucianna	Pittsburgh, PA	04/16/2011	0100
Zifchak, Rosemarie	Bethel Park, PA	03/30/2011	0434

Mary Stefan Olah



Mary, age 101, Assembly 100 passed on to eternal rest on March 18, 2011. She was born in Czechoslovakia and came to America with her mother, Ann when she was two years old. Educated here, and married for

59 years to the late Andrew Olah. Beloved mother of Mary Lou (Chojnicki), retired NSS employee and the late Andrew Olah, Jr. She was blessed with ten grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Mary attended many NSS picnics, social gatherings and trips to shows and casinos. She loved to play slot machines while her daughter watched.

She belonged to St. Matthew's RC Church and sang in the choir. Her blessings and lessons were an inspiration to all, she somehow returned the love she received from all her friends.

I'll always remember her saying "I never quit driving - my car died." She drove until she was 95 years old. All of her neighbors commented she was the first woman driver they know and a role model for all women.

Mom, I Love You! Rest in Peace.

Your daughter,
Mary Lou

PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS April 2011

In Memory of **Elizabeth Hudacek Williams**, Assembly 0809:

From her sister,
Joanne Burkhardt 25.00

Donations:

Richard A Cefalo	130.50
Assembly 0039	100.00
Dean Burns	50.00
Anonymous	100.00

MEMORIAL TREE LEAF DONATIONS (April 2011)



In Memory of **John & Sophie Kubacka:**
From their Family 250.00



Prichádza mesiac jún, o ktorom je známe, že je mesiacom najdlhšieho dňa, najkratšej noci, kvitnutia lípy a letného slnovratu. Kto z nás by nemal rád jún? Prvý letný mesiac prinášajúci zázračné kúzla svätójánskej noci, rozmarný a nevyspytateľný ako znamenie blížencov, ktorému vládne...

Pripomeňme si aspoň niekoľko pranostík, ktoré sa spájajú s týmto mesiacom. Tu sú:

1. Na Božie telo skoč do vody smelo.
2. Medardova kvapka štyridsať dní kvapká.
3. Na Jána dost' dlhý deň, a predsa mu je koniec.
4. Ladislav huby sial, Peter, Pavol ich pozbieral.
5. Jún mokrý a studený robí rok hubený.



J Ú N

Na svätého Jána otvára sa k letu brána

Mená v ľudovej histórii:



Ján Krstiteľ /24. jún/ – svätec, patrón kožušnikov, remenárov, pastierov. Veľká osobnosť na rozmedzí Starého a Nového zákona, askéta, prorok, krstiteľ Krista v Jordáne. Za prekliatie Herodesa Agripu pre sobáš s Herodiádou bol uvrhnutý do žalára a na žiadosť Herodiádejnej dcéry Salome mu Herodes dal sťat' hlavu a priniesť na podnose. Zobrazený býva ako dieťa alebo pustovník, v byzantskom umení s krídlami ako anjel. Jeho znakmi sú: tanier s odseknutou hlavou, Baránok boží s krížom /na ruke, v medailóne, alebo na knihe.

Peter a Pavol /29. jún/ – Peter – svätec, apoštol, pôvodným menom Šimon, hlava kresťanskej cirkvi, mučeník, patrón zámočníkov, hodinárov. Zomrel v Ríme zavesený na kríži dolu hlavou, v rovnaký deň ako Pavol. Zobrazovaný býva v žltom rúchu s dvoma kľúčmi v ruke, niekedy má v ruke rybu – znak toho, že ho Ježiš nazval „rybárom duší“.

Pavol – svätec, apoštol, pôvodným menom Šavel, najprv prenasledovateľ kresťanov. Podľa legendy na ceste do Damašku, kde mal zničiť malú kresťanskú obec, zábleskom z neba oslepol. Zázrakom mu bol neskôr zrak vrátený, preto prijal kresťanskú vieru – šíril kresťanstvo, nazývali ho aj apoštol národa. Za cisára Nerona bol sťatý v Ríme. Zobrazovaný býva pri poprave mečom. Jeho znakmi sú: kniha alebo zvitky posolstiev. Spolu s Petrom sú považovaní za prvých zakladateľov kresťanskej cirkvi.

Deň Otcov—v tretiu nedeľu v Júni slávime deň otcov, osoba ktorá je hlavou rodiny. Všetkým otcom ku vášmu dňu želáme čo najkrajší deň a veľa radosti v kruhu svojej rodiny.



Zo staroslovanských tradícií:

Pred svätým Jánom sa všetci mládenci poschádzali a pripravovali si vatru, znášali drevo a raždie. Keď sa zotmelo, všetci z dediny išli k vatrám. Tam sa všetci veselili, pohostili a zabávali, tancovali až do bieleho rána. Svätójánska noc mala veľkú moc. Ľudia verili, že všetky rastliny, ktoré kvitnú na Jána, majú liečivý alebo magický účinok.

88 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie

Slovenskej verejnosti v Pgh, a okolí, že tohtoročný 88 Slovenský deň Západnej Pennsylvanie bude 21-neho Júla v známom Kennywood Parku. Vstupné lístky sú v predaji od členov pripraveného výboru tie si rezervujte na čísle Sue Ondrejco 412 421-1204. Po tomto kontakte možno vložiť aj váš pozdrav alebo ohlášku do pamätnice Slovenského dňa. Veríme v peknú účasť a dovidenia na Slovenskom dni.



Youth Member Summer Project

Your pennies can help families around the Globe who have been affected by fires, floods, earthquakes, and tsunamis!

HERE IS THE CHALLENGE!

If you would like to help these families, send an email to bdelien@nsslife.org and a special "Globe" bank will be sent to you to save your pennies in.

The members who save the most pennies by the end of the project will receive

- 1st Place: Nano iPod
- 2nd Place: \$25 Toys R Us Gift card
- 3rd Place: \$15 Toys R Us Gift card

The challenge will begin June 1st and run through September 1st.

RULES:

- Each Youth members ages 5 – 16 will receive a globe bank upon contacting Brigid Delien at bdelien@nsslife.org. This should include Name, address, phone number, assembly number and age.
- Entrant should save pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.
- Mail a check for the amount of monies saved to the NSS Life Home Office by September 15, 2011. Make checks payable to NSS Life. Please do not send any cash.
- The entrant with the most saved donation will be determined as the Grand Prize Winner.
- All proceeds will go toward helping the families of countries affected by natural disasters.

Parents, it is NSS Life's goal to help children learn the value of saving and helping others. Please encourage your child to participate and let them have all the fun of saving.

1st place Winner will receive 8GB Nano Ipod, 2nd Place winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us and 3rd Place will receive \$15 gift card to Toys R Us. All winners will have his/her name in the National Newsletter and Youth Circle Magazine. Deadline for receipt of all monies saved to the Home Office is September 15th. Please mail to:

NSS Life
Brigid Delien
351 Valley Brook Road
McMurray PA 15317

Slovak League of America Offering 12 Scholarship Grants

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland in 1907, will offer college scholarship grants to students of Slovak ancestry in 2011. A total of 12 grants of \$1,000 will be awarded to students currently enrolled or who will be enrolled for the fall 2011 semester as full-time students at a college, university or professional school. These scholarship grants are available to students on the undergraduate or graduate level of study.

This year's grants are made possible through the generous support of Mrs. Mimi Danihel of Calabasas, California. The grants are given in memory of her late husband, Leo J. Danihel, a prominent member of the American Slovak community. Mr. Danihel was a well-known cultural and business leader and a former president of the Slovak World Congress. Ms. Danihel serves as the vice president of the Slovak League of America for the state of California. This year's grants will be designated as the Leo J. Danihel Memorial Scholarship Grants.

Applicants are asked to prepare a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written double-spaced pages. Through the preparation of this paper, the applicant enjoys a learning experience hopefully acquiring a better appreciation of his/her rich Slovak heritage. The completed application along with the study paper is to be returned by the deadline date of October 15, 2011. The scholarship grants will be paid directly to the individual student in December 2011.

For an application write: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055, tel. (973) 472-8993. Request for application must be made by July 30, 2011.

Circle 0316 Welcomes New Member



Payten Olivia Vlasak was born on January 26, 2011. Parents are Chris and Heather Vlasak, Janesville, WI and grandparents are Adolph and Esther Vlasak, Assembly 0316.



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Circle 731 Activity

The officers of our assembly worried about whether or not to reschedule the Easter Egg Hunt but decided to take a chance on weather and luckily we chose right. After a very cold rainy Friday, the sun popped out for the Saturday afternoon egg hunt, then back to rain on Sunday. I am so glad we were able to enjoy a warm day even though we were dodging mud and puddles caused by a month of april showers! The kids had a great time with the Easter Bunny (James Cessna, Jr.) who brought their lunches in the bags received from the NSS office. They also enjoyed the frisbees, bracelets and coloring books from the NSS. Thank you for helping to support our assembly's fraternal activities.

Lauren Fox
President



Youth members surround the Easter Bunny to show their appreciation to NSS for their lunch bags.



Samantha Cannon and Brady Lewis enjoy puddle dancing.

L161 Youth Member Receives Award



Charles Boone, 11 of Pittsburgh, PA, member of Assembly L161, received the Cub Scouts' highest award, the Arrow of Light Award at the Pack 601 Blue & Gold Banquet. The award, which symbolizes the scout prepared to

enter the challenge of Boy Scouting is earned by Webelos Cub Scouts who complete obligations above and beyond those required of the Webelos. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout badge permitted to be worn on the Boy Scout uniform and he now proudly displays this honor. Charles excelled at Cub Scouting, successfully completed all twenty activity awards open to Webelos Scouts. Also, he obtained the Compass Emblem, all three Compass points, 43 belt loops, and 16 pins awards. His awards marked the biggest achievement made by a Pack 601 Webelos Scout in 2010. Presented on 2/6/2011 at Scout Sunday, Charles received the prestigious Parluvi Dei religious award presented to the Webelos who fulfilled the requirements for the award in the Roman Catholic faith. He also received the Light of Christ religious award which presented to the younger scout who performs the necessary requirements. By spearheading a recycling/reusing magazine conservation project, Charles collected almost 250 magazines to do his effort to help save our earth, one tree at a time. He donated the magazines to the chaplains of the county jail. By performing this project, along with the other award requirements, the Pack presented to him the internationally recognized Cub Scout Conservation Award. While in scouting, he took part each year in the Pinewood Derby. This year, Charles' originally designed car placed first in his Webelos

den and came in an impressive second in the overall Pack race. His teal blue car sped past competitors and won by 3 car lengths in most heats. He received a handsome trophy hand made by an adult leader and his career in scouting brought him the Leave No Trace Award, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, the Whittling Chip, and qualification for the Junior BSA Shooting Team 2010, the Archery Belt Loop and the BB Shooting Belt Loop. Activities including Bowling, Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, Trail's End Popcorn sales, "All Night Adventures!" Sleepovers plus patches for Scout Sunday, Ten Commandment Hike, and multiple Day Camp outings highlighted Charles' active Cub Scout calling. His Pack additionally recognized his outstanding achievement for the Belt Loops by presenting him with the Academics and Sports Award patch. The words to live by pin, attained by his parent's participation in this special program is the only award which a parent can earn on behalf of the scout. Charles acquired the words to live by pin in 2010.

While a Bear Scout, he proudly took home one Gold Arrow Point and four Silver Arrow points in recognition of his superior efforts in scouting. While a Wolf Scout, Charles' amazing hard work won him one Gold Arrow Point and five Silver Arrow Points. One arrow point is earned for every six activities as outlined for the scout. Charles performed over 70 activities to receive the recognitions. Scout Boone enjoyed the Scouting pursuits of day camps and accompanying activities and overnight camping, including camping trips with the Boy Scouts. Charles is the son of Monica Rodacy-Boone, member of Assembly L161 and Ronald Boone, Jr. of Pittsburgh.

Assembly L161 congratulates their dynamic young member, Charles Boone, for his meritorious Cub Scouting pursuits and wishes him good luck as he pursues his goal of accomplishing the honor of the rank of Eagle Scout.

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