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Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Killian Loch, O.S.B., Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

August 21, 2016 –Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

The reading from Hebrews is a word of encouragement during difficult times. In particular it is referring to the times when we find it hard to follow the discipline that comes with being a follower of Jesus. This passage compliments well the message of the Gospel in which Jesus calls his follow-



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

ers to "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." It might be difficult, but if we remain strong we will succeed. And those who enter through the narrow gate are the ones who the Lord will recognize. If we look at our Christian Faith as something that is easy to live, and minimize the call of the Gospel so as to maximize my personal wants and desires, we are passing through a wide gate. A gate in which we are able to carry all of the excess baggage of inattentiveness to God, temporary happiness, and sin. We will make it through the wide gate, but all of that baggage will make us unrecognizable to the Lord.

In Jesus' day the narrow gate was not only narrow, it was also a low gate. It was the way one entered the city after the main gates were locked at sundown, and during times of alert for enemies. One had to enter with head down and empty handed, trusting that no one was waiting on the inside to club them on the head to injure them or rob them. It took trust to enter through the narrow gate of the city. It takes trust to enter the Kingdom through the narrow gate. Jesus calls us to leave all that we think is important behind, to let go, and to humble ourselves as we enter God's presence. It is a call for us to trust that God does love us and will provide what we truly need. We will stand before the Lord with nothing but ourselves, no possessions, no pretensions, no pride; only in simple humility. The Lord will recognize us for who we are, not what we have. He will welcome us as a brother or sister.

A few years ago I saw a video of the funeral of Crown Prince Otto von Habsburg, known as the last of the Habsburg Crown Princes. The ritual of entry into the Church was fascinating. It was one that had been used by the Habsburgs for several generations. When the funeral procession reached the church in Vienna the Court Herald knocked on the door, a friar then asked "who seeks to enter?" The Herald responded with the name and a long list of titles of the deceased Prince. The friar responded "we don't know him." The herald knocked a second time and asked by the friar "who seeks to enter." Repeated the name with all the titles. The friar gave the same response, "we don't know him." The herald knocked a third time, but this time when asked "who seeks to enter?" the Herald responded, "a sinful, mortal human being." The doors were opened and they brought the casket into the church.

May these readings help us to put aside pride in titles, accomplishments and possessions and focus more on the presence of God in our lives. May we begin to let go of these things that we deem as important, when more often they are nice, but not necessary. What is necessary is to adjust our lives so that we can walk through the narrow gate with confidence in God, and humility in receiving his mercy. The way to the narrow gate may be difficult, but it is the way to Christ.

August 28, 2016 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7- 14

The first reading on the subject of humility catches my eye since humility, while a topic of great importance for all Christians, is especially so for Benedictine monks. The longest chapter in the Rule of St. Benedict is the seventh, entitled "On Humility". The fact that the part of the Rule addressing humility is the longest shows not only how important this virtue is, but underlines too just how subtle and complex a reality it is. With this in mind I was eager to see where our readings would lead us.

Sirach's teaching on humility today follows a lengthy section in which he instructs his readers how the righteous believer is to respectfully relate to God and to his or her parents; it is in turn followed by a section on the proper attitude toward the poor (Sir 3:30-4:10). The responsorial Psalm takes up the theme of the vulnerable members of society as well, extolling the Lord as "the father of orphans and the defender of widows" and then urging us to acknowledge our own place among the needy: "A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy" (Ps 68:6, 10-11).

Continuing with this line of thinking about our own neediness, in the gospel of Luke Jesus cautions his followers not to seek honors but rather to cultivate a sense of eager humility; he says: "When you are invited to a banquet, go and take the lowest place, so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.'" (Luke 14:10). Jesus is not teaching us to seek honors by slyly demurring from them, but rather he wants us to learn how truly dependent on the graciousness of God we are, and to share the same spirit of kindness with those less fortunate than we are. Learning humility before God helps us to practice charity toward our neighbors, especially those who are poor, and while many of us may not be poor in a financial sense, we are all "poor in spirit" at times.

Turning back for a moment to the book of Sirach, we now see that the progression of that book—as it addresses first our relationship with God, then with our parents, then summons us to live humbly, before finally instructing us on the right attitude toward the poor—makes great pedagogical sense. First we need to understand our place before God, and then come to terms with the respect we owe to the parents to whom God has entrusted us. Next we can begin to develop an authentically rooted sense of humility based on our infinite worth in God's eyes rather than on self-exaltation or arrogance. Finally we are able to go forth into life with all of our actions humbly attuned to the neediness of others precisely because we have been so thoroughly introduced to our own needs and the many ways in which the Lord and our mother and father have addressed them.

Even if mother and father have failed in this effort, or abandoned it, this should make us all the more zealous not to let others who depend on our kindness be neglected or spurned, so that, living in Christian humility and charity we can rejoice "because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:12-14).



Fr. Edward Mazich,
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The 2018 convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU) will be held during the first two weeks of August that year at a site in either Ohio or Pennsylvania.

The Executive Committee will present their site recommendations and dates to the Board for final confirmation at the September 2016 board meeting.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

The *SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING* of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on *Friday, September 16, 2016* – *Saturday, September 17, 2016* in *Middletown, Pennsylvania*.

All Officers are requested to consult Section 6.03(b) and Section 6.03(c) of our Bylaws for further information concerning officer participation and the conduct of this meeting.

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Message from the National Chaplain

Pope Francis declared December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 to be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. A series of articles featuring a saint who lived a particular Spiritual Work of Mercy is offered to help mark the Year. **Today's subject is Forgive**



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Any person who reads the life story of St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639) will come away amazed at how readily he forgave others for wrongs committed either against him or others.

Martin was born in Peru and learned forgiveness at an early age. His parents, a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave of either African or Native American descent, never married. His father would not admit the dark-skinned Martin to be his son for 8 years and, when he finally did so, he abandoned him, his mother and his newly-born sister. The fatherless family became impoverished. Martin's mother sent him when he was 12 to a surgeon who taught him some life skills - cutting hair and basic medical care.

Martin believed he was called to a religious vocation, but the door was closed to him. Peru law prohibited descendants of Africans and Native Americans to become full members of a religious community. A sympathetic Dominican prior eventually overlooked this restriction and accepted 15 year old Martin as a "lay helper" by which he would cut the monk's hair and perform menial tasks in exchange for wearing a religious habit and living with the community. Nine years after he was admitted to the monastery, Martin was permitted to take vows as a full-fledged Dominican brother. His work assignments in the monastery included the kitchen, the laundry, and the infirmary.

His illegitimate birth and slave ancestry meant Martin was not accepted as a brother monk by all in the monastery. However, the mocking he was subject to did not interfere with his work. Martin's deep spirituality led him to take on responsibility of caring for the sick and the poor both inside and outside the monastery. It became almost a daily routine for him to beg for provisions both for the monastery and the local town. He volunteered to attend to the needs of those newly arriving on slave ships from Africa. His holiness was manifested in his humility, patience, and charity. Many sought him for his prayers.

St. Martin de Porres went from being subjected to racism from his own father and later by his brother Dominicans to one who was deeply respected and revered by all when he died at age 59. His willingness throughout his life to forgive wrongs is something from which people of today and future generations can draw inspiration. His feast day is November 3.

Fr. Thomas Nasta
National Chaplain

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Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Olympian Who Achieved the Impossible

With the start of the Summer Olympics in Rio, I can't help but look back on my favorite moment from the 2012 games in London. It involved Katie Ledecky, who is now a star in the world of competitive swimming and expected to win a number of gold medals. But 2012 brought her first one, and it was completely unexpected.

Ledecky, age 15 at the time, was the youngest member of the entire U.S. Olympic team, and she was set to swim the women's 800-meter freestyle, a grueling race that required her to cross the length of the 50-meter pool 16 times. In addition, she was a young woman whose humility was acknowledged by her classmates and teachers at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, Maryland—a teen who prayed the Hail Mary before each race and enjoyed going to Mass every week because it gave her the "chance to reflect and connect with God," as Maureen Boyle reported in the Catholic Standard newspaper.

There was also the simple fact that Ledecky was pursuing her own dreams partially because of the inspiration given to her by past and present champions. When she was six, she approached Michael Phelps for an autograph after his practice session at the University of Maryland. This was prior to the 2004 Olympics, before the entire world got to know who Phelps was. Now here was Ledecky, on the U.S. team with one of her idols who had just won gold again prior to her race. And the other breakout star of those Olympics, Missy Franklin, had also just won gold again. Instead of feeling nervous, Ledecky said she felt "pumped."

Prior to the race, I didn't get the impression that NBC announcers Rowdy Gaines or Dan Hicks (or anybody really) expected Ledecky to win. Gold seemed more likely for British swimmer Rebecca Adlington, a four-time Olympian and British legend. But Ledecky took off like a cannonball at the start of the race and never quit. Gaines and Hicks thought she was going too fast initially, that she'd expend too much energy in the early laps and dwindle by the end. Ledecky, however, was apparently too young or inexperienced to know how these things are supposed to go. She was in a race and she was going all out to win.

By the time Ledecky finished the 800 meters, the race wasn't even close. She was way ahead of everyone, even the more experienced swimmers who were expected to win. In a sincere gesture of class, Rebecca Adlington, who wound up earning the bronze medal, told Ledecky she was "amazing." And what else could you call her?

This wasn't an expected result. I'm sure Ledecky wanted to win, but she likely never expected this to happen. In her post-race interview with Andrea Joyce, the teen explained that she tried to block out much of what was going on around her during the race. From my perspective, she looked stunned at what had happened. Finally, in the medal ceremony, this hard-working, prayerful 15-year-old looked humbled and emotionally overwhelmed—overwhelmed in a good way, an appreciative way.

It was a great ending to an outstanding night for a teenager whose faith asserts a lot of things many people claim are impossible. And yet here was Ledecky reminding us all that the media and experts can't always predict what will happen when people who don't know they can't achieve the impossible are led by faith and heart to achieve it anyway.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, HOW SPORTS CAN HELP YOU WIN AT LIFE, write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org

Editor's Note: At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro Katy Ledecky has led the US swim team to win the gold in the women's 4x200 freestyle relay. In addition, John Sabol - a Cleveland-OH area author and lecturer on local history and genealogical research - has noted that Ledecky is likely a name of Slovak origin

2016 International Golf Tournament Results



Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Bolby	Mike	A	5	71	66	75	70	136
Harr	Scott F.	A	12	79	67	82	70	137
Yokopenic	Richard	A	12	80	68	82	70	138
Patula	Robert	A	8	78	70	76	68	138
Yokopenic	Stephen	A	12	82	70	81	69	139
Quinn	Patrick	A	11	85	74	76	65	139
Falbo	Lou	A	9	81	72	80	71	143
Menich	Tony	A	9	82	73	80	71	144
Ostinowsky	Joseph	A	8	81	73	81	73	146
Kropf	Ed	A	10	85	75	87	77	152
Hudec	Robert	A	13	89	76	90	77	153
Rosa	John	A	11	89	78	86	75	153
Quinn	Timothy	A	12	93	81	87	75	156
Patula	John F.	B	15	83	68	81	66	134
Beattie	Jeff	B	14	87	73	75	61	134
Groner	Rusty	B	18	93	75	83	65	140
Smith	Philip J.	B	18	92	74	85	67	141
Miscovich	Frank	B	14	86	72	84	70	142
Miller	Roy	B	15	85	70	88	73	143
Schmucker	David	B	16	90	74	87	71	145
Lako	Raymond	B	15	88	73	88	73	146
Metarko	John	B	17	91	74	95	78	152
Johnston	Derek	B	17	92	75	97	80	155
Terpin	Mark	B	16	101	85	89	73	158
Felus	Bruno	B	17	98	81	97	80	161
Gbur	Paul	B	18	101	83	97	79	162
Nemcheck	Mike	C	25	86	61	85	60	121
Kasan	William J.	C	21	87	66	83	62	128
Quinn	Bill Jr	C	20	87	67	82	62	129
Smith	Chase	C	25	95	70	93	68	138
Harr	Ronald	C	20	87	67	94	74	141
Pipak	Mike	C	22	96	74	90	68	142
Shank, Sr	Clarence	C	25	90	65	103	78	143
Vargo	Stephen	C	23	91	68	98	75	143
Barron	Joe	C	19	91	72	90	71	143
Yokopenic	Jim	C	19	89	70	94	75	145
Tokarsky	John	C	23	89	66	106	83	149
Mitro	Milos	C	19	93	74	94	75	149
Torok	Gene	C	24	102	78	96	72	150
Halula	Barry	C	23	100	77	97	74	151
Piper	Rick	C	19	96	77	94	75	152



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Eller	Terry	D	36	105	69	100	64	133
Columbus	Mike	D	39	107	68	105	66	134
Ferrance	Jerome	D	40	104	64	113	73	137
Vargo	Dan	D	30	103	73	95	65	138
Sinagra	Dave	D	27	97	70	97	70	140
Collins	Greg	D	29	99	70	100	71	141
Burkhart	Joe	D	40	111	71	110	70	141
Albrecht	Michael	D	30	98	68	104	74	142
Nasta	Andrew	D	37	114	77	103	66	143
Collins	Patrick	D	34	111	77	103	69	146
Ulishney	Al	D	26	99	73	103	77	150
Smith	George	D	29	104	75	105	76	151
Columbus	Michael Jr.	D	26	100	74	112	86	160
Johnston	Lynn T.	D	28	110	82	108	80	162
Nasta	Damian	D	40	125	85	121	81	166
Nasta	Ed	D	40	125	85	122	82	167
Columbus	David	D	40	127	87	134	94	181
Guzik	Scott	CAL	CAL	86	70	77	70	140
Treskovich	Terry	CAL	CAL	91	73	91	72	145
Hromada	Jerry	CAL	CAL	87	72	83	74	146
Matvey	Joseph	CAL	CAL	102	75	93	73	147
Simkovich	Paul	CAL	CAL	101	73	100	79	152
Kochis	Derek	CAL	CAL	123	79	107	76	155
Grottenhaler	John	CAL	CAL	101	80	95	78	158
Zoldak	Milan	CAL	CAL	115	81	104	78	158
Nasta	Nicole	CAL	CAL	144	80	140	79	159
Columbus	John	CAL	CAL	128	83	108	83	166
Lako	Michael	9H	17	58	41	54	37	78
Gmerek	Leonard	9H	20	55	45	47	37	82
Ritz	Paul	9H	19	66	47	66	47	94
Kacsanek	George	9H	18	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF

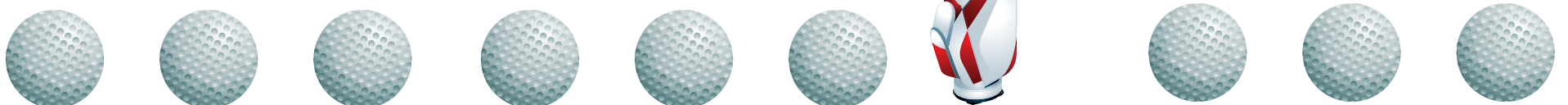


Skill Prize Winners	
Putting Contest	Paul Simkovich
Longest Drive Saturday	Rob Patula
Closest to the Pin Saturday	Bill Quinn
Longest Drive Sunday	John Metarko
Closest to the Pin Sunday	Jeff Beattie



Skins Winners

Saturday		Sunday	
#1 Birdie	Mike Bolby	#1 Birdie	Steve Vargo
#3 Birdie	Greg Collins	#2 Birdie	Paul Simkovich
#5 Birdie	Roy Miller	#4 Birdie	Terry Treskovich
#6 Birdie	Steve Yokopenic	#5 Eagle	George Smith
#9 Birdie	Bill Quinn	#6 Birdie	Jeff Beattie
#12 Birdie	Lou Falbo	#8 Birdie	Mike Bolby
#14 Birdie	Paul Simkovich	#13 Birdie	Bill Kasan
#16 Birdie	Mike Bolby	#14 Birdie	Bill Quinn



Faith, Family & Heritage

How My Slovak Grandparents Continue To Inspire Me

**Father Jared Orndorff,
Branch 553**

My name is Fr. Jared Orndorff. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland, OH, on May 10, 2008. I believe that the witness of my maternal Slovak grandparents helped inspire me to enter into the vocation of priesthood!

Branch 553 (and the adjoining Jednota Club) was founded in 1914. My great-great grandfather Vincent Petrasek was one of the founding members that today can be seen on a picture hanging on the wall at the Jednota Club on Morgan Avenue in Akron, OH. The Petrasek family has had a history of involvement in the club and the first manager was my Great Uncle John Petrasek in 1938. In later years, my Grandfather Stephen Petrasek was president and now his brother, my Great Uncle Joseph Petrasek is president and Cousin Greg is vice president. I also am a member of the branch.

My Grandfather Steve made many trips back to the homeland of Slovakia while he was working as a tire engineer for Firestone, a major tire manufacturer located in Akron, OH. The most recent was in 2004, before his death in 2007. I was unable to go because I was in First Theology at St. Mary Seminary in Wickliffe, OH, as part of my preparation for the priesthood in the Diocese of Cleveland. Steve traveled with my Uncle Larry, Great Uncle Joe, and Cousin Greg. Steve and Joe took Larry and Greg for an experience of a lifetime on a trip to see where their grandparents were born.

Great-great Grandfather Vincent Petrasek was born on October 4, 1889 in Varin, Slovakia – which was then Austria-Hungary. Varin, a quaint town in the Vah River Valley, is near the Slovak county seat of Zelina. My family visited the house where he was born and raised with his two sisters and two brothers by their father Jan Petrasek and mother Anna (Zacik). They even brought home a brick from that house to keep as a family heirloom. They visited the church and school that my great-great grandfather attended which was the Church of the Holy Trinity, built in 1233.



From there, they went to the village of Great-great Grandmother Maria Katarina Kurnat who was born on December 10, 1894 in Nowa Biala, Austria-Hungary. Nowa Biala means "New White" in English. They visited the house next door to the one that my great-great grandma was born in, enjoying lunch with her first cousin Sylvester Kurnat (who was 94 years old at the time) and his family. He had fond memories of Maria holding his hand and taking him to church when he was a child. They walked to St. Katerina (St. Catherine) Church, which was built around 900AD and is still beautiful today. The altar was built by a cousin that they met by the name of Andrej Skupin. His work is absolutely beautiful. Nowa Biala is now a part of Poland near Nowy Targ. In the 1920s Slovakia and Poland traded territories and this part of the Slovak county of Spiš was annexed by Poland. Although the town is now a part of Poland, the area is steeped in Slovak traditions and the people even sing nationalistic Slovak songs, which they sang with my visiting relatives.

During WWII, the Nazis tried to burn down the church in Nowa Biala. Armed with nothing but pitch forks, Sylvester's son Frantisek and other brave townsmen surrounded the church to defend it. The Nazis killed four of the men and then decided to leave and not kill the remaining men but burn the church. There is a memorial in town for the four brave countrymen that gave their lives to save the church. They are the heroes of Nowa Biala.

My grandfather Steve was raised in a Catho-

lic Slovak family in the Firestone Park neighborhood of Akron, OH, and went to grade school at St. John the Baptist, a Slovak parish in Akron. He attended Garfield High School where he met his future wife Doris who graduated from the same high school.

My grandmother Doris, who was not a practicing Catholic during her growing up years, converted to Catholicism at the time of her marriage to my grandfather on June 29, 1946, and together they grew in faith and raised their three children (my mother Catherine, and my two uncles Jim and Larry) in the Church. I remember as a child that saying the grace before meals was so much different at home than it was when we ate with Grandpa Steve. He prayed so loud, and in a funny language! It was about that time that my grandfather began teaching my brother and me about our Slovak heritage.

Steve made many trips to Rome and witnessed many audiences with Popes. He was the third of five boys in the family and his mom selected him to attend classes and learn proper Slovak. On trips to Europe, he was easily understood as his command of the language was not compromised by speaking a village dialect or mixing English and Slovak words together as many children of Slovak Americans learned to do growing up.

I remember when they attended the First Catholic Slovak Union's National Convention in Boca Raton, FL, 2006 while Steve was president of Branch 553. Steve was a guest speaker, along with Chuck Bednarik, the NFL Hall of Famer and former player for the Philadelphia Eagles. Both talked about their Slovak heritage and Steve spoke about his career – not only as a tire engineer but also in auto racing. Steve received a standing ovation when he was done.

Steve was very generous with his time and talents, always repairing cars and providing tires for the Vincentian Sisters of Charity at St. John's. A funny story that is related by his son, my Uncle Larry, went like this: On spring break as a teenager Larry remembers spotting for Grandpa at the Indianapolis 500 raceway while top driver AJ Foyt was testing tires

for Firestone, the tires designed by Steve. A promotional studio wanted to film a tire commercial involving my grandfather. There had to be about 10 different takes of Steve rolling the tire up, setting it on a stack of tires, licking his fingers, and rubbing the tire to show the tread wear. This went on until Grandpa's mouth was black with tire lamp black carbon. Larry and Jim laughed and joked about it.

About two months later, the nuns came to the house to have Steve mount tires again for their car. Even though this was a particularly stressful time in his life when he had virtually no time to himself, he found it in his heart to take care of the nuns. When his son questioned the fact that maybe the nuns were imposing on him, he said, "Don't worry, the Good Lord will take care of me some day." After the nuns left, checks started arriving in the mail in compensation for using Grandpa's likeness on television in the commercial he helped make in Indianapolis. Grandpa said, "Remember when you laughed because I had tire carbon on my face and thought the nuns were taking advantage of me? Well, the Good Lord is showing His appreciation."

When Steve passed away on September 15, 2007, Doris passed away two months later, on November 12, of a broken heart. While she had medical issues too, the loneliness was apparent to family members. I think Steve chose September 15th on purpose, as it is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia! It was truly my grandmother who was sorrowful; I believe she didn't want to go on without Grandpa and just gave up. I was ordained a deacon on November 4, 2007, and the first homily I ever preached was at my grandmother's funeral.

I am pastor of St. Joseph Church in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. And behind my desk in my office is a crucifix that belonged to my grandparents. On the counter is a Slovak flag and an Icon of Our Lady of Sorrows. My grandparents still share their faith and heritage with me as I try to live out the values they taught me.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Get your cameras ready! We are having a photography contest for all members. There will be two groups: the 12 – 18 age group and an over 18 age group.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

People
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Photo Contest
234 Ilion St.
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postmarked by October 1, 2016.



Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned.

For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

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\$30 – Second Place
\$20 – Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, email address, Branch: number, age, photo category, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper.
DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE

Branch 746's Annual Summer Picnic

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, had their annual summer picnic on Sunday, July 10, 2016. The picnic took place at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Linden, NJ, where many members came together to celebrate their Slovak heritage and enjoy the beautiful Sunday afternoon. Delicious Slovak food was served, of course, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to our branch members and friends who attended and continue to enthusiastically support our events. A special thanks to all those that worked hard to make the picnic a great success especially our chefs, Mr. and Mrs. Draculin, and to all the ladies who brought delicious homemade Slovak desserts.

- Submitted by Sabina Sabados, Branch 746 President



Join the FCSU this September in Washington, DC, Paying Homage to Our Lady of Sorrows in the Chapel We Donated in Her Honor



Fifty-one years ago, thousands of Slovak Catholics crowded into the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC as the First Catholic Slovak Union unveiled its Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Patroness of Slovakia.

The Chapel is located in the Basilica of the National Shrine on the right side, about half way towards the altar. It features a life-sized Pieta of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is widely considered the most beautiful chapel in the Shrine. It was consecrated during religious ceremonies at the Shrine over the week-end of September 4-5, 1965.

Beyond marking its 75th Anniversary, the First Catholic Slovak Union donated the Chapel so that all visitors to the National Shrine - especially Slovaks - could give honor to our Lady whose title "Our Lady of Sorrows" commemorates important events in the life of the Virgin Mary, the Seven Sorrows. The Day of Our Lady of Sorrows was added to the Roman Catholic calendar as a feast in 1814. Pope Pius X moved the feast to September 15 in 1913. In 1927 Pope Pius XI proclaimed Our Lady of Sorrows as patroness of all of Slovakia.

On September 12, 2015, the First Catholic Slovak Union in collaboration with the Slovak Catholic Federation, invited all mem-

bers to celebrate a Mass at the Chapel in honor of its 50th Anniversary as well as the Society's 125th Anniversary. The event was well attended by FCSU members and guests. This year, the officers of Branch 856 and District 8 extend an invitation to attend Mass on September 18, 2016, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as part of the Chapel's 51st Anniversary. Please see District 8 listing on page 15 and Branch 856 listing on page 17 for details.

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

Holiday Hours



The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016, in observance of Labor Day.

2016 Annual Jednota Family Picnic in Mississauga, Ontario

Another successful Annual Jednota Family Picnic was held by the FCSU's Monsignor Shuba District together with Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish on July 10, 2016 in Creditvale Park, Mississauga, Ontario. The weather was wonderful, the food delicious, and the many children who attended with parents and grandparents had plenty of opportunities for fun – running, tossing water balloons, tossing shoes and more. The popular event once again proved to be a wonderful time to see friends and catch up on their lives. The picnic was well attended by district and parish members alike, along with their families and friends. FCSU's Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt also was in attendance from the Home Office.

**- Submitted by Helen Von Friedl,
Branch 785**

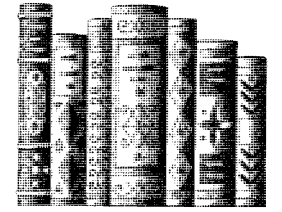
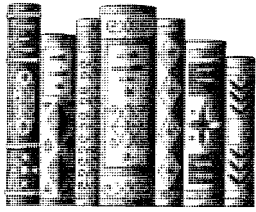


2016 Canadian Slovak Day in Milton, Ontario

The day started with a Mass celebrated by Father Marek from the Byzantine Catholic Slovak Cathedral of The Mother of God, Toronto, Ontario. We had great attendance with weather cooperating, plenty of good food and entertainment. We also had in attendance our own Slovak PC MP Michelle Rempel from Alberta honoring us with her presence for the second year in row. Many thanks to volunteers that were working at the gate, kitchen, bar and who helped organize the event.

- Submitted by Helen Von Friedl,
Branch 785





Book Corner

One Thousand and Twenty Years of Young Slovakia : The First Complete Book about the Slovak Republic

ed. by Ivan Klč, Danica Filová, Marián Petričko. Myjava: Dušan Kutálek, 2014 (Bratislava: Kasico Printing Co.), hardcover, 768 pages, 1334 illustrations, 1.55 kg, 17x22 cm, high-gloss paper, hardcover with jacket – 85 authors. Price: \$59 USD /69 CAD /49 Euro - including shipping from Slovakia. ISBN: 978-80-901403-4-9

review by

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

A recent book published in Slovakia, *One Thousand and Twenty Years of Young Slovakia*, claims it is the first complete book to overview the Slovak Republic in depth. In attempting such a daunting task, the editors combined a number of articles by various authors and specialists. The book's intended audience is the general reading public, and it provides an overview of a variety of topics to familiarize the reader with contemporary Slovakia and its cultural heritage. The book can be used as a reference guide, or one can select reading a myriad of individual articles by 85 authors.

The book was published by Dušan Kutálek in order to commemorate the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia and the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak Republic. The study aimed to promote the image of Slovakia to the wider world in the hope that more will visit the country. The editors stressed that even though Slovakia is a relatively new democratic state, its culture has contributed to enriching the world for many centuries with its achievements in the arts, science, culture, politics, the military, public life, sports, as well as having an economic impact.

Content

The publisher richly illustrated the book with 1334 mostly color photos and it contains an overview of recent Slovak political evolution since independence in 1993, a synopsis of Slovak history, regional summaries, and some feature articles from areas within these regions. Sections on nature, society, culture, traditions, and some famous Slovak people try to cover the country in its entirety in a one volume publication.

While the compendium is loaded with much useful information, there is some repetition, as might be expected with multiple authors, and some uneven treatment of various topics. For instance, the section on microregions covers the High Tatras and the Poloniny National Park, but that section lacks extensive coverage of the Spiš region, which is steeped in a rich history and picturesque tourist sites. Instead one finds entries about Spiš mainly in the section on architecture.

While there are a few maps in the study on the various regions, more maps would help the reader in finding some of the locations mentioned, especially when articles

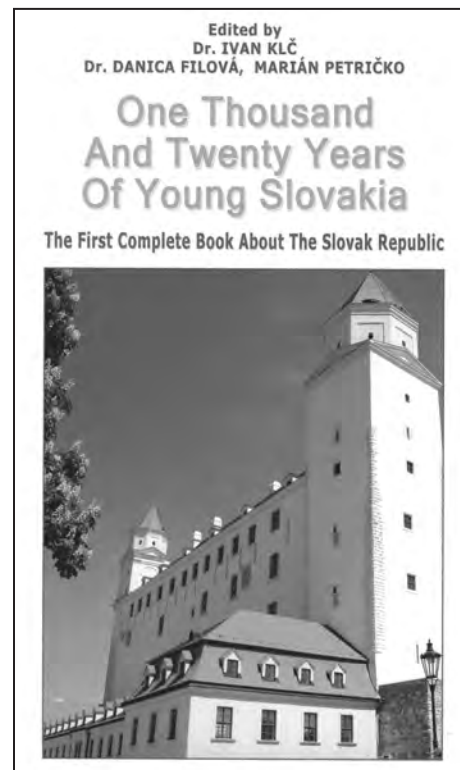
cover particular towns and areas.

At the same time, the book contains many useful articles summarizing groups within Slovak society, and does attempt a balanced treatment. For instance, demographic trends receive attention, and the authors point out the inconsistency in official and unofficial population statistics. There are short descriptions of minority nationalities and longer articles on a few groups. Jews received considerable attention with some good historical background and coverage of the tragic fate of Jews in the Holocaust of World War II. A longer article also surveys the Rusyn nationality, with a stress on the founding of the official Rusyn language after 1989 and some information on Rusyn history in America, though the article is weaker on Rusyns in Slovakia itself before 1989, when they were classified as Ukrainians during the communist regime.

A few other groups also have extensive coverage. For example, a section about the Carpathian Germans briefly summarizes their history, mainly since the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic and more so, after World War II and the Velvet Revolution. The authors admitted some of the atrocities against ethnic Germans at the end of the war and afterwards, and the expropriation of their property. They argue that in spite of the Beneš decrees which expelled most Germans and some Magyars, the Slovak Republic after independence has made greater strides than the Czechs toward recognizing the mistakes and even returned 20 percent of the property previously seized, even though most of land is in remote areas.

The sections on history are of mixed quality, and could have improved vastly if more prominent scholars were consulted. On immigration, there is no article or chapter on Slovak Americans and their lives in the New World, also there is some attention given to famous Slovak-Americans. There could be much more about their assistance in struggle for Slovak rights in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and their pivotal impact in influencing the founding of Czecho-Slovakia in 1918. The Pittsburgh Pact does not even get mentioned in the history section. An article on Slovaks in Canada concentrates mainly on the post-World War II and it could have more background on settlements and life prior to the war, as many Slovaks moved to Canada when the USA set restrictions on East European immigration during the 1920s.

Select articles exist about individuals such as the world traveler Moric Beňovský, and others. A summary of the life of immigrant Daniel Carleton Gajdusek, who won Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1976 for infectious disease, mainly consists of sections from his autobiography. Features on Slovak-American astronaut Eugene Cernan, who has family roots in



Kysuce, summarizes his time on a lunar landing in 1969. Another article covers Ivan Bella from Dolná Lehota in central Slovakia, who was the first Slovak astronaut to fly with an international crew in the 1999 Sojuz mission. A brief overview of wireless inventor Rev. Jozef Murgaš is also included, as well as the story of Štefan Banič, who invented the parachute during World War I.

Other individuals with entries summarize the achievements of famous Americans with Slovak or Rusyn roots, such as actors Paul Newman, Tom Selleck, and others, as well as pop artist Andy Warhol, whose Rusyn parents emigrated from Slovakia.

These are just a few of the rich collection about many Slovaks and Slovak-Americans in the book.

Some Minor Grammar Errors

The book was obviously translated from Slovak and contains some minor English errors, with awkward phrasing at times. For instance, on one page it states "The Slovak Republic has been established only twenty years ago," which would read better as "The Slovak Republic was established only twenty years ago." Another example on the same page is written this: "It was for the first time in Slovakia history," which would be better expressed as "This was the first time in the history of Slovakia."

Other grammar errors permeate throughout the book. For example, the article on Ľudovít Štúr (pp. 586-87) inconsistently uses tenses. A paragraph might start out in the past tense, and then it would switch to uses of the present or future tense incorrectly. The word "will" rather than "would" indicates a need for better language editing. Another example of an awkward usage is the sub-heading "My Father Was A Good" (p. 736), which is the article about

the Slovak Robin Hood, Juraj Jánošík. Such errors pervade the book.

In addition, the English language article form of "the" is misused throughout the book. For example, a section entitled "The Religion in Slovakia" should instead be "Religion in Slovakia", as the former implies there is just one religion. On page 696, a heading reads "The Botany" rather than "Botany". These are just a few samples of some of the persistent problems with the translations throughout the book.

While the grammar errors persist, they still do not detract from the very rich content, and they should not dissuade one from purchasing it. It still does provide one of the best one volume general overviews of Slovakia, especially since the fall of communism.

Conclusion

Finally, while many of the articles provide very useful information to familiarize oneself with Slovak culture and geography, the book lacks a good bibliography and an index. There is a one column list of "sources" at the end of the book, but it includes mainly some general government sites, magazines, a few journals, and several websites; they lack specificity and are not formal academic style citations. None of the articles really list their sources of information, and usually we do not even know the author of particular writings. In the final pages, a list of authors is also included, but not the specific articles which they composed. An extensive index would have been a most useful addition, for most people would use this book as a reference source, or read specific articles, and not read it cover to cover.

In summary, the book provides a good general overview of Slovakia and its people, but it could have improved with better editing, a smoother translation, and an elimination of some repetition. It is not an academic source, and never intended to be one, but is aimed at the general reading audience who read in English. The book has its utility as a one volume reference work on Slovakia, with an emphasis on the period after Slovak independence since 1993.

For those interested in Slovakia, the book can be a very useful tool since it contains a minefield of information. Both the Library of Congress and the Vatican Library have found that it merits enough value to be part of their extensive collections.

The book is on sale in Slovakia and the USA, and can be ordered by a web search (Amazon.com) or by emailing the publisher at: kutalek@centrum.sk. One may also write the publisher and pay on delivery.

Dušan Kutálek

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The graduates are pictured in the photo flanking their grandfather, Mr. Frank Straka of Reading, PA. They are (L - R): Benjamin, Madison, Maryjo, and Joseph.

Straka Quadruplets Graduate Exeter Township Senior High School in Reading, PA

The Straka quadruplets graduated from Exeter Township Senior High School in Reading, PA, on June 3, 2016. The four are the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Julie (Arantowicz) Straka of Reading, PA.

Joseph will attend The Pennsylvania State University majoring in Civil Engineering and will enroll in the Air Force ROTC program. Benjamin will attend the Berks Campus of Penn State majoring in Business. Maryjo will attend Alvernia College of Reading PA majoring in Nursing. Madison has enlisted in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and will travel to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for Basic Training, and then Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee in Petersburg, VA. Following her National Guard training she will attend the Reading Hospital program for Surgical Technician.

Mr. Joseph Straka is the son, and the four graduates are grandchildren, of Mr. Frank and the late Mary A. (Ohrin) Straka of Reading PA. Mr. Straka is President and the graduates are members of Branch 175, Reading PA.

The other children of Frank Straka are Maryann (Straka) Bennethum, Gregory Straka, Cathy (Straka) Jones, all of Reading PA, the Rev. Francis P. Straka, Pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Northampton PA, and Michael Straka of Denver CO. All are members of Branch 175, Reading, PA.

- Submitted by Michael Straka, Branch 175

Annual Jednota Toronto Golf Tournament Saturday September 17, 2016

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday September 17, 2016 at Deerfield Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario, sponsored by Toronto/Mississauga's District 19 and Branch 785 of the Jednota.

Everyone ages 16+ are welcome to play. Cost is \$75 per member which includes golf and power cart, food and beverages and prizes. Non-members are also welcome to play at a slightly higher cost.

It promises to be a fun day with a 4-man team scramble format. Prizes were awarded for lowest team score and closest to the hole. Last year's winning team were Milos Mitro, Vlad Mitro, Matthew Mitro and Stan Pella, who each received a 2 lb piece of kielbasa. Other prizes were awarded as well, including Closest To The Hole (Linda Turosky and John Tokarsky).

Food, snacks and beverages of choice were also provided.

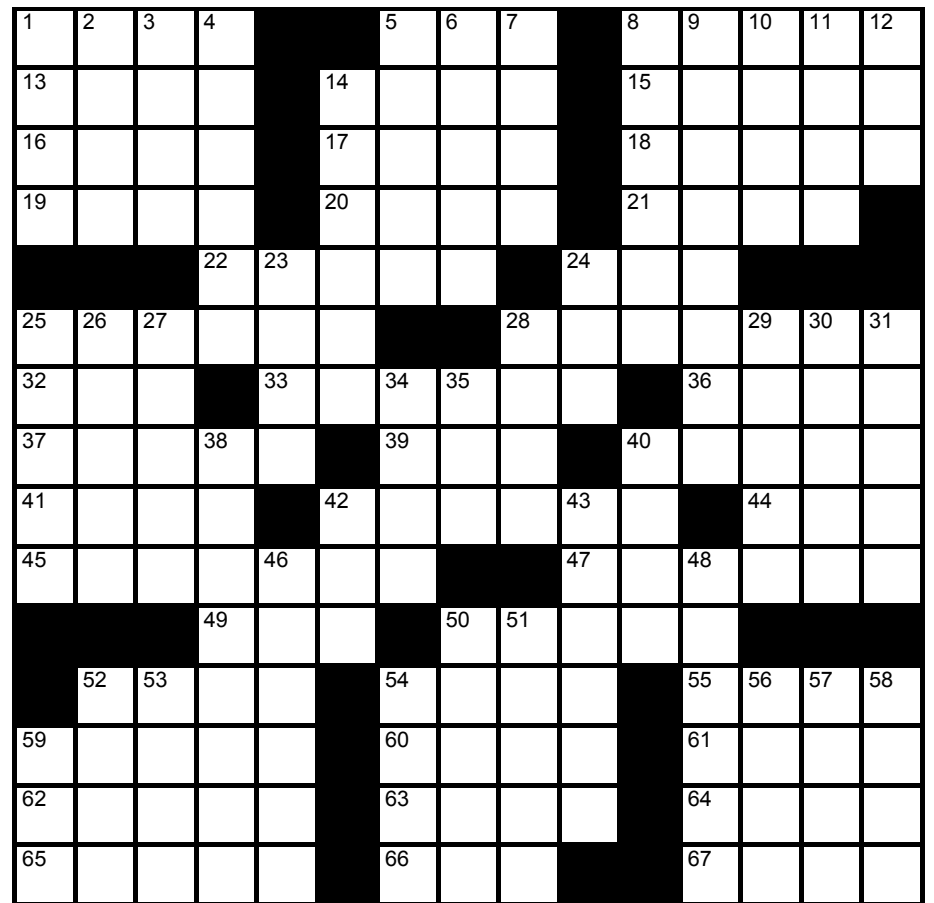
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Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Trade
- 5 Kind of gun
- 8 Very, in music
- 13 New Zealand bird
- 14 Exotic vacation spot
- 15 Rodeo sight
- 16 Matinee hero
- 17 Bypass
- 18 Subdues
- 19 Confess
- 20 Dregs
- 21 Husky burden
- 22 Classic theater
- 24 Trio, less one
- 25 BBQ pin
- 28 Rigging supporter
- 32 Wool weight
- 33 Main arteries
- 36 Donegal Bay feeder
- 37 Cathedral instrument
- 39 Tibetan ox
- 40 Imbecile
- 41 Country dance
- 42 Echo
- 44 "___ Time transfigured me": Yeats
- 45 Mibs and taws, e.g.
- 47 Tightens up, like muscles
- 49 Tankard filler
- 50 Scent
- 52 Type size
- 54 Fiber source
- 55 Get ready, for short
- 59 Billiards bounce
- 60 French girlfriend

- 61 Running behind
- 62 Plato's plaza
- 63 Famed loch
- 64 Love god
- 65 Dog treats
- 66 Dutch city
- 67 Shipped

Down

- 1 Burlesque bit
- 2 Off the mark
- 3 Military no-show
- 4 Bedding piece
- 5 Anaglyph
- 6 Little green man?
- 7 Quarries
- 8 Carries on
- 9 Skied
- 10 A few
- 11 Wowed
- 12 Ft. parts
- 14 Ravel classic
- 23 Martin or Koontz
- 24 Old PC platform
- 25 Hurricane, e.g.
- 26 Divided land
- 27 Gardening tool
- 28 Select
- 29 Spring sign
- 30 Sleep disturber
- 31 Heads (Fr.)
- 34 Deli breads
- 35 Spigot
- 38 Long-finned tuna
- 40 News bit
- 42 Sandpiper
- 43 Makes amends
- 46 Andean animals
- 48 Italian port
- 50 Fortified
- 51 Poker ploy
- 52 When doubled, a Pacific capital
- 53 Clothes presser
- 54 Curse
- 56 Hard to find
- 57 Harrow rival
- 58 Nuisance
- 59 Subway alternative

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be a discussion about upcoming events in the Slovak community.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels Archangel, Branch 2, will be holding their annual meeting on October 19, 2016 at Kretzlers. This meeting will include election of officers and will be at 7 pm. semi-annual meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7pm at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd in the North Hills. Please RSVP to 412-766-3222 or 412-421-1204.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lako Recording Secretary

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3 will hold its Family Picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2016, on the school grounds of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. There will be games for the children, and food and refreshments for all members.

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 1:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2017.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

Marion Rubino, President

BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Hall, 79 Church St., Bridgeport, CT, at 9:30AM.

We will plan our agenda for the year with our special meeting on November 13, 2016. At this meeting we will have breakfast and we will award our college-bound members with scholarships to help with their college expenses.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings conducted on the second Sunday of the month at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church hall. Our annual meeting will be held on December 11, 2016.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 23 - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23, St. Joseph Society, will be having our 1st. Annual Meeting, on Sunday, Aug 21, 2016 at 1 PM, at Hoss's Family Restaurant, Johnstown Pa, near Walmart in Richland on 411 Theatre Drive.

All members of Branch 23 are welcome and encouraged to attend. New and old Business will be discussed, by new and old members. Please come join us!

If you have any questions please call Theresa 814-254-2532.

Theresa Cassat/Secretary

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 41 - YONKERS, NEW YORK

Branch 41 would like to announce the officers for the year 2016:

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Vice President: Ms. Susan Fialkovich

Recording Secretary: Ms. Christine Slattery

Financial Secretary: Ms. Joanne Fialkovic

Auditor: Mr. Robert Figura

Joanne Fialkovic, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Park Inn By Radisson, at 700 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch activities will be discussed. All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations by September 12, 2016, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 166 - BINGHAMTON, CAPITAL AREA, PEEKSKILL, POUGHKEEPSIE, AND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 1:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of District and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by September 7, 2016, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend the meeting and be recognized by Branch 199. All branch members are encouraged to attend.

Barbara Patula, Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, MICHIGAN

Branch 200 invites you to attend our monthly branch meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of every month (except June & July) in the upstairs Social Hall, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. So for the remainder of the year, the monthly meetings are as follows: September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd (with nomination of officers on the agenda), and December 1st (with the election of officers on the agenda).

The branch meeting begins directly following the regularly held 7:00PM monthly meeting of the CU Club. Please mark your calendars.

We look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January,

February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club. Delicious food is served by Theresa Arendt at the last meeting of each calendar quarter. The Branch: will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 19, 2016. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Please come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 254 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 11:30am at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads, Lebanon, PA. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

Branch 260 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 1:00PM at the Bedford Trails & Golf Course Restaurant, 713 Bedford Road Coitsville, OH 44436. On the agenda: general branch business and election of officers for 2016 will take place at this meeting.

Also, please save the date for the branch's next semi-annual meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at the Bedford Trails & Golf Course. A Christmas luncheon will follow directly after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Paul Ritz, President

BRANCH 290 - RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

St. John the Baptist Branch 290 will hold a meeting on August 31, 2016, at 7:30PM. We will have election of officers among other items of interest to the branch. Please try to attend. Call Joe at (908) 413-7177 to get the location of the meeting.

Joe Minarovich, President

BRANCH 312 - BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Drive, Latrobe, PA, 15650.

Michaelene Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 367 - FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph's Branch 367 of Fairchance, PA will be holding a meeting on Thursday September 22, 2016 at 5 PM at the home of Patty Speshock located at 11 Ash Street, Fairchance, PA. Ideas for the rest of the year will be discussed and planned. All members are invited. Please call Audrey Balazik, President 724-438-3887 or Kathryn Baranek, Secretary 724-569-1006 if planning to attend.

Patricia Speshock, Vice President

BRANCH 401 - EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch 401 is scheduled to be held Sunday, August 21, 2016, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Secretary Patrick Froncek, 1223 Wysocki Ave., North Apollo, PA (phone:724-664-8216). Planning for a Fall '16 recruitment program will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

Patrick Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 410 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

All members are invited to attend.

Geri Buchheit, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

Branch members will gather to celebrate Holy Mass on September 25, 2016, at St John's, 1034 Brown St, Akron OH 44301, at 10:00AM; we will be meeting in the lobby of the church at approximately 9:30AM. Following the Mass we will be hosting a breakfast for all bona fide members. Please call and let Linda Hanko at 330-773-4978 to let her know you are coming so that we can plan for the brunch.

Sept 7th - don't forget our luscious Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 to 7PM.

Respectfully,

Sandie Klucar, Secretary

BRANCH 567 KJ - ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567 KJ will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 1:00PM.

It will be held at the home of the Recording Secretary, Loretta Dashner, 419 East Hamilton St., Allentown, PA. 18109.

At this meeting we will be discussing issues pertaining to our branch.

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595 - MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have several hours that you can spare, then Tatra Hall needs you!

Sunday, September 11, Polka Dance 3pm to 6pm \$5.00 at the door. Food available for purchase.

Sunday, September 18 Branch meeting 2pm

****Please note that the monthly breakfasts will now be on the last Sunday on the month instead of the 4th Sunday.

Sunday, September 25 Breakfast 8:30am-12 noon, all you can eat and the best breakfast in town.

Refreshments every Tuesday and Thursday .50 off. Hours are Mon-Fri 1pm - 8pm, Sat. 12 noon - 8pm.

Come down and enjoy yourself.

All vents take place at Tatra Hall 2536 Sixth St. Muskegon Heights, MI (231) 733-7525.

Susan Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 633 - MT. MORRIS, MICHIGAN

Branch 633 is pleased to announce our annual Branch activity is scheduled for Friday night August 19th @ 7pm. We are going to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Boston Red Sox at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI. We need to know as soon as possible how many members are going to be with us for this fun fraternal event. If you wish to join us please contact me via email: roderickm@comcast.net before August 1st in order for the Branch to arrange seats together in the same section. We plan to meet at the Will Call window outside the stadium @ 6pm August 19th.

Rod Meloni, President

BRANCH 682 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Branch 682 will have a meeting on September 25, 2016, at 2:30PM at MRL Lab, 250 Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. This will be a

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 - REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT - NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola District, District 1, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 11:00AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss our activities of the past year. We also will plan our agenda for the coming year.

The election of district officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. We are looking forward to seeing many members of District 1 at this meeting.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 3 – GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT – WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Semi-Annual meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2016 following the 5 P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, Pa. We will meet in the Formation Room of the Convent. All branches are encouraged to attend with their news. We also will plan our popular Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Our summer picnic was a great success. The district quickly changed to Plan B when the spotty showers predicted by the weatherman turned into an all-day rain. We moved from the pavilion in Renzie Park in McKeesport into the hall at Holy Trinity in West Mifflin. We enjoyed a variety of games and conversation. Lunch included hamburgers, hot dogs and fried chicken.

Branch 276 will host the annual winter business meeting on Sunday, November 27 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall in West Mifflin. The meeting will start at 1 PM. Officers for 2017 will be elected at this meeting. We will also plan meetings and activities for the coming year. By the way, the Steelers play the Colts on Thanksgiving Day so there is no game on Sunday.

The District Activities Director Annie Ondrejco is organizing a Facebook group to be called Jednota Pittsburgh District Activities. Join the group to keep up with district activities. Annie would like to know if there is any interest in additional activities such as an art class or attending a Pirates game or going out to the Meadows Casino or a visit to the NSS Museum. Contact Annie at aondrejco@gmail.com.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. Check out the scholarship winners in the July 20 issue. Michael Kopanic has an interesting article about pilgrimages in Slovakia in honor of St Mary Magdalene.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meetings, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: October 3 – Discover Your Slovak Roots, November 7 – Show & Tell, December 5 – Slovak Christmas Customs. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net. Fall classes are directed toward intermediate and advanced students. Spring classes are for beginners.

** The Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be held in Pittsburgh at the Schenley Tent Plaza this year – September 3-4 – See www.pghfolkfest.org for details.

** Septemberfest at the NSS Museum – Saturday, September 24, 11-4 – free admission.

** Slovak Beer Tasting – October 8 – contact Joe Senko.

** Don't forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730. The program is also streamed live at www.wpitam.com. Their annual dinner dance is planned for Sunday, October 2 at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin.

** Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt – Sunday, 12-5, November 6 – free admission.

** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids also has a Facebook page. Check out your family's hometown in Slovakia. Even a small village may have a Facebook page.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

** If you're interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakia.com/study-in-slovakia/

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nsslife.org/Museum.php.

** The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International will hold its next meeting on October 18-21, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Further information can be found at www.cgisi.org.

** FCSU information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com

If anyone knows of additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice, they should email information to the secretary: manasta@verizon.net

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 8 - REV. STEPHEN FRUDEK DISTRICT - EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Reverend Stephen Furdek District will hold the Annual meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016,

The Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. 20017.

Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. in the Crypt Church.

Dinner will be served immediately after mass, approximately 12:30 P.M.

The meeting will take place immediately following the dinner.

Dinner reservations are required no later than September 4, 2016.

For further information please contact Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638.

The Agenda will consist of Officer Reports, Financial Report, Election of Officers for 2017, and discussion on further activities.

Any further questions please contact Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468. Thank You!

Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 1:00PM in the meeting room of the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill at 575 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch members are invited to attend.

A Dairy Queen Social will take place following the meeting.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

The Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District will have a meeting on November 15, 2016, at St. Matias Church, in the cry room. Also, the Christmas Party will be held on December 20, 2016. Save the date.

Joe Scavina, Vice President

Attention Branch 40: Youth Member Scholarships Available For Grade and High School Students



You may be eligible to win a scholarship if:

- You are a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union's St. Clement's Society Branch 40 of Streator, IL

- You are in high school and have applied for a fall term at a qualifying institution

- You are attending a Private Grade School

St. Clement's Society Branch 40 will be offering scholarships to their youth members. They will be giving out one one-time \$500.00 scholarship for college and one one-time \$250.00

scholarship for a private grade school student.

These scholarships are solely funded by your local lodge Branch 40, not the national office.

For more information and an application, please call Theresa at 815-672-6142 (leave a message) or e-mail her at ttegraves@mchsi.com.

Applications must be postmarked by September 17, 2016.

- Submitted by Theresa Graves, Branch 40

Summer Picnic 2016 Planned by District 17



The Annual Summer Picnic of Saints Cyril and Methodius District 17 will take place from noon to dusk on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Members, their families, friends and guests will gather in Pavilion 2 overlooking the park's gazebo and pond.

A catered lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M. Throughout the afternoon, snacks and beverages will be available.

Branches 166K (Binghamton, NY) and 382K (Scranton, PA) will sponsor a cook-out at 5:00 P.M. with hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to order.

Cost of the picnic is \$15 per adult and \$7 for a child.

Reservations are required for the caterer and must be made by contacting Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, District 17 Fraternal Activities Director, at 570.344.3854. Messages can be left on her voice mail. **Reservation deadline is Friday, September 9, 2016.**

McDade Park is located off Keyser Avenue in Scranton and is minutes away from Interstate 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The park offers many activities -- children's playground, children's fishing pond, basketball and tennis courts, grassy play areas, and walking trails.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum and the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour are within easy walking distance. Both provide visitors a view of the anthracite coal-mining history of Lackawanna County.

FCSU District 17 includes Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania and Broome County in New York.

- Elizabeth Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director

Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
001P	Sophia Mary Novotney	090K	Agnes Uhrin	321P	Mary Jane Gula	636K	Leonard L Vidra
004K	James F Hanlon Jr	162K	Donald L Coburn Sr	326K	Janet Mary Boyle	731K	Stella H Swansiger
005P	Stephen Hajdak Jr	166K	Beatrice J Hudy	367K	Amelia H Novak	731K	John S Yanek
006K	Edward T Chismar	166K	Veronica Kushneir	382K	Rita Wentline	738K	Mary Agnes Spellman
010K	Dolores A Kanuik	169P	Dolores Marie Vannett	414K	Barbara Ann Yurick	743K	Ladislav M Valovic
010K	Irene M Musyt	200K	Kenneth J Baynar	425K	Michael Maxim	743K	Dorothy I Wilczewski
019K	Agnes M Brandon	200K	Armeda Kasun	450K	Deidre A Gogolin	769K	Sharon M Anthony
024K	Mildred A Buynak	215K	Robert J Honis Sr	484K	Teresa C Yancy	769K	Sandra A Mosso
024K	Gary E Washabaugh	228K	George P Novak	493K	Edward John Gromos	784K	Michael Micak
035K	Gertrude P Stash	240P	Lorraine Pelczar Yourglivch	497K	Joseph S Kostelnik	796K	Barbara M Kurtz
038K	Edward P Soltis Jr	254K	Joseph R Husava	517K	Joseph Zanishka	831K	Gary Paul Alexander
040K	James Mathew McCloskey	312K	Helen L Pavuk	553K	Agnes L Strayer	831K	Andrew C Zilla
045K	Anna E Kovaly	312K	Peter Paul Ridilla	567K	Andrew F Mittura	855K	Adele Norbuta
055K	Paul Michael Papay Jr	312K	Samuel Wayne Smith	581K	Margaret Etheridge	916K	Wilfred Scott
085K	Vladimir Lechmanik	320K	Dolores J Carlin	581K	Irene M Shannon		

*Processed through the month of July

OBITUARIES

STEPHEN P. "PETE" HAJDAK BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA



Stephen P. "Pete" Hajdak, of Greenville, PA, passed away at 11:22 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2016, in UPMC Horizon Greenville. He was 89.

He was born July 15, 1926 in Greenville to Stephen and Klara (Kuracina) Hajdak. He attended St. Michael High School and served in the Army from 1946-1947.

Pete was employed as a welder for over 40 years at the former Sharon Steel Corp. He was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Fitzmartin Council 1446, Greenville Family Moose Center 276, the Italian Home Club, and both Reynolds Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7599 and Greenville VFW Post 3374.

Pete's hobbies and interests included hunting and fishing, playing poker, tossing horseshoes, gardening, and spending time at his camp in Kane, PA. Pete could be found daily in his garage, welding and listening to music.

He is survived by his sister, Theresa Campoli of Greenville, a loving niece and two nephews, two great-nephews, and one great-great-nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Choma; and three brothers, Vincent "Hibe" Hajdak, Joseph "Boots" Hajdak, and James "Pinky" Hajdak.

- Submitted by Theresa Campoli

KATHRYN STANKIEWICZ – BRANCH 238 – DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA



Kathryn Stankiewicz, 97, Scranton, PA, died Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in St. Mary's Villa after an illness. Born in Lake Ariel, daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Puhalla Motichka.

She was preceded in death by her hus-

band, Stephen, in 1999. She was a lifelong resident of the area, she was a graduate of the Lake Ariel Vocational School and before retirement, she worked as a seamstress in the Linden Dress Factory.

She was a member of Mary Mother of God Parish in Holy Rosary Church. Kathryn enjoyed family reunions, doing puzzles and going out to eat.

The family would like to express their thanks to Drs. Conaboy and Kaville, their staff and the staff at St. Mary's villa for their care and compassion at this time.

Surviving are a son, Francis and wife, Luba Stankiewicz, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; four grandchildren, Mark Yanish and wife, Cindy, Dickson City; Ed Yanish and wife, Yolanda, Florida; Richard and wife, Stacey Stankiewicz, Florida; Denise and husband, Dave Nieholdt, Virginia; five great-grandchildren, Landon and Brianna Nieholdt, Virginia; Mark Yanish Jr., Throop; David Barron, Peckville; Kelly Barron and her daughter, Layla, a great-great-granddaughter, Newton Twp.; a sister, Annie Motichka, Union, N.J.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Yanish; seven brothers, Andrew, John, Frank, Matthew, George, Thomas, Peter; five sisters, Margaret, Ceil, Helen, Mary, Madeline.

The funeral was held Monday, June 6, 2016, at 9 a.m. at the Bomberger-Lesko Funeral Home, Scranton, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 in Mary Mother of God Parish in Holy Rosary Church. Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow followed. Friends called at the funeral home on Sunday, June 5, 2016, from 2 to 4 p.m.

- Submitted by Francis Stankiewicz

PAUL RIDILLA BRANCH 312 – LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA



Paul Ridilla, 84, of Casselberry, FL, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2016. He was born August 16, 1931 in Latrobe, PA, and was the son of the late parents Helen and John Ridilla. Paul worked in the construction industry, beginning as a helper to his homebuilder dad, then as a craftsman, superintendent and CEO of a large commercial company. In ad-

dition, he was widely known for 40 years as a convention speaker and also conducted in-house consultations with construction companies all over the U.S. and Canada. Paul was a regular contributor to Plumbing and Mechanical magazine and authored the book Born to Build.

His interests were varied, including designing and building a putting machine for his friend Arnold Palmer and serving as an estimator for the Islands of Adventure in Universal Studios, FL. Through the years, he drew up blueprints and built homes for friends and family and found the time to help many others. His favorite pastime was spending time with his grandkids.

Paul is survived by his loving wife Joan Ridilla; his children, Clifford Ridilla (Ellen), Janet Robinson, Linda Johnson (Barry), Pam Ridilla, Cynthia Hancock (David), Cathy Spring (Steve), Amy Dicks (Richard), and daughter-in-law Patty Ridilla. He was predeceased in 2004 by his son John Ridilla. He is also survived by a brother, Harry Ridilla (Helen); sisters, Martha Rullo (Danny), Suzie Schmucker, and Helen Rosa; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was celebrated at Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, FL, on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 11:00am with Pastor Ted Wood officiating. Visitation with the family began at 10am.

- Submitted by Joan Ridilla

TERESA C. YANCY BRANCH – 484 CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA



Teresa C. (Halmes) Yancy, 97, Homer City, PA, died May 18, 2016, at Indiana Regional Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late Stephen and biological mother Ludmilla (Popiesz) Halmes and mother Anna (Popiesz) Halmes, born October 31, 1918 in Coral, PA.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. Teresa enjoyed bingo, playing skat, and watching the Pittsburgh Pirates. She especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and watching them in all their activities.

She is survived by three children: Elizabeth "Betty Ann" and husband Michael Savage Jr., Clune; Robert and wife Eva Yancy, Graceton; and Richard and wife Susan Yancy, Homer City; grandchildren, Michael (Lisa) Savage, Mark (Tami) Savage, Melissa Savage, Lisa (Rob) Worcester, Robert Yancy Jr., Carrie Yancy, Chad (Katie) Yancy and Amanda Ellis; great grandchildren, Hailey, Gabe, Rachel, Emily, Jonathan, Olivia, Isabella, Abby, Tanner, Aurora and Gus. She is also survived by siblings, Edward Halmes, Parma, Ohio, Dorothy Holmes, Coral, Mildred and John Dechman, Josephine and William "Bill" and wife Marge Holmes, Coral, and her sister-in-law, Patricia "Pat" Halmes, Blairsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Victor; siblings, Joseph Holmes, Agnes Vresilovic, John "Jack" Halmes and infant sister, Maryann Halmes. Friends were received Sunday, May 22, 2016, from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the C. Frederick Bowser Funeral Home, Homer City. A Blessing Service was held Monday, May 23, 2016, at 10:30 AM at the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral Site. Interment followed in St. Francis Cemetery.

- Submitted by Robert V. Yancy

JOHN J. GERBERI BRANCH 706 – DYER, ILLINOIS



John J. Gerberi, age 79 of Brookfield, US Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Eleanor P. Gerberi, nee Simko; fond father of Laura (Jeff) Pogwizd, Mary Ellen (Steve) Fifiis and Amy Gerberi; dear grandfather of Erica (Josiah) Wiswell, Stephanie Pogwizd, John Fifiis, Julia Gerberi and Nicholas Fifiis; dear great grandfather of Josiah Jr., Jonas, Zoe, Noah and Theodore Wiswell; brother of Anne (Ted) Strojny, Mary (the late Bob) Silkowski, the late John Gerberi and Michael Gerberi; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held April 19 and 20, 2016, at the Hitzeman Funeral Home,

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Brookfield, IL. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St Louise de Marillac Church at 10:00AM on April 20, 2016. Interment followed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. After retiring as a Repair Technician John was the President of the Adult Volunteer Program

at Hinsdale Hospital for many years and worked part-time at Tischlers Grocery Store as the "Meat Counter Guy". John enjoyed spending time with family attending his five grandchildren's sport events and concerts. He also loved the Chicago Blackhawks.

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general meeting with nomination of officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joe Scavina, Vice President

BRANCH 731 - YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Members of Saint Joseph Branch 731 will hold their meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Noon. On the agenda will be our annual Mass for deceased members which will be celebrated on December 18, 2016 at 11:00 am. The election of officers for 2017 will also be held at the annual meeting following the Mass on December 18, 2016. All the events will be held at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OH

Branch 764's next meeting will be held on September 7, 2016 at 12:30 at the Covered Bridge Restaurant. The address is: 22 W Broad St, Newton Falls, OH 44444.

All members are urged to attend.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 796 - EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, Egypt, Pennsylvania, will hold their Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4464 Main Street, Egypt, Whitehall, PA, 18052.

All members are encouraged to attend. Agenda items will be general Branch business as well as election of officers for the upcoming year 2017. Concluding the meeting we will have a luncheon.

Monica Fabian, Secretary

BRANCH 857 - LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 in Levittown, PA will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2016. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

Fraternally,

Damian D Nasta, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON D.C. AND AREA

The officers of Branch 856 would like to invite all its members and Slovaks living in the area to attend Mass on September 18, 2016, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue N.E. Washington, D.C. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM in the Crypt Church. This will be the 51st Anniversary of the dedication of our Slovak Chapel, Our Mother of Sorrows. After Mass Branch 856 will host the annual meeting for delegates of District 8 of The First Catholic Slovak Union in the meeting room there at the shrine. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Stephen Matula at 703-671 3013.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary

2016 Slovak Festival on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend



The 2016 Annual Slovak Festival, sponsored by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, will be held **Sunday, September 4, 2016, from 12:00 noon till 8PM at:**

St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 6750 State Rd., Parma, OH 44134

- Music by: the Anthony Culkar Band and the Frank Moravcik Band
- Magician - Balloon Twister
- Face Painting
- Cultural Program: starts at 3:00PM, featuring the Lúčina and Lúčinka Slovak Folk Ensembles of Greater Cleveland
- Homemade Slovak food and pastry
- Tickets at the door \$5.00
- Children 12 years and under free

**** For info call: 440-885-1994 ****



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WHEN: SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

WHERE: AMERICAN-CROATIAN LODGE
34900 LAKESHORE BLVD
EASTLAKE OHIO 44095

TIME: MASS 2:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY HORS D'OEUVRES/DINNER/RAFFLE/DANCING

ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

\$75.00 Individual

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News From Slovakia

Dalai Lama to Visit Slovakia in October

Bratislava, August 1 (TASR) - The 14th Dalai Lama is to visit Slovakia again, TASR learnt from Csaba Kiss, the founder of the private At Home Gallery based in Samorin (Trnava region), who invited the spiritual leader.

The Dalai Lama will visit Bratislava on October 15-17 as part of his tour of several European cities. The Nobel prize laureate will pay his third visit to Slovakia. The last time that he came to the country was in September 2009, based on an invitation from the Jan Langos Foundation.

This time the Dalai Lama will deliver a lecture at Bratislava's National Tennis Centre - the Aegon Arena, said Kiss. From Bratislava he'll go on to Prague and other capitals in central Europe.

During his visit to Slovakia in 2009 the Dalai Lama was awarded the Jan Langos Prize for his efforts aimed at human rights and democracy around the world. He visited Slovakia for the first time in 2000. During that visit, which was also organised by the At Home Gallery, Comenius University in Bratislava granted him the honorary title Doctor Honoris Causa.

The Dalai Lama, whose name is Tenzin Gyatso, is the spiritual leader of Tibet. He's been living in exile in India since a failed uprising against Chinese rule in Tibet in 1959.

In the same year the 14th Dalai Lama launched a campaign for the peaceful restoration of Tibet's independence. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for this in 1989.

Argentina's Reopening to World Creates Opportunities for Slovak Firms

Buenos Aires, August 4 (TASR) - Argentina is reopening to the world in terms of the economy, said Slovak President Andrej Kiska after meeting his Argentinean counterpart Mauricio Macri on day three of his working trip to South America on this date.

The country has only recently returned to international financial markets after settling a 14-year dispute with international creditors. The problems began back in 2002 when the country went bankrupt. Argentina was in the process of restructuring its debts, but was unable to arrange conditions with all creditors.

Macri at the meeting with Kiska called on everyone who is interested in investing and doing business in Argentina to come, Slovak companies included.

"It's a country with enormous possibilities, it's rich in natural resources. Cooperation between Slovakia and Argentina involves tremendous opportunities, especially at a time when Argentina needs new enthusiasm and new blood," said Kiska.

The Slovak president noted that a successful Slovak firm already operates in Argentina. Anti-virus software company ESET has its Latin American branch in Buenos Aires and employs 80 people there.

Moreover, the signing of an agreement on cooperation between ESET and Federico Santa Maria University as well as a memorandum of understanding between the Argentinean university and Zilina University took place during the visit. "This is another good sign that the name of Slovakia is spreading in a positive way here," added Kiska.

In the afternoon Kiska met the Slovak expatriate community, the largest of its kind in South America, at the Slovak Embassy in Argentina. "From this atmosphere you can see that they like living here and that they've become well-settled Argentinians," he said.

The official program of the Slovak president in South America ended on Wednesday (August 3), but the unofficial part of the trip will continue with Kiska's attendance at the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on Friday (July 5). On Thursday (August 4), Kiska opens Slovak House - Slovakia's official base at Rio 2016.

Number of Vacationers in Slovakia Up 20.8%

Bratislava, August 2 (TASR) - Almost 1.8 million people decided to spend their holidays in Slovakia in the first five months of this year, according to the latest data published by the Slovak Statistics Office on Tuesday.

Slovak mountains, castles, towns and spas were visited by 1.1 million domestic and 690,000 foreign tourists. Compared to the same period of last year, the number of domestic tourists grew by 20.3 percent, while the number of foreign holidaymakers went up by 21.6 percent. The total number of tourists who spent holidays in Slovakia rose by 20.8 percent year-on-year.

"Slovakia is a stable and peaceful country, which plays a significant role in the choice of a holiday destination in the current geopolitical situation," stated Transport, Construction and Regional Development Minister Roman Brecely.

Meanwhile, the number of overnight stays approached 5 million, which was an increase of 18.9 percent compared to the first five months of 2015. Domestic and foreign tourists spent 2.7 nights in Slovak accommodation facilities on average.

As usual, the highest number of foreign tourists came to Slovakia from the Czech Republic. They were followed by visitors from Poland, Germany and Hungary. The number of British, Italian, Austrian, French, Dutch, Israeli and American tourists who decided to spend holidays in Slovakia increased as well. Meanwhile, the number of Russian vacationers in Slovakia again posted significant growth following two years of decline caused by political and economic developments in the country. Their number slightly exceeded 14,000, an in-

crease of 22.7 percent y-o-y. The most significant growth was reported for Spanish tourists at 68 percent, followed by Chinese visitors (51 percent).

According to the Slovak Tourism Agency (SACR), developments in tourist figures before the summer indicate a successful main tourist season. "Still more domestic and foreign tourists prefer a holiday in Slovakia partly with regard to the current unstable security situation in the world. Hoteliers in the most visited tourist resorts, as well as several accommodation websites, report high demand for summer stays," stated SACR representatives.

An increased visitor rate recorded by national tourism website slovakia.travel attests to this as well, said SACR. "As many as 1.68 million visitors checked information on interesting tourist destinations, events, relaxing or active holidays between January-July, which was an increase of 59 percent y-o-y," stated SACR.

If the upward trend in the number of visitors in Slovakia continues, the summer of 2016 will be the most successful ever in the history of the independent Slovakia," predicted SACR general director Rigor Donoval.

Cyclists-Pilgrims from Slovensky Orol Carrying Message to Pope

Bratislava, August 5 (TASR) - A total of 28 cyclists from the Slovensky Orol (Slovak Eagle) sports association will cycle for 10 days from Bratislava to Rome in order to meet Pope Francis.

Education, Science, Research and Sport Minister Peter Plavcan (Slovak National Party/SNS) earlier in the day kicked off the traditional annual Bratislava-Rome cycling pilgrimage beneath Bratislava Castle.

After completing the 1,300-kilometer trip, the cyclists will deliver a message to the pope concerning this year's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and an invitation to visit Slovakia.

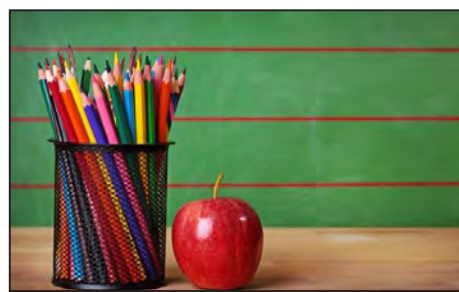
"We've prepared a jersey for him, and the second gift is a secret," said Slovensky Orol president Jozef Galik.

"I appreciate that your path leads to friendship and understanding between nations. It's one of the alternative ways that we can fight against violence," said Plavcan.

Slovensky Orol is a non-political Christian sports educational organization with an almost 100-year history. Its cyclists are amateurs between 18-50 years of age.

The cyclists-pilgrims will ride some 130 kilometers a day and are scheduled to arrive in Rome on August 14.

The Cleveland Slovak School Starts Fall Semester 2016



The Cleveland Slovak School starts its Fall semester of 2016 as follows:

Start: Sept 17, 2016
End: Dec 10, 2016

There will be NO CLASS on October 1, 2016 and November 26, 2016.

Tuition: \$110
\$ 10 per class

Time: 9:00 – 10:40 (Beginners)
10:45 – 12:30 (Advanced)

Location: St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church
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Instructors: Miriam Visnovsky
Marcela Kerul-Kmec

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- Submitted by Miriam Visnovsky

Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at
www.fcsu.com

Slovak American Group Holds Fundraiser for College Scholarships in Slovakia this September

Program Established in 1966 Has Aided 49 Slovak Students



The Slovak American Society of Washington (SASW) has announced its annual fundraising event at Bistro Bohem Bar & Restaurant in Washington, DC, on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 6PM. Music will be provided by Orchester Prazevica. Bistro Bohem offers a variety of Slavic food and drinks and is located at 600 Florida Ave., NW – a short, five-minute walk from Shaw-Howard Metro Station. All are invited or donations can

be made to SASW, PO Box 2502, Springfield, VA, 22152-2502.

SASW has raised nearly \$30,000 in the past, and offers scholarships at City University of Seattle (CUS) locations in Bratislava and Trenčín, Slovakia. CUS founded the Slovak college called Vysoka Skola Manazmentu (VSM) in 1993 and received accreditation as the first private college in Slovakia. Students have a unique opportunity to receive dual degrees: BSBA for City University and Bc, a bachelor's degree, at VSM. The School of Management has prepared business graduates for successful careers at different levels of management, including top management positions in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

The school also has several cooperative relationships with schools in the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Finland, and Austria. Additionally, VSM has a joint program with Grafex International, a Slovak software development company, to offer specialization in the technology of information systems.

SASW recently funded five new scholarships for the 2016 year and offered three scholarships in 2015. The students are chosen by CUS based on merit and financial need.

- Submitted by Ray Luca, Branch 856

United Slovak Societies Annual Chicken Paprikas Dinner in September



The United Slovak Societies will host their annual Chicken Paprikas Dinner at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH. On Sunday September 25, 2016, from 1p.m.-4p.m. Dinner tickets are \$12.00 and will include paprikas, cabbage rolls, salad and desert. A cash bar including Zlaty Bazant will be available. Advanced ticket sales by contacting Len Zilko at 440-988-3236.

Michele Mager
Member, FCSU Branch 228
Secretary-United Slovak Societies
Board of Director Member,
American Slovak Club- Lorain, OH.



Branch 162 Honors Its Jednota Scholarship Winners

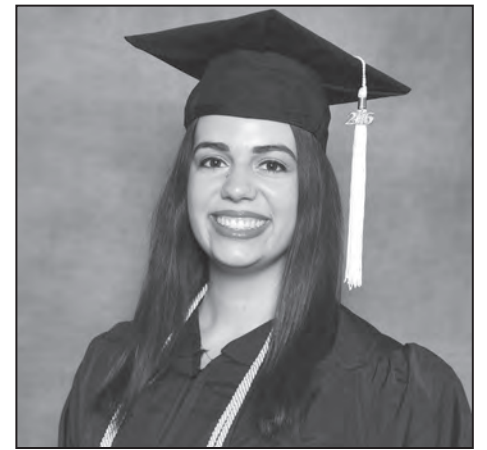
The Saint Wendelin Branch 162 of the First Catholic Slovak Union honored their latest recipients of the Jednota Scholarship with a breakfast at a local area Eat'n Park on Sunday, July 24, 2016. In attendance was (L – R): Joyce Campbell; Dolores Marmol, Secretary; Patricia Marmol, Treasurer; Joanne Marmol, Vice-President; and Jednota scholarship recipients, Sarah Campbell and Leah Campbell.

Sarah is the daughter of Jamie Oros and Brian Boyd. She will be attending Point Park University's Conservatory of Performing Arts in Pittsburgh, PA to study Cinema Production. Leah is the daughter of Benjamin Campbell and Shelly Woods. She will be attending Potomac State College in Keyser, WV, where she will be a Resident Assistant and studying nursing. The officers and members of Branch 162 congratulate them and wish them the best in their academic and personal careers.

Submitted by Patricia L. Marmol, Treasurer Branch 162

Branch 581 K Elizabeth Blasko Graduates with High Honors

Elizabeth Ann Blasko recently graduated summa cum laude from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. She also received minors in Nonprofit Leadership, Event Management, and Psychology. While attending WMU Elizabeth was very involved in the campus community. She was the Public Relations chair of the student government, the Western Student Association. She received the Cabinet Member of the Year award in 2016. Elizabeth served as Vice President and Secretary of her sorority, Chi Omega. Additionally, she served as President of the Greek honor society, Order of Omega. She was presented the Greek Woman of the Year award in 2016.



Elizabeth is a member of the National Communication Association honor society, Lambda Pi Eta. She was recognized as a School of Communication Scholar in 2016. Elizabeth worked at the Lee Honors College as a Peer Mentor and was a leadership intern through the office of Student Activities & Leadership Programs. She was a recipient of the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities award for three consecutive years. Elizabeth was crowned the Western Michigan University Homecoming Queen in 2014.

Elizabeth is currently interning at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She will be moving to Orlando to work for the Walt Disney Company this fall.

Elizabeth is the daughter of John A. and Joan Blasko of Grayslake, IL. She is the granddaughter of John R. and Lucille Blasko of Whiting, IN. Elizabeth is a recipient of the 2012 First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship. She is a member of St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 581 K

- Submitted by Elizabeth Blasko, Branch 581

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
 Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
 Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President (via teleconference)
 George F. Matta II, Treasurer (via teleconference)
 Michael Lako, Regional Director (via teleconference by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the May 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr., and seconded by George Matta II to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a report on the investment update.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:Annuity Rates:

The President led an extensive review of the current annuity rates. A motion was made by the President and seconded by George Matta II to reduce our Park Free Plus Annuity from 1.65% to 1.5% effective July 1, 2016. Motion carried. It was further decided the other rates will remain the same and they will be reviewed at the next meeting in July.

AQS Management, Inc.

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report by telephone to the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

Larry White presented the Executive Committee new investment possibilities to review.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions.

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of May for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

Monthly Disbursements

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of May:

Disbursements for the month of April 2016:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	144,014.36
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	68,063.91
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting new agents and at present have over 230 agents. The Home Office is sending the independent agents monthly updates on our products.

The Executive Secretary stated we are continuing to advertise on Facebook with new material being added daily, as well as on the FCSU website and email, while including new ad material in our Home Office mailings. The Vice President stated any branch or district planning a fraternal activity is to please contact the home office or the Editor and we will advertise the event through Facebook, email, and our mailings.

The Vice President will continue to schedule seminars for 2016 and encourages the districts and branches to contact him concerning acceptable dates.

The Vice President announced the 2016 Membership Meet will be held in Las Vegas in November. Once all the arrangements are in place the information will be published in the Jednota.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated he sent a memo to all Board Members asking for opinions and suggestions on the future of the property in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The President stated we are beginning to receive proposals from various hotels interested in handling our 2018 convention from the areas the Board of Directors had suggested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President stated the second of a series of four diskettes on Corporate Governance will be played at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

The President announced the building in Barberton, Ohio has been sold, and monies received were used to pay up all bills and taxes on the building.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by George Matta II, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The President asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., to close the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

\$500 Award from New Jersey New York Fraternal Alliance Now Available



One of the most important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNY-FA) is its Youth Volunteer Award Program. Each year the NJNYFA chooses deserving young students from a member society, based on their volunteer achievements with their society as well as the community at large. Each award winner will receive \$500 with an additional \$500 award to their designated charity.

Applicants must be residents of NJ or NY, members of a Society within the NJNY Fraternal Alliance, and between 16 and 22 years of age at the time of the application. The deadline for submitting applications is September 2, 2016. All applications must be post-marked by that date.

To obtain application forms and supporting information, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union at 1-800-533-6682 or visit fcsu.com and click on the Scholarships tab.

Ohio Fraternal Alliance 2016 Scholarship Program Offers \$500 to Qualifying Graduating HS Seniors



The Ohio Fraternal Alliance (OFA) annually awards college scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. As a member of the OFA, First Catholic Slovak Union members who are Ohio residents and have graduated from high school in 2016 are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, 2016. You can obtain an application, including requirement details, by contacting OFA Third Vice President Robert Tiell at either: 419-595-2756 (h); 419-934-0227 (c); or robertstiell@aol.com. Or by visiting fcsu.com and clicking on the Scholarship tab.

Správy zo Slovenska

Nový liek ničí rakovinu, objavil ho Slovák

Švajčiarsky tím výskumníkov, ktorých viedol Slovák Rastislav Tamašovič, našiel liek, ktorý by mal nadobro vyliečiť rakovinu prsníka a nielen zastaviť rast nádoru, ako to robia súčasné lieky. Liečba bola síce zatiaľ overená len experimentálne na myšiach, no čoskoro sa začne testovať aj na pacientoch. „Klinické skúšky sú ohlásené na štvrtý kvartál tohto roku,“ povedal pre denník Rastislav Tamašovič, šéf výskumného tímu projektu Švajčiarskej rakovinevej ligy z Biochemického inštitútu Univerzity v Zürichu.

Pomáha doktor vám alebo biznisu s liekmi?

Na to ako sa liečime, môžu mať veľký vplyv aj firmy, ktoré s liekmi obchodujú. Tie slovenským doktorom ponúkajú rôzne výhody. Ak pacienti pochybujú o svojom lekárovi, oddnes si môžu preveriť, aké dary a od koho ich lekár dostáva. Na webstránke Asociácie inovatívneho farmaceutického priemyslu www.aifp.sk, by mali byť informácie, koľko peňazí či iných darov poslali firmy na účet konkrétnych lekárov, ošetrovateľov alebo zdravotných sestier. „Dôvera pacientov k spolupráci medzi lekármi a priemyslom nie je bohvieaká a snažíme sa to cez takéto zverejňovanie zlepšiť,“ povedal Miroslav Lednár z asociácie. Má to však háčik - lekár s tým musí súhlasiť.

Cudzinci: Bez kamoša tu nič nevybavíš

Etnologička Helena Tužinská a Ľubica Voľanská Herzánová zozbierali rozhovory s viac ako päťdesiatimi cudzincami z celého sveta, ktorí prišli žiť na Slovensko. V rámci projektu Inakosti slovenské s nimi hovorili, ako sa so Slováckmi pracuje, žije alebo oslavuje. Z prieskumu vybrali šesť výrazných vlastností, ktoré si všimli cudzinci. Prvou je „kamošizmus“. Cudzinci si všimli, že Slovákom stačí zavolať niekomu, kto má ďalšieho známeho a ten potrebné vybaví či zariadi. Druhou črtou Slovákov podľa cudzincov je príklon k rodine - „na rodinu nedáme dopustiť“. Treťou črtou sú „božteky“. Cudzincov prekvapuje, že keď má niekto narodeniny, tak sa ľudia bozkávajú, čo je napríklad v Nemecku nepredstaviteľné, tam sa bozkávajú iba tí, čo majú k sebe naozaj blízko. Štvrtou črtou je - „posadnutosť titulmi“. Piatou je určitý konzervatizmus - „inakosť prijímame len ťažko“. Cudzinci si všimli aj neznalosť cudzích jazykov - „na Slovensku po slovensky“.

Jasná dostane golfovú areál, stavať ho má bývalý hokejista

V lyžiarskom stredisku Jasná pribudne do ponuky aj golf. V tesnej blízkosti ski centra Jasná vyrastie prémiový rezort Deadwood Golf Course. V liptovskej dedine Dúbrava ho so skupinou domácich investorov postaví bývalý hokejista Ivan Droppa. „Účelom je vybudovať a prevádzkovať areál s ubytovaním v rekreačných chatách a golfovú areál s 18-jamkovým golfovým ihriskom,“ uvádza dokument firmy Golf Liptov. Tá do projektu investuje približne 35 miliónov eur. Generálny sekretár Slovenskej golfovej asociácie Kamil Balga hovorí, že potenciál na nové golfové ihriská u nás stále existuje, ale už nie je extrémne veľký.

Dunaj láka na Slovensko aj vodákov, cyklistov či pozorovateľov vtáctva

Dunaj ako druhá najdlhšia európska rieka a najdlhšia rieka Európskej únie priťahuje každoročne množstvo cestovateľov, ktorí chcú spoznať krajiny ležiace v jeho povodí. V letnom období je pritom podľa Slovenskej agentúry pre cestovný ruch (SACR) aj riekou, po ktorej Bratislavu navštevujú na lodiach turisti z takmer celého sveta. Podľa agentúry je tak dôležitým zdrojom cestovného ruchu. Dunaj je však aj významným hniezdiskom vodných vtákov, je preto vyhľadávaným cieľom pozorovateľov vtáctva. Pozdĺž celého toku Dunaja sa pritom ťahne aj vyhľadávaná cyklotrasa Eurovelo 6.

Motor slovenskej ekonomiky plánuje veľkú odstavku

Napriek tomu, že dopyt po autách stúpa, automobilky musia cez leto na niekoľko týždňov zastaviť svoje výrobné linky. Dôvod je pri všetkých troch slovenských závodoch rovnaký. „Odstavka slúži na údržbu a kontrolu zariadení, ako aj na stavebné a technologické úpravy, ktoré nie je možné realizovať počas roka z dôvodu nepretržitej prevádzky sedem dní v týždni. Rovnaké stopnutie výrobného procesu plánuje aj Kia Motors Slovakia pri Žiline a PSA Peugeot Citroën Slovakia pri Trnave. Voľno sa týka aj firiem dodávajúcich do automobilového priemyslu.“

Odborné školy chcú viac žiakov, úrady sú proti

Aj napriek tomu, že mnohé podniky dlhodobo trápia nedostatok kvalifikovanej pracovnej sily, odborné školy vyhadzujú stovky prihlášok do koša. „Evidovali sme 280 podaných prihlášok. Prijatí sme však mohli len 160 študentov,“ povedal pre denník riaditeľ Strednej odbornej školy strojníckej v Kysuckom Novom Meste Ondrej Holienčík. Zároveň priznáva, že triediť sa museli aj odbory, po ktorých je na trhu práce veľký dopyt. Podobné problémy majú aj napríklad na Strednej odbornej škole technickej v Čadci, či na Strednej odbornej škole automobilovej v Trnave. Počty študentov, ktoré môžu školy prijať určujú samosprávne kraje. Tie sa bránia, že vychádzajú z analýz. Podľa Zväzu automobilového priemyslu odíde ročne do dôchodku až 33-tisíc kvalifikovaných zamestnancov. Stredné odborné školy pritom vyprodujú len päťtisíc kvalifikovaných absolventov.

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Milovníci hôr sa už tešia z otvorených turistických chodníkov v Tatrách. Kým u nás je pol roka uzavretých viac ako 200 kilometrov trás, Tatry na poľskej strane sú prístupné po celý rok. „Poľskí kolegovia nám tento akt ochrany závidia,“ povedal Pavol Majko, riaditeľ správy TANAP-u. Turisti v Poľsku môžu využívať po celý rok 275 kilometrov chodníkov, za ktoré si však musia zaplatiť, kým doliny u nás sú grátis. Za vstup do poľských Tatier zaplatí návštevník 2 eurá a keďže ich navštívi viac ako 3 milióny platiacich turistov ročne, ich Tatry majú z toho 6 miliónov eur, čo môžu využiť na budovanie a rekonštrukciu infraštruktúry.

Môj boj s rakovinou!

Bývalý prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič (75) už takmer dva roky bojuje s rakovinou hrubého čreva. „Niekoľkokrát skončil na lôžku v Národnom onkologickom ústave, kde sa podrobil operáciám pod dohľadom špičkových chirurgov. Doteraz o svojej chorobe mlčí. Liečba zatiaľ prebieha podľa plánu. „Zdá sa mi navonok, že to ide všetko dobre. Ale ako sa to vyvinie, to môže povedať len ten najvyšší. Aj v súčasnosti som stále pod chemoterapiou, ešte mesiac. Výsledky ukazujú, že je to na dobrej ceste - vyliečiť sa,“ s optimizmom v hlase vraví bývalý prezident Gašparovič.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Rozlúčková svätá omša v kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N.Y.C.

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Haľko, kde odslúžil slovenskú svätú omšu. Tento rok otec Chanas pripravil 38 detí a dospelých na svätú birmovku, ktorá sa konala v sobotu dňa 21. mája 2016 v slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N.Y.C. Sviatosť birmovania vysluhoval slovenský biskup Msgr. Jozef Haľko. Medzi birmovancami bola aj jedna naša členka Spolku sv. Štefana, Simonka Lysáková.

Po ukončení rozlúčkovej svätej omše hlavný farár kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, Rev. D. Baker poďakoval otcovi Rev. Štefanovi Chanasovi za jeho dlhoročnú obetavú prácu v tejto farnosti. Za slovenské spolky, ktoré pracujú pri slovenskom kostole, poďakovala otcovi Štefanovi Henrieta H. Daitová a odovzdala mu kyticu červených ruží.

Po svätej omši sa podávalo malé občerstvenie, za ktoré patrí vďaka Jankovi Škrkoňovi a jeho manželke Joan. Zároveň Pán Boh zaplať všetkým tým, ktorí sa akýmkoľvek spôsobom pričínili o dôstojný priebeh tejto rozlúčky.

Henrieta H. Daitová
Kultúrna referentka
Farskej rady



Zľava: Otec Rev. Štefan Chanas a hlavný farár kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC, otec Rev. R. Baker.



Pán biskup Msgr. Jozef Haľko (sprava) udeľuje sviatosť birmovania Simonke Lysákovej, zľava sa prizerá otec Štefan Chanas.



Otec Štefan Chanas počas občerstvenia vo farskej hale kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého. Na snímke zľava: pán Solotnik, Marta Catalano, otec Rev. Štefan Chanas, Nina Holá, Henrieta H. Daitová a Judita Lepko.



Na snímke Henrieta H. Daitová odovzdáva ruže s poďakovaním otcovi Rev. Štefanovi Chanasovi v závere rozlúčkovej omše.

Pri Bráne slobody v Devíne pribudol pomník Antona Srhoľca

„Uplynulo niekoľko mesiacov od chvíle, keď sme sa tu stretli s otcom Srhoľcom, aby sme si pripomenuli prikorria režimu neslobody, ktorý nám tu vládol. Tiež aké dôležité je o slobodu bojovať, o základné ľudské práva, o demokraciu. Tu nás vtedy naposledy počastoval svojim milosrdným, chápaným, ale aj káravým tónom. Práve pri Bráne slobody upozorňoval nielen na zločiny komunizmu, ale varoval aj pred súčasnými režimami, v ktorých vládne nesloboda. Slovensko vždy videl v Európe spolu s ostatnými slobodnými štátmi. Nech jeho pomník znie ako láskavý zdvihnutý prst, ako trvala pripomienka kultúrnosti, ktorú tak potrebujeme,“ po uložení venca za asistencie Čestnej stráže prezidenta SR uviedol v príhovore Andrej Kiska.

Na asi dvojmetrovom pomníku je busta Antona Srhoľca. Vytvoril ju akademický sochár Peter Mészáros, rovnako ako Bránu slobody a nový pomník ju harmonicky doplnia. Na bielom pomníku je nápis Anton Srhoľec a jeho dátumy narodenia a úmrtia - 12.6.1929 a 7.1.2016. Pod nimi nechýba nápis Odpúšťame, ale nezabúdame. Je rovnaký, aký majú na tričkách členky KPVS.

Anton Srhoľec sa narodil v Skalici. Stal sa členom Saleziánskeho rádu (1946). V roku 1950 komunisti zrušili všetky rehoľné spolky. O rok neskôr so skupinkou bohoslovcov sa neúspešne pokúsil preplávať riekou Moravu. Za pokus o nelegálne prekročenie hraníc bol odsúdený na 12 rokov väzenia. V ňom strávil 10 rokov, prevažne v uranových baniach v Jáchymove. Po prepustení sa živil ako robotník. V období Pražskej jari (1969) dostal povolenie vycestovať do Talianska. Doštudoval teológiu na Pápežskej saleziánskej univerzite v Turíne. Za kňaza ho 17. mája 1970 v Ríme vysvetil pápež Pavol VI. Po revolučnom roku 1989 sa venoval najmä pomoci bezdomovcom a ich resocializácii. Vybudoval a až do svojej smrti viedol bratislavský útulok pre bezdomovcov Resoty. Je autorom kníh Experiment lásky, Nová rodina v novom svete, Každodenné zamyslenia a Svetlo z hĺb Jáchymovských lágrov, v ktorej opísal život väzňov. Zomrel 7. januára 2016.

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Pomník Antona Srhoľca pri Bráne slobody v bratislavskom Devíne 16. júna odhalil prezident SR Andrej Kiska so zástupcami organizátorov tohto dôstojného podujatia. Zúčastnilo sa ho niekoľko stoviek ľudí.

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Slovenský festival v Sterling Heights, Mich.

Farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Sterling Heights, Michigan usporiada 26. Slovenský festival cez víkend **od 26. do 28. augusta 2016**. Bude sa konať na pozemkoch farnosti na adrese 41233 Ryan Road. V piatok 26. augusta bude piknik od 6.00 do 11.00 hodiny večer. 27. augusta bude od 2.00 hodiny a 28. augusta od 11:30 dopoludnia do 9:00 hod. večer. Na predaj budú slovenské a americké jedlá a slovenské pivo. Pre deti budú pripravené rôzne hry a usporiadatelia pripravujú aj bohatý program, v ktorom sa predstavia ľudové súbory Šarišan z Detroit, Východná z Toronta a Domovina z Windsor, Kanada.

39. Slovenský festival v New Jersey v Mercer County Park 2. októbra

Výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey oznamuje, že tohoročný festival sa po prvý raz nebude konať v PNC Arts Center v Holmdel, NJ, ale v Mercer County parku v obvode mesta West Windsor, NJ. Výbor festivalu vybral tento park ako najvhodnejšie miesto pre ďalšie festivaly po tom, čo vedenie nadácie, ktorá spravuje PNC Arts Center oznámilo, že sa už v tomto centre nemôžu konať etnické alebo iné festivaly. Mercer County má javisko, oplotené priestory pre festival a v prípade potreby aj hokejovú arénu. V blízkosti parku sú silné slovenské komunity. 39. Festival slovenského dedičstva sa bude konať v nedeľu **2. októbra 2016**. Výbor festivalu bude slovenskú verejnosť priebežne informovať.



3. ročník Prehliadky slovenského folklóru v New Yorku

Nezisková organizácia Slovensko - Americké Kultúrne Stredisko (ďalej S-AKS) so sídlom v New Yorku zorganizovala už tretíkrát Prehliadku slovenského folklóru v podaní detí a mládeže so slovenskými koreňmi žijúcimi v New Yorku, New Jersey a Connecticut. Rôznorodosť programu a stále narastajúci počet záujemcov o slovenský folklór, svedčí o úspešnom uchovávaní našej kultúry aj za oceánom.

S myšlienkou organizovania folklórneho podujatia s podporou rozvoja a udržiavania slovenského jazyka a tradícií prišla pani Zuzana Krčmár. Po prvom úspešnom ročníku a prejavom záujmu zo strany slovenských komunít žijúcich v tristate area (New York, New Jersey a Connecticut) sa organizácia rozhodla pokračovať v tejto novovzniknutej tradícii a podporovať slovenské deti a mládež aj naďalej. Na príprave podujatia sa podieľa tím dobrovoľníkov pozostávajúci z aktívnych členov S-AKS.

Tohtoročná prehliadka sa uskutočnila 15. mája v priestoroch Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku. Po druhýkrát ju otvorila pani Zuzana Maziarz. Slovo odovzdala predsedníčke organizácie, slečne Sabine Sabados, ktorá privítala hostí, prítomných divákov i účinkujúcich. Pozvanie prijali významné osobnosti slovenského života v tristate area, medzi ktorých neodmysliteľne patrí pani generálna konzulka SR v New Yorku Jana Trnovcová, konzulka Monika Koiso, duch. otec Richard Baker a duch. otec Štefan Chanas (obaja pôsobiaci v kostole, kde sa podujatie odohrávalo) a duch. otec Martin Kertys. Všetci sa ujali mikrofónu a prihovorili sa publiku.

V pestrom programe sa predstavil mladý operný spevák, ktorého starí rodičia pochádzajú zo Slovenka. Andrew Pulver zaspieval dve ľudové piesne od známeho slovenského skladateľa Mikuláša Schneidra-Trnavského. Tento náš talent má za sebou mnoho úspešne zvládnutých významných rol v operách ako je Metropolitan Opera v New Yorku, Washington National Opera a Glimmerglass Opera.

V programe sa ďalej predstavili tzv. slovenské víkendové školy a folklórne súbory, aj pravá slovenská cimbalová hudba. Už spomínané školy zastupovalo Slovenské centrum detí Lipka z Linden, New Jersey. Pod vedením pani Slávky Forgac a pani Aleny Stevens, žiaci navčičili dva tance na hudbu populárnej slovenskej speváčky Kristíny. Slovenská škola Domovinka z Clifton, New Jersey sa predstavila s folklórnym pásmom. Najmladší tanečníci a speváci predviedli svoju šikovnosť nielen ako pastieri husí, ale aj palicovým tancom a chorovodami. Choreografiu pripravila pani Jana Joldzic, na akordeóne doprevádzal pán Dušan Ďurkoš a na husle hrala žiačka Viktória Holubecky. Česká a slovenská škola z Astorie, NY bola v zastúpení dvoch folklórnych telies, a to detským speváckym zborom Hlas a detským folklórnym súborom Limboráčik. Repertoár zboru pozostáva predovšetkým zo slovenských ľudových piesní. Na príprave programu sa podieľala p. Andrea Valčuha, p. Monika Kovalčíková a p. Janette Parvakis. Žiaci zo súboru Limboráčik predviedli svoj talent v nových tanečných choreografiách: Malé hušare a Gorale. Súbor vedie pani Dana Podžuban spolu s pánom Romanom Lewkoviczom. Slovenská škola pôsobiaci pri hostujúcom Kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého sa predstavila výberom slovenských

Sviatok Nanebovzatia Panny Márie

Dňa 15. augusta 2016 slávi Katolícka cirkev prikázaný sviatok Nanebovzatia Panny Márie. Gréckokatolícka cirkev si tento sviatok pripomína v tento deň pod názvom Zosnutie našej presvätej Vládkyne, Bohorodičky Márie, vždy Panny. Podľa tradície z poapoštolského obdobia Panna Mária nezomrela pre chorobu alebo starobu, ale usnula túžbou po svojom Synovi, túžbou po nebi. Jej hrob našli prázdny. Tradícia uchovala miesto tohoto hrobu v Jeruzaleme na úpätí Olivovej hory neďaleko Getsmanskej záhrady. Panna Mária bola po završení pozemského života s telom i dušou vzatá do nebeskej slávy. Tento sviatok má korene v starej apoštolskej tradícii, podľa ktorej sa Mária po Turicah živo zúčastňovala na živote prvej kresťanskej komunity v Jeruzaleme. Podľa Pánovho želania žila roky svojej staroby pod ochranou apoštola sv. Jána. Posledný záznam o živote Panny Márie je v Skutkoch apoštolov (Sk 1, 14), keď apoštoli a prvé spoločenstvo veriacich spolu so ženami a s Pannou Máriou očakávali prísľúbeného Ducha Svätého. Vo východnej Cirkvi sa sviatok Nanebovzatia Panny Márie slávil už v 6. storočí pod názvom Usnutie Panny Márie. Už prví kresťania vyznávali vieru v Máriino



nanebovzatie. Nikdy sa nehovorilo o relikviách, pozostatkoch jej tela.

V Jeruzaleme na vrchu Sion je Chrám Usnutia Panny Márie. Podľa tradície na tomto mieste bol dom, v ktorom žila aj dokončila svoj pozemský život Panna Mária. Cirkevní otcovia nazývajú smrť Bohorodičky usnutím. Pochovaná bola v údolí Cedron a nad jej hrobom stojí Bazilika Nanebovzatia. Hrob je prázdny, otvorený, lebo Mária bola vzatá do neba. Aj keď z pohľadu historikov sa zdá pravdepodobnejšie, že Mária skončila svoju pozemskú púť v Jeruzaleme, predsa aj Efez je v kresťanskej tradícii dodnes vnímaný ako mariánske mesto, ako miesto Máriinho nanebovzatia. Preto sa práve tam v roku 431 konal ekumenický snem, na ktorom bola slávnostne potvrdená pravda viery, že Mária je Bohorodička. Do tohto obdobia spadajú i korene sviatku Nanebovzatia Panny Márie. Slávil sa ako najväčší mariánsky sviatok tak na Východe, ako aj na Západe. Byzantský cisár Mauritius (588 – 602) ho ustanovil za štátny sviatok v celej svojej ríši na 15. augusta, aby tak zatienil starú orientálnu slávnosť vinobrania, ktorá si uchovávala mnohé pohanské prvky.

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Na snímke druhý zľava otec Fr. Richard Baker, Generálna konzulka SR v USA, Jana Trnovcová, predsedníčka S-AKS Sabina Sabados a (prvý sprava) otec Rev. Štefan Chanas s návštevníkmi podujatia.



Na snímke zľava: Susan Krčmar, operný spevák Igor Kucer, Sabina Sabados a Peter Krajnak.



Mladý operný spevák Andrew Pulver a otec Fr. Richard Baker, hlavný farár kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC.

detských piesní za hudobného doprovodu huslí a keyboardu. Pani učiteľka Renáta Bukovičová a pani učiteľka Jana Biliková pripravili so svojimi žiakmi prekvapenie pre prítomné mamičky v podobe básni a kvetov.

S cieľom reprezentovať slovenské tanečné a hudobné umenie bol založený v New Yorku v roku 1966 folklórny súbor New York City Folk Dancers. Dnes tento súbor poznáme pod názvom Limbora. Po kratšej prestávke, pod vedením pána Stana Novotného sa jeho noví členovia aktívne podieľajú na uchovávaní a prezentovaní ľudových tancov a piesní. Do svojho programu zaradili rezké tance a piesne zo šarišského kraja a navodili tak veselú atmosféru. Publikum ocenilo ich výkon neutíchajúcim potleskom.

Za vynikajúce výkony, ktoré podali hudobníci z ľudovej hudby Pajtáši z New Yorku počas celej prehliadky patrí veľká vďaka. Navodili tú pravú ľudovú atmosféru, nielen keď doprevádzali zbor Hlas a súbor Limbora, ale aj keď zahrali do tanca. Vážené publikum si malo možnosť aj zatancovať a zaspievať spolu so skvelými muzikantami (pristáš, kontrabas – Branislav Briňarský, cimbal – Maroš Kočerha, kontraviola – Štefan Valčuha, husle – Andrea Valčuha).

Špeciálnym hosťom programu a prekvapením pre publikum bol operný spevák Igor Kucer. S jeho skupinou Emotion Band pricestoval zo Slovenska na turné po americkom kontinente a poctil aj toto podujatie svojim vystúpením. Igor Kucer zaspieval vo svojom prevedení, výber rusínskych piesní, ktoré kedysi s obľubou spievala pani Julia Warhola, mama známeho umelca Andyho Warhola. Týmto folklórno-umeleckým zážitkom sa program ukončil.

Tak, ako si my za oceánom pamätáme, tak s našim milovaným Slovenskom sa spája krásna krajina, ľubozvučná reč, rytmické tance a piesne, pestrý ľudový odev, aj tradičné pokrmy. To všetko si mohli účastníci podujatia vychutnať plným priehŕstím až do neskorej popoludňajšej hodiny.

Tento prejav úcty a lásky k folklóru i tradíciám si uchováваме aj vďaka sponzorom a obetavej práci ľudí, ktorí pri organizačnej príprave, či náviku detí vkladajú do celého procesu kúsok zo seba. Podporou takéhoto podujatia si S-AKS plní svoje poslanie a rozširuje krásu a rôznorodosť našej kultúry aj za hranice slovenskej komunity.

Sponzori: Slovensko-Americké Kultúrne Stredisko; Úrad Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí; Slovak-Czech Varieties, NY; Sound's associates – Richard Fitzgerald Yonkers, NY.

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Sabina Sabados, predsedníčka S-AKS



Múzeum moderného umenia Andyho Warhola oslávi 25. výročie založenia

Návštevníkov Múzea moderného umenia Andyho Warhola v Medzilaborciach nedávno v rámci Medzinárodného dňa múzeí zaujal najmä obraz modrej mačky.

Takmer 250 návštevníkov si v priestoroch múzea mohli vyskúšať v rámci tvorivých dielní aj umeleckú tvorbu. Súčasťou celodenného programu boli tiež prehliadky expozícií s výkladom aj v cudzom jazyku.

Pracovníci múzea poskytli návštevníkom informácie o jednotlivých technikách, ktoré Andy Warhol aplikoval vo svojej tvorbe. „Zaujímavými sú určite technika serigrafie alebo blotted line, ktorú používal Andy Warhol v 50. rokoch,“ spomenula muzeoedukologička s tým, že ide o tzv. otláčanie línie na papier, ktorá je vytvorená tušom. „Vzniká tak špecifická kresba, ktorú Andy Warhol dotváral anilínovými farbami. Používal ju najmä pri komerčnom umení, pri tvorbe návrhov alebo ilustrácií do časopisov,“ povedala Cilipová.

Časť diel, ktoré návštevníci vytvorili, budú súčasťou výstavy. „Väčšina si ich chce vziať na pamiatku. Vždy si ich ale odfoťíme do nášho archívu,“ poznamenala muzeoedukologička.

Múzeum moderného umenia bude v auguste tohto roka oslavovať 25. výročie od svojho založenia. Podľa slov Cilipovej boli v tejto súvislosti pozvaní do Medzilaboriec aj Andyho príbuzní žijúci v Spojených štátoch amerických. „Účasť zatiaľ potvrdil Donald Warhola, jeden zo synov Johna Warhola, ktorý je spoluzakladateľom múzea,“ informovala Cilipová.

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STU podporuje postdoktorandov

Jednou z ciest ako podporovať mladých vedcov je podľa Slovenskej technickej univerzity (STU) vytvárať postdoktorandské pracovné miesta. Slovenská legislatíva zatiaľ pojem postdoktorand nepozná. V zahraničí sú takéto pozície bežné. Podľa rektora STU Roberta Redhammera univerzita vytvorila viacero postdoktorandských pracovných miest, pretože chce udržať na škole mladých nadaných vedcov a omladiť vedecké kolektívy.

Európa sa podľa rektora STU dostáva do celosvetovej konkurencie. „Mladí sa nedajú držať v kľietke, idú tam, kde sú lepšie podmienky na prácu, kde môžu dosiahnuť dobrý výkon a neraz i viacej zarobiť. Krajiny sa musia sústreďovať radšej na menší počet pracovísk a tie podstatne lepšie financovať, aby mohli preraziť vo svete. Na univerzite sme postdoktorandské miesta vypísali práve v oblastiach, kde máme špičkových odborníkov a kvalitné vybavenie, ktoré sme získali aj vďaka projektom univerzitných vedeckých parkov,“ dodal Redhammer. Postdoktorandi na STU skúmajú napríklad nové materiály, tvoria aplikácie a algoritmy, vyvíjajú elektroniku pre modernú diagnostiku či navrhujú „solárne“ mestá budúcnosti.

Na Slovensku legislatíva postdoktorandov nepozná, hoci Asociácia doktorandov Slovenska dlhodobo bojuje za to, aby ich ministerstvo školstva zaradilo do zákona a ich miesta finančne podporovalo. „Na Slovensku postdoktorandské miesta otvára niekoľko osvietených univerzít. Používajú na to peniaze, ktoré by mohli smerovať do výskumu či vybavenia školy. Ide pritom o dôležité pozície, kedy sa zo študentov stávajú skutoční vedci,“ uviedla predsedníčka Asociácie doktorandov Slovenska Veronika Trstianska.

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Mladí krajanovia spoznávajú Slovensko

V sobotu 30. júla 2016 sa v Liptovskom Jáne stretlo viac ako 50 študentov a pedagógov v letnom tábore mladých výskumníkov, v nedeľu 31. júla zasa v Demänovskej doline štartovalo Krajské leto.

„Mladí krajanovia v Liptovskom Jáne navštívili a spoznávajú viaceré lokality zapísané do zoznamov UNESCO, Spišský hrad a Žehru, Levoču, Vlkoš, jaskyne, artikulárny kostolík v Leštínach, ale i terchovskú muziku na Jánošíkových dňoch v Terchovej,“ informovala Zuzana Ševčíková, referentka marketingovej komunikácie UMB.

Letný tábor mladých výskumníkov sa skončil 7. augusta a Metodické centrum UMB ho organizovalo v gescii ministerstva školstva. Krajské leto trvalo do 13. augusta a na jeho účastníkov čakal poznávací a vzdelávací program, počas ktorého navštívili najbližšie okolie, ale tiež Oravský hrad a Slanický ostrov na Oravskej priehrade, Demänovskú jaskyňu, Čiernohronskú železničku, Lesnícky skanzen vo Vydrove a slávnosti v Terchovej. Medzi mladých krajanov zavítal i predseda Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Ján Varšo, v gescii ktorého sa toto podujatie konalo.

„Podstatou oboch aktivít bola činnosť v zmiešaných súťažných družstvách. Spolupráca na súťažných úlohách a pozitívna motivácia vedie mladých krajanov k prirodzenej komunikácii v spoločnom slovenskom jazyku,“ dodala Ševčíková.

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Bratislavu. Na prvom zasadaní samostatnej Konferencie biskupov Slovenska bol 4. apríla 1993 zvolený za generálneho tajomníka KBS a predsedu komisie pre Slovákov v zahraničí.

Dňa 15. apríla 1996 pápež Ján Pavol II. vymenoval Dominika Hrušovského za apoštolského nunciá v Bielorusku a súčasne ho povýšil na arcibiskupa.

V roku 1996 mu prezident Slovenskej republiky udelil Rad Ľudovíta Štúra I. triedy a v roku 1997 sa stal laureátom Ceny Štefana Moysesova za prínosy k slovenskému národnému životu.

Od júla 2007 Dominik Hrušovský žil vo svojom rodisku v Mani, neskôr v nitrianskom podhradí na Samovej ulici.

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Baroková záhrada na Bratislavskom hrade

O obnovení Bratislavského hradu, ktorý bol poldruha storočia v ruinách sa začalo uvažovať už v štyridsiatych rokoch minulého storočia. Na architektonickej súťaži sa vtedy zúčastnili najmä nemeckí a talianski architekti. Nič z toho sa našťastie nerealizovalo. Až v polovici päťdesiatych rokov sa na Hrade začalo s archeologickým výskumom a pomaly sa menil do podoby, ktorú mal pred veľkým požiarom r. 1811. Koncom šesťdesiatych rokov bol čiastočne sprístupnený a veľkú rekonštrukciu opäť podstúpil r. 2008. Je v správe NR SR, ktorá využíva približne 20% a zvyšok užíva SNM. Veľká diakusia sa viďla ohľadom výstavby podzemných garáží na severnej strane. Pri výkopových prácach nečakane objavili archeologovia mohutné základy rímskych stavieb, ktorí posunuli dejiny osídlenia hradného vrchu takmer o tisíc rokov. Archeológovia, architekti a politici sa museli rozhodnúť rýchlo a rozhodli dobre.

Rímske pamiatky zachovali, počet garážových státi sa znížil, ale zato v pomerne krátkom čase vybudovali nad parkoviskom podľa originálnych plánov, uchovaných v archívoch, barokovú záhradu. K Hradu pristavili pôvodnú zimnú záhradu a jazdiareň. Typické pohľady na Hrad, ktorý si pamätáme ako monumentálnu stavbu nad Dunajom majú dnes konkurenciu z opačnej strany. Baroková zeleň je zatiaľ nízka, ale o pár rokov, keď stromy a ozdobné kry dorastú, bude baroková záhrada pýchou Bratislavy a lákadlom pre domácich i zahraničných turistov.

Ivan Reguli



Pod barokovou záhradou je parkovisko pre asi 250 aut a sú tam zakonzervované aj múry z čias rímskej ríše, ktoré objavili pri výkopových prácach.



Bratislavský hrad poskytuje zo severnej strany, vďaka barokovej záhrade, nové pohľady.



Barokovú záhradu sprístupnili začiatkom leta. O pár rokov, keď stromy a kry vyrostú, bude ešte krajšia.



Počas predsedníctva Slovenskej republiky v Rade Európy sa budú konať niektoré rozhovory i v týchto priestoroch.



Premiér R. Fico na návšteve Vietnamu a Mongolska

Premiér Robert Fico sa po niekoľkodňovej návšteve v mesiaci júl vrátil z Mongolska a Vietnamu na Slovensko. S vietnamskou vládou rokoval o investíciách, ako aj o prehĺbení hospodárskej spolupráce. V Mongolsku sa zúčastnil na ázijsko-európskom samite ASEM.

Počas návštevy Vietnamu skonštatoval, že krajina predstavuje veľké investičné príležitosti pre slovenských podnikateľov. Priestor na rast investícií vidí najmä v oblasti informačných technológií i bankovníctva. Uzatvorených bolo niekoľko medzinárodných dohôd a memoránd. Fico tiež vyhlásil, že podporuje urýchlenie prijatia medzinárodnej dohody o voľnom obchode medzi Vietnamom a Európskou úniou.

Z rokovaní taktiež vyplynulo, že Vietnam prehodnotí vízovú povinnosť pre slovenských občanov. Malo by sa tak stať koncom tohto roka. Fico označil Vietnam za krajinu, ktorá prešla obrovskými zmenami a má podľa neho obrovský ekonomický potenciál. „Mojím záujmom je, aby sme nadviazali na všetko od roku 2008,“ poznamenal premiér s tým, že v tomto roku bolo v Hanoi otvorené veľvyslanectvo, ktoré navštívil.

V Mongolsku sa zúčastnil na ázijsko-európskom samite ASEM. Rokovanie lídrov však zatienili teroristické útoky vo francúzskom Nice a pokus o vojenský prevrat v Turecku. Tiež hovoril o prehĺbení spolupráce medzi Mongolskom a Slovenskom. Avizoval, že Slovensko by malo uvažovať o zriadení veľvyslanectva v tejto krajine.

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Zomrel arcibiskup Dominik Hrušovský

Vo veku 90 rokov zomrel 27. júla 2016 v Nitre arcibiskup Dominik Hrušovský. Biskupi, kňazi, zasvätené osoby a veriaci sa 1. augusta vo Veľkej Mani rozlúčili s arcibiskupom Dominikom Hrušovským. Mons. Hrušovského pochovali na cintoríne v jeho rodnej obci. Hlavným celebrantom pohrebnej svätej omše bol kardinál Jozef Tomko, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov.

Počas svojho života Hrušovský pôsobil okrem iného ako rektor Pápežského slovenského ústavu sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme, po páde komunistického režimu ako vikár niekdajšej Trnavskej arcidiecézy pre Bratislavu, neskôr z poverenia pápeža Jána Pavla II. ako apoštolský nuncius v Bielorusku.

Dominik Hrušovský sa narodil 1. júna 1926 vo Veľkej Mani (dnes Maňa) v okrese Nové Zámky. Po maturite začal študovať na bohosloveckej fakulte v Bratislave, odkiaľ ho ako nadaného študenta poslali na bohoslovecké štúdiá do talianskeho Ríma, kde navštevoval Lateránsku univerzitu. Po prevzatí moci komunistami sa do vtedajšieho Československa nevrátil. Kňazskú vysviacku prijal 23. decembra 1950. Pastoračnú službu vykonával v severnom Taliansku, neskôr pôsobil ako profesor dogmatickej teológie, prednášal aj filozofiu. V rokoch 1962-1966 bol členom slovenskej katolíckej misie v Paríži vo Francúzsku. Od roku 1966 pracoval v Slovenskom ústave sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme a 1. marca 1973 sa stal jeho rektorom. V tejto funkcii zotrval až do konca roku 1992. Súčasne pracoval aj ako redaktor časopisu Slovenské hlasy z Ríma.

Vzhľadom na bohaté skúsenosti so Slovákami žijúcimi mimo vlasti, Svätá stolica vymenovala Dominika Hrušovského 17. júna 1975 za vedúceho duchovnej služby pre Slovákov v zahraničí. Pri príležitosti jeho 50. narodenín ho pápež Pavol VI. povýšil na pápežského preláta. Dňa 18. decembra 1982 ho pápež Ján Pavol II. vymenoval za titulárneho biskupa tubijského, biskupskú vysviacku prijal z jeho rúk 6. januára 1983.

Pád komunistického režimu v roku 1989 priniesol obrat v živote Hrušovského. V septembri 1992 ho vymenovali za pomocného biskupa Trnavskej arcidiecézy s osobitným pastoračným povolením pre hlavné mesto Slovenska - Bratislavu. V decembri toho istého roku bol slávnostne ustanovený za pomocného biskupa a vikára Trnavskej arcidiecézy pre

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Kiska sa stretol s pápežom, pozval ho na Slovensko



Slovak President Andrej Kiska met Pope Francis at the 31st annual World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland on July 27, 2016. President Kiska extended greetings from the Slovak people and invited the pope to visit Slovakia.

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Na snímke vpravo prezident SR Andrej Kiska a vľavo pápež František počas stretnutia v poľskom Krakove v rámci 31. ročníka Svetových dní mládeže v stredu 27. júla 2016. Odovzdal mu pozdravy od ľudí zo Slovenska a opätovne ho pozval na návštevu našej krajiny.



V nedeľu dňa 10. júla 2016 náš drahý pán kaplán Rev. Štefan Chanas (na snímke) odsľúžil svoju rozlúčkovú sv. omšu za koncelebrácie nášho pána farára Rev. Richarda D. Bakera. Po trinástich rokoch pôsobenia otec Chanas bol preložený do novej farnosti Sv. Karola Boromejského 644 Clawson Str., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306.

Rozlúčková svätá omša v kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v N.Y.C.

Za roky jeho pôsobenia v slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, v New York City, slúžil sväté omše pre deti ako aj každý rok pripravoval slovenské deti na prvé sväté prijímanie. Už dlhší čas sa konali raz do mesiaca v sobotu večer mládežnícke sväté omše, po ktorých si posedel s mladými farníkmi, kde diskovali vzájomne o viere a náboženských otázkach. Zúčastňoval sa na prípravách i počas konania sa fraternalistických podujatí, ktoré väčšinou začínal modlitbou. Medzi nimi boli napríklad Tradičná slovenská Mariánska púť do West Haverstraw, N.Y., kde slúžil sväté omše, veľakrát aj za koncelebrácie iných slovenských kňazov. Pred pár rokmi sa tejto púte zúčastnil aj slovenský biskup Msgr. Jozef

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Zo slávnostného sľubu členov výpravy Slovenskej republiky na XXXI. letné olympijské hry 2016 v brazílskom Riu de Janeiro 23. júla 2016 v Bratislave. Na olympiáde v Riu de Janeiro (5.-21. augusta 2016) sa predstaví 52 slovenských športovcov. Na snímke spoločná fotografia časti výpravy Slovenska.

On July 23, 2016, a portion of the Slovak Olympic team made their pledge to represent Slovakia to the president Andrej Kiska before departing for the XXXI summer Olympics in Brazil.