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F.C.S.U. Announces Vacancy in the Office of Secretary of the Supreme Court

The position of Secretary of the Supreme Court of the First Catholic Slovak Union has become vacant due to the death of Stephen J. Whisdosh.

Section 6.5 VACANCY of the F.C.S.U. Bylaws reads as follows:

- " a) Any vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation or suspension, in any National Office except for the President or on the Board of Directors, shall be filled by the Board of Directors by any member who meets the requirements for office set forth in section 6.02 of these Bylaws, except the delegate requirement.
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 3. If a vacancy should arise in any office that will substantially affect the operation and business of the F.C.S.U., then such vacancy shall be filled on a temporary basis by the President until such time as filled by the Board of Directors at their next meeting."

Since this vacancy did not substantially affect the operation and business of the First Catholic Slovak Union it was not filled on a temporary basis.

This vacancy will be filled by the Board at the September 21 - 22, 2012 Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting. All applications for the office of Secretary of the Supreme Court must be received by the Executive Secretary on or before **September 10, 2012**. Please mail applications to the Executive Secretary of the First Catholic Slovak Union at the following address:

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Our Slovak Spiritual Heritage: Our Mother of Sorrows - Patroness of Slovakia

By Sister Catherine Laboure
 Bresnock, SS.M.

In Slovakia the feast of Our Mother of Sorrows is a Catholic non-working national holiday celebrated on September 15th in the small town of Šaštín-Stráže in Western Slovakia at the National Basilica of Our Mother of Sorrows.

The pilgrimage to Šaštín traces its roots back to 1564 when the wife of a Hungarian nobleman commissioned a statue of the Sorrowful Mother to be erected as an answer to a prayer. Since that time this statue, the Šaštín Pietà, had become the focus of devotion for pilgrims. The Empress Maria Theresa noticed that a large number of pilgrims had continued to visit the shrine, so she requested that a larger church be built to house the Pietà. In 1764, with Maria Theresa in attendance, a cathedral was consecrated to the Mother of Sorrows in Šaštín.



The FCSU-donated chapel built to honor Our Mother of Sorrows, the Patroness of Slovakia, features the Pietà, Italian for "pity," a sculpture showing the body of Christ being cradled by Mary.

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St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B., Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

September 2, 2012

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Gospel Summary

Today's gospel reading introduces a familiar theme concerning religious observance. The Pharisees were a group of very observant Jews whose very name means in Hebrew the "separated ones."

They were declared different because they were so meticulous in their concern for even the finest details of the Mosaic Law. In fact, they even added prescriptions to this religious Law which, according to Jesus, made it burdensome and thus compromised its very purpose which was to liberate also from the bondage of scrupulosity and spiritual pride. This is what Jesus means when he speaks of their "human traditions" which have distorted the Law.

Jesus comes into conflict with the Pharisees, not because he undervalues the Jewish Law, but because he understands that this Law is primarily about love and freedom and that its ritual elements are all subordinate to this primary concern. The danger in all ritual observance is that it can foster pride and lead to a sense of superiority in contrast to those who seem less observant. The result is self-righteousness and a tendency to be judgmental in regard to others.

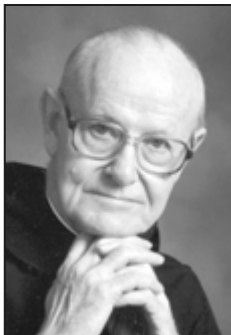
Jesus does not condemn ritual observance, which today would mean frequenting the sacraments and devotion to prayer. What he does condemn is a religious observance that is limited to the external aspects and does not include that for which the rituals exist, namely, conversion of one's heart from pride and self-centeredness to loving concern and compassion for others. Since this kind of conversion is a gift from God, there is no reason for pride in achieving it.

Life Implications

In our secularized world, many are not concerned at all about either ritual observance or conversion of heart. When things are going well, there seems to be no need for God, much less religious observance. This gospel message may seem irrelevant to such as these. However, reality will inevitably place all of us in a situation of need and, when that happens, we can only hope that we have the good sense to turn to God with humility and trust.

The gospel speaks directly to those of us who are in fact serious about the requirements of religious observance. For us, the Pharisees serve as clear examples of the grave danger of careful but superficial observance. We may be scrupulously concerned with all kinds of pious practices, some indeed of our own devising. But at the same time we may be seriously lacking in compassion and forgiveness. We may very well be, like the Pharisees, self-righteous and judgmental. Such a situation provides us with the illusion of virtue but it is in fact far removed from the deep personal conversion preached by Jesus.

Conversion of the heart means that we have discovered that all our goodness comes from the love of God for us. This leads to genuine prayer of praise and gratitude as well as a real yearning to share this gift with others. It is such persons who will excel in generosity and tolerance and thoughtfulness. And in their praise and gratitude they will truly fulfill the ideals of the divine Law.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

September 9, 2012

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 7:31-37

Gospel Summary

Jesus leaves the district of Tyre, and by way of Sidon goes into the district of the Decapolis. People beg him to cure a deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus puts his finger into the man's ears, touches the man's tongue with his spittle, looks up to heaven, groans, and heals the man, saying, "Be opened." The people are astonished and say, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Life Implications

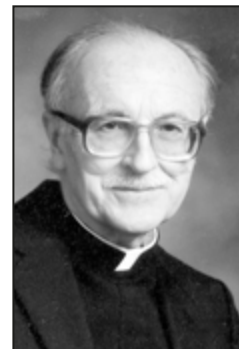
Mark's gospel is filled with false expectations, misunderstandings, and rejections of Jesus not only among the people he encounters, but among his own disciples as well. The disciples, even Peter, do not see and do not hear with complete faith, and thus say things that indicate blindness and deafness to the identity and meaning of Jesus. This characteristic of the gospel fits very well with the ancient tradition that Mark wrote his gospel in response to the experience of the church in Rome during the period around A.D. 70. Things were not working out as expected.

The church by this time had been separated from the Jewish community; persecution had heightened under the emperor Nero; Peter and Paul had been executed; the expected return of the Risen Lord to destroy the power of Satan was not happening. Disappointed people were leaving a church that was proclaiming a savior apparently powerless to overcome the evil they were experiencing. Mark realizes that many Christians in that stressful experience did not see, did not hear, did not speak with the power of Christ--their faith was not Christian faith. To address this situation desperately in need of redemption, Mark wrote his gospel in such a way as to highlight the fact that even the first, eye-witness disciples also had false expectations that Jesus did not meet.

Mark's narrative about the past proclaims the good news today that Jesus has the power to heal our deafness and our blindness so we can speak the truth about him and glorify God without impediment. The power of faith's hearing and seeing enables us to realize that the only way to share Christ's resurrection is through sharing Christ's love, thereby following in his way of the cross. It is only the power of love that conquers evil.

Mark introduces the healing of the deaf man with the speech impediment by telling us that Jesus had left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon into the district of Decapolis. Mark does not explain the odd itinerary--it would be like saying that Jesus went from Pittsburgh to Atlanta by way of Buffalo. Note that he had introduced the previous unit in his gospel about the Gentile woman's faith by telling us that she lived in the district of Tyre. The woman clearly got the better of Jesus in their sharp exchange about whether his ministry extended beyond his own Jewish people to the Gentiles. Mark makes a point of reporting that Jesus, in admiration of her faith, did drive the demon out of the woman's daughter, and immediately went into the district peopled by Gentiles.

Jesus heard God speaking to him through the voice of the Gentile woman that the ministry of divine love is to be extended not only to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles. Now among the Gentiles Jesus hears the people who plead for the cure of the deaf man with a speech impediment. He looks up to heaven, seeing that all his healing power comes from God, and groaning with compassion he speaks the words of love, "Be opened." Today at our Eucharist we pray for the gift of sharing the faith and compassion of Christ--hearing, seeing, speaking with the power of his Spirit in the particular circumstances of our own lives.



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

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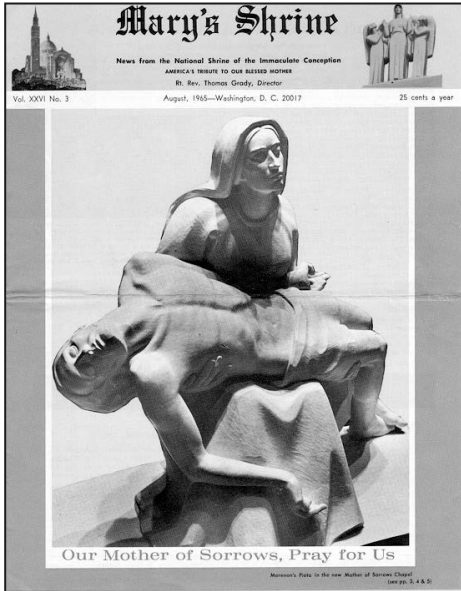
Our Mother of Sorrows -Patroness of Slovakia

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In 1667 the Vatican approved the feast of Our Sorrowful Mother to be recognized and celebrated. In 1814 Pope Pius VII added the feast of Our Sorrowful Mother to the Roman Catholic calendar of Saints on the third Sunday in September. In 1913 Pope Pius X moved the feast to September 15th.

In 1927 Pope Pius XI first proclaimed Our Mother of Sorrows as patron of all Slovakia. In 1964 Pope Paul VI strengthened this proclamation by designating the Šaštín cathedral to be a Minor Basilica, the first basilica in Slovakia. In 1995 Pope John Paul II added a golden crown to the statue.

Within the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC a chapel was built to honor Our Mother of Sorrows, the Patroness of Slovakia. This monument was a gift from the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada (Jednota). On September 5, 1965 this Slovak shrine was dedicated to Our Mother of Sorrows as a true and lasting tribute to the deep faith and faithful devotion of the Slovak people in Slovakia and America.



Editor's Note: Reserved seating is available for FCSU members at the 10:00AM Annual Commemorative Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 16, 2012. For details, please see the Branch 856 listing on page 14 of this issue.

On September 5, 1965 this Slovak shrine, a gift from the First Catholic Slovak Union, was dedicated to Our Mother of Sorrows in tribute to the deep faith of the Slovak people in Slovakia and America.



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LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Radio Host/Producer, The Christophers

Hymns, Harmony, and the Light of Faith

What does 19th century Catholic cleric Cardinal John Henry Newman have in common with 20th century singer/songwriter Hank Williams Sr.? For one thing, both of them have songs featured on the new album by The Lower Lights entitled "A Hymn Revival: Volume 2."

The Lower Lights is a bluegrass/folk group of more than 40 singers and musicians who came together in 2009 to record an album of hymns—some of which they'd grown up with, others that they'd discovered more recently. Their name originates from a sermon by 19th-century Protestant preacher, Dwight L. Moody, who told the story of a Lake Erie ship that crashed into the shore of a Cleveland harbor during a violent storm one night, killing many onboard. Though the lighthouse shone brightly, its lower lights, which help guide ships safely to shore, were not working. Moody concluded his sermon by explaining, "Brethren, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse; let us keep the lower lights burning." Those words resonated with the musicians who hoped that their music would shine God's light.

Their newly released album of classic hymns, entitled "A Hymn Revival: Volume 2," kicks off with "Lead, Kindly Light," a song with lyrics taken from a poem by Cardinal John Henry Newman called "The Pillar of the Cloud." The first verse begins: *Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, / Lead Thou me on! / The night is dark, and I am far from home. / Lead Thou me on!*

In a way, this song is similar to Hank Williams' "I Saw the Light" which directly follows it. His lyrics begin: *I wandered so aimless, / Life filled with sin, / I wouldn't let my dear Savior in. / Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night, / Praise the Lord, I saw the light!*

What Newman and Williams have in common is that search for God's light that will guide our paths here on earth and ultimately lead us to heaven. On the surface, Williams' short, drug-and-alcohol-fueled life was very different from the respected Cardinal's. Yet underneath was that inherent desire for God's peace which surpasses all understanding. It's a goal that requires transcendence and faith, and sometimes music is the best art form to accomplish that.

"A Hymn Revival: Volume 2" provides those moments in the above-mentioned songs as well as in "Be Thou My Vision," "Nearer, My God to Thee," and more. In addition to familiar hymns from Catholic and Protestant songbooks are a few Mormon hymns because the majority of The Lower Lights come from that background. One of my favorites is "I Stand All Amazed" which begins:

I stand all amazed at the love Jesus offers me, / Confused at the grace that so fully He proffers me. / I tremble to know that for me He was crucified, / That for me, a sinner, He suffered, bled and died. / Oh, it is wonderful that He should care for me enough to die for me. / Oh, it is wonderful, Wonderful to me.

I'm a firm believer that well-done vocal harmonies reflect the harmony God wishes to have with us, His children. The blending of multiple voices singing their own unique parts can be transcendent, lifting our minds and hearts to the Creator who—as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is Himself an example of harmony. That's the kind of harmony present in The Lower Lights' performances. In a world of constant noise and pressure, The Lower Lights provide an oasis of spiritual peace and joy.

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary



REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS August 2012

General Intention - Prisoners

That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity.



Criminals disrespect the human dignity of their victims when they steal, hurt, or kill. So do criminals lose their own dignity in prison? No. Church teaching respects the human dignity of all people, including criminals. In an Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "Prisoners are human persons who, despite their crime, deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. They need our care. With this in mind, the Church must provide for pastoral care in prisons, for the material and spiritual welfare of the prisoners." Part of that pastoral care involves praying for the conversion of prisoners. Rehabilitation is possible only when human dignity is respected. That's why Pope Benedict asks us to join

him in praying this month that prisoners may be treated, not only with justice, but also with respect for their human dignity. The Pope said: "Pastoral workers have the task of studying and recommending restorative justice as a means and a process for promoting reconciliation, justice, and peace, and the return of victims and offenders to the community." Restorative justice is a process in which offenders, victims, and the community come together to repair the damage caused by a crime. Justice must be accompanied by reconciliation that leads to healing. Without reconciliation, prisons will be places that make people worse, not better. Some members of the Apostleship of Prayer are prisoners. Our simple and profound life, in which every moment of the day is offered to God, helps them find purpose in their often difficult life behind bars. Some Apostles of Prayer distribute our leaflets to prisoners. It's a small but significant way that they practice Christ's exhortation to visit those in prison.

Reflection: Why should those who have committed crimes be treated with respect?

Reading: Luke 15:1-7 Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.



Mission Intention - Youth Witness to Christ

That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



This year Pope Benedict has challenged young people to be "missionaries of joy." One cannot give what one does not have. One cannot witness to what one has not seen. Thus, in calling them to this great mission of the Church, Pope Benedict urged them also to stay close to Jesus, to know him and his love in a deeper way so that they may be filled with a joy that is, in the Pope's words, "contagious." The Holy Father also said: "We cannot be happy if others are not. Joy has to be shared. Go and tell other young people about your joy at finding the precious treasure which is Jesus himself. We cannot keep the joy of faith to ourselves. If we are to keep it, we must give it away." The best way for young people to hear the Gospel is from their

peers. Pope Benedict acknowledged that for many young people "the way Christians live at times appears dull and boring." This impression needs to be countered by joyful witness. The Pope told young people, and really all of us: "You should be the first to show the joyful and

happy side of faith. The Gospel is the 'good news' that God loves us and that each of us is important to him. Show the world that this is true!" We pray that young people may be willing to proclaim and live the Gospel to the ends of the earth, in other words, wherever they are. And are we, no matter what our age, so filled with the joy of faith that we cannot keep it to ourselves? May we all stay close to the Lord Jesus so that we will be full of his joy.

Reflection: When you were young, how did you experience the joy that God alone gives?

Reading: 1 John 1:3-4 What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us... We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.



Prayer of the Month



Almighty and merciful God, to whom alone the secrets of the heart lie open, who recognize the just and make righteous the guilty, hear our prayers for your servants held in prison, and grant that through patience and hope they may find relief in their affliction and soon return unhindered to their own. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

—"For Those in Prison," Collect, The Roman Missal



Slovak Holy Hill Pilgrimage in Milwaukee, WI on Labor Day

This year's 97th annual Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill will be held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Stations of the Cross at the bottom of the hill. At 9:30 a.m., a Holy Mass will be celebrated in the Shrine's upper church. We hope Branch 89 members of Milwaukee will join us. For more information, please call Betty Valent at 414-425-6137.



Sorrowful Mother Pilgrimage at Lady of Lebanon Shrine, OH, Sept. 16

The Annual Sorrowful Mother Pilgrimage in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will be Sunday, September 16, 2012 at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine, N. Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH.

Devotions begin with the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Novena at 2:20PM. Anointing of the Sick and Confessions follow. Concelebrated Slovak Mass is at 3:30PM. The Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin, V.G., will be the homilist.

There is a dinner following Mass. Tickets are \$15 (\$6 children). They may be purchased from Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) members or by calling 330-782-9126. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Everyone is invited to the Pilgrimage. Dinner is optional.

Ane Marie Vidis, SFC Secretary, Youngstown Branch

Scenes from District 2 Semi-Annual District Meeting

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District for Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the Missionary Benedictine Convent in Oak Forest, IL. Twenty-eight people representing seven branches attended. After the meeting, attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner.

Rober Ľapák Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary



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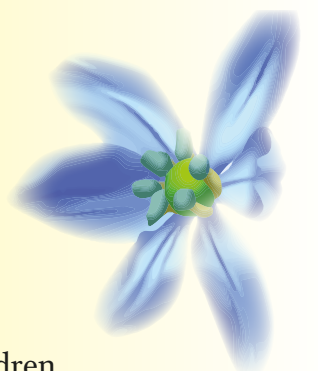
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My Memories: Fallen Soliders From FCSU

Not a Day Goes by that I Don't Think of My Kid Brother

By Joe Miklovic, Branch 900

My brother was in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was a Cobra helicopter pilot who lost his life during a Pohakuloa training mission while stationed at Kaneohe Bay Hawaii in 1976. Fellow Marines reported, on the day he died, to the family, that the weather conditions were horrible with flying conditions horrendous.

Jim was my 'kid' brother who was 11 months younger than I. As brothers we were inseparable. As hard as we played, that is how hard we did battle. If we were on the same soccer - baseball - football team the opposing team had no chance for victory. In high-school we dueled against each other in track.

We each tried-out for varsity soccer in high-school - and each got 'cut' until Jim's senior year when he not only made the team but was selected captain of the team. His soccer prowess earned him a soccer scholarship to Eastern Illinois University where his

collegiate career in soccer was capped-off when the team won the NAIA National Collegiate Championship. Following his death in 1976 a tradition, started by his fellow collegiate soccer-mates, - an EIU/ALUMNI SOCCER GAME - commenced, with the game being named in my brother's honor.

His senior year in high-school was extraordinary. Not only was he a BMOC in sports but he had the 'lead' in the school musical - 'How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.' He had women 'hanging' on his arm.

The world was his stage after college & he was moving rapidly up the food chain in the USMC. His first car was a Ford Mustang painted Marine Corps green.

When USMC pilot, 2nd Lieutenant Miklovic graduated, top of class, from flight school, he was stationed in Hawaii. After stationed on the islands a little over a year, this Leatherneck pilot received a Letter of Commendation for his performance, strong initiative, sound judgment and professional



actions in the successful completion of an extremely hazardous U. S. Coast Guard rescue mission.

With free lodging available, he rented a five bedroom house on the beach with four other Marine officers, the family vacationed in Hawaii in early June 1976 - just days before his death. My wife, with child - our first - advised that Jim was the first family mem-

ber she confided-in about her pregnancy. Joshua James was born in 1977.

This JARHEAD is at rest with our parents at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

There is not a day that goes by that I do not reflect on Jim.

Editor's Note: This moving reflection was in response to Jednota's call out for our members to send in their personal stories of other FCSU members in their family who died while in service our country. Any photos of that deceased member should be sent in as well, if you have them available. Please send your memories and your branch affiliation, as well as any available photos to Jednota Editor Teresa Ivanec, c/o FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131 OR you may send materials via email to fcsulifeeditor@gmail.com (note: if you are sending photos electronically, please scan and send them in a jpeg format).

Slovak Catholic Federation plans Pilgrimage of Faith for 2013

Rev. Philip Altavilla, V.G., National President, Slovak Catholic Federation, announced that a special Pilgrimage of Faith is being organized for April 14 - 26, 2013, to celebrate a number of milestones in the history of the Catholic Church: the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the convening of the Second Vatican Council by Blessed Pope John XXIII and the 20th anniversary of the publication of The Catechism of the Catholic Church; the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Rome, Italy, due to the vision and efforts of Cardinal Joseph Tomko, assisted by the late Bishop Andrew Grutka and many committed Slovak Catholics from America and Canada; and the Jubilee Year in Slovakia, recalling the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius to preach the Gospel to the Slavic peoples.

Those wishing to participate are reminded that this event is a Pilgrimage and not an ordinary tour. Given the places that are to be visited and dignitaries that are to be met, elements of the itinerary may change, even at the last minute. This pilgrimage is organized through Danube International Travel Agency, Nyack, New York, and is presented as an opportunity to celebrate both Catholic faith and Slovak heritage.

Pilgrims will depart from Philadelphia on Sunday, April 14, 2013, with arrival the following day in Rome. Five full days will be spent in Rome which will include visits to major religious and historic churches and sites. While in Rome, pilgrims will attend the weekly Wednesday papal audience with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, and will visit the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Pilgrims will reside at the same hotel the entire time in Rome.

Following a visit to Rome, pilgrims will fly to Vienna, Austria, and then transfer to motor coach to spend the remainder of the pilgrimage in Slovakia. While in Slovakia, pilgrims will stay at a hotel in Bratislava for five days and will visit places such as: Trnava, Šaštín and Nitra, the site of the oldest Christian Church in Slovakia. Nitra was the center of the evangelization mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius, with Saint Methodius having served as Archbishop of Nitra. The pilgrimage will also include a visit to Velehrad, Czech Republic, where Saint Methodius is believed to have died in 885 a.d.

Pilgrims will depart from Vienna, Austria, to Philadelphia on Friday, April 26, 2013. The cost of the air and land package is \$3,900.00 per person based on double occupancy. The single supplement is an extra \$780.00. Space on the pilgrimage is limited so initial registration with a \$100.00 down payment must be submitted by: Saturday, September 15, 2012. To download a registration form and to review the itinerary, visit: www.slovakcatholicfederation.org. Please send registration form and down payment to: Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.G., Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. For more information, contact Father Altavilla at (570) 344-7231 or Anna Korcak at Danube International Travel Agency at (845) 353-7792.

35th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival set for Sunday, September 23

All is in readiness according to the co-chairpersons of this year's 35th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival, W. Nina Holy and John G. Duch. The annual celebration of our Slovak heritage in the Garden State will again be staged at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J.

The huge outdoor complex is conveniently located off Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway in central New Jersey. The festival is one of the largest Slovak festivals of its kind in the country and annually attracts thousands of visitors. With easy highway access, along with free admission and plenty of free parking, the annual event is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet members of the Slovak community who participate from all parts the northeast.

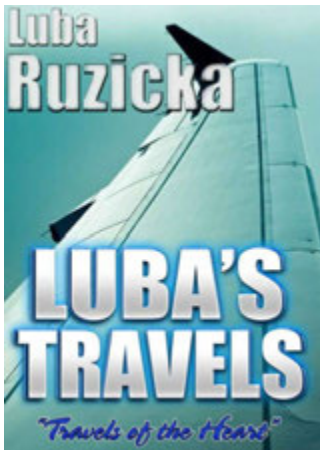
The festivities open at 10:00 a.m. with colorful and interesting exhibits along with vendors offering an array of imported arts and crafts items from Slovakia, including crystal, majolica, the decorative arts, religious goods and more. Stands devoted to Slovak folklore and genealogy will assist those interested in learning more about their ancestral villages. The formal program begins with a Slovak concelebrated Mass at 11 a.m. in the huge outdoor tent. Music for the liturgy will be provided by the choir of Holy Family Slovak Parish in Linden, N.J. along with other area Slovak parishes. Following the liturgy, an array of traditional Slovak culinary favorites will be available to satisfy every appetite. Homemade Slovak pastries will also be available for sale. An enjoyable luncheon is assured. At 2 p.m. the cultural program begins. Featured this year will be the colorful and spirited artistry of the PAS - Pittsburgh Area Slovak Dance Ensemble. The troupe will present the lively music and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. Another feature of the cultural program will be the Parade of Slovak Fashions in which adults and children don their colorful ancestral dress or "kroj". An explanation of the particular dress traditions of the regions and villages is explained. Many of these colorful outfits are more than a century old and were brought to America by the first wave of Slovak immigrants. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the ever-popular Joseph Jurasi Band - Kontakty which features the artistry of the Jurasi family who are active members of Branch 45 of the Jednota in New York City. Other soloists and entertainment will also be featured at this year's festival. Local soccer teams from across the northeast will compete in the traditional soccer tournament. Many New York and New Jersey members of Jednota are serving on this year's festival committee and look forward to meeting and greeting many of our members from across the area. Make sure to stop by the booth sponsored by the First Catholic Slovak Union.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the festival. It was in September 1977 that the first festival was held at what was then known as the Garden State Arts Center spearheaded by such area Slovak stalwarts as the late Albin J. Stolarik, Attorney Joseph J. Talafous, John C. Sciranka, Pauline Gallos Jones, Mary Kozusko, George Zahorcak and many others. Albin J. Stolarik served as the chairperson of the first festival. For the next twenty festivals, Attorney Joseph J. Talafous served as chairperson and for the past fourteen years, the festival has been under the leadership of co-chairpersons, our well-known Slovak cultural and fraternal activists, W. Nina Holy and John G. Duch. Over the years, as many as 10,000 visitors have enjoyed the annual celebration of our Slovak heritage in the Garden State. This year's festival looks to be one of the best ever!

- Daniel F. Tanzone



Book Corner



LUBA'S TRAVELS is the first-person account of Luba Ruzicka. The daughter of an eminent Slovakian cardiologist, she is born on Christmas Eve 1940 in Bratislava and spends her earliest years in the shadow of World War II.

LUBA'S TRAVELS is much more than the classic immigrant's story and will appeal not only to the millions of people who have traveled from far away to make America their home. It will speak to every wife and mother who wanted a life of her own, every businessperson who struggled to realize a dream, every person who ever believed in him or herself.

It is about the attempt to keep a transplanted culture alive in a foreign land, about the never-ending yearning for home, about the education of a lifetime, and about the travels—geographical, psychological, and emotional—of an extraordinary woman. It is about the travels of the heart.

Publication Date: June 6, 2012

About the Author

Luba Haviar was born in Bratislava, (then) Czechoslovakia in 1940, the daughter of the eminent Slovak cardiologist Dr. Vladimir Haviar. She attended Comenius University where she majored in foreign languages, centering on French. Her early plans to travel to Africa to teach French were derailed when she met the Slovak doctor Fano Ruzicka. They fell in love, married and started their journey to America. After stops in New York, Wisconsin and Arizona they finally settled, with their two children Vladimir and Renata, in Taylor, Texas, just outside Austin. Fano went to work at the Johns Community Clinic and Hospital and Luba began her travel agency "Luba's Travel". She now lives in The Hills, TX, near Austin, and has four American grandchildren.

You can read more details of this book and/or order an electronic copy by going to: www.amazon.com/Lubas-Travels-ebook



New Baby in the FCSU Home Office Family:

Lukas Thomas Scally

Born August 10, 2012



FCSU Home Office Staffer Adriana Scally and her husband Tom are proud new parents. Lukas Thomas Scally was born on the evening of August 10, 2012. He entered the world at 9 ½ lbs and 21 ½ inches long. Many members know Adriana who handles computer programming, cash value, and medical assistance information for the Society.

Congratulations, Adriana and Tom!



WPSCA-Sponsored Slovak Classes Start Sept in Pittsburgh



September 14 - November 2, 2012: Slovak language classes – sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) – will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brashear Association located at 2005 Sarah Street on the South side of Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Cost: \$15 (WPSCA members); **\$20** (non-members)

For more information, contact Pam (during office hours) at: 412-531-2990.

Slovak Classes Start Sept 15th in Brecksville, OH



Slovak language classes once again will be held at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church, 8111 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio. The first session of the new year (12 classes in all) starts on September 15, 2012 and runs through December 8, 2012. The second session, which encompasses 16 classes, runs January 19, 2012 through May 18, 2012.

Longer Instruction, Expanded Staff

This year, the Cleveland Slovak School features both longer instruction times and an expanded teaching staff.

The instructor for Levels I and II is Mrs. Marcela Kerul'-Kmecova. Mrs. Kerul'-Kmecova has been formally trained in the English and Russian languages as well as in education, psychology, accounting, economics and church history. Her employment background has been in management, administrative assistance and accounting.

The Levels III and IV instructor is Mrs. Miriam Visnovsky, a religion and ethics teacher trained in Slovakia. Prior to Mrs. Visnovsky's move to the greater Cleveland area, she was employed as an elementary teacher in Kosice, Slovakia.

2012 Class Schedule

An overview of the new Cleveland Slovak School class schedule for the 2012 – 2013 sessions is as follows:

- September 15th through December 8th – 1st Session (12 classes)
- January 19th through May 18th – 2nd Session (16 classes)

Please note: No classes will be held on November 24th, March 30th and April 6th due to the Thanksgiving and Easter holidays

Specific class times for each class level are as follows:

- Level I - (beginner children age 3 and older) 8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- Level II – (beginner adult with no Slovak language background or fluency) 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Level III - (advance teen and adults with beginner Slovak language fluency AND who have completed Level II) 8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- Level IV - (advanced teen and adult who have previously completed Levels II and III) 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Requirements, Fees & Applications

Levels II and III students are asked to purchase the Slovincina pre Cudzincov textbook and workbook by Dratva and Buznova. These books can be purchased online through Bolchazy Publishing at www.bolchazy.com. Level IV materials will be provided during class.

Class fees are \$10 for the first family member and \$5 for each additional family member (\$120 for the 1st session and \$160 for the 2nd session per first student). These may be paid at the first class or by completing an application and sending the application and check made payable to Cleveland Slovak School to 514 Danbury Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012.

Please note: fees are nonrefundable and are expected at the first class.

For applications or for further information, please call Mary Ann Dzurec at 440-930-2197 or email at cleveslovaksschool@yahoo.com. For those students who wish to return, Level 3 will review basics briefly then begin where Level 2 ended last year. Level 4 will begin where Level 3 ended last year therefore an understanding of conjugation of verbs in the present tense is necessary to advance to Level 4. If you would like tools for assisting in moving to Levels 3 or 4, consider purchasing Colloquial Slovak by James Naughton through Amazon. Alternatively, you can check the Internet for additional Slovak language resources.

- Submitted by Mary Ann Dzurec, Branch 754



Reminder...

All English and Slovak articles should be sent directly to the editor Teresa Ivanec, First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398. The email address for articles is fcsulifeeditor@gmail.com. Articles may also be sent by Fax at 216/642-4310. Teresa Ivanec can be reached by phone at 216/642-9406 or 1/800-533-6682.

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, a cancellation or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Home Office, 6611 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131-2398. Phone 1/800-JEDNOTA; fax at 216/642-4310 E-mail: FCSU@aol.com

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012 INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the May 2012 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT:

The Treasurer presented a written report and answered all the Executive Committee's questions.

The President led a discussion on our Single Premium Life Insurance Product. It was determined after careful review of this product that the pricing needed to be revised. The Actuaries will study, review, and re-price this product. Until the Actuaries complete their study, a \$50,000 face amount limit has been placed on this product beginning immediately and all concerned have been notified.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Byron White, representing AQS Management, Inc., gave his monthly presentation by Teleconference and WebEx. He presented the monthly transactions report and briefed the Executive Committee on our Investment Portfolio. After the report, Mr. Byron White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President reviewed the current annuity interest rates and it was decided that the rates will remain the same. The annuity interest rates will be reviewed again at the next July Executive Committee Meeting.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

The President updated the Executive Committee on the Golf Tournament and stated Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director, is working with the National Slovak Society on this joint Golf Tournament which will be held on July 14-15, 2012 in Sharon, Pennsylvania. The President stated the Home Office was sending letters to our vendors soliciting sponsors to help defray costs of the Tournament and provide an advertising tool for the vendors.

The President stated the Fraternal Activities Director is working on locating a site to hold a National Picnic in 2013. As information becomes available, the Executive Committee will be informed.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP:

At this time the President introduced a Financial Management Group from Boston, Massachusetts to give a short presentation concerning the overview of their company. After the presentation they answered all the Executive Committee's questions.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report for the different regions and the report of our independent agents and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The Vice President stated we are continuing to add new agents.

The Vice President reported on the response the Special Program, directed towards our youth, has generated; this very successful program will continue through December 31, 2012. This program is offered to all qualified applicants who will receive a special fraternal benefit of \$14.00 towards the premium of a \$10,000 Juvenile Term to Age 25 policy for the first year.

The Vice President stated he is still scheduling 2012 seminars. The Vice President is asking the Regional Directors for their assistance in setting up the seminars.

Vice President Harcar and Executive Secretary Arendt have completed the arrangements for the Membership Meet for 2012 which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The information will be advertised in the Jednota newspaper, website, and sent in the branch mailing and to our recommenders.

ADVERTISING:

The Executive Secretary stated he and Terri Ivanec, Editor of the Jednota, will continue advertising our products and annuity rates in our Jednota newspaper, mailings, and on our website.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK**

Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB).

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, and 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 May 2012:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 265,900.89
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 39,234.87
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.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated he and Regional Director James Marmol are working closely to finalize the plans and estimated costs for the Jednota Monument on the Estates.

The President stated he and the Executive Secretary continues to work on merging the active and non-active branches. As this process is completed each branch member will be notified and this will be published in the Jednota newspaper. The President stated this will be an ongoing project.

Regional Director Damian Nasta inquired regarding a proposal to involve the Society to market items such as clothing, souvenirs, etc. with a "Jednota" or "FCSU" logo. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposal in depth and determined the cost, marketing and investment required was not practical.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

The request for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN:

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

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

 Andrew M. Rajec
 President

 Kenneth A. Arendt
 Executive Secretary

Reminder For All Branches

Among the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend, under Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES, is the following:

14.01 General Rules

a) Branch and district meetings must be held in the close proximity of the hub of its members. The meetings shall be held at least semiannually, one of which must be for the elections of officers, who shall assume their duties upon election. **Notice of each of these meetings shall be published in the Official Organ at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.**



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Space is limited! A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a room by September 28, 2012. Limited rooms are still available. To make your reservation call Karen at 800.533.6682. Airline reservation may be made by Adventure International Travel. Call Paul Hudak at 800.542.2487 or email Paul@aits.webmail.com. Members and guests are responsible for their own travel arrangements.



Slovak Church Reopens in Cleveland

It was with great excitement on July 29th 2012 @ 11:00 A.M. St. Wendelin Church, 2281 Columbus Road in Ohio City, (Cleveland, OH) reopened its doors for the first time in over two years to celebrate mass once again. Bishop Richard Lennon had ordered it closed on May 23rd 2010.

In a jubilant celebration, Rev. Robert Kropac said mass to a standing room only crowd of 650 former, current and new parishioners. Many people from the 11 churches that have reopened were also in attendance. The most emotional response came when Fr. Kropac relit the sanctuary light that had been extinguished over two years ago. Tears, hugs, smiles and a tremendous sense of relief and anticipation filled the congregation on that beautiful Sunday morning.

St. Wendelin Church is now the only remaining Catholic Slovak church in the Cleveland Diocese. After ceaseless prayers, appeals and hard work, we now have a place to call home once again. Our parish family is now restored as we proudly continue into our 109th year.

For more information on becoming a member of St. Wendelin Church please call toll free 1-855-StWendelin or simply join us at mass Saturday 4:30 P.M. and Sunday 10:00 A.M. We look forward to seeing you!

- Submitted by Jim Stracensky

Slovakia at the 2012 Summer Olympics

The **2012 Summer Olympics**, officially the Games of the **XXX Olympiad** and also more generally known as **London 2012**, took place in London, United Kingdom from 27 July to 12 August 2012. More than 10,000 athletes from 204 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) participated, including Slovakia.

Slovakia first participated at the Olympics in 1994, and has sent athletes to compete in every Game since then. Prior to its dissolution in 1993, Slovak athletes competed for Czechoslovakia at the Olympics.

The National Olympic Committee for Slovakia was created in 1992 and recognized in 1993. Since then, Slovak athletes have won a total of twenty medals at the Summer Olympic Games, mostly in slalom canoeing.



Medals in Women's Shooting

At this year's Summer Olympics, Slovak shooter Danka Bartekova won the first medal for her homeland at the Olympic Games 2012 in London on Sunday, July 29, 2012, winning bronze in women's skeet shooting.

Bartekova, 27, who was the eighth in Beijing in 2008, qualified for the finals of six shooters from second position. Then she managed to gain 90 points and beat Russian shooter Marina Belikova (4:3) in a shoot-out. The gold belongs to U.S. shooter Kimberly Rhode, while Chinese contestant Wei Ning won silver.

"I cried in Beijing and now I'm crying again. But there is a big difference, because then I cried with disappointment and now I'm doing so because I'm happy," Bartekova told TASR.

Her trainer Juraj Sedlak couldn't hide his joy either. "Our travails over 14 years have borne fruit at last. I must have grown older by 20 years during the shoot-out. I almost suffered a heart-attack," he described his feelings.

It was a big fight for Bartekova on the second day of the Olympics, as she was struggling with her lack of confidence in the morning. Now she enjoys the taste of a victory. "How the medal tastes? Well, like bronze, beautifully," she said.

Later in the games, sports shooter Zuzana Štefečeková, born in Nitra, Slovakia, captured the silver medal in the Women's Trap event. She also won the silver medal



FOTO TASR - Martin Baumann.

Danka Bartekova at the closing ceremonies of the 2012 Summer Olympics.

in the same event category at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Medals In Men's Canoeing

Slovak slalom canoeist Michal Martikan won a bronze medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in London in men's canoe singles on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Martikan, the well-known defender of the gold title from Beijing, fell behind his big rival and gold winner – French Tony Estanguet – by 1.25s. Sideris Tasiadis (Germany) won silver. Somewhere inside I'm happy, but I'm also a bit disappointed," Martikan described his immediate feelings. "Before the Olympics I longed for gold, in the finish I knew that after my little mistakes on such a 'padding' track, my time won't suffice for a victory," he assessed.

At the same time, Martikan said he wasn't absolutely happy with his performance, claiming that there is always room for improvement. "I was convinced that I would be faster in the finals, as I conserved enough energy for it. I always maintain that it's possible to be even faster and do away even the tiniest mistakes in the race, which means that one can push down the seconds as well. In other words, I could have pushed stronger with every stroke," added the 33-year-old Slovak paddling legend.

This is the fifth Olympic medal for Martikan after his two golds (Atlanta and Beijing) and two silvers (Sydney and Athens).

The first Olympic gold-winner in Slovakia's independence is the most successful slalom canoeist in the history of this sport. His collection consists of 36 medals in total, including four Championship titles at both the World and Europe Championships.

Bratislava-born Pavol Hochschorner is a slalom canoe who took the bronze in the C-2 event. As with his previous Olympic wins in this same event (gold medals in 2000, 2004 and 2008), he competed with his twin brother Peter Hochschorner as his teammate.

Hochschorner also won twelve medals at the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships with six golds in the C-2 category, two silvers and four bronzes. He also won the overall World Cup title 10 times (1999-2004, 2006-2008 and 2011) with his twin brother, which is a record in any category.

This article was compiled based on information from online sources such as Wikipedia and the Slovak News Agency TASR.

SLOVAK FESTIVAL

22nd ANNUAL SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH SLOVAK FESTIVAL



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Aug. 24, 2012 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Talent Show	Aug. 25, 2012 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Aug. 26, 2012 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Slovak Mass – 11:30 a.m.) (Parish Raffle – 6:00 p.m.)

Ethnic Food – Bake Sale – Parish Raffle
Inflatables – Kids' Game Tent
Rock Climbing Wall – 50/50 Raffle
Beer – Wine – Pop – Live Music & More

\$5,000 Top Prize!

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday:

- * Parish Talent Show
- * Family Night "Karaoke"

Saturday:

- * Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble and Junior Šarišan (from Sterling Heights, MI)
- * Slovak Domovina Dancers (from Windsor, Ontario)
- * Tri-City Plus Band

Sunday:

- * Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble and Junior Šarišan (from Sterling Heights, MI)
- * Slovak Domovina Dancers (from Windsor, Ontario)
- * The Hank Haller Ensemble (from West Lake, OH)

---- Public Dancing on Saturday and Sunday ----

(Program subject to change)

FOOD – Slovak & American

****Slovak food on Sat. & Sun. ONLY****

Holubky (Stuffed cabbage)
Slíže s kapustou (Noodles & cabbage)
Pirohy (Pierogi)
Fašírky (Slovak burgers)
Klobása s kapustou (Kielbasa with sauerkraut)
Parky (Hot Dogs)
Hranolky (French Fries)
Cyril Burgers (specialty pocket sandwiches)
Palacinky (Crepes)
Zmrzlina (Ice Cream)
Predaj Koláčov (Bake Sale)

BEVERAGES

Pivo (Beer) * Vino (Wine)
Malinovsky (Pop)
Káva (Coffee) & More

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Mark Your Calendars!!!

September Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar in Chicago

The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will take place on Sunday, September 23, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629.

Eva Bustamante will discuss the history of Our Lady of Sorrows Slovak Catholic Cemetery in the Archdiocese of Chicago, which was founded in 1923. This will be of particular interest to people doing geneological research. Afterwards she will answer questions, and distribute booklets.

Registration for the seminar will start at 1:00 pm; Ms. Bustamante will be welcomed at 1:45 pm, with her presentation following. A buffet dinner will be served at 3:00 pm.

The offering for this event is \$15.00. Prepaid registration can be arranged through John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810. For more information, call Geraldine Hletko at (708) 387-7812.

Robert Tapak Magruder
Seminar Publicity Committee (502) 244-6643

Slovak Festival

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012

St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall

6750 State Rd. Parma, Ohio

Music: John Pastirik Band • Frank Moravick Band

12:00 Noon until 8:00 pm

Plenty of Slovak Homemade Food and Pastry

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Branch 855 is hosting an AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM class on October 11, 2012 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM, at the Activities Center of St. Charles Borromeo Church; 5901 Ridge Road; Parma, Ohio 44129.

Course material includes safe driving strategies for drivers over 50, however, much of the material is extremely useful to drivers of all ages.

You can register for the course by calling Linda Kolesar at 440-886-0206.

The course fee will be subsidized by Branch 855 for the first 25 Jednota members who register.

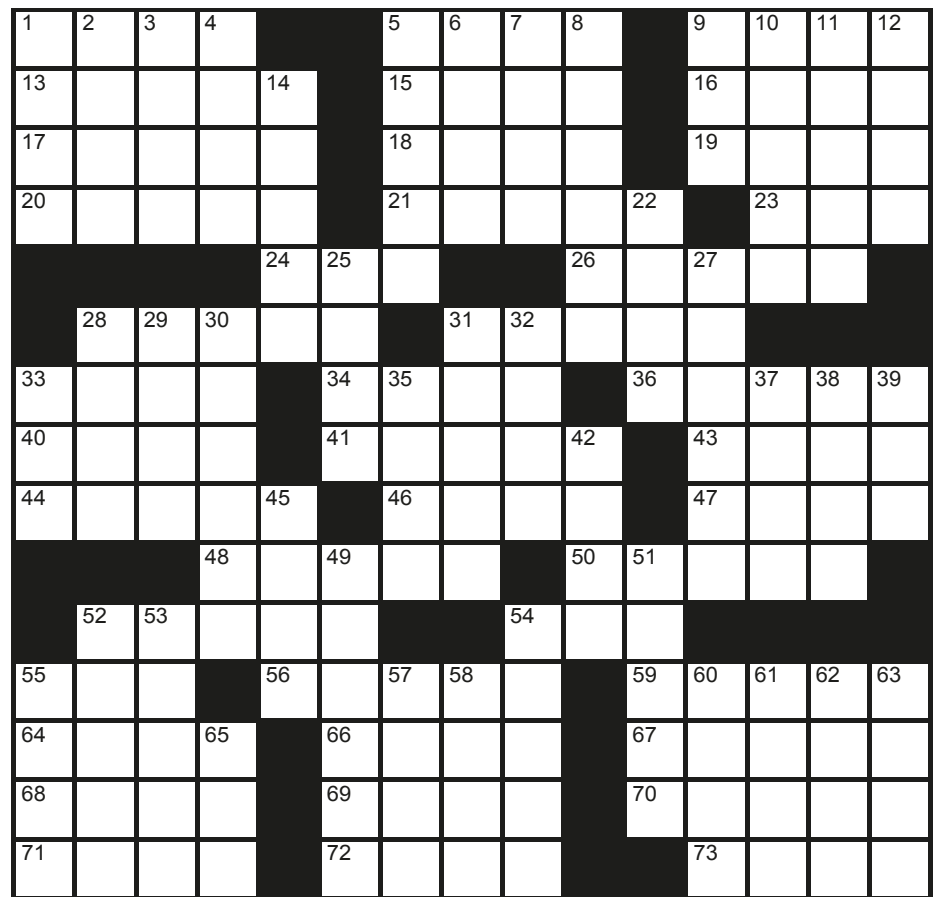
Attendees could be eligible for premium discounts on their auto insurance. Check with your insurance agent for specifics on the discount percentage.

For more information, call 440-886-0206.

Publication Schedule for 2012

Issue Date	Deadline to Receive Information
September 5	August 27
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Across

- 1 Winter toy
- 5 Lion's share
- 9 Grow dim
- 13 Mystiques
- 15 Curved molding
- 16 Biblical shepherd
- 17 Lady's garment
- 18 Ore carrier
- 19 Computer info
- 20 Reddish brown
- 21 Assists
- 23 Ring count
- 24 "___ De-Lovely"
- 26 Avid
- 28 Happening
- 31 Winter wear
- 33 Family group
- 34 Malicious look
- 36 Fire remnant
- 40 Final notice
- 41 Bridge material
- 43 Torso
- 44 Wish granter
- 46 Additionally
- 47 Balcony section
- 48 Salad green
- 50 Cubic meter
- 52 Military action
- 54 Season (Fr.)
- 55 Embargo
- 56 Certain exams
- 59 Legal proceeding
- 64 Flows out
- 66 Rainbow goddess
- 67 Cooktop
- 68 ___ vera
- 69 Citrus fruit
- 70 Chips in
- 71 Succeeding
- 72 Blabs

Down

- 73 Fling
- 1 Window part
- 2 Gospel writer
- 3 Hibernia
- 4 Very mild oath
- 5 Nocturnal insects
- 6 Fairy tale beast
- 7 Ocean goer
- 8 Irritability
- 9 Beanie Babies, for one
- 10 Decrease
- 11 Block
- 12 Flamboyance
- 14 Wood covering
- 22 Benefit
- 25 Sums (Abbr.)
- 27 Risk
- 28 Hamburg's river
- 29 Conceited
- 30 Attract
- 31 Rinds
- 32 Mars, to the Greeks
- 33 Sprocket
- 35 Gr. letters
- 37 Rude person
- 38 Advantage
- 39 Deli bread
- 42 Missing
- 45 Hence
- 49 Spookily
- 51 Aquarium fish
- 52 Expensive fur
- 53 Desk file
- 54 Twisty turns
- 55 Carob, e.g.
- 57 Solo
- 58 Hobble
- 60 Bluster
- 61 Division word
- 62 Seemingly forever
- 63 Minus
- 65 Collection goal

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Chewy Enjoys "America's Pastime" with 60 Members of District 10

Hi, Kids.

It's me, Chewy.

You'll never guess where I've been since last I wrote.

Give up? Try, with Jedi Knights, baseball players chasing cats, and District 10 of the FCSU. Yea, seriously, Dude. It was fun-o-rama on the evening of Saturday, August 11, 2012 at Canal Park in Akron, OH, when District 10 let me tag along to their latest FCSU fellowship activity.

All 61 of us (60 members from Branches 24, 450 and 553 of District 10, Home Office employees, and our FCSU National President

- and 61 was me!) got to see the minor league baseball team, the Akron Aeros, beat the Fisher Cats from New Hampshire. You know, I'd heard about this baseball; but back in Slovakia, our summer sport of choice is futbal. You call it soccer. Here, well, I now see why it's called "America's pastime." These guys rocked. Too much fun - watching them wallop that baseball and run the bases. I was wishing I could have run alongside them, too, and chased those Fisher Cats. Cats! I hate cats, so it was just crazy good to see them go down.

Before that outstanding eve-

ning game, we got some excellent chow at the all-you-can-eat picnic style buffet with special reserved seating just for the FCSU. We also got to meet all these way-cool characters that were walking around. I got a photo opp with the Team Mascot, Orbit, and even got to defend the rebels against the evil Empire. These guys were dressed up in Star Wars garb because of the uber-special Star Wars fireworks after the game.

Just when you'd say it couldn't get better, our name appeared in lights on the jumbo-tron, along with the other groups there for the park's "Faith and Family

Night."

Wow. I'm beginning to understand how great this fraternalism stuff is. I hope you and your family are enjoying some great fraternal activities as well. I sure would like to come to your house and go to events with you, your family and friends. It could happen ... what do you think?

Until then, keep your ears up and your tail wagging.

Your friend,
Chewy



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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society- Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St Michael Archangel Branch 2 will hold its meeting on September 25, 2012, at 7 pm at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd. We invite members to come to this meeting. Agenda will include ongoing business of Branch 2 and plans for the remainder of the year. All members are urged to attend. There will be a snack following the meeting. Any questions or reservations please call 412-766-3222.

Faternally,

Joanne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2012, at the Beachwood Hilton, 3663 Park East Drive, Beachwood, OH, 44122. The meeting will begin at 1:00PM in Porter's Restaurant, the Elton John Room, after which a light lunch will be served. Please call Susan Lang at 216-896-0957 before August 24, 2012, to make a reservation.

David Lang, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 27P – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 027P Pittston, PA and Branch 382K Scranton, PA.

All members of Branch 027P will now hold membership in Branch 382K. This merger has taken place as of June 28, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: John J. Slovenkai, Sr., 318 14th Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18504-2512 (507) 347-3579.

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Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 32 – PINE BROOK, NEW JERSEY

There has been a merger between Branch 032K Pine Brook, NJ and Branch 746K Linden, NJ. All members of Branch 032K will now hold membership in Branch 746. This merger has taken place as of July 20, 2012. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Mary Kapitan, 166 Echo Ave, Edison, NJ 08837-2631 (732) 225-2658.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 47K – STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

There has been a merger between Branch 047K Stamford, CT and Branch 019K Trumbull, CT. All members of Branch 047K will now hold membership in Branch 019K.

This merger has taken place as of July 02, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Jacqueline Ann Zack, 15 Brookhedge Rd, Trumbull, CT, 06611-3212 (203) 268-4727.

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Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 51P – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 51P Hazleton, PA and Branch 003P Hazleton, PA. All members of Branch 51P will now hold membership in Branch 003P. This merger has taken place as of July 12, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Michael Leo Koval, 1007 W. 7th Street, Hazleton, PA, 18201-3923 (507) 454-0004.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

All members are invited to attend a Christmas performance at the Theatre at the Center in Munster, Indiana on Sunday, December 9, 2012. The performance is Forever Plaid presents "Plaid Tidings" at 2:30 p.m. We will start with a Brunch at 12:30 p.m. The cost for Branch 153 members is \$34.00; the branch will subsidize the \$22.50 cost for the Brunch. The cost for non-members will be \$56.50.

Please mail checks payable to Rudy Bernath, 810 Fairhope Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025. Deadline is October 1, 2012. For further information call Rudy Bernath at 847 724-5243 or Dorothy Jurcenko at 773 763 0810.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Call for directions if needed. Any inquiries and updating information should be directed 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, October 28, 2012, at 1:15 P.M., at Ponderosa Steak House, 1261 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, New York. On the agenda will be a discussion of Branch business and the Election of Officers. All members are encouraged to attend. Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8034, or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 25, 2012, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 196P – COALDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 196P Coaldale, PA and Branch 293K Lansford, PA. All members of Branch 196P will now hold membership in Branch 293K.

This merger has taken place as of June 26, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Robert John Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA, 18232-2210 (570) 645-4872.

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Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 199 – NORVELT, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, September 9, 2012, at Chumps Restaurant, Main Street, Norvelt, PA. Attendance is encouraged.

Barbara Patula, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its next semi-annual meeting on September 9, 2012 at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Dr., Latrobe, PA 15650. For more information, please call 724-539-8326.

Faternally,

Micki Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 367 – FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 367 Fairchance, Pa will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at Caporella's Italian Ristorante, 90 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. The meeting will begin at 5 PM. If planning to attend please call Kathryn Baranek at 724-569-1006 or Audrey Balazik, President at 724-438-3887.

Patricia Speshock, Vice President

BRANCH 393 – HANNASTOWN,, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Branch 393 will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2012, at 1:00PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Rt 119, Greensburg, PA 15601. All members are welcome. For reservations, please call Mary Ann Nalevanko at (724)-834-6386.

Mary Ann Nalevanko, Financial Secretary/
Treasurer

BRANCH 480K – CUDAHY, WISCONSIN

There has been a merger between Branch 480K Cudahy, WI and Branch 900K Independence, OH.

All members of Branch 480K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of July 16, 2012. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Rd., Ste 300, Independence, OH 44131 (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567 KJ will have their semi-annual meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 1:00pm at 419 East Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18109. A discussion will be held regarding our future fundraising plans.

Faternally,

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595- MUSKEGON HTS, MICHIGAN

The Muskegon Heights Branch will hold a meeting on September 12, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Hall. The general meeting will be September 16, 2012 at 3:00pm. Again this will be at Tatra Hall.

Branch 595 will be starting "All you can Breakfast" on September 26, 2012 starting at 8:30. Best in town!!

Laura Karafa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 623K – SHEFFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 623K Sheffield, PA and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 623K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of July 16, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Rd., Ste 300, Independence, OH 44131 (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 624K – MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

There has been a merger between Branch 624K S Milwaukee, WI and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 624K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of July 17, 2012.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 659K – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 659K Lansford, PA and Branch 293K Lansford, PA. All members of Branch 659K will now hold membership in Branch 293K.

This merger has taken place as of June 26, 2012.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Robert John Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA, 18232-2210 (570) 645-4872.

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Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 682 – BOARDMAN, OHIO

Branch 682 will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 7:00PM at Material Research Laboratories, 290 N. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471, at 7:00 PM. On the agenda: discussion of the branch's 100th Anniversary. All members are invited.

Joseph T. Scavina, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 703K – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

There has been a merger between Branch 703K Chicago, IL and Branch 153K Chicago, IL. All members of Branch 703K will now hold membership in Branch 153K. This merger has taken place as of July 18, 2012. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Dorothy M. Jurcenko, 7113 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL, 60631-2436 (773) 763-0810.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 721 – BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Branch 721 of Bannister, MI, will have a meeting on Sunday, September 30, 2012, at 2:00PM in the St. Cyril Parish Hall in Bannister. All members are invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On September 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm, Saint Joseph Branch 731 members will meet at Saint Matthias Church Rectory, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

We are planning our Mass for deceased branch members which will be celebrated on December 16, 2012. In addition, plans for our annual meeting to include the election of officers will be made. Please try to attend.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 743- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 would like to invite all FCSU members and friends to the St. Cyril & Methodius Parish Festival and FCSU Michigan District Picnic to be held Saturday August 25th and Sunday August 26th on the Parish grounds located at 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

Festival hours are: Saturday 2 pm to 11 pm and Sunday 12 noon to 8 pm.

Attendees will be under the BIG TENT once again. There will be bands, Slovak dancers, ethnic foods, adult beverages and much more. There are children's games, prizes, inflatables, dunk tank, bake sale, craft and silent auction. Look for the Slovak specialties from the kitchen and grill!

For complete and current Festival information, please visit the web-site at www.saintcyriils.org

Come and enjoy the festival and meet with your fellow Slovaks!

Joseph C. Rimarcik
President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764 held their monthly meeting on May 30, 2012 at Bella Women's Center. We discussed the upcoming breakfasts scheduled at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Newton Falls on September 16, 2012 following the 9:30am Mass and also the breakfast at St. Cyril & Methodius in Warren on October 28, 2012. We scheduled a Mass at St. Cyril & Methodius on November 4, 2012 at 9:30am for the living and deceased members of the Branch. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2012 at 12:00 noon at Bella Women's Center, 1192 North Park Road, NE, Warren, OH. Hope to see you there!

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 779K - KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 779K King Of Prussia, PA and Branch 055K Broomall, PA. All members of Branch 779K will now hold membership in Branch 055K.

This merger has taken place as of July 09, 2012. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: Helena T Gaydos, 137 Cypress Dr., Broomall, PA, 19008-3206 (610) 356-7956.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 830 (& TRANSFERRED 774) - ROSE BUSH, MICHIGAN

A meeting of Branch 830K of Rose Bush, MI, and (transferred) Branch 774K of Merrill, MI, will be held at Richland Township Park, Pavilion #3, in Hemlock, MI. It will be held on Saturday, Septem-

ber 8, 2012, at 11:00AM. If you have any questions, please call 1-989-835-9895.

Katherine Radosa Stevens, Secretary

BRANCH 856 - WASHINGTON, DC

The annual commemorative Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, NE will be held on Sunday, September 16th, 2012 at 10:30 am in the UPPER CHURCH. Reserved seats for members of the First Catholic Slovak Union and guests are in the first half of Section F, located down the main aisle, on the right, facing the altar, second bank of pews. After Mass we will convene at the Chapel of the Mother of Sorrows for a brief visit, followed by a social hour in the cafeteria on the ground floor of the Shrine. For more information please contact Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638.

Marion Mistrik, Secretary

BRANCH 888 - WEST PALM, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next two meetings on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 5:30PM at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, FL, 33410, and on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 5:15PM at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, FL, 33410. Contact David Rafaidus, President at (561) 776-0449 or jednota888@yahoo.com for directions and further information.

On the agenda will be future branch activities, election of officers, Treasurer's report, and items of mutual interest to the membership. All branch members are invited to attend.

David Rafaidus, President



Branch 855 To Host AARP Driver Safety Program Class

President Michael Kolesar of Branch 855 is happy to announce that the branch will host an AARP Driver Safety Class on Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Activities Center of St. Charles Borromeo Church, located at 5901 Ridge Road; Parma, Ohio 44129.

Individuals who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion, which enables the individual to be eligible for a reduction of his/her automobile insurance premium. The specific percentage discount varies from insurer to insurer. Check with your agent for specifics.

The course carries a fee of \$12.00 per attendee; however, Branch 855 is offering to subsidize the fee for the first 25 Jednota members who register for the course.

Individuals may register by calling Linda Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer of the Branch, at 440-886-0206.

Sept Car Show in Stratford, CT



Event: Holy Name of Jesus 5th annual Car Show

Date: Sept 8, 2012
(Rain date: Sept 15, 2012)

Place: 1950 Barnum Ave Stratford, Ct. 06614

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Food & Fun for the entire family:

- Bacon, eggs and coffee served until 11AM
- Hotdogs and hamburgers served 11AM - 2PM

Car Admission: \$10.00, day of show

Categories: Cars 25 years and older; cars under 25 years welcome

For more information, contact Larry Wells:

By phone: 1-203-375-2836

By email: Lawman56@optonline.net

- Submitted by Eileen Wilson, Branch 19

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 - REV MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT - NEW ENGLAND

The Rev Matthew Jankola District 1 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Sept 9, 2012, at 11:00AM at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called The Rev Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will review our year's activities and plan next year's agenda. The election of District Officers will take place at this meeting.

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

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky will hold its annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at the Missionary Benedictine Sisters Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, IL. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments starting at 1:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm.

Attendees will enjoy a scrumptious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates; individual FCSU members who wish to learn more about becoming active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call District President John Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810, so enough food and beverages can be ordered for the meeting.

Robert Tapak Magruder

DISTRICT 3--GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its Annual meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2012. We will meet following the 5:00P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church in United, PA. in the Formation Room of the Convent. On our agenda will be the election of officers for 2013 and planning for our annual Stedry Vecer. Attendance from each branch is encouraged and will be appreciated. Refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 4 - MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT - NEW JERSEY

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries are asked to RSVP to Joe Minarovich @732-469-5256 by November 4th. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

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

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2012. The Mass will be at St. Joseph's Church, 604 N. Laurel St., Hazelton, Pa. 18201 at 11:15 AM. An ethnic dinner will be served at 12:30 PM. The meeting will take place at 1:30 PM. The dinner and meeting will take place in the church basement.

Donation for the dinner is \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Branch 003. All checks and credentials must be returned by Saturday, September 29, 2012. PLEASE be prompt!!

Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610.432.8350. Thank You!

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 17 - SS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT - LUZERNE AND LAKAWANA COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA; AND BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

The District's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012; 12:15PM Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, immediately followed by dinner in the Church Hall. Auditors will meet at 1:00PM and the meeting will begin at 1:30PM. Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Reservations and any questions about the times should be made with President Michael Slovenkai at 570-342-7562. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR DISTRICT AND BRANCH SPECIAL? THEN YOUR PRESENCE IS SO IMPORTANT. GET THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT JEDNOTA'S ACTIVITIES AND INSURANCE, AS WELL.

Reservations are a "must" for the Annual District Picnic scheduled Sunday, September 9, 2012, at McDade Park, Scranton, PA, from noon to dusk. Catered dinner will be served at 12:30PM. Price: adults, \$15.00; children, \$7.00. Donations of Gift Basket(s) or a monetary donation from ALL branches will be raffled off at the park. Bring your donation to the park or arrange for pickup. Some branches may choose to share a portion of the cost of the meal. Scranton Branch 382 and Binghamton Branch 166 will co-sponsor the afternoon cookout. For reservations: call Elizabeth Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director, at 570-344-3854. Deadline: September 7, 2012. COME JOIN A DAY OF FUN, GOOD FOOD, AND GOOD FRIENDSHIP.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH G. MRAVEC BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Died July 28, 2012, age 98 Born in Parcovany, Slovakia on Dec. 15, 1913. Joseph came to America in 1920 when he was six years old. He was a 1932 graduate of



Rocky River High School. He received his BSc in Chemical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1936 and was hired by the Timken Company where he worked for 42 years. Joseph was a Registered Professional Metallurgical Engineer and retired from Timken as Chief Mill Metallurgist Steel Division. He married Ruth Lofgren in 1941, a marriage that lasted for 70 years. In the 54 plus years Joseph lived in Canton, he was a member of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, the Canton Bridge Club, Canton Toastmasters Club, and a life member of both The American Society for Metals and The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Joseph is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth and sister, Anna Mravec. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Groves (Bill) Van Buskirk and son, Joseph (Linda) Moravec, Md. Also surviving him are his three grandchildren, David (Keely) Groves, Kari (Brian) Coxson, and Sarah Moravec and five great-grandchildren, Zachary, Savannah, and Ella Groves and Jett and Slade Coxson.

Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 4th at St. Gabriel's Church in Glendale. Burial was at North Lawn Cemetery in Canton on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012. Visitation was held in the cemetery Chapel at 12 p.m. followed by a grave site burial at 12:30 p.m.

IRENE SWARTZ BRANCH 40 – STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Irene M. Swartz, 82, of Streator passed away Tuesday morning, July 3, 2012, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. A visitation was held on Friday, July 5, 2012, from 12:30-2:30PM at the Winterrowd Funeral Home, followed by funeral services at 2:30PM at the funeral home that same day. Burial was in Goodfarm Township Cemetery in Dwight.



Irene was born on January 13, 1930 in Dwight, IL to Martin and Hilda (Hahn) Simantel. She married Art Koval in 1949. He passed away. She later married Frank Swartz on July 13, 1956. He passed away February 1, 2002.

Surviving are sons, Terry (Alice Bell) Koval of Bloomington and Todd Swartz of Streator, and sister, Doris (Raymond) Vogen of Streator.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Frank Swartz.

Irene was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She attended Dwight grade school and graduated from Streator High School in 1948. She worked at The Lipton Tea Co. and Streator Furniture Factory and retired from Owens Illinois Glass Co. after 30 years.

JOHN YACKO BRANCH 292 – WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

John Yacko, age 78 of Hiteman, IA, passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at his home in Hiteman.



John was born October 10, 1933, in Blakesburg, to Andrew and Anna (Yarkosky) Yacko. He attended grade school in Hiteman, and graduated from Albia High School.

John was in the United States Army and later worked at John Morrell and Company for 25 years, retiring in 1973. He also farmed his entire life in Hiteman.

John was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, American Legion Howard Cessna Post #136, and Knights of Columbus Council #4167. He enjoyed attending parades, listening to country western and polka music, and going to sales. He also loved to travel and would frequently visit the sick and help them any way he could.

John is survived by his sister, Verna Yacko of Albia. He is also survived by a special niece, Connie Hatfield; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Helen Hazlett and Irene Yacko; and three brothers, Andrew, Peter and Albert Yacko.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military rites was provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation was open to the public at 11 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012 at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with John's family present from 5-8 p.m. A rosary was led at 6 p.m., provided by the Knights of Columbus Council #4167, with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

STEPHEN A. BALAZOVICH BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen A. Balazovich, 92, formerly of West High Street, Coaldale, died July 9, 2012, in Bethlehem, PA. Prior to retiring in 1982, he was a tubing operator for U.S. Steel, Fairless Hills.



Born in Coaldale, PA, he was a son of the late John and Mary (Cech) Balazovich. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Balazovich was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Tamaqua. A 1938 graduate of the former Coaldale High School, he was a 50-year member of the Coaldale V.F.W. Post and was a member of the Coaldale American Legion Post, the Coaldale Lions Club, the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the Father Henry Baker Council No. 2711, Knights of Columbus, where he earned a fourth degree. He belonged to the First Catholic Slovak Union and was a former Branch Officer of 293, Lansford, PA.

Surviving are a sister, Margaret Boran of Hamburg; a brother William of Maple Shade Meadows, Nesquehoning; nieces and nephews, Jack Boran, Patricia Scutta, Anne Tarsavage, Marie Werley, Peggy Hain and Kathy Boran; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Rose Aronne and Mary; and three brothers, Joseph, Michael and John.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2012, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Tamaqua, PA, with the Rev. William Linkhorst officiating. Interment followed in SS. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, Nesquehoning, PA. Family and friends were received from 10-11 a.m. Friday in the church. Arrangements were by Gulla Funeral Home, Coaldale, PA.

SISTER ANNA MARIE FLESHER, SS.C.M.

Sister Anna Marie (Mary Flesher) died on Monday, July 23, 2012, Before her recent move to Maria Hall, she resided at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, PA.

The daughter of George and Anna (Kudic) Flesher, Sister was born on November 28, 1910, in Houtzdale, PA, one of ten children. She attended Bigler Township School, Madera, PA and graduated from St. Cyril Academy, Danville.

She continued her education at two universities. Sister received a B.S. in Education from Marywood University, Scranton, and a Master's in Education with a concentration in Reading from DePaul in Chicago, Illinois.

Sister Anna Marie entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on September 8, 1934. On August 22, 1935, she was received into the congregation and on May 5, 1934, made her first profession of vows. This past June Sister celebrated her 75th anniversary in the congregation.

Her forty years in the ministry of education were spent in parish schools teaching grades K, 1,2, 3 and 4 in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania.

In her later years she dedicated her energies to creating and producing handcrafted items.

Sister Anna Marie is survived by her sister Elizabeth Fron, Johnson City, NY, and nieces and nephews.

The transferal and recitation of the Rosary took place on Friday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Maria Hall followed by the Wake Service at 11 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:30 p.m. at Maria Hall. The main celebrant and homilist was the Reverend Gerard Heintzelman, Maria Hall chaplain. Concelebrants were the Reverend Joseph Fennessy and the Reverend Raymond Orloski. Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.



8th Annual Adult Retreat in Lakewood, OH

"We Remember How You Loved Us"

Sponsored by the Lakewood, OH Cluster Parishes:
St. Clement, St. James, St. Luke, & Transfiguration

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Time: 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Place: St. Clement Church and Hall
14401 Madison Avenue
Lakewood, OH 44107

Speaker: The Rev. Joachim J. Pastirik, O.S.B.
(FCSU Member, Branch 24)

Cost: \$10.00

Program: Continental Breakfast will be served in St. Clement Hall at 9:00AM. The Rev. Joachim Pastirik, O.S.B., will talk about Forgiveness and Remembrance. Afterward, we will move into the church for Mass and Anointing. We will conclude with a catered **hot chicken lunch** in the Hall.

Registration: please register as soon as possible, but no later than **Sept 7, 2012**

- Sylvia Namitka from Transfiguration at 216-228-1134
- Pat Geib from St. Clement at 216-221-1926
- Delores Beemer from St. James at 216-221-2248
- Marilyn August from St. Luke at 440-333-1188



Registration Form for Tuesday, Sept 11, 2012 Adult Retreat (please print)

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Address _____

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\$10.00 payment enclosed _____ Check _____ Cash _____

If paying by check, please make check payable to your parish. Submit your registration form and payment in an envelope marked "Older Adult Retreat." Take it to your rectory or put it into the Sunday collection. No refunds will be issued. Thank you!



The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently held its annual meeting at the Gus Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Pictured (L - R) are its newly elected Officers and Board Members for 2012-2013: Seated: Financial Advisor Magdalen M. Benish; Dorothy Sullivan; Society Chairperson Philip R. Tuhy; Secretary Anna M. Hudock; and Dinner Chairperson Elaine Palischak. Standing: Constance Plewniak; Corresponding Secretary Bernadette Yencha; Michael Stretanski; Andrew Sofranko; Joseph Kowatch; Society Chaplain Rev. John Albosta; Treasurer Jackson Hendershot; Anthony Palischak; Membership Chairperson Mary Migatulski; Public Relations Director William A. Zdancewicz; and Helen Savinski.



Organic Swimming-pool Opens For Summer in Sninské Rybníky, Slovakia

Summer visitors to the town of Snina, Slovakia can enjoy the benefits of an organic swimming-pool. Located on the outskirts of the town, about three km from Snina's center in the recreational area of Rybníky, this newly-built natural bathing environment uses the latest state-of-the-art technology to purify the water by means of plants and seaweed. It is only the second organic swimming-pool in Slovakia. The town itself is located in the Horný Zemplín region, Snina is surrounded by the Vihorlat mountains with their cycling and hiking paths to Snina Rock (1005 m alt.). The grounds contain a swimming-pool with three depth levels, separate lanes for swimmers and non-swimmers, a grassy area for sunbathing and relaxing, and a separate pool for filtering and cleaning the water which is colonized by plants and seaweed. As well as bathing, visitors can also use the sports courts, children's playgrounds and catering and accommodation facilities.



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District 17 Summer Picnic

The Annual Summer Picnic sponsored by Saints Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2012.

The event will take place from noon to dusk in Pavilion 2 at McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

A catered lunch featuring Slovak Foods will be served at 12:30 P.M. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon.

Branches 166 and 382 will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs at 4:30 P.M.

There will be raffles and prizes throughout the afternoon.

Reservations are \$15 for an adult and \$7 for a child 10 years of age and under. Reservations are required and must be made by Monday, September 3, 2012!!

Contact: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director, at 570.344.3854. Messages can be left on Voice Mail. ALL are welcome!!!

--Elizabeth M. Slovenkai
District Fraternal Activities Director



Online Ordering of Old-World Slovak Food Now Available

Billed on her website as a "love story" between a grandmother ("Baba," also affectionately known as "Stara") and a granddaughter ("Elizabetka," also known as "Mladá" – this resource offers a variety of prepared bakery and condiments.

The site features homemade poppy-seed rolls such as these shown below.

For more information or to order go to the website: [www. oldworldslavicfoods.com](http://www.oldworldslavicfoods.com) or call 1-800-738-8885; or email stara-mlada@msn.com



Mladá & Stará (Elizabetka & Baba) circa 1957.



News From Slovakia

Statistics Office: Consumer Prices Up 3.7 percent Y-o-Y in July

Bratislava, August 13 (TASR) - Consumer prices in Slovakia rose by 3.7 percent year-on-year in July, while remaining flat on a monthly basis, the Statistics Office announced on Monday.

On a yearly basis, prices were up in the following segments: in transport and in education - 6.1 percent each, in health care - 4.9 percent, in food and non-alcoholic beverages - 4.6 percent, in housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels - 4.3 percent, in miscellaneous goods and services - 3.9 percent, in hotels, cafes and restaurants - 3.6 percent, in alcoholic beverages and tobacco - 3.2 percent, in clothing and footwear - 1.9 percent, in recreation and culture - 1.8 percent, in furniture, household equipment and ordinary household maintenance - 0.8 percent.

Conversely, the prices of postal and telecommunications services dropped by 0.2 percent y-o-y.

On a monthly basis, prices went up in the following sectors: in health care and in recreation and culture - 0.5 percent each, in alcoholic beverages and tobacco - 0.4 percent, in miscellaneous goods and services - 0.2 percent, in housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, and in education and in hotels, cafes and restaurants - 0.1 percent each.

The prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages, of clothing and footwear and of transport fell by 0.5 percent each.

Meanwhile, the prices of furniture, household equipment and ordinary household maintenance and of postal and telecommunications services remained flat.

Slovakia 35th-most Attractive Country for Mergers and Acquisitions

Bratislava, August 13 (TASR) - Slovakia has been allocated 35th place in the 'M&A Maturity Index', which assesses the quality and maturity of investment environments in 148 countries around the world, thereby improving its position by one place when compared to 2011.

The chart was prepared by the Mergers and Acquisitions Research Center (MARC) at Cass Business School by City University London in co-operation with Ernst & Young.

The United States, Hong Kong and South Korea lead the chart, which assesses countries based on attractiveness for domestic and foreign mergers and acquisitions. It includes 23 criteria such as legislative, political, economic and financial conditions of the countries, socio-economic factors and infrastructure quality.

Slovakia was listed below countries such as Russia (28th), Hungary (29th) and Poland (30th), but higher than Turkey (37th) and India (38th), for example.

"Slovakia received the best marks in the sphere of traffic and company infrastructure and technological development. Conversely, the worst assessment was seen in of economic, financial, legislative and political factors," said Jozef Mathia from Ernst & Young.

Slovakia's Foreign Trade Posted Surplus of €534.1 million in May

Bratislava, August 9 (TASR) - Slovakia's foreign trade balance posted a surplus reaching €534.1 million in May, which was €431 million higher than the one recorded in May 2011, reads a detailed report on foreign trade between January-May 2012 published by the Slovak Statistics Office (SU) on this date.

Overall exports from Slovakia in May rose by 8.4 percent year-on-year to €5.334 billion, while total imports went down by 0.4 percent to €4.799 billion.

As of the period between January-May 2012, foreign trade recorded a surplus of €1.919 billion.

Compared to the corresponding period in 2011, total exports rose by 9.8 percent to €25.122 billion. Imports increased by 4.9 percent year-on-year to €23.203 billion.

Slovakia's biggest surpluses were recorded with Germany (€1.376 billion), the Czech Republic (€1.217 billion), Austria (€1.158 billion), Poland (€1.013 billion), Hungary (€899.7 million), France (€771 million), the United Kingdom (€703.9 million), Italy (€391.7 million), the Netherlands (€366.9 million) and Sweden (€305.9 million).

The biggest deficits in foreign trade were posted with South Korea (€1.601 billion), Russia (€1.505 billion), China (€672 million), Japan (€341.1 million), Taiwan (€226.8 million), Ukraine (€93.2 million) and Malaysia (€88.3 million).

In terms of types of goods, there was a significant rise of €711 million y-o-y in exports of private cars and other motor vehicles used mainly to transport passengers, along with telephones including mobile-phones (up €358.7 million), and television and radio broadcasting equipment (up €112.5 million).

The most significant decrease was in exports of petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (by €103.2 million y-o-y).

As for imported goods, the most significant increase was in imports of parts and accessories for motor vehicles (by €381.3 million), products containing liquid crystals (by €198.1 million), and rotary or reciprocal combustion piston engines (by €190.1 million).

Bratislava Old Town to Host Indonesian Musicians and Dancers

Bratislava, August 7 (TASR) - Bratislava's Hviezdoslav Square hosted a concert by Indonesian musicians and dancers as part of Bratislava's Cultural Summer festival on Friday, August 8, Bratislava Old Town reported on its official web site on Tuesday.

The concert showcased a unique style of gamelan music - Joged bumbung from Bali, featuring a gamelan orchestra, whose instruments (xylophones, gongs, drums, flutes, and special Balinese cymbals) are made primarily of bamboo. The event began with an instrumental song called Pembukaan ('Overture') and a performance of the famous Balinese Panjembrama dance. The concert also included a performance of an old song called Sekar Uled written by Canadian composer Collin McPhee.

In addition, a set of three dances from Papua province and a Sundanese dance from Java inspired by the traditional Indonesian martial art Pencak Silat were performed for a Slovak audience for the first time.

The concert was organized under the auspices of the Indonesian Embassy in Slovakia.

Over €10,000 Raised at Tatra Golf Tournament Featuring Personalities

Velka Lomnica, August 5 (TASR) - A number of athletes and celebrities took part in the 5th Charity Golf Cup that took place in the High Tatras on this date, with €10,200 raised for disabled children in the process.

Famed Slovak ice-hockey players such as Peter Bondra and Zdeno Chara as well as Slovak biathlete Pavol Hurajt and English golfer David Carter entered the contest, which was played in the 'Texas Scramble' golf-tournament format.

An auction of ice-hockey jerseys, caps and other sports apparel that followed yielded €10,200. A total of €70,000 has been raised over the five times that the event has been held, according to the organization's committee member Danka Velecka.

Cabinet Okays EU-funded Initiatives to Create Nearly 15,000 Jobs

Bratislava, August 1 (TASR) - A total of 14,460 new jobs are set to be created in the next few months within three EU-funded projects that are designed to boost youth employment, according to a Government decision on this date.

Based on an agreement between the Cabinet and the European Commission, funding worth €70 million will be divided up among the transport, small and medium-sized enterprise and community work sectors.

First, a total of €10 million will flow into training and employment for 2,000 people in the transport sector. According to Labor Minister Jan Richter (Smer-SD), the new jobs will last at least 30 months.

An additional 7,500 jobs for youths that will span a minimum of 18 months will be up for grabs in micro, small and medium-sized companies whose staff numbers don't top 250. A total of €40 million will be spent to allow jobless aged 15-29 to find work in such enterprises.

Community work for villages and municipalities is envisaged to bring nearly 5,000 new jobs at a cost of €20 million. The European Commission has agreed that the target group in this sphere should include, inter alia, people over 50 years of age.

Pursuant to the Government's agreement with the Commission, salaries within the proposal are planned to exceed the minimum wage. While the state will cover a volume amounting to the minimum wage, whatever sums exceed this will be financed by the employers concerned. The details will depend primarily on the qualifications of the new staff members.

NBS: Slovakia Approaching EU Average During Eurozone Crisis

Bratislava, August 2 (TASR) - The deceleration of economic growth in the eurozone in 2011 had an effect on the relative performances of individual member countries, with Slovakia being one of the few countries whose performance improved last year, the Slovak central bank (NBS) stated in an Analysis of Slovak Economic Convergence released on this date.

GDP per capita adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP) in Slovakia rose from 73.3 percent of the EU average in 2010 to 74.7 percent in 2011.

Among the V4 countries, only the Czech Republic scored a higher figure - 79.7 percent. Hungary ended up below Slovakia on 65.1 percent, while Poland achieved 64.5 percent.

According to the latest prognoses of the European Commission, Slovakia should record the highest economic growth in the entire EU in 2012 - 1.8 percent of GDP. This should have an effect on GDP per capita adjusted for PPP, which is expected to reach 77.5 percent of the EU average next year. Meanwhile, inflation shouldn't go up by more than 1 percentage point before 2013.

The Cherry Harvest



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By Allan Stevo

Cherries are in season. That means people carry buckets of them on trams, they appear en masse at work, and are delivered to your house on visits as a gift to you and your family. The onslaught won't stop until October when black cherries, sour cherries, blueberries, raspberries, grapes, cranberries, strawberries, plums, black currants, red currants, white currants, gooseberries, pears, apples, peaches, and apricots will have all gone out of season.

And the great question of these weeks in late spring, early summer becomes – "Who else can I give cherries to?" as your own kitchen fills with cherries, too many cherries for you to ever eat fresh or cook with fresh. While there are many amazing fresh fruits grown all over Slovakia and shared freely among friends and neighbors, it will be cherries and plums (later in the summer) that will

create the largest boom each year.

Everything seems to be filled with cherries at this time of year. What would have been served for dessert as a plain white sheet cake is now served pockmarked with 30 or 40 cherries shoved into the batter on the cooking sheet just before being placed in the oven. Fresh cherries are served as dessert in a big bowl or even just brought to parties. Fantastic poppy seed strudels, which can sometimes feel a little dry in the mouth, are served extra juicy with sour cherries added to them.

It feels very, very good to be in Slovakia at this time of year, because you never know who will call you and say "Hey, wouldn't you like some (insert the name of the fruit here)? We have plenty of them!" or "I'm outside your door. Open up. I've got something for you."

Warning: Never Do This with a Slovak Cherry

Slovaks have a great appreciation for growing food without chemicals. This is understandable for several reasons –

1. Chemicals are very expensive, especially when compared with a fruit tree in your yard – plant the tree, see it to maturity, and for the next several decades, with little work and little cost, it will continue to provide you with much delicious fruit, free of charge. The cost of pesticides is likely the biggest reason that Slovaks do not use them. Slovaks, in general, can be quite frugal in their buying decisions.

2. Fruit is grown by many at home in the backyard or in small gardens – which means that there aren't acres of mono-culture that can attract blight or a fungus that will destroy the entire crop on that land for a year.

The worst that is likely to happen is that a few trees will suffer. The way Slovaks grow their fruit at home, you simply don't need to spray everywhere to protect the crop preventatively. If one year's harvest is bad, well that's no real problem, you will find other food, and hope that next year's fruit harvest will be better. If the two cherry trees in your garden have a bad year, you might also have a few apricot trees, a plum tree and an apple tree, so there will still be other fruit. One of those will probably escape whatever blight might have affected the

others. When you have a few trees of each species around, not a monoculture of hundreds and hundreds of the same tree for acres, chemicals aren't as heavily relied upon. Pesticides and fertilizers are especially needed to allow the land to produce in quantities acceptable for large farms to operate. These chemicals are not needed, however, to allow a home farm to be economically sustainable let alone competitive, because the home farmer is not trying to be economically sustainable.

3. Slovaks don't care much for chemicals. There's quite an appreciation, at all levels of society and all ages, for food that has been grown at home and does not use chemicals. You can call this "organic" if you want or "bio" as it is called in Europe, but the truth of the matter is that "organic" farming, as we know it in the U.S., represents a new trend as a response to the heavy use of chemicals.

Slovaks, in contrast, never got into using chemicals in their home gardens year-after-year. Using chemicals in the garden isn't popular culture-wide the way it is the U.S. There was never seen to be any great need for them. By calling this type of growing "organic," you are grouping it in a newer trend it doesn't belong in. It's just always how things have always been in Slovakia.

4. There's a certain sense of fatalism to Slovak culture. "Come what may, I will continue taking care of my land." Slovaks put some level of trust in fate – whether it be in the Fates of Greek tradition, or in the good Lord of Christian tradition, or in Nature herself, Slovaks are not so quick to go against fate. If nature wants them to have big baskets of fruit to give to their friends and family this year, then they will have those big baskets of fruit. If nature is kind enough to give them a good harvest, then by all means they will go through the effort to get that food off the tree and to give them to friends and family. If nature does not give that, well, then there is no use fighting nature.

It's easy to watch this process and to think that Slovaks tend to be more reactive than proactive in shaping their futures. Taking something so purely artificial as a chemical pesticide and spraying it all over a tree, seems to be taking an active step in the direction of determining your own fate. This sense of fatalism has been something I've long tried to understand better and have yet to put my finger on it just right, but I believe that not using pesticides in some way fits under this umbrella.

With all that being offered as reasons Slovaks don't tend to use chemicals on their home gardens, I would like to offer you a tip for eating fruit in Slovakia – **never look into the middle of a cherry, plum, or anything else with a pit that has been homegrown in Slovakia.** Chemicals are not used on them. That means that at least half of them and sometimes almost all of them will have a little worm or two that will have crawled in where the stem connects to the fruit. The worms don't ruin the fruit when the fruit is fresh and in my experience, they may even be an indication that the fruit tastes a little sweeter than the other adjacent pieces of fruit from that same tree, but if you are like most people, you do not want to see that your fruit has a tiny squirming worm in it. They won't get you sick. They won't change the taste. Just pop that cherry in your mouth and don't wonder whether it was one of the cherries with a worm in it or not. Just enjoy.

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Answer to Puzzle

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Postrehy z návštevy „Za veľkou mláku“

Mojim vnukom Ivovi a Lenke prišla správa, že boli vylosovaní na získanie prísťahovaleckých víz do USA. Zelenej karty s možnosťou trvale žiť a pracovať tam. Po vybavení pasových a iných nevyhnutných formalít tam aj vycestovali. Keď sa usadili a po čase sa aj zamestnali, pozvali nás na návštevu. Rodinná rada rozhodla, že tam pocestujem ja (ich starký) so synom (ich otcom).

Ubehlo už viac rokov, čo som naposledy cestoval do zahraničia. Ako učiteľ, som bol popri zamestnaní aj externým sprievodcom cestovných kancelárií CEDOK a TATRATOUR a cez prázdniny som často cestoval do zahraničia. Bolo to ešte v období, keď svet bol rozdelený na socialistický a kapitalistický (imperialistický). V duchu som zaletel do tých čias. Na Západ bolo obtiažne vycestovať. Nadriadený na pracovisku musel s vycestovaním súhlasiť a zaručiť sa, že sa dotyčná osoba vráti naspäť, pričom si cestujúci mohol vymeniť v banke najviac 50 US dolárov na celý pobyt. Pri cestách do socialistických štátov to bolo síce ľahké, ale aj tam musel pred prekročením hranice vyplniť Colné a devízové prehlásenie, v ktorom bolo treba uviesť akú sumu peňazí vyváža ako aj iné cenné veci z drahého kovu (prsteň, retiazka, náramok...) ba ešte aj hodinky, fotoaparát s ich značkou... Nuž takéto boli časy. Chválabo už sú za nami. Zostali nám iba spomienky na ne. Teraz je aj pre nás na vycestovanie otvorený celý svet.

Na našej ceste vo Viedni nasadáme do lietadla a letíme do Londýna. Udivuje ma, že občerstvenie podávajú nielen šarmantné stewardky, ale aj dvaja zdatní stewardi.

Na monitore zisťujem, že sa približujeme k Londýnu. Po dva a polhodinovej ceste naozaj pristávame. V hale masa ľudí pohybujúcich sa sem a tam s batožinou i bez nej. Pasažieri rôznych farieb pleti i zmes hovoriacich jazykov. Ako Babylon. No predsa len najviac počuť angličtinu, ktorá vládne svetom. O tri hodiny nasadáme do Boeingu 747 - 400 a letíme do USA. Sedíme pri okne. Smerujeme na sever, zahýbame elipsovite ponad Škótsko, potom po okraji Islandu a takmer o dve hodiny sa už vznášame ponad Grónsko. Úchvatný pohľad na zasnežené končiare. Ako v rozprávkovej krajine. Máme pred sebou ešte poriadny kus cesty. Pozvoľna sa približujeme k severnej Kanade, zahýbame k hornatej Nevade a po takmer desať hodinovej ceste pristávame konečne v Los Angeles. Stíchnu motory. Vystupujeme. V hale nás zazreli naši pozývateľia a mávajú nám. Milé zvítanie sa a nasleduje cesta do ich bytu v Long Beach.

Hneď na druhý deň sa vyberieme na prechádzku po najbližšom okolí. Nazrieme aj do pubu, ktorý je poblíž chodníka. Krčma ako krčma, poviete si. No nie je to celkom tak. Vládne tu nadmieru hlučná hrava. Zvonivý smiech. Slovom bujará nálada - haravara. Na čelnej stene aj niekoľko vlajôčiek zahraničných štátov. Medzi nimi aj slovenská, čo je znamením, že sa tu príležitostne stretávajú aj Slováci žijúci v tom meste alebo blízkom okolí. A je ich pomerne dosť. Dokazuje to aj účasť na pikniku.

Opúšťame pub a kráčame ďalej. Oproti žena s kočíkom. Pri stretnutí sa pousmeje a povie: „Hi!“ Neskôr aj viacerí, ktorých stretávame. Pekný zvyk. Odpovedáme podobne aj my na ich milý pozdrav. V nedelňu sa zúčastňujeme na zaujímavom podujatí POW WOW. v areáli vysokej školy Long Beach. Kultúrno-spoločenské stretnutie spojené s vystúpením indiánov z viacerých rezervácií žijúcich v USA a Kanade. Vedľa popri chodníkoch so stánkami ponúkajú typické indiánske odevy, rôzne predmety a suveníry, ale aj jedlá a občerstvenie. Na moje počudovanie langoše s ich mäsitou a zeleninovou prílohou, kus za 3 doláre. Kúpili sme si. Chutil aj nám.

Z viacerých pozoruhodností a atrakcií ma zaujali Watsonove veže. Sedem štíhlych vežičiek a veží v tvare ihlanu postavil Simon Rodia, Talian žijúci v USA, v mestskej štvrti Watson. Navštívili sme aj mestskú radnicu v Los Angeles. Z jej vyhladkovej veže sa nám naskytoval nádherný pohľad na rozľahlé veľkomesto, ktorému nebolo vidieť začiatok ani koniec. Ešte toho dňa sme boli v Cathedral of Our Lady na predstavení opery Noemova archa. Moderná katedrála, ktorá pojme vyše tisíc návštevníkov bola plná. Upútal nás aj známy Hollywood, ležiaci pod Hollywoodskými vrškami s budovou, v ktorej udeľujú Oscarov za vynikajúce filmy a herecké výkony v oblasti filmovej tvorby.

Takmer by som zabudol na návštevu historickej anglickej lode Queen Marry kotviacej v zátok Long Beach, najväčšej vojnovnej lode v II. sv. vojne, ktorej posádku tvorilo 16,000 vojakov. Teraz je v nej múzeum, podobne ako v susediacej ruskej atómovej ponorke.

V Long Beach a Los Angeles sme navštívili viacero múzeí: Múzeum Norty Simona, Múzeum astronautov, Gettyho múzeum, Hammerovo múzeum, Lacma múzeum, Afro-americké múzeum... Všetky zaujímavé a mimoriadne poučné. Najviac ma však zaujalo Griffitovo múzeum nachádzajúce sa na pokraji Hollywoodských vrškov, kam návštevníkov tam i späť dopravujú dve lanovky - automaty premávajúce bez ľudskej obsluhy.

V Pasadene ma upútala zďaleka do očí bijúca reklama na rozľahlej budove, ktorá dávala tušiť, že jej majiteľ je slovenského pôvodu. Skontaktoval som sa s ním a poprosil ho o stretnutie. Tušenie ma neklamalo. Je to úspešný podnikateľ s luxusnými osobnými autami 15 značiek Paul Rusnak, pochádzajúci od Levoče. Emigroval po II. sv. vojne s rodičmi do USA. Je príkladom prislovečnej slovenskej pracovitosti.

Nadišiel čas lúčenia a návratu z USA. Odchádzal som s neopísateľne bohatými poznatkami, zážitkami i dojmami a týmto spôsobom sa podieľam aspoň čiastočne o ne aj s čitateľmi Jednoty. Veľa sme cestovali, veľa, preveľa videli. Goodbye Kalifornia, Los Angeles a Long Beach!

Andrej Štelmák, Sliač, Slovakia



Prvá sprava v prvom rade zhora je vnučka Lenka.



Na snímke sprava môj syn Ivan, autor príspevku, Paul Rusnak a vnuk Ivan.

Dožinkový veniec

Dožinkový veniec je veniec uvitý na záver žatevných prác. Symbol úrody obilia, spojený s magickou predstavou o jej opakovanom zmnožení. Žnice ho plietli v posledný alebo predposledný deň žatvy zo všetkých druhov zožatého obilia, do ktorých vplietali poľné, neskôr papierové kvety a stužky. Veniec mal najčastejšie podobu kruhu, ale tiež kytice alebo zložitejších tvarov špirály, koruny, koša, domu, kostola (Hont), figur žencovského páru (Slovenský Meder). Bol dôležitou zložkou estetizácie dožinkových osláv. Dvojica mladých žencov ho niesla v rukách, na palici alebo na hlave v sprievode ostatných žencov k sídlu hospodára, statkára, neskôr predsedu JRD. Odovzdanie dožinkového venca sprevádzali príhovory a vinše, poďakovanie hospodára a dožinková oslava s hostinou, po ktorej veniec zavesili v dome hospodára na izbový trám, nad stôl alebo pripevnili nad domovú bránu, kde visel do Štedrého dňa alebo do budúcej žatvy. Zrno z venca sa s prosperitným zámerom pridávalo do siatin a na Štedrý deň sa so zvyškami štedrovečerných jedál dávalo kravám, aby boli dojný a sliapkam, aby znášali vajčka.



SEUK

Dožinkový veniec

Bratislavská Nová scéna pripravuje broadwayskú tanečnú šou

Prvým premiérovým predstavením bratislavského Divadla Nová scéna v sezóne 2012/2013 bude tanečná šou Just Dance - Dobrý večer Broadway. Napriek anglickému názvu ide o pôvodné predstavenie, ktoré pripravuje autorka, choreografka a tanečnica Katarína Stümpfová s vybranými profesionálnymi interpretmi. Teraz počas horúceho leta intenzívne trénujú na premiéru, ktorá je plánovaná 20. septembra. Túto tanečnú šou pripravuje takmer dva roky. Autorka, ktorá má za sebou 18-ročnú tanečnú kariéru, chce v ňom využiť všetky skúsenosti a inšpirácie. Podľa nej v podaní 14 špičkových slovenských a českých tanečníkov spoločenského tanca pripravujú večer, aký na slovenských javiskách ešte nebol. Bude to úplne niečo iné, ako diváci poznajú z televíznych tanečných šou. Bude to závan vychýreného muzikálového sveta priamo zo srdca amerického New Yorku - broadwayské divadelné performance.

Okrem nej na javisku sa predstavia známi tanečníci Matej Chren, Natália Glosíková či súrodenci Tomáš a Ivana Surovcovi. Tento koprodukčný tanečný projekt režíruje Karol Vosátko, dramaturgom je Ivo Ladižinský. K netradičnému tanečnému zážitku prispeje výtvarná scéna plná svetelných LED stien, veľkolepá výprava a množstvo atraktívnych kostýmov, ktoré sa budú striedať podľa tematických hudobných blokov.

TASR

V spišskej katedrále si pripomenuli pamätný deň smrti J. Vojtaššáka

V sobotu 4. augusta 2012 si v spišskej katedrále pripomenuli pamätný deň smrti Božieho sluhu biskupa Jána Vojtaššáka. Svätú omšu pri tejto príležitosti slávil spišský biskup Mons. Štefan Sečka v Katedrále sv. Martina v Spišskej Kapitule. Kazateľom bol súdny vikár a postulátor kauzy blahorečenia biskupa Vojtaššáka Mons. Ján Duda.

V homílii poukázal na to, že proces blahorečenia sa netýka len tých, ktorí sa v procese priamo angažujú, ale je to aj proces duchovného dozrievania veriacich. Sú to slová kardinála Angela Amata, ktorý nazval kanonizačný proces hagiografickou katechézou Božieho ľudu. „Mnohí si myslia, že iter proceduralis sa týka iba tých, ktorí na kánonizácii priamo pracujú. Ale on hovorí, že iter proceduralis musí byť zároveň aj iter spiritualis čiže „cestou doprevádzania veriacich“, „duchovnou púťou viery“, „dozrievaním viery“, že Boží ľud má byť pozvaný k spoznávaniu svätosti života konkrétnych osôb, objavovaní rýdzej svätosti, spoznávaním jeho čnosti, oddanosti Bohu a Cirkvi. Týmto sa proces stáva aj katechézou, kedy Duch Svätý hýbe a pohýňa k svätosti mnohých veriacich. Toto je skutočným cieľom kánonizačných procesov. Z tohto jasne vyplýva, že námaha a modlitba i poznávanie svätosti biskupa Jána Vojtaššáka má svoj význam i zmysel a že je procesom dozrievania našej viery v pokore, modlitbe, trpezlivosti i poznávaní veľkých skutkov Božích“, zdôraznil kazateľ.

Na konci svätej omše biskup Sečka odovzdal dekréty novým monsignorom. Benedikt XVI. menoval za pápežských kaplánov generálneho vikára prof. Antona Tyrola, špirituála v kňazskom seminári v Spišskej Kapitule doc. Jozefa Bieláka, farára v Poľanovciach ThDr. Alojza Frankovského a emeritného farára v Krušetnici ThDr. Pavla Janáča. Všetkým menovaným prináleží právo nosiť titul „monsignor“ (Mons.).

Po modlitbe pri hrobe biskupa Vojtaššáka sa konalo ešte spomienkové pásmo na biskupa Vojtaššáka, ktoré si pripravili veriaci z jednotlivých farností Spišskonovoveského dekanátu.

TK KBS

Úspešná Slovenská katolícka púť v Haverstraw, NY

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a podával člen výboru Spolku sv. Štefana Ján Škrkoň s manželkou a ostatnými členmi Spolku.

Na záver púte sa uskutočnila Ružencová pobožnosť pod vedením otca Štefana Chanása. Pomodlením Slávnostného ruženca a ruženca „Korunka k Božiemu milosrdenstvu“ ako aj zaspievaním niekoľkých Mariánskych piesní, si prítomní uctili Pannu Máriu – Matku Spasiteľa Ježiša Krista.

Touto cestou sa žiada predovšetkým poďakovať otcovi Jimimu za prípravu oltára k svätje omši v parku a miestnosti občerstvenia v areáli Marian Shrine. Vďaka patrí za odslúženie slávnostnej omši otcom: Romanovi Palečkovi, Štefanovi Chanásovi, Markovi Makaimu zo Slovenska; organistovi a spevákovi Radovi Lesaymu; manželom Bilikovým, Daitovým, Šulákovým, Škrkoňovým, Marienke Božekovej ako aj všetkým účastníkom púte...

Pán Boh zaplať!



Účastníci Slovenskej katolíckej púte pred oltárom.

Stratíme Slovenský ústav v Clevelande?

Predseda Matice slovenskej (MS) Marián Tkáč oznámil vo svojom príspevku v Slovenských národných novinách (v čísle z 23. júna 2012, že v zastúpení MS podpísal dohodu s riaditeľom Slovenského ústavu v Clevelande Andrejom Hudákom.

Na základe tejto dohody Slovenský ústav „podaruje všetky svoje relevantné dokumenty – knihy, časopisy od roku 1892, ďalšie písomnosti, ako aj obrazy a trojrozmerné predmety – Matici slovenskej ... Všetko sa to má udiť tak, aby sme presun stihli do osláv 1150. výročia príchodu solúnskych bratov a 150. výročia MS“.

Slovenský ústav založil v roku 1952 vtedajší opát Slovenských benediktínov Teodor Kojiš, OSB v spolupráci so Slovenskou ligou v Amerike, ktorá na jeho ustanovenie poskytla základný kapitál 5,000 dolárov a v ďalších rokoch ho podporila viacerými finančnými darmi. Prvým riaditeľom Slovenského ústavu bol slovenský historik Dr. František Hrušovský, ktorý však v roku 1956 predčasne zomrel. Po jeho smrti sa stal riaditeľom ďalší historik a spisovateľ Konštantín Čulen. Keď sa ten o tri roky presťahoval do New Yorku, riaditeľom sa stal americko-slovenský novinár Andrej S. Pier, OSB, ktorý spravoval SÚ skoro 50 rokov. Po jeho smrti opát Clement E. Zeleznik vymenoval za riaditeľa Andreja F. Hudáka, ktorý ho spravuje dosiaľ s pomocou Jozefa Hornaka.

Predseda MS Marián Tkáč bol 9. júna tohto roku slávnostným rečníkom na bankete Slovenskej ligy v Bridgeport, CT. Odtiaľ odcestoval do Clevelandu, kde mal porady s vedením Slovenského ústavu. Tam podľa oznámenia v Slovenských národných novinách podpísal 11. júna darovaciu zmluvu o prevzatí archiválií a rôznych materiálov Maticou slovenskou.

SvA

Slovenský festival v NJ bude 23. septembra

Výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v NJ už niekoľko týždňov pripravuje program na 35. festival v Holmdel, N.J. V programe vystúpi folklórna skupina PAS z Pittsburghu a dve mládežnícke skupiny z NJ a New Yorku. Na festivale sa zúčastnia aj prominentní hostia zo Slovenska. Slovenský festival v NJ je už mnoho rokov najväčším slovenským podujatím v Amerike.

Záujemci o predávanie potravín a nápojov sa môžu prihlásiť u Milana Daita, tel. 201-641-8922. Záujemci o vystavovanie alebo predávanie rôznych folklórnych výrobkov, kníh, atď., sa majú hlásiť u Zuzky Krčmár, tel. 973-357-1209.



Na snímke záber z Ružencovej pobožnosti, ktorú viedol otec Štefan Chanás.



Pri podávaní obedu, ktorý pripravili manželia vľavo Joan a Ján Škrkoň.



Po skončení sv. omše sa konal obed, ktorý zahájil predriekaním modlitby, otec Štefan Chanás.



Organista a spevák slávnostnej omše, Rado Lesay.

Oslavy 40. narodenín otca Štefana Chanása

V Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého sa konala ďalšia milá oslava a to dňa 29. júla 2012, kedy otec Štefan Chanás oslávil 40. narodeniny. Pri omši, ktorú odslúžil mu z tejto vzácnej príležitosti predseda a členovia Farskej rady Jozef Bilik a Henrieta Daitová odovzdali kyticu 40. bielych ruží. Za tým sa konalo pohostenie, v priestoroch haly kostola, ktorého sa zúčastnili členovia Farskej rady, Spolku sv. Štefana IKSJ ako aj iných slovenských organizácií.

Henrieta H. Daitová
tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ



Otec Štefan Chanás.



Zľava Jozef Bilik spolu s Henrietou Daitovou odovzdávajú jubilantovi kyticu ruží.

Otec Štefan Chanás počas pohostenia v spoločnosti farníkov. Zľava: Mária Božeková, Joan Škrkoň, Ján Škrkoň, Šimon Turkyňak, Marta Catalano, Helena Kopčokova, v pozadí Mária Gaborčíková, otec Štefan Chanás, Henrieta Daitová, Anna Bilik a Jozef Bilik.



Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Trend** záujmu kupujúcich o malé nehnuteľnosti, ktorý na Slovensko prišiel s krízou, sa čoraz viac prehľbuje. Platí to nielen o garsónkach a jednoizbových bytoch. Analýza spoločnosti Gravitás napríklad hovorí, že kým v regióne Bratislavy je v súčasnosti priemerná veľkosť dokončeného jednoizbového bytu 47 štvorcových metrov, rozostavané projekty už počítajú pri najmenších bytoch v priemere s rozlohou o štvrtinu menšou. Keďže klienti sa rozhodujú podľa konečnej ceny, developeri menia už rozbehnuté projekty a v niektorých prípadoch pribúdajú priečky v už hotových stavbách.

• **Chmúrne** vidia osud Slovákov štatistickí OSN, keď predpovedajú, že Slováci o tristo rokov zmiznú z mapy sveta. Podľa najnovších prepočtov Slovákov bude v roku 2300 len toľko, že sa v pohode zmestia do priestoru súčasných Košíc. Hlavným problémom je, že sa rodí málo detí. „Poznám tieto prepočty. Sú reálne iba vtedy, keby naozaj pokračoval jestvujúci populačný vývoj,“ povedal nedávno demograf Boris Vaňo. Domnieva sa však, že spoločnosť na takéto informácie zareaguje a napokon Slováci nevyumrú.

• **Kvarteto** hudobníkov Kuštárovcov hralo v Slovenskom olympijskom dome v Londýne na otvorení olympijských hier. Cestou domov ich však na letisku Stansted čakalo nemilé prekvapenie. Najskôr muzikantov do lietadla pustili aj s hudobnými nástrojmi, vzápätí však za nimi prišlo policajné komando s príkazom, nech okamžite vystúpia. Incident sa odohral kvôli „podozrivým“ husliam. Oznamili im, že buď im odovzdajú husle a odletia bez nich, alebo zostanú v Londýne aj s nástrojmi. Keďže ich husle stoja 3,000 eur, nemohli ich len tak nechať a vystúpili z lietadla, povedal primáš kapely Peter Kuštár.

• **Na** medzinárodných leteckých dňoch SIAF 2012, ktoré sa uskutočnia na letisku Sliač v dňoch 1. a 2. septembra, bude mať slovenskú premiéru legendárny americký bombardér Boeing B-52 Stratofortress. Lietadlo, ktoré má dĺžku takmer 49 metrov, rozpätie krídel viac ako 56 metrov a ktoré dokáže niesť približne 32 ton bômb, priletí na Sliač z domovskej základne v Louisiane. Spolu s ním priletí aj 14 leteckých odborníkov, ktorí sa s návštevníkmi leteckých dní podelia o skúsenosti s prevádzkou lietadla. Stratégický bombardér B-52 bol skonštruovaný na zhadzovanie bômb na cieľe z veľkej nadmorskej výšky. Mal nahradiť lietadlo Consolidated B-36 Peacemaker. Prvý prototyp B 52A prvýkrát vzlietol v roku 1954, jeho druhý model vstúpil do prevádzky v roku 1955 a B-52H bol dodaný v októbri 1962. Počas 90. rokov boli tieto lietadlá vypustené do niekoľkých operácií, ako napríklad Operácia Desert Storm a Operácia Iraqi Freedom. Celkovo bolo vyrobených 744 kusov tohto lietadla.

• **Na** Slovensku pokračuje informatizácia spoločnosti. Prácu s internetom ovláda 53,8 percent obyvateľov trvalo bývajúcich v SR. Najväčšie problémy pri práci s počítačom robia ľuďom tabuľky. Pracovať s nimi vie 38,8 percent obyvateľov. Vyplýva to z výsledkov minuloročného sčítania obyvateľov, domov a bytov zverejnených Štatistickým úradom SR. Podľa výsledkov prácu s textom zvláda 49,9 percent obyvateľov trvalo bývajúcich v SR. S elektronickou poštou vedelo pracovať 46,9 percent. Najmenej ovládanou činnosťou súvisiacou s počítačovými znalosťami bola už spomínaná práca s tabuľkami (38,8 percent). Ovládanie všetkých uvedených počítačových znalostí si pri sčítaní obyvateľov, domov a bytov zverejnených 2011 zapísalo najviac obyvateľov v Bratislavskom kraji. Všetky uvedené zručnosti boli najmenej zastúpené u obyvateľov trvalo bývajúcich v Košickom kraji.

• **Peter** Dvorský ukončil k 31. júlu pôsobenie vo funkcii riaditeľa súboru Opery Slovenského národného divadla. Vyplývalo to z dohody medzi ním a novým generálnym riaditeľom SND Mariánom Chudovským. Od 1. augusta nastupuje na tento post rakúsky dirigent Friedrich Haider (1961). Peter Dvorský ostáva naďalej pôsobiť v SND ako projektový manažér do konca kalendárneho roka 2012, aby participoval v novej divadelnej sezóne na niektorých ním už rozpracovaných projektoch Opery SND. Súbor Opery SND začne novú divadelnú sezónu na Cypre, kde bude hosťovať na prestížnom Pafos Aphrodite Festival. V jednom z turistických a kultúrnych centier ostrova – v meste Pafos, ktoré je vďaka množstvu pamiatok z čias rímskych i gréckych zapísané do zoznamu svetového kultúrneho dedičstva UNESCO, uvedie Opera SND v dňoch 7. až 9. septembra tri predstavenia opery Giuseppe Verdiho Otello.

• **O** slovenské štátne občianstvo prišlo na základe zákona o štátnom občianstve zatiaľ 296 ľudí, z toho 134 mužov a 162 žien. Väčšina z nich (149) stratila slovenské občianstvo kvôli prijatiu českého. O slovenské občianstvo prišli aj osoby, ktoré prijali rakúske občianstvo (37), nemecké (34), maďarské (25), britské (17), holandské (11), americké (10), francúzske, islandské, nórske (všetky po 2), austrálske, belgické, čínske, kanadské, švajčiarske, talianske a ukrajinské (všetky po 1). Slovenské štátne občianstvo nadobudlo za rovnaké obdobie, teda od 17. júla 2010 doteraz, celkom 631 osôb.

• **Slovenský** pas strácajú ľudia na základe zákona o štátnom občianstve, ktorý prijala prvá vláda Roberta Fica (Smer-SD). Niekdajší kabinet reagoval právnou normou v máji 2010 na maďarský zákon, ktorý od roku 2011 zjednodušuje udeľovanie dvojakého občianstva zahraničným Maďarom. Na základe Ficovho zákona prichádzajú o slovenský pas tí, ktorí prijali občianstvo iného štátu. Počas minulej vlády Ivety Radičovej sa objavili viaceré pokusy o zjemnenie tejto právnej normy, avšak ani jeden z nich nebol úspešný. V súčasnosti sa o zmiernenie pokúšajú Obyčajní ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti. Svoju podobu zákona pripravuje aj ministerstvo vnútra. Návrh novely zákona o štátnom občianstve predloží ministerstvo vnútra v priebehu druhého polroka 2012.

• **Slovenská** republika by mala do júna 2013 postupne stiahnuť z operácie ISAF v Afganistane do 289 príslušníkov ozbrojených síl (OS) SR. Vyplýva to z návrhu rezortov obrany a diplomacie. Zmena mandátu by mala byť postupná. V prvej fáze, do konca tohto roku, má operáciu NATO opustiť 104 slovenských vojakov. Zhruba polovicu z nich (53) tvoria príslušníci strážnej čaty na základni Tarin Kowt. Zvyšní vojaci sú členmi multifunkčnej ženijnej jednotky, ktorá pôsobí na leteckej základni v Kandaháre. Další vojaci by mali byť stiahnutí v priebehu prvej polovice roku 2013.

• **Nezamestnanosť** na Slovensku v júni medziročne stúpila. Podľa štatistiky Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR dosiahla 13,34 %. Na základe nedávno zverejnených údajov bolo v uplynulom mesiaci na úradoch práce evidovaných celkovo 360,512 disponibilných uchádzačov o zamestnanie. Spolu bolo na úradoch 395,736 ľudí. V takom prípade sa do ich počtu započítajú aj nepracujúci, ktorí nemôžu okamžite nastúpiť do zamestnania. Najvyššiu mieru v júni mal Prešovský kraj (19,66 %), úroveň nad slovenský priemer dosiahli ešte Banskobystrický (19,09 %) a Košický kraj (18,64 %).

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Slávnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Terchovej



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Slávnostnou svätou omšou v Terchovej, ktorú 5. júla celebraval žilinský biskup Mons. Tomáš Galis, oslávili vierozvestov sv. Cyrila a Metoda. Súčasťou programu Cyrilometodských dní v Terchovej bolo Liverpoolske oratórium.

Zilina Bishop Tomas Gallis celebrated Mass on the feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius on July 5 in Terchova.

Slovensko už žije v Roku Matice slovenskej

Slovensko si 4. augusta pripomenulo Deň Matice slovenskej (MS). Zákomom Národnej rady Slovenskej republiky (NR SR) z októbra 1993 je Deň Matice slovenskej pamätným dňom Slovenska. Matica slovenská (MS) sa aj v roku 2012 už 7. júla prihovarila verejnosti podujatiami v rámci Národných matičných slávností v letnom amfiteátri v Martine.

Delegáti Snemu Matice slovenskej 17. septembra 2011 v Martine novelizovali stanovy a vyhlásili obdobie od 5. februára 2012 do konca augusta 2013 za Rok Matice slovenskej pri príležitosti jej 150. výročia. Na brífingu po sneme o tom informoval predseda Matice slovenskej Marián Tkáč. Matica môže podľa Tkáča vykročiť novým smerom a správať sa ako ustanovizeň tretieho tisícročia. Štyri stovky delegátov snemu MS prijali aj vyhlásenie, ktorým podporili kroky nového vedenia smerujúce k ozdraveniu a k návratu k tradičným hodnotám slovenského života.

V Turčianskom Svätom Martine sa 4. augusta pred 148. rokmi konalo zakladajúce valné zhromaždenie Matice slovenskej. Týmto aktom vznikla najvýznamnejšia kultúrno-spoločenská inštitúcia v dejinách slovenského národa. Bola druhá, po spolku Tatrín, ktorý bol založený 26. augusta 1844. V Martine sa zišlo okolo 5,000 ľudí, ktorí v príjemnej atmosfére, plnej národného sebauvedomovania sa stali spoluzakladateľmi Matice slovenskej. Stretnutie národovcov malo najskôr duchovný podtext, keď sa v rímskokatolíckom kostole a neskôr v evanjelickom chráme konali služby Božie okrem iného aj na počesť tisícročia príchodu Konštantína a Metoda na Veľkú Moravu.

Po duchovnej časti zhromaždenia došlo k zasadnutiu prvých matičiarov. Rokovanie dočasného matičného výboru otvoril Ján Francisci, ktorý bol jeho predsedom. Novozaložená inštitúcia dokonca dostala dar 1000 zlatých od rakúskeho cisára ako príspevok k jej začínajúcejmu pôsobeniu. Ján Francisci predložil zhromaždeniu aj zozbieraných 94.000 zlatých na vznik Matice slovenskej.

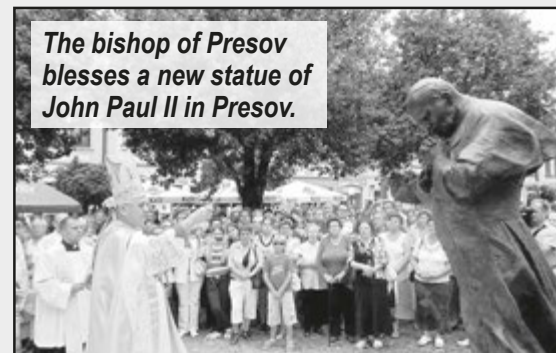
Valné zhromaždenie prijalo zároveň uznesenie, že MS založili „na tisícročnú pamiatku pokresťančenia a založenia písomníctva slovanského“. Na základe súčasného bádania v 21. storočí však môžeme konštatovať, že kristianizácia slovanského obyvateľstva na území Slovenska prebiehala už skôr - od začiatku 9. storočia, pred príchodom byzantskej misie v roku 863. Valné zhromaždenie zvolilo aj predsedu Matice slovenskej. Stal sa ním rímskokatolícky banskobystrický biskup Štefan Moyzes. Prvým podpredsedom novozaloženej inštitúcie sa stal Karol Kuzmány, evanjelik a. v., superintendent patentálnych cirkevných zborov. Išlo o dohovor vtedy rozhodujúcich konfesií na Slovensku, ktoré v žičlivej atmosfére navrhli svojich kandidátov na dané posty. Obaja boli hlavnými predstaviteľmi národnej ustanovizne, ktorá sa stala nosnou obhajkyňou a predstaviteľkou národa slovenského.

Po prehratej bitke Rakúska s Pruskom pri Hradci Králové maďarskí predstavitelia využili oslabenú pozíciu cisárskej moci a došlo k rakúsko-uhorskému vyrovnaniu. Následne nastala maďarizácia a uhorské úrady sa pozerali s nevôľou na účinkovanie Matice slovenskej. V roku 1875 ju uhorská vládna moc zatvorila, obnovili ju až 1. januára 1919. Postavenie Matice slovenskej upravuje Zákon č. 68/1997 Z.z. Sídlo MS je od roku 1863 Martin.

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Posolstvo blahoslaveného Jána Pavla II. oživilo v Prešove

Oživiť duchovné posolstvo blahoslaveného pápeža Jána Pavla II. pre veriacich i neveriacich chceli iniciátori projektu „Týždeň pápeža bl. Jána Pavla II.“, ktorý pripravili od 9. do 15. júla 2012 v Prešove. Išlo o pokračovanie úspešného projektu, ktorý minulý rok iniciovali Teologická fakulta a Katedra filozofie na Teologickej fakulte Katolíckej univerzity v Košiciach. Teraz sa k nim pridala aj Konkatedrála sv. Mikuláša v Prešove. Počas týždňa odzneli prednášky o bl. pápežovi.



The bishop of Presov blesses a new statue of John Paul II in Presov.

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Súčasťou programu bolo aj slávnostné odhalenie a požehnanie sochy Jána Pavla II., ktoré sa uskutočnilo 15. júla po slávnostnej svätej omši pri Konkatedrále sv. Mikuláša v Prešove.

Verejnosť môže používať unikátnu encyklopédiu tradičnej ľudovej kultúry

Verejnosť sa od júla môže dostať na internete k unikátnej encyklopédii tradičnej ľudovej kultúry na Slovensku. Obsahuje 1813 hesiel zoradených do 17-tich skupín a 1842 ilustrácií v podobe fotografií, filmových a zvukových ukážok. „Mnohé veci sa vytrácajú a bolo by veľkou škodou o ne prísť a nemať ich zaznamenané,“ zdôraznil na tlačovej konferencii minister kultúry Marek Maďarič s tým, že táto elektronická encyklopédia bude mať veľký význam a dopad pre širokú verejnosť.

Projekt www.ludovakultura.sk spustil Slovenský ľudový umelecký kolektív (SLUK). Od roku 2008 na ňom pracovali Koordinačné centrum tradičnej ľudovej kultúry a Ústav etnológie Slovenskej akadémie vied (SAV). Projektu šéfoval vedúci centra Vladimír Kyseľ. Podľa riaditeľky Ústavu etnológie SAV Gabriely Kiliánovej, ktorá bola hlavnou redaktorkou encyklopédie, bolo pre ústav veľkou výzvou pripraviť niečo, čo môže čítať ktokoľvek bez odborných alebo vedeckých znalostí a môže tam nájsť najzákladnejšie informácie. Upozornila, že ide o jedinú elektronickú encyklopédiu na prezentáciu tradičnej ľudovej kultúry v Európe. Pri jej predstavovaní na medzinárodnej konferencii o kultúrnom dedičstve v novembri minulého roka v Ľubľane vyvolala mimoriadny záujem.

Dalšou konkrétnou vecou, na ktorej sa už pracuje, je archív tradičnej ľudovej kultúry. Na jeseň by ľudia z koordinačného centra mali urobiť výzvy a semináre, pretože bude vznikať ako kolektívne dielo. Zapojiť sa do neho majú kultúrni pracovníci, starostovia obcí či majitelia súkromných zbierok. Pomôcť zapisovať informácie o zvykoch, folklóre, architektúre, gastronómii, či rôznych kultúrnych zaujímavostiach im pomôžu vypracované metodické zošity. Archív po nevyhnutnej inventarizácii, teda po súpise artefaktov a javov tradičnej nehmotnej kultúry zo všetkých regiónov Slovenska zabezpečí ich uchovanie a prezentáciu na internete.

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Slovenskí olympionici v Primaciálnom paláci v Bratislave

Bratislava Mayor Milan Ftáčnik welcomes the Slovak Olympic Team in the Mayor's Palace on August 8, 2012. In the photo L-R are Trainer Robert Orococky, Trainer and father Peter Hochschorner, Jana Dukatova, and Bronze medalists Pavol and Peter Hochschorner and Mayor Milan Ftáčnik.



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Primátor Bratislavy Milan Ftáčnik prijal v Primaciálnom paláci 8. augusta 2012 slovenských olympionikov bratov Pavla a Petra Hochschornerovcov, ktorí na OH 2012 v Londýne získali bronzovú medailu v C2 vo vodnom slalome a Janu Dukátovú šiestu v K1. Na snímke zľava tréner Jany Dukátovej - Róbert Orococký, tréner a otec bratov Hochschornerovcov - Peter Hochschorner, vodná slalomárka Jana Dukátová, Pavol Hochschorner, Peter Hochschorner a primátor Bratislavy Milan Ftáčnik.

Vďaka slovenským športovcom na Olympiáde v Londýne v roku 2012

Zahraniční Slováci a Slovenky, žijúci v USA, ďaleko za morom, srdečne ďakujú slovenským športovcom, že reprezentujú náš malý, slovenský národ, našu Slovenskú republiku, na Olympiáde v Londýne v roku 2012. Od radosti nám podskočilo srdce a slza radosti vypadla z oka, keď tak majestátne viala naša slovenská, bielo, modrá, červená zástava. A v nej náš dvojitý kríž. Ďakujeme Vám, že ju videl na TV obrazovkách celý svet. Za všetko tiež ďakujeme Pánu Bohu, že nám doprial našu slobodu.

Jozef Smák

5. ročník Globálneho investičného sympózia v New Yorku

5. ročník Globálneho investičného sympózia s podnázvom Cesty k prosperite sa uskutoční 27. septembra 2012 v New Yorku. Organizátorom tohto prestížneho podujatia je nezávislá nezisková organizácia Medzinárodná ekonomická aliancia (The International Economic Alliance - IEA), ktorá vznikla na Harvardskej univerzite v roku 2004 s cieľom podpory investícií a obchodu vo svetovom meradle (webstránka www.iealliance.org). Sympóziu je sprievodným podujatím Valného zhromaždenia OSN, čím sa zabezpečuje účasť krajín na najvyššej politickej úrovni. Účastníkmi sú významní hostia z vládnej, generálnej riaditeľskej sféry, ale aj zástupcovia akademickej i mimovládnej sféry.

MZV SR

Úspešná Slovenská katolícka púť v Haverstraw, NY



Účastníci Ružencovej pobožnosti s otcom Štefanom Chanásom.

Motto: Slávna si kráľovná – nebies Pani, Ty si nám pomocou v utrpení. Prikloň ó prikloň svoj zrak premilý, k plačúcim v slzavom tu údolí ...

Tradičná Slovenská katolícka púť do West Haverstraw, NY, ktorú už ako každoročne usporiada Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v New York City, sa konala v nedeľu 12. augusta 2012 na pozemkoch Marian Shrine saleziánov Don Boska.

Panna Mária, ktorá bola vzatá do neba, nás privítala toho roku krásnym slnečným počasím. Tejto oslavy vznešenej Matky Božej sa zúčastnilo 86 pútnikov z New Yorku, New Jersey a Connecticut a tiež zástupcovia Spolku č. 746 z Linden, New Jersey, ako i niekoľko hostí zo Slovenska.

Slávnostnú svätú omšu pri krásnom vonkajšom oltári Marian Shrine odslúžil otec Roman Palečko z Tapanu, NY, ktorú obetoval za zdravie a Božie požehnanie otca Štefana Chanása, ktorý pred nedávnym oslávil svoje 40. narodeniny, za nebohého otca Martina Svitana, ako aj za zdravie všetkých zúčastnených tejto Mariánskej púte. Organista Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, NYC, Rado Lesay svojou hrou na organe a spevom náležite uctil našu Nebeskú Matku.

Po svätej omši sa podával pútnikom obed v areáli Marian Shrine, ktorý pripravil

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Usporiadatelia katolíckej púte s kňazmi zľava: Henrieta H. Daitová, Anna Bilik, otec Marko Makai, otec Štefan Chanás, otec Roman Palečko, Jozef Bilik a Milan Dait.