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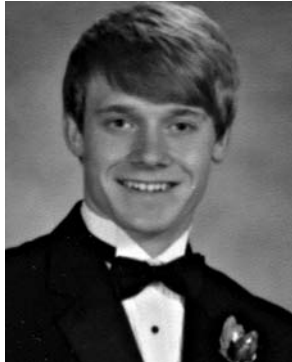
Family Matters...

Youth Circle



Cover Illustration By: Ella Woods - Assembly C434 - 1st Place Picasso Level

2011 Youth Achievement Winner Kurt T. Payne



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.



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Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz

Each year the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh (FSGP) sponsor an event which raises funds for Children's Hospital called Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz. The KB4K committee is working diligently to ensure that everyone has a great time while supporting "kids as they bowl to help kids."

This year the Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz event will be held at the AMF Mt Lebanon Bowling Lanes, Route 19, south of Pittsburgh, PA. If you are local and would like to support a great cause please plan on joining us on **Sunday, November 6, 2011**. The day begins at 11:30 a.m. for games, face painting, and registration. Bowling begins at 1:00 p.m. See you all there!!

Linda Strom
President FSGP

Region 2 Youth Matching Funds Event



Join us with the American Diabetes Association Walk for the Nolan Devine Team on

Sunday October 30, 2011 at 1:00 at Nay Aug Park in Scranton PA.

Any member interested in walking or making a donation please contact Youth member Samantha Wesnak or Marlin Petro Wesnak at:

marlinsamimadi@yahoo.com
or 570-341-6922.

Marlin Petro Wesnak
Fraternal Director

**Joining
Hands
to
Touch
Lives**

Membership NEWS!

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 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 office 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.

Circle 075 Youth Members Achieve Recognition



Samantha Paige Wesnak of Moosic, PA was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Riverside High School in Taylor PA. Samantha was nominated by her



teachers for achieving academic excellence. The induction took place at Riverside High School.

Stephanie Piccoletti of Old Forge was also inducted into the Nation Honor Society which took place at the Old Forge High School. At their last meeting, Region 2 presented Samantha and her cousin Stephanie with Certificates of Achievement. Assembly 75 presented them both with a monetary gift for their achievements.

Congratulations, we are all so proud of you both.

Marlin Petro Wesnak
Fraternal Director

IMPORTANT DATES

of Events for 2011

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Assembly 0731, Youth Day Scavenger Hunt, Canfield Fair, Ohio 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- 15 The Youth Summer Project "Save your Pennies" money due to home office.
- 30-Oct 2 Assembly 432 Family Camping Weekend, Halloween Party at Town & Country Resort, West Salem, OH

OCTOBER

- 1 Photo Contest entries due
- 13 Assembly 0731, Halloween Hayride, Poland Township Countryside Farm at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 15 Christmas Ornament entries due

DECEMBER

- 1 Assembly 0039, Christmas Party at Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Assembly 0432, Family Xmas Party, Transfiguration Parish Hall
- 11 Region 7, Christmas Party, Holy Family Parish Center, Poland, OH at 2:00 p.m.

**Happy
Birthday**

to our youth members on their
16th birthday

August 2011 Birthdays

Corey McLaughlin	Emily Obiecunas	Rebecca Korinko	Scott Fennell	Stephanie SirLouis
Emilee Wilson	Jennifer Notto	Zachary Stashick	Sara Green	Matthew Mitchell
	Caylee Garlick	Justin Raitter	Elvin L Eaddy	

September 2011 Birthdays

Tyler M Green	Tatiana Dalton	Trenton Beechy	Sarah Burns	Hailey Shannon	Shawna Ford
Bridget Mizell	Melissa Martin	Ashley Suchy	Kami Washabaugh	Daniel DiFabio	Joshua Austin
		Rayshon Robinson			

October 2011 Birthdays

Makenzie Seprish	Kimberly Klima	Courtney Cantwell	Ashlyn Hornik	Danielle Depaolo	Vittoria Paiano
Tara McKay	Brandon Kushnar	Maya Wright	Adam Marcheque	Jasmina McKibben	Kera London
Alba Espejo	Stephanie Crighton	Eric Woolard, Jr	Lucas Slater	Robert Della-Penna	

Kids Across/Parents Down

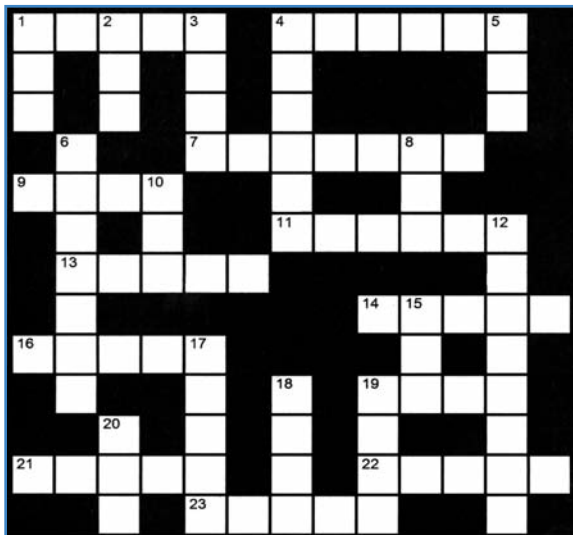
By Jan Buckner Walker

KIDS ACROSS

1. If you want to start a garden, ___are what you need
4. Growing up indoors:An herb garden can sit on its sill
7. Green, leafy hamburger topping some folks grow themselves
9. Roses are red and violets are ___, but this is only sometimes true (Both can come in a variety of colors)
11. A floppy eared vegetarian wo might drop by your garden to munch his lunch
13. What a gardener hated to find growing among his flowers
14. Lady who planted an organic garden on the South Lawn of her family’s famous home: Michelle ___
16. Farmers fear this icy layer that can harm a harvest
19. As a plant grows up, it grows down
21. To open up beautifully, like rosebuds do
22. Here is something everyone knows: It squirts out of a garden hose
23. Vegetable soup holders

PARENTS DOWN

1. First things first:What a farmer must do to avoid becoming a grim reaper later
2. Cornstalk’s single offering
3. Farm’s fertile ground
4. Most gardens are dormant in ____
5. Place veggies frequently get together for a Chinese meal
6. Forget-me-nots and touch-me-nots
8. Kernel’s base
10. Tuber talk: It’s easy to see that it’s the part you need to plant to grow another potato
12. Beefsteaks on a vine
15. ___-gardening combines resources of science and nature
17. Good gardener’s green digit
18. Agriculturist agitator: Bird intimidated by a straw man
19. Farmer’s standard crop formation
20. Tilling time too!



2011 NSS Photo Contest

Contest Eligibility:

The NSS Annual Photography Contest is open to all members regardless of age. The photos, however, have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).

Deadline:

October 1st of each year is the deadline for all entries to be received. Judging is done by an outside professional. Please mail to:

National Slovak Society
 Fraternal Activities Coordinator
 351 Valley Brook Road
 McMurray, PA 15317-3337

Contest Rules:

-Must be a member before October 1st
-One entry per category
-Any size photo up to 8 x 10, unmounted in black and white or color (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)

Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, along with information where the photo was taken.

DO NOT WRITE ON YOUR PHOTO!

All entries will be returned. Winning photos will be returned at a later time.

FOUR CATEGORIES

- | | |
|---------|----------------|
| Scenic | Human Interest |
| Animals | NSS Activity |

PRIZE LIST

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Place - \$50.00 | 2nd Place - \$25.00 |
| 3rd Place - \$15.00 | Best Overall - \$75.00 |

ATTENTION

If you have more than one child living in your home and would like to receive more than one issue for your children to enjoy, please call the home office at 724-731-0094.

2011 Art Winners



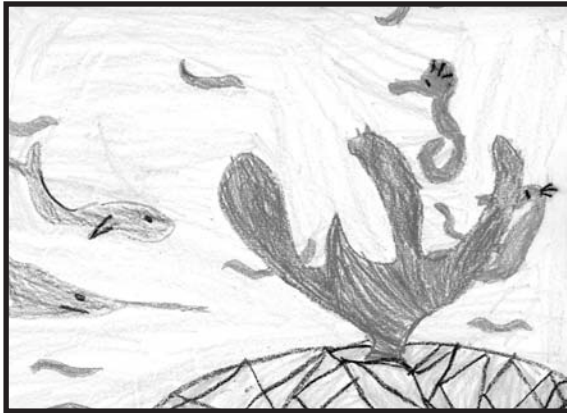
Ella Woods - Assembly C434
1st Place Picasso Level



Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617
1st Place Rembrandt Level



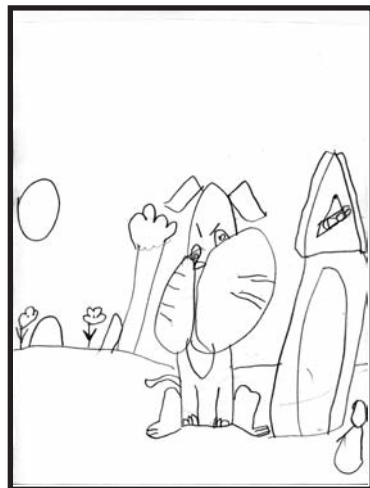
Laina Rayman - Assembly C039
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



Noah Strish - Assembly C617
2nd Place Picasso Level



Layla Taylor - Assembly C731
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



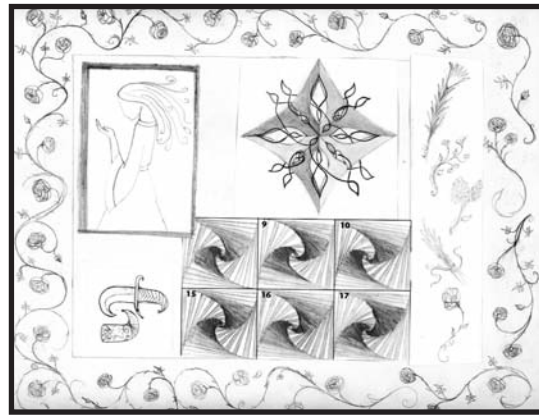
Donato Strish - Assembly C617
3rd Place Picasso Level



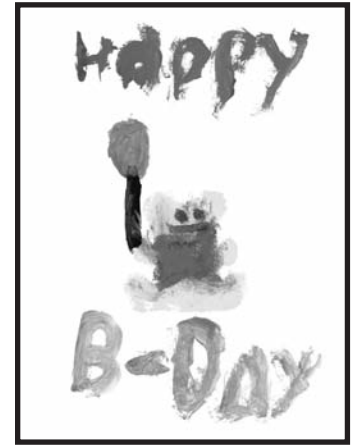
Blaze Farrell - Assembly C813
1st Place Poster Rembrandt Level



**Madison Beatty -
Assembly C039**
1st Place Michelangelo Level



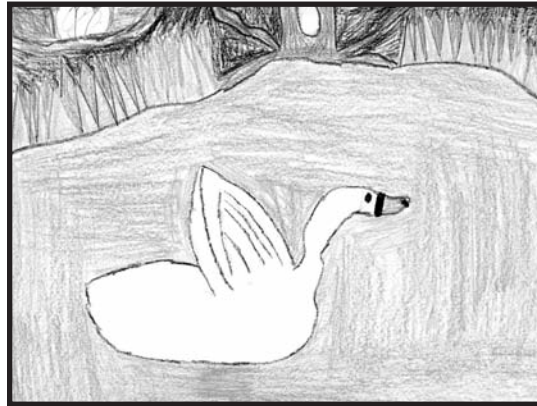
**Josephine Ostrowski -
Assembly C617**
1st Place Van Gogh Level



Blaze Farrell - Assembly C813
1st Place Birthday Card
Rembrandt Level



**Caly Farrell -
Assembly C813**
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Mahala Shultz - Assembly C120
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



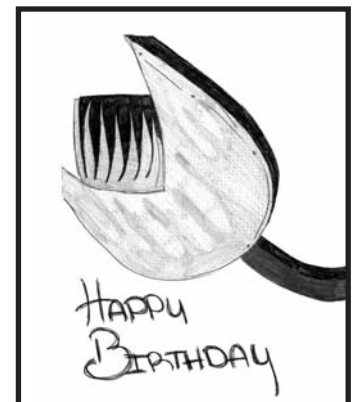
Keely Hering - Assembly C554
1st Place Birthday Card
Michelangelo Level



**Rachel Sims -
Assembly C110**
3rd Place Michelangelo Level



Caly Farrell - Assembly C813
1st Place Poster
Michelangelo Level



**Samantha Wesnak -
Assembly C075**
1st Place Birthday Card
Van Gogh Level

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Just A Reminder:

Due date for photo contest 10/01/2011
Due date for ornament contest 11/15/2011



If you anticipate moving or want to receive your magazine at a different address, don't delay - fill out the form below and mail to the National Slovak Society.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please use this form to register your change of address for the Youth Circle Magazine. Upon receipt of this form completed in its entirety, the staff will immediately implement the change. Thank you.

Name _____

Circle No. _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Former Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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