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Message From the President

It was a perfect day for a picnic in Novelty, Ohio (about 20 miles east of Cleveland), on August 13th, 2011. The weather was sunny and temperatures were in the low 80's.

Unfortunately, August 13th was a Saturday. The Jednota Family Picnic was to be held the next day, Sunday, August 14th.

The Home Office had received reservations for over 500 people and we were prepared for even more last minute attendees.

Sunday started with a heavy overcast, but no rain. The indoor Mass at 11:00am was well attended. The facility was top notch and prepared

for anything.

The scheduled program started at 1:30 with no problems, however, about 2:00 the heavens opened and the heavy rain continued for most of the day until 6:00pm. The temperature thankfully stayed in the upper 70's throughout the day.

Fortunately, the Bingo and Kid's Games were held indoors and were well attended.

From the comments we received, everyone was excited by the event and just accepted the weather.

The food and fellowship were great. In spite of the weather, a good time was had by all.

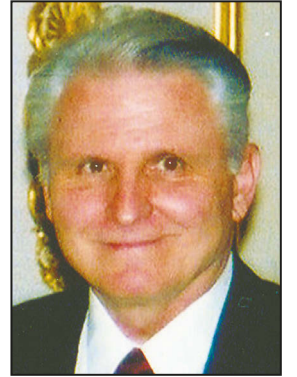
We would like to thank all of our Members and Guests for attending. We would also like to thank all those who were involved in the event, especially Susan Ondrejco for the organization and execution of the event.

I am especially pleased with the large number of young people that attended.

Till next time.

Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
President



Andrew M. Rajec

Wrap Up of the 2011 National Picnic

This year's National Picnic (organized and executed under the direction of our National Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco) was held on August 14, 2011, at Wiegand's Lake Park in Novelty, OH. The day began with registration at the welcome center at 10:00AM. In spite of almost constant downpours starting after 1:00PM, more than 400 of the registered 500+ members and guests attended, including a bus from the Pittsburgh area that was arranged and coordinated by the FCSU Pittsburgh District. Registration was handled by home office staffers Idka Rajec and Barbara Sutilla, and picnickers were greeted by National Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt.

National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. also was on hand to say hello and offer FCSU products for all interested parties.

The picnic got underway with a Mass at 11 AM in the upstairs dance hall. Father Al-



fred Marflak of St. Andrews Svorad Abbey in Cleveland, OH and Branch 24 Chaplain, served as celebrant. Branch 2 Treasurer Anna Ondrejco and Branch 2 Member and National Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco, were lectors, with Branch 2 Financial Secretary Mike Lako serving as cantor. Joseph Jurasi, Branch 45 President and FCSU Supreme Court member and leader of the band Kontakty, accompanied on keyboard. A robust choir of members such as Branch 2 Members Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, who also direct the popular Slovak folk ensemble, the Pittsburgh Slovaks, led the congregation along with other performers from the Slovenské Mamičky and Kontakty lead singer and Branch 45 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Maria Jurasi in singing Slovak

hymns throughout the Mass including Duša Krest'anská; Pod' za mnou; Ježiš, Ježiš, prid' ku mne; Sladke Srdce; and Pred vekmi zvolená.

After Mass, the sun shone brightly – albeit too briefly! – and picnic attendees took advantage of the park's many amenities. Some chose the paddle boats, others a walk around the lake. Registered children participated in the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) workshop that taught soccer moves to all skill levels.

Of course, there was plenty of delicious picnic food served all afternoon – beginning directly after Mass at noon until 6:00PM. At 1:30PM, National President Andrew M. Rajec welcomed everyone from the park's pavilion area and introduced some of the day's featured performers. Kontakty, the Jurasi family band from New Jersey, played and Lúčinka, a children's Slovak folk ensemble from Cleveland, OH, provided entertainment.

The Slovenské Mamičky from Cleveland –Milka Anderko, Maria Cvicela, and Monica Smid – provided music for listening and dancing pleasure throughout the afternoon

in the park's ample dining hall. Other games and activities took place in the hall such as bingo for everyone as well as craft and coloring contests for the kids.

As a very special surprise treat, Swifty the Clown entertained young and old with his intricate balloon creations.

All in all, through rain and shine, Jednotars celebrated with a good old fashioned picnic at Wiegand's Lake Park.

Congratulations to Our National Picnic Coloring Contest Winners:

- Ages 4 – 7:
- 1st place Brad Skero, Greensburg, PA;
- 2nd place Jillian Fedor, OH
- Ages 8 – 12:
- 1st place Teddy Walsh, Strongsville, OH;
- 2nd place Jimmy Adamic, Huntsburg, OH

For more National Picnic coverage, see pp 12 - 13

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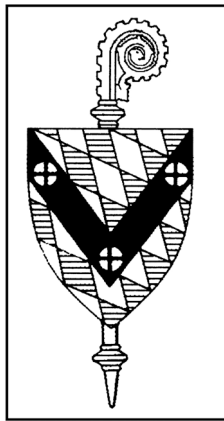
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The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada extend their most sincere Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes to all on this upcoming Labor Day!

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Insights and Viewpoints



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

September 11, 2011

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

Gospel Summary

Today's gospel selection is taken from a section of Matthew's gospel that is concerned with the dynamics of a truly Christian community. It is fairly certain that Matthew's gospel was written for the church at Antioch, where there were deep divisions

between the more conservative Jewish Christians and the more liberal Gentile converts. Peter is featured in this gospel because he was the leader at Antioch who was able to hold these factions together by insisting on the importance of tolerance and reconciliation.

In such a difficult situation, forgiveness becomes a major issue. Jesus tells Peter that we must be ready to forgive others "seventy-seven times," which really means, endlessly. And the parable that follows is intended to illustrate exactly how forgiveness must function in a loving community. It does not come simply from the goodness of one's heart. It is possible only when one becomes aware of having oneself been forgiven. It is a splendid gift that has been first received and is then passed on to others. The unforgiving servant of the gospel story is condemned precisely because he refused to forgive a tiny debt after having been forgiven immeasurably.

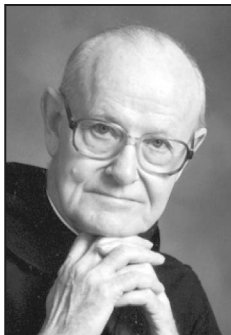
Life Implications

The Bible is very realistic about human nature. Every child is born yearning for approval and desperate for affirmation. It is a tragedy when that love and affirmation is not available. It is only affectionate touches and gentle words that enable an infant to reach out to the world in confidence and trust. Such loving affirmation continues to be needed all through life and the person who, through a misguided notion of self-sufficiency, claims to be beyond all that, is condemned to a twilight existence of feigned independence.

An important part of this loving affirmation is the readiness to forgive the mistakes and faults of others. Such readiness comes from an awareness of having been forgiven for one's own faults. Moreover, this forgiveness is not limited to sinful behavior but extends to limitations of all kinds, which means, in effect, forgiveness for not being perfect! For these limitations of nature are also very burdensome and we need the help of compassionate and forgiving people to lift that weight from our shoulders.

It is important to understand what forgiveness does not mean. It does not imply that a fault or sin does not matter. Nor does it mean that the offense is forgotten, for that is often impossible. Rather, it means freely choosing to overlook an offense because one is free to do so, having been loved and forgiven oneself.

There can be no real Christian community without such an exchange of love. The seriousness of this challenge is expressed in the strong words of Jesus indicating that our present unwillingness to forgive will guarantee a harsh judgment at the end. If we are wise, therefore, we will take great pains to be lenient and compassionate toward others rather than self-righteous and hard-hearted, so that we may look forward to meeting a lenient and compassionate divine judge when our own lives are evaluated.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

September 18, 2011

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20:1-16a

Gospel Summary

At dawn and throughout the day, the owner of a vineyard hires workers. They reach an agreement about wages; and the workers go out into the vineyard to do the work. About five o'clock, merely one hour before the end of the workday, the owner hires the last workers. To the surprise of all, he gives the last ones hired a full-day's wage. Those hired first think they will receive more, and grumble when they are paid the agreed-upon wage. The owner of the vineyard responds: "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Life Implications

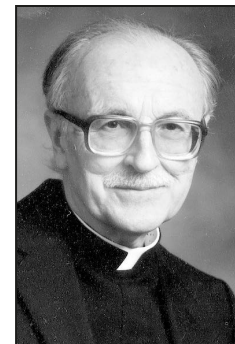
The unredeemed situation represented by the resentment of the workers about the vineyard owner's generosity is essentially similar to our own experience. It is the human tendency to impose our way of thinking upon God. Warning against this form of idolatry, making a god in our image and likeness, is apparent through the entire biblical narrative. Think, for example, of Job's friends who could not imagine that God might not be defined by their quite orthodox theology. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord" (Is 55:8).

Jesus in his parable is certainly not abrogating the valid and necessary principles of justice. Rather he is giving us an opportunity to grasp that God's nature is to be extravagantly generous, beyond the rational rules of exchange. How do you find parables to suggest the possibility of love to someone who has never experienced a relationship beyond that of a business contract? I recall struggling to find helpful analogies (parables) when asked by a friend, blind from birth, to explain the difference in feeling between seeing red and blue.

Jesus himself is the best parable of the extravagantly generous God. He makes far too much wine at the Cana wedding; far too much bread for the hungry crowd; he tells a story about forgiving a debt far too large ever to be paid; and he tells us to forgive, not seven times, but seventy times seven. And as the ultimate revelation of extravagant affection, he willingly gives up his life for us on a cross. Paul refers to "Christ crucified" as foolishness to human wisdom (1 Cor 1:22-25).

The good news of the gospel is that we share the extravagantly generous Spirit of Jesus. Sometimes we too can act with extravagant generosity, beyond the rational rules of justice. God's kingdom is meant to be a new order of grace. Isn't there always something unexpected and wonderful about a gift of love, even a kind word? A gift is never earned in the way that a wage is earned, and expected.

Apparently, Jesus does not want a church of J. Aldred Prufrocks, people carefully measuring out their lives with coffee spoons (T.S. Eliot's image).



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

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Come Celebrate Mass Sept 18 with FCSU At National Shrine



A Mass will be celebrated at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on September 18, 2011 to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the dedication of the Mother of Sorrows Chapel. This chapel was donated to the Shrine by the First Catholic Slovak Union and was consecrated during religious ceremonies at the Shrine over the week-end of September 4-5, 1965. Thousands of Slovak Catholics attended these ceremonies.

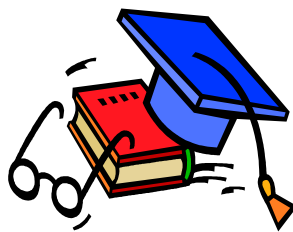
The chapel has a life size Pieta of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is considered the most beautiful chapel in the Shrine. It is located on the right side of the Shrine about half way towards the altar.

Mass will take place at 11:00 a. m. on Sunday, September 18, 2011 in the Crypt Church which is downstairs in the Shrine at street level.

The address of the National Shrine is 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017.

For further information, contact Katherine Nowatkoski at 701-860-1693 or Stephen Matula at 703-671-3013, Financial Secretary and President of Branch 856, respectively.

Submitted by Stephen Matula, Branch 856 President



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2011 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades or an official copy of applicant's high school transcript which indicates applicant's high school grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Jerry Costello, The Christophers

A Sad Memorial

As memorials go, it's likely to be one of a kind. The 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America will be solemnly observed, of course, but there's no blueprint for the national mood. That's because what happened that day is utterly without precedent in our history. And God willing, it will never happen again.

Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, counting all the victims at the World Trade Center here in Manhattan, those at the Pentagon in Washington, and those killed when their plane crashed in a field in western Pennsylvania. All the rest of us are survivors. Some were more immediately affected that day, true; but all were truly stunned, just as they would be by the sudden death of someone in the family, or a close friend. For many, that feeling has yet to wear off.

Perhaps the upcoming commemoration will help to ease their disquiet. The principal observance will take place where the twin towers once rose, hard by West Street in lower Manhattan. It's been heartening in a way to follow the progress of the site's development: the steady growth of the splendid Freedom Tower, some 75 stories now and still rising; the twin pools that will remind visitors where the Trade Center towers stood and where so many died; the peaceful grove of swamp white oak trees, 400 strong--sure symbols that somehow life endures. A museum will open on Sept. 11, memorializing those who gave their lives that day and honoring all who selflessly answered the call for help: firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, citizens at large. It was a massive effort, matching the enormity of the moment, and one hopes the memorial itself will do it all justice.

As noted above, because 9/11 was unique there's no format to follow. Perhaps Gettysburg comes closest, but even there the comparison falters. It's true that the cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, in the fall of 1863, captured another somber moment in the nation's past, but the bloody battle came in the midst of an even bloodier war. On the other hand, the events of 9/11 came at us, figuratively and literally, from out of the blue.

One thing that did emerge from Gettysburg was President Lincoln's stirring call for a new sense of national purpose. With luck, something like it will come out of the 9/11 memorial as well, perhaps not with Mr. Lincoln's eloquence but, one hopes, with his conviction and strength. Admittedly it will have trouble summoning up all the family-related values that were once the bedrock of the country; today's culture has eroded too many of them.

But there's more than enough room--and in fact, even a yearning--for old-fashioned patriotism, the pride we should feel for everything to do with our native land. That includes, as the late Pope John Paul II once reminded us, its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. And as he somewhat significantly continued: "Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love."

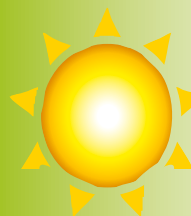
The tragic events of 9/11 certainly constituted that kind of danger, that kind of threat, and should be remembered as such. But as previously pointed out, the day's sad memorial is still likely to be one of a kind. Let's be sure it stays that way.

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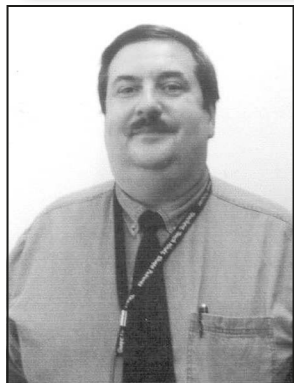
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Top Guns Thru July 2011



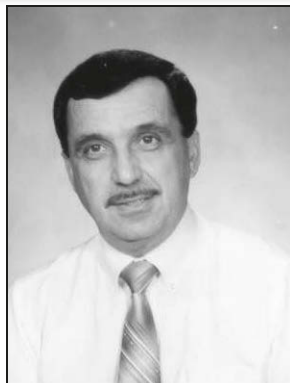
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Dorothy J. Petrus
Second Place



Michael E. Lako
Third Place



Cluey Sandy
First Place



Robert J. Kopco
Second Place



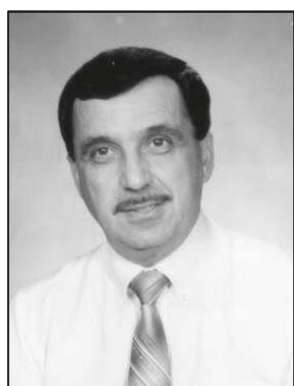
Joseph T. Scavina
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

Name	Branch	Insurance Amount
Slovenkai, Michael J.	382	200,000
Petrus, Dorothy J.	670	190,000
Lako, Michael E.	2	140,000
Balazik, Audrey J.	367	130,000
Rura, Joseph Edward	484	130,000
Marmol, Dolores	162	95,000
Rimarcik, Joseph C.	743	90,000
Matta, Florence K.	38	85,000
Marmol, James Robert	162	60,000
Holly, Barbara Ann	410	60,000

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

Name	Branch	Total Points
Sandy, Cluey	322	486
Kopco, Robert J.	24	385
Scavina, Joseph T.	682	241
Lako, Michael E.	02	221
Rajec, Andrew M.	89	221
Jurcenko, John A.	153	196
Kelchak, George J.	581	151
Kapitan, Mary J.	746	140
Swartz, Douglas J.	228	120
Rura, Joseph Edward	484	119



Cluey Sandy
First Place



Robert J. Kopco
Second Place



Joseph T. Scavina
Third Place

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Scavina, Joseph T.	682	242,089.57
Rajec, Andrew M.	89	221,422.29
Jurcenko, John A.	153	186,500.00
Swartz, Douglas L.	228	110,000.00
Harcar, Andrew R.	40	99,441.17
Kelchak, George J.	581	94,000.00
Bench, James M.	181	82,000.00
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Slovak Festival in September

The Great Slovak Festival will be held on Sunday, September 4, 2011 from 12:00 noon – 8:00PM at St. Anthony of Padua, 6750 State Road, Parma, OH. Outstanding food and bakery will be available. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the Johnny Pastirik Band and the Frank Moravick Band. The Slovak Festival also features performances by the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS) with songs, music, and dances of Slovakia under the direction of Angela Lipchick, with musical direction by John Lipchick.

The Lucinka Children's Slovak Folk Ensemble of Cleveland will perform, as well. Admission is \$5.00. For more information, call 440-886-4828, 440-845-0282, or 440-885-1994.

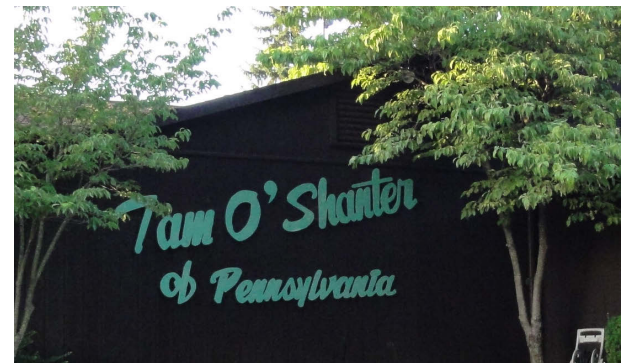
And Now, The Rest of the Story ...

Jednota sincerely apologies to our golfers whose results did not make it into the Aug 3 issue. This was an error on our part. Here now are the rest of the fine golfers and their results from our 2011 International Golf Tournament.

Sincerely,
Teresa Ivanec, Editor

2011 International Golf Tournament Results

Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Metzinger	Edward	CAL	CAL	77	71	85	74	145
Quinn	Timothy	CAL	CAL	77	72	86	74	146
Kropf	Ed	CAL	CAL	84	73	90	74	147
Brekosky	Larry Jr.	CAL	CAL	81	73	86	75	148
Sivecz	Edward	CAL	CAL	91	76	97	74	150
Kasan	William J.	CAL	CAL	91	76	91	76	152
Columbus	Michael	CAL	CAL	104	77	109	75	152
Sudo	Bob	CAL	CAL	92	78	87	75	153
Mihailoff	Thomas	CAL	CAL	113	77	112	78	154
Smith	Loretta	W	25	99	74	105	80	154
Starr	Mary M	W	23	104	81	100	77	158
Hassay	Betty	W	34	113	79	115	81	160
Frank	Linda	W	20	98	78	102	82	160
Babik	Judy	W	33	134	101	123	90	191
Mitro	Anne	W	37	131	94	DNF	DNF	DNF



Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar in October

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629.

Father John Jamnicky, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will present "Journeys of a Slovak-American Priest." Afterwards he will answer questions.

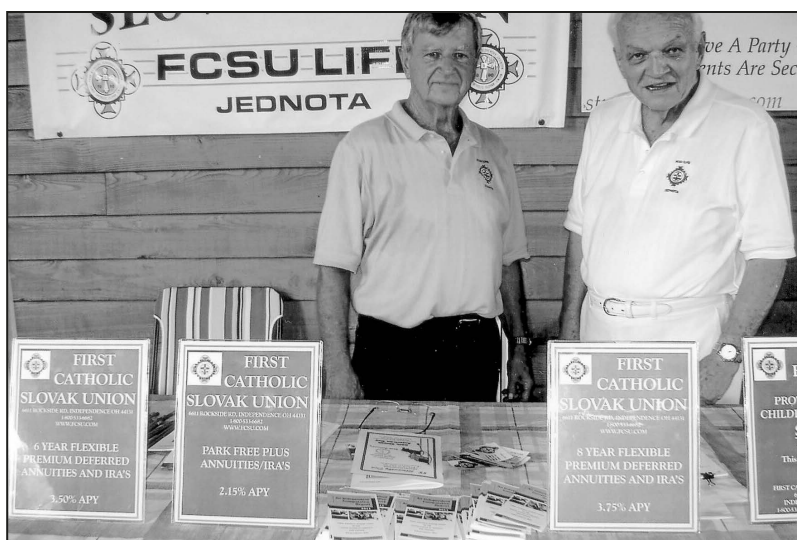
Registration for the seminar will start at 1:00 pm; Father Jamnicky will be welcomed at 1:45 pm, with his presentation following. A buffet dinner will be served at 3:00 pm.

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 Ľapák Magruder, Seminar Publicity Committee



(L-R):
National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. and National Treasurer George F. Matta

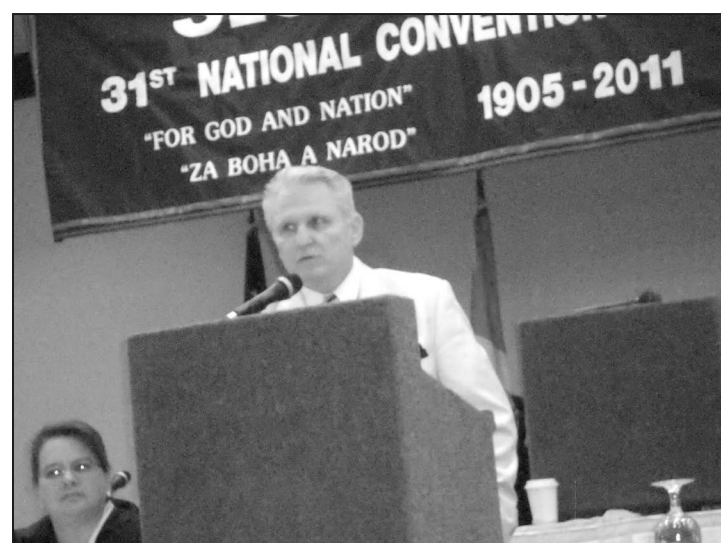


2011 Slovak Day Celebrated at Kennywood

In 2007, FCSU's Executive Committee made a decision to increase the visibility of the organization by having its officers attend the various Slovak festivals and other events around the country.

In keeping with this program, the First Catholic Slovak Union set up a booth at the annual Slovak Day held in Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh, PA, on Thursday, July 21, 2011. Copies of the Jednota newspaper and information about FCSU insurance and annuity products were distributed.

The annual event draws crowds each year from Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and West Virginia. In addition to homemade Slovak food and pastries, there were games for children and Slovak folk dancing by the PAS Junior Dance Group as well as the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks. A program was held at which time guests were introduced. A 4:00PM Mass was celebrated on the stage. The Rev. Thomas J. Burke, Pastor of Good Shepard Parish in Braddock, PA, was the principal celebrant.



FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec spoke at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Convention in Pittsburgh, PA on Aug 1, 2011, urging all Slovak fraternal to cooperate and work more closely together. Photo courtesy of Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, June 22, 2011

HOME OFFICE

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the Minutes of the May 2011 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT:

Treasurer presented a written report and answered all the Executive Committee questions. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

A discussion was led by the President concerning the FCSU National Picnic which will be held August 14, 2011 at Wiegand's Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio. Information on the picnic will be posted on our website and sent to the branches as well as published in our newspaper. The President stated arrangements are being made with the local Slovak dance groups and Slovak band to provide entertainment for the picnic. The President also informed the Executive Committee a soccer workshop led by the American Youth Soccer Organization will be available for ages 6 to 14 as one of the youth activities.

The President led a discussion reviewing our FCSU Bowling Tournament. He further stated the FCSU Golf Tournament will be held July 16-17, 2011 at the Tam O'Shanter and Oak Tree Golf Courses in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

The President stated we are still exploring the possibility of having joint activities with other Fraternals in the near future.

STATE OF OHIO AUDIT REPORT:

The President led a review of our State of Ohio Audit Report. The State has found everything in excellent order except for a few minor in-house procedure changes. There are no changes to any of our Financial Statements. Executive Secretary Arendt is in the process of implementing the suggested changes from the State.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report in different Regions and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The Vice President also reviewed the sales production report of our independent agents, noting that we are continuing to add agents. Vice President Harcar reviewed the upcoming seminars for 2011 and encourages District and Branch officers to contact him if their District or Branch is interested in conducting a seminar.

Vice President Harcar updated the Executive Committee on the upcoming Membership Meet which will be a four day Eastern Caribbean Cruise held November 14-18, 2011. He stated all the information concerning cost, dates, and destinations has been mailed out to the recommenders. The information is also available on our website and has gone out in the branch mailing and to the newspaper.

The President led a lengthy discussion on our current annuity interest rates. It was decided the annuity rates will remain the same as of this date; however, the Executive Committee will meet by phone next week to discuss changes. However, as more information is gathered by our financial consultant, the Executive Committee will revisit the interest rates.

The President asked Robert Kopco to join the meeting. Robert Kopco is the main home office contact with the FCSU independent agents. He was asked for his feedback from the agents concerning the current annuity rates and our annuity and insurance products.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented his monthly presentation by WebEx. After his report Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President asked Larry White for his opinion concerning the current annuity interest rates and to review our complete portfolio and outline some suggestions for the future.

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 2011:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 358,231.23
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 19,632.28
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 updated the Executive Committee on our property and the Printery building in Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The President led a discussion about the possibility of purchasing 2 stained glass windows of SS. Cyril & Methodius from a Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. As an alternative, he is also looking at the possibility of purchasing a stained glass window from a Slovak Parish in the Cleveland Diocese. These would be on display in our Boardroom.

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

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81st Milwaukee Slovak Day

The 81st annual Slovak American Day was at Croatian Park in Franklin, WI on Sunday, July 24, 2011. Festivities began at 11 a.m. and concluded at 8 p.m. at one of the one of the nation's oldest Slovak Day observances.

An outdoor Mass was held at noon in Slovak with the Rev. Louis Luljak, as celebrant.

Then a rich cultural program started at 2 p.m. and featured the Tatra Slovak Dancers under the direction of Mary Petersen. Music was provided throughout the day by the JLF Band of Chicago.

Slovak culinary specialties included a bake sale of homemade Slovak pastries and kolach. With plenty of games for the children to enjoy, as well, the 81st Slovak American Day was by all accounts an excellent way to spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

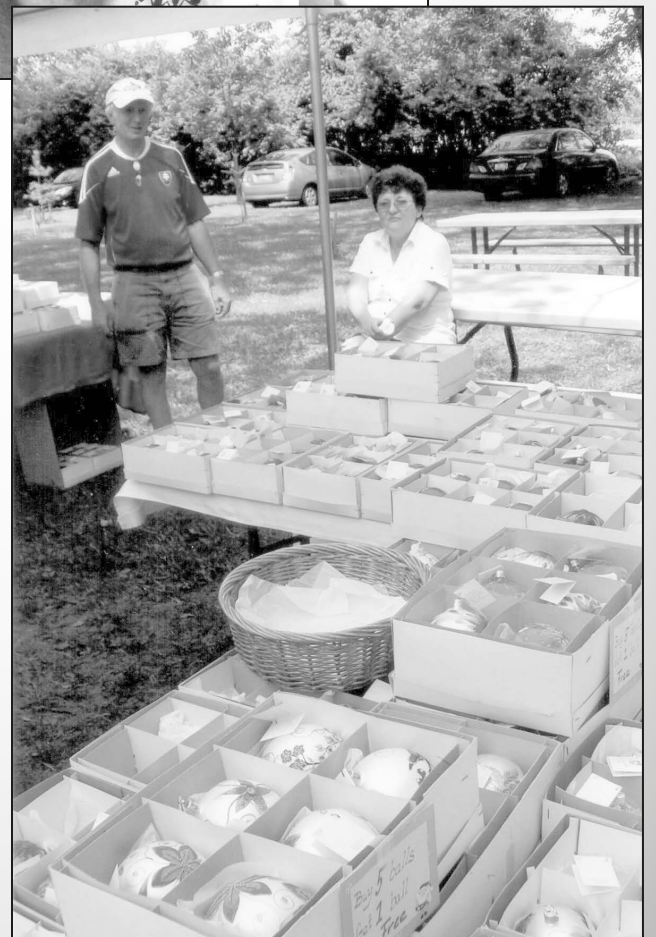
Tatra Slovak Dancers perform



Slovak priests celebrate an outdoor Mass at the 81st Annual Slovak American Day



Branch 89 Member Bob Budjac



Slovak Christmas ornaments were among the many specialty items for sale

YOUTH ROUND-UP



(R-L) Mr. Len Zilko, VP-United Slovak Societies and President of Branch 228; Hailey Dziak, recipient; Helene Virant, Scholarship Coordinator-United Slovak Societies; Michele Mager, Secretary-United Slovak Societies & Br. 228

Miss Hailey Dziak, Branch 228, Scholarship Winner

Miss Hailey Dziak of St. John the Baptist Branch 228, was awarded a 2011 college scholarship from the United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Ohio on July 5, 2011.

Miss Dziak is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School, Amherst, and is the daughter of Michael and Terri (Rein) Dziak.

She has been accepted to Kent State University where her plans include majoring in fashion design.

Additional winners of the 2011 program include Christine Ondeka and Nicolas Jones, both members of FCSLA, St. Ann's Branch 114.

After the presentation, recipients and their families along with members of the United Slovak Societies enjoyed a delicious dinner at the American Slovak Club.

The United Slovak Societies consists of members from the local branches of the five national fraternal organizations formed in Lorain.

Founded during the 1940's, United Slovak Societies remains committed to promoting Slovak heritage and providing educational opportunities for its members.

- Submitted by Michele Mager,
Secretary-United Slovak Societies and Branch 228 Member

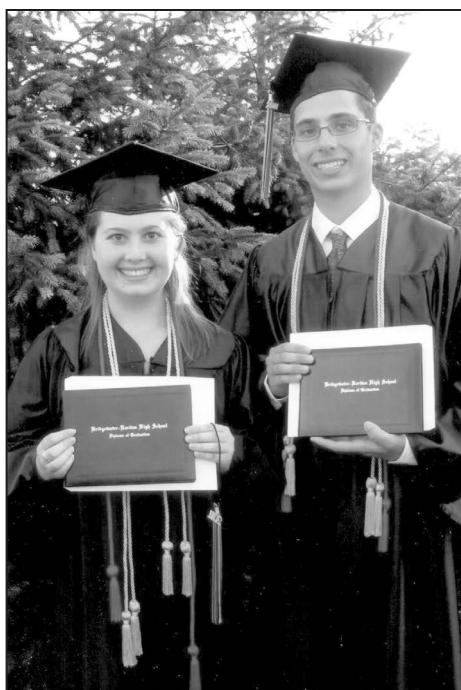


Branch 290 Danielle E. and Derek T. MacMath Graduate with Honors

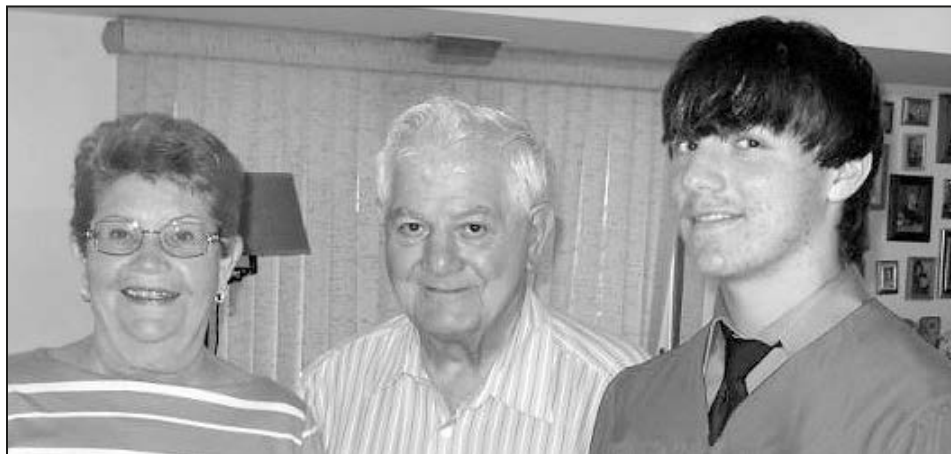
Danielle E. and Derek T. MacMath graduated with honors from Bridgewater-Raritan High School, NJ. Both were in the top 5% of the class. They also were members of the National Honor Society –Silver Cords, along with the Presidential Academic Fitness which is (3.67 G.P.A. and 85th Percentile Standardized Reading or Math Score). Over 700 students were in this class, and Danielle and Derek worked hard to attain these awards.

Danielle will be attending NJ-based Fairleigh Dickenson University and Derek has been accepted at John Hopkins in Baltimore, MD. They both were awarded 2011 Jednota Scholarships and have been members of the Society since birth. They are the children of Michele and Thomas MacMath and the grandchildren of Lillian and Joseph Minarovich, who is the director of Region 1 and President of Branch 290. The family is very proud of them and prays that by the Grace of God they will carry on the good work.

- Submitted by Joseph Minarovich,
Region 1 Director
and Branch 290 President



Jednota scholarship winners Danielle and Derek MacMath display their high school diplomas from Bridgewater-Raritan High School, from which they graduated with honors.



Adam with grandparents Lillian and Joseph Minarovich

Branch 290 Adam Minarovich Graduates Eighth Grade

On June 20, 2011, Adam Minarovich graduated from eighth grade from Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School. Since there were over 760 students in his graduating class the graduation ceremony was held at the Bridgewater-Raritan High School. Adam is the son of Karen and Stephen Minarovich, and a member of Branch 290 in Raritan. His father is the Secretary of Branch 290 and the Treasurer of the Msgr. John E. Rura District. His grandparents Lillian and Joseph Minarovich also attended the graduation ceremony. His grandfather is the director of Region 1 and the President of Branch 290. We wish Adam all the best in the years to come!

- Submitted by Karen & Steve Minarovich, Branch 290 Members



From bottom, counterclockwise: Baby Daniel Held, Jr; holding the baby, Helen Fiala-- great-great grandmother; Loretta Dashner, great grandmother; Lori Dashner-- grandmother; and Kimberly Held, mother.

08/15/2011

Branch 567 Soon to Welcome New Member

Branch 567 of Allentown, PA, anticipates welcoming a new member. Daniel Held, Jr. was born on Friday, August 12, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. Baby Daniel is the great grandson of a very proud Loretta Dashner, Branch 567 Secretary and is pictured here with the rest of his delighted family.

Submitted by Loretta Dashner, Branch 567 Secretary



Branch 40 Awards Member Aurora Dordan with Scholarship

St. Clement Society Branch 40 announced their scholarship winner for the 2011-2012 school year. The \$500.00 college scholarship winner was Aurora C. Dordan of Alaska. Aurora is the daughter of Albert and Christine Dordan. She is a graduate of Eagle River High School, Alaska. She will attend the University of Alaska Anchorage where she will study Japanese, English and or Mandarin and teach foreign languages overseas.

Branch 40 wishes Aurora the best of luck in her future endeavors.

- Submitted by Theresa Graves,
Branch 40 Scholarship Committee Head

Congratulations Aurora Dordan, this year's college scholarship winner for Branch 40





(L-R) Sister Alice Ann Davis, Mrs. Theresa Graves, Mrs. Ashley Davis

Branch 40 Donates to Catholic Elementary School

At their July meeting, St. Clement Society, Branch 40, Streator, IL, voted to donate money to Saint Michael's Catholic Elementary School in Streator, IL. Mrs. Theresa Graves, a teacher at St. Michael's and the head of Branch 40's Scholarship Committee, presented a \$200 check to Sister Alice Ann Harcharik, Director of Religious Education for Streator, for materials for the CCD Program. Mrs. Graves also presented Mrs. Ashley Davis, Principal of St. Michael's Elementary, with a \$200 check for the school.



Two United Slovak Society Events Scheduled in Lorain, OH

There are two exciting Slovak events scheduled at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH. 44055, in September and October. Both are sponsored by the United Slovak Societies, which consists of members of our own Branch 228, along with members of other local branches in the SCS 111&77, FCSLA 114, NSS 160 and LPSCU.

Annual Slovak Day Celebration in September



Eastern European Band Harmonia will perform at American Slovak Club

First, on Sunday September 18, 2011, Annual Slovak Day will be celebrated at the American Slovak Club from 1:00-4:00p.m. The event will feature a Chicken Paprikas Dinner with Eastern European Music Delights by Harmonia. Advanced ticket sales only, \$12.00. Contact Len Zilko at 440/988-3236

October Clambake

Then, on Saturday, October 8, 2011, from 6:00-7:00p.m., there will be a Clambake by Pogie at the American Slovak Club. DJ/Karaoke by Tunes Unlimited will be featured for the evening's entertainment.

Advanced ticket sales only, \$22.00.
Contact John Akosi at 440/984-2212.

- Submitted by Michele Mager, FCSU Branch 228.

If each member would sign up just one new member, we could double our Society immediately
THINK ABOUT IT!

18th Annual Sorrowful Mother Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in Sept

The 18th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Sorrowful Mother will be Sunday, September 18, 2011 at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine, N. Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH.

Devotions begin at 3:00PM with Anointing of the Sick followed by Confessions and mass in Slovak at 4:00PM. Attending clergy will concelebrate with Rev. George M. Franko, principal celebrant, and Rev. Nicholas Mancini, homilist.

Dinner will be served following Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from Slovak Catholic Federation members or by calling 330-782-9126. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Everyone is invited to the Pilgrimage. Dinner is optional.



FALL GALA



Saturday, November 12, 2011

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Lucinka Children's Ensemble

and special guest **Living Traditions**

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Cocktails 6:00p.m. Dinner 6:30p.m.

For tickets, contact: Tom Ivanec at 440/668-7797

Or Mary Ann & Dan Dzurec at 440/930-2197

All proceeds to benefit the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble

Thank You for Your Support

Chicago Branch Hosts Successful Semi-annual Meeting and Luncheon

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, IL, held its Semi-annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, July 23, 2011 in the Bratislava Room of the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont, IL, a western suburb of Chicago.

During the meeting, Robert Ľapák Magruder welcomed the new Region 7 Director Rudy Bernath and his wife Liz, who are trying to visit as many local branch meetings as possible. Region 7 of the Jednota encompasses Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and all points west, including California. After the meeting, the 19 attendees feasted on a variety of Bohemian foods.

Sincerely,

Robert Ľapák Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary



(L - R) Branch 493 Financial Secretary Robert Ľapák Magruder and Don Cummings



Standing (L - R): Joan Donzelski, Susie Hepner; Seated (L - R): past FCSU Scholarship winner Kelly Bobo and Melody Bobo



The Rusiňak family



Region 7 Director Rudy Bernath and wife Liz



The Affrunti family



(L - R) Branch 493 Sgt-at-Arms Pete Turner and Recording Secretary Val Vesely



(L- R) Bottom Row: Helen Brchnel, Maria Zakovic, Joseph Jurasi, Maria Jurasi, and Helen Zakutny
 (L-R) Middle Row: Anna Korcak, Antonia Krajkovic, Anna Zeman, Marta Milko, Zelmira Beckova-Kucharovic, and Anna Zakovic
 (L-R) Top Row: Jozef Korcak, Karol Ondrek, Jan Zeman, Jozef Milko, Anton Kucharovic, Milan Zakovic, and Augustin Ondrek

Fantastic Family Picnic Held by St. Matthews Society in New York

St. Matthews Society, Branch 45, held a family picnic in Greenville, NY, on July 30, 2011. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the great atmosphere and the hospitality extended to branch members and friends.



District 17 Picnic to Take Place Sunday Sept 18th

The Saints Cyril and Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York, and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, will hold its Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 18, 2011, at Pavilion 2 of McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania, from 10:30 A.M. to dusk.

The event will begin with a continental breakfast sponsored by Branch 382 of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Branch 166 of Binghamton, New York. A catered lunch featuring Slovak foods will be served at 12:45 P.M. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled to order in the afternoon. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon.

Adult reservation is \$12; child under 10 years of age is \$6. Reservations are required and must be made by contacting District 17 Fraternal Activities Director Elizabeth M. Slovenkai at 570-344-3854 before Monday, September 12, 2011.

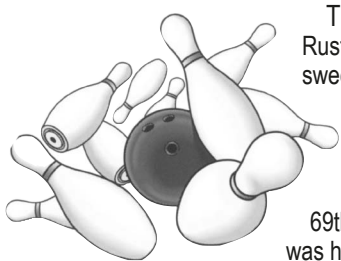
McDade Park offers a playground area, various courts for sports, and walking trails. The Coal Mine Tour and the Anthracite Heritage Museum are within walking distance. Entrance fees are charged.

Members and friends of FCSU are cordially invited.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, District Fraternal Activities Director



Slovak Bowling Congress Announces Branch 228 Rusty Groner "Winner" in America's Foremost Slovak Sports Event



The Slovak Bowling Congress (SBC) has just announced that Rusty Groner of Elyria, Ohio, is the Jednota winner in its all-events sweepstakes. A member of the F.C.S.U, active member of the Lorain, Ohio Branch 228, member of the SBC National Tournament Committee, promoter of the Slovak Home Singles Bowling Tournament, and long-time Slovak activist – Randy captured top honors in the Jednota All-Events Bowling Sweepstakes at the 69th annual Slovak Bowling Congress of America. The tournament was held this Spring at Echo Lanes in Warren, OH.

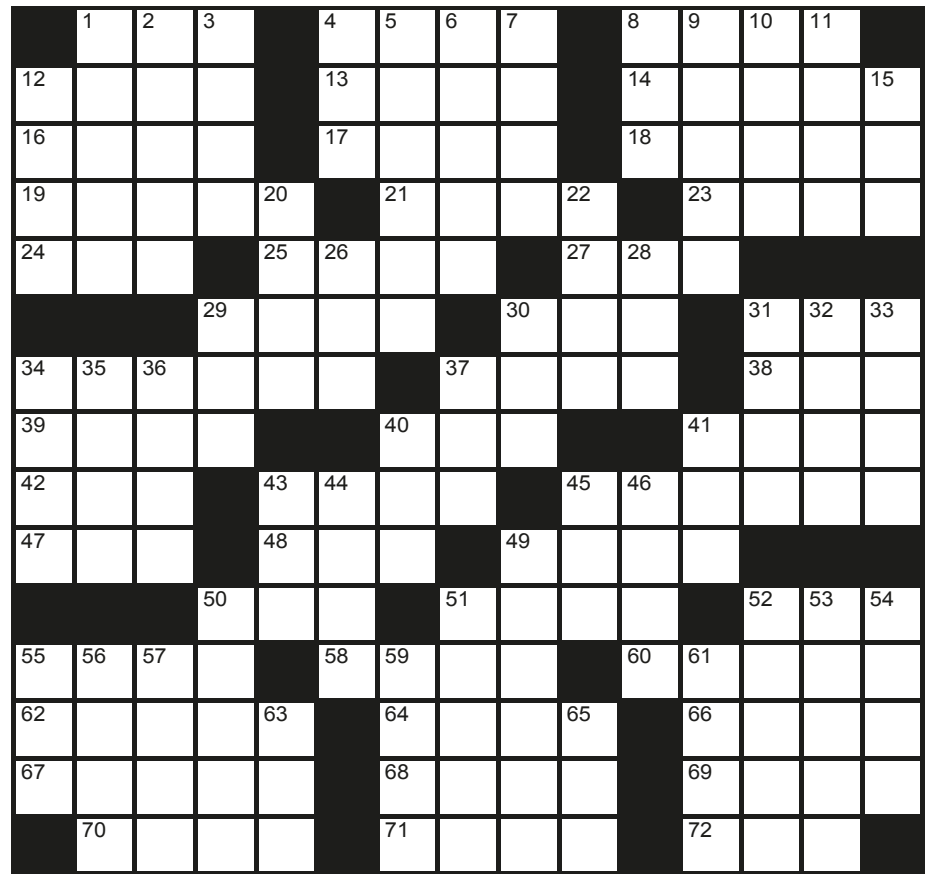
More than 120 team participated this year. The Jednota-sponsored Sweepstakes attracted bowlers from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Congratulations to Rusty Groner! And thank you to the First Catholic Slovak Union – the Jednota – for their sponsorship of this special Sweepstakes.

We hope to see more Jednota bowlers in the Spring of 2012 at Midway Lanes in Akron, OH, for the 70th annual Slovak Bowling Congress of America National Tournament. For more information on the Slovak Bowling Congress, please contact John M. Golias @ 440 526 3657.

Thank you,

John M. Golias, SBC National Tournament Committee

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Soft drink
- 4 Attention getter
- 8 Rear
- 12 Sainly topper
- 13 Dollar bill
- 14 Circumvent
- 16 Contributes
- 17 Highest degrees
- 18 Answer
- 19 Attempts
- 21 Reckless
- 23 Actress Russo
- 24 Envision
- 25 Rel. image
- 27 Increases
- 29 Trudge
- 30 Inventor Whitney
- 31 Distant
- 34 Refuge
- 37 Garden tool
- 38 Beer relative
- 39 Trumpet
- 40 Write down
- 41 Heartthrob
- 42 Singleton
- 43 Knife
- 45 Dairy cow
- 47 Damp
- 48 Haul
- 49 Bogus
- 50 Athletic facility
- 51 Father
- 52 Network inits.
- 55 Beloved
- 58 Warbled
- 60 Gastropod
- 62 Celestial path
- 64 Borrowed money
- 66 Killer whale
- 67 ___ de Cacao
- 68 Nimbus
- 69 Appear

- 70 Toboggan
- 71 Discontinue
- 72 Second sight

Down

- 1 San Diego athlete
- 2 Song of yore
- 3 Sit for a picture
- 4 ___ Arbor
- 5 Fast car
- 6 Hawke or Allen
- 7 Disarray
- 8 Soap measure
- 9 Swears
- 10 Make do
- 11 Oven
- 12 Bonnets
- 15 Coloring material
- 20 River mud
- 22 Wrecked ship
- 26 Demure
- 28 Pastry
- 29 Writing implemen
- 30 Consume
- 31 Crazes
- 32 Health-giving plan
- 33 Depend
- 34 Movie
- 35 First-rate
- 36 Worry
- 37 Steal
- 40 Face part
- 41 Anger
- 43 Eye infection
- 44 Gobblers
- 45 Cookie holder
- 46 Augments
- 49 Barber of Sevil character
- 50 Filth
- 51 Beak
- 52 Feels concern
- 53 Muscle
- 54 Bridge term
- 55 Medical man, for short
- 56 Slips up
- 57 Eve's son
- 59 Regrettably
- 61 Proboscis
- 63 Turner or Williams
- 65 Snooze

See Solution on Page 19

National Picnic 2011: Jednotars Ha



Father Marflak, O.S.B., celebrates Mass at the start of the National Picnic

Many picnic goers start the day by attending Mass



Left side, front to back: George Matta and Barbara Brekosky, w Branch 738 Member James Marmol: Jan back to front: Joanne Regis Brekosky, Reg Treasurer. Photo cou



(L- R) With Branch 24 Auditor Tom Ivanec, Branch 45 Kontakty lead singer and Branch 45 Financial Secretary/Treasurer Maria Jurasi looking on, National President Andrew M. Rajec welcomed all members and guests - and introduced the day's entertainment, the Lúčinka Children's Ensemble waiting to perform.

The Slovenské Mamičky from Cleveland provided music for listening and dancing pleasure



Lúčinka Childrens' Slovak Folk Ensemble of Cleveland danced for the crowd



With or Without Sun, Had Lots of FUN

Some 400 members and guests enjoyed the picnic despite the rain, including:



Center, facing camera: Branch 450 Vice President George Čarný was among the picnic goers enjoying the park's good food and great atmosphere



Back: Florence Matta, wife of National Treasurer Branch 38 Financial Secretary/Treasurer; wife of Region 5 Director Regis Brekosky and ...; Patty Marmol, wife of Region 4 Director ...; Marmol Region 4 Director; right side, ... and Andrew Marmol, Branch 162 Members; ... Region 5 Director, and George Matta, National Courtesy of Rudy Bernath, Region 7 Director



Front table (L) Maria Harcar, wife of National Vice President Andrew Harcar and Branch 40 Financial Secretary/Treasurer with (R) Ida Rajec, wife of National President Andrew M. Rajec and Branch 89 were two of the many FCSU members who braved the rain to enjoy the day.



Jednotars took advantage of the brief sunshine to enjoy Wiegand Park lake



Crafts and games for the children were conducted throughout the afternoon.



Some 400 members and guests came to the National Picnic, including these attendees enjoying themselves in the park dining hall



BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 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

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola District 1 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 11:00AM at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of district officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches in the district 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 District II Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, Illinois. 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 delicious 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, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3 -GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT - WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2011 following the 5 PM Mass in the Formation Room at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. We are looking forward to a good attendance from all branches as we have much to discuss: election of officers for 2012; branch news; and plans for our popular Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at St. Patrick's Rayan Church Hall in Merrill, MI. The church hall is located at 4708 South Meridan Road (M30). A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11:30AM. All members are encouraged to stay for the business meeting at 1:00PM. Branch 774 will be hosting; please notify Katherine Stevens at (989) 835-9895 by October 17th with the number of delegates that will be attending your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, election of officers will be on the agenda, along with discussion of District business. We encourage all branches to be represented. Hoping to see many new faces.

Ann Magusin, District 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 16, 2011 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish School, 130 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, Pa. 19054. The meeting will start at 9:45AM. Mass will be at 12 noon with dinner to follow. Donation for the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Branch 857. All checks and credentials must be returned by Saturday, October 8, 2011. PLEASE be prompt!!

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

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting at 1PM on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at the K2 Engineering Inc. Conference Room at 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA/ District activities and insurance programs will be discussed.

Fraternally,

Barbara A. Holly

DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEF TISO DISTRICT – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Msgr. Josef Tiso District will make its third attempt to hold this year's **Semi-Annual Meeting** on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, PA, at 1:30 PM.

Delegates from all Branches should call okres secretary Grace Charney at (724) 763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

The **Annual Meeting** of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District will be on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, PA, at 2:00 PM.

Delegates from all branches should call okres secretary Grace Charney at (724) 763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

Reminder: Attendance (at least one representative) at a District meeting each year and up-to-date payment of District dues (\$3/yr) are requirements for eligibility to Branches to receive their annual membership reimbursements from Headquarters and to send delegates to quadrennial FCSU Conventions. NO waivers will be granted, and Branch non-compliance with these requirements will be noted in minutes and reports.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 17 - SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS DISTRICT OF BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, AND LACKAWANNA AND LUZERNE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saints Cyril and Methodius District 17 will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Members will attend the 12:15 P.M. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA.

Following the Mass, members will meet in the Church Hall. On the agenda will be officer reports, Regional Director's report, and fraternal activities. Election of officers for 2012 will take place.

A catered luncheon will be provided. All branches are urged to send delegates to the meeting.

Please contact District President Michael J. Slovenkai at 570.342.7562 to confirm your Branch's representatives.

Michael J. Slovenkai, President

BRANCH 3 –

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2011, in Minneapolis, MN.

The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, 13th Ave NE and 2nd Street.

The agenda will include officers' reports, a schedule of activities for 2012, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 3P –

HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:30AM on Sunday September 18, 2011, in St. Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. All members are urged to attend and to get involved in branch activities. Members of Branch 266 will join us for the meeting, and will also join us for a breakfast buffet immediately following the meeting. Please spread the word to fellow members. If you have any questions or concerns, please call M. Koval at 570-454-0004.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 19 -

BRIDGEPORT, CT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 9:30AM, in the Church Hall of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT.

We will discuss our plans for our breakfast brunch to be held on November 13, 2011. We award our college-bound members with scholarships at this meeting.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings, which are conducted on the second Sunday of the month at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall. Our Annual Meeting is held on December 11, 2011, when we elect our officers for the following year.

Fraternally, **Henry Zach, Secretary**

BRANCH 23 –

JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 23 will hold a semi-annual meeting at Our Son's Family Restaurant, Broad Street, Johnstown.

The meeting will commence at 2:00 PM, Sunday, Sept 11, 2011. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Fenimore, President

BRANCH 24 -

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will have a Branch meeting/luncheon at 1:00PM, Sunday October 9th (Browns bye week) at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd. -- Rt. 21 in Independence. Parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square.

The agenda will include the election of officers for 2012 and discussion about Branch/District activities.

Please phone activities director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00PM if you plan to attend.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 55 –

BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA

Because of health issues, the branch trips planned for September 18, 2011, to the Basilica in Washington D.C. for the Annual Re-Dedication of Our Mother of Sorrows Shrine; and on September 25, 2011, to the Slovak Festival in Holmdel, NJ. are cancelled. We apologize for having to cancel these two important trips; however, all members are encouraged to form a groups of four or five and travel on their own.

Fraternally yours,

Helena T. Gaydos, President

BRANCH 162 –

UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly Meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 9:00PM at K2Engineering 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 necessary. Any inquiries and updating information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 200 –

FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 200, holds regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month for the benefit of its members. All meeting start at 7:00PM and are located in the upstairs hall of the CU Club, 914 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA.

Regularly scheduled meeting dates through the rest of 2011 are as follows:

October 6, 2011 and November 3, 2011, with a final annual meeting on Dec 1, 2011, during which time election of officers also will be held.

We encourage all members to come to our meetings. Let us hear your ideas and help us make our branch more productive.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 260 –

CAMPBELL, OHIO

St. Matthews Branch 260 will hold their meeting, Sunday, September 11, 2011, at Bedford Trails, at 1:30PM. There will be a number of items for discussion, notably increasing our membership activity and also our sales of new policies. Members should become more involved by attending seminars and also in their neighborhood area. Our portfolio is one of the best that should make it easy to sell our product. We urge all members to attend.

Fraternally,

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 266 –

HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday September 18, 2011 at 9:30AM in St. Joseph's church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Members of Branch 003P will join us for the meeting, and will join us for a breakfast buffet immediately following the meeting. If you have questions or concerns, please call society officers for details. All members are invited to attend.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 312 –

BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Nicholas Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck at 1121 Monastery Drive, Latrobe, PA. All members are encouraged to attend.

Micki Smolleck, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 327 –

POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 327, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 4, 2011, at 9:00AM in the Holy Trinity Church Social Room, 370 South Street, Pottstown, PA. All members are urged to attend.

Elmer C. Pollock, President

BRANCH 553 –

AKRON, OHIO

St. John's the Baptist, Branch 553, will be holding lodge meetings in 2011 on the following dates at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311.

Save these dates:

- Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 1:00 pm – election of officers for 2012

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Mark your calendars now so that you can hold the dates and attend your lodge meeting. Your participation is what makes our society a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567KJ, will have a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 1:00PM in St. John the Baptist Social Hall, 924 N. Front St., Allentown, PA.

A discussion will be held regarding our upcoming nut/kiffle fundraiser.

All members are welcome to attend. Thank you and have a nice summer!

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Monthly meetings are held at Tatra Hall, Sixth Street and Sherman Blvd., on the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. (September through May). The meeting on Sunday, September 16, 2011, will include some important information concerning the forthcoming year. We encourage all members to attend. Our future depends on the outcome of this meeting.

The election of officers for the 2012 year, will be held at the Sunday, December 16, 2011, meeting.

As always, you can call 231 733 7525 for additional information of current events.

Donna Stone, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 721 - BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

Jednota Branch 721 in Bannister, MI, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 2, 2011, at 2:00PM. It will be held at St. Cyril's Meeting Room, Bannister, MI. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully,

Joseph Beno, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 764- WARREN, OHIO

Sts Cyril & Methodius, Branch 764, will hold its meeting on Sept 18, 2011 at 12:00PM at Bella Women's Center, 1192 North Road NE, Warren, OH 44483. A light lunch will be provided by the Center in appreciation of the donation of the bottle-less water dispenser for their new waiting room. After lunch the group will be given a tour of the new facility. On the agenda will be the discussion of future events and the planning of a brunch and Mass for the living and deceased members of the Branch at Sts. Cyril & Methodius later this year. Please contact Joy Brunetti at 330-979-6494 no later than Sept 11, 2011, if you plan to attend.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 769 – ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 769, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept 6, 2011 at the residence of Henry J. Pochily, 2809 Smith Drive, Endwell, NY. All members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will include a discussion of the value and benefits of membership in the FCSU.

Henry J. Pochily, President

BRANCH 774 – MERRILL, MICHIGAN

There will be a general meeting of Branch 774 to discuss activities on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 1:00PM. The meeting will be held at the home of Branch President Frank Rados, 4084 Kane Road, Merrill, MI, 48637. All members are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,

Frank Medosa, President

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

Branch 855 will hold an officer's meeting on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 2:00PM and at the home of Branch President Mary Kolesar. On the agenda will be a discussion of the upcoming annual branch meeting. Details to follow in an issue of Jednota.

Fraternally,

Linda Kolesar, Secretary/Treasurer

Branch 200 Members: We Need Your Help!

I am currently updating our beneficial membership list. I need information for any member that has a change of address, name, and/or phone number. I also would like to obtain email addresses and cell phone numbers. There may be policy holders that are deceased and the beneficiaries are entitled to life insurance proceeds. You may want to make beneficiary changes to existing policies or purchase additional insurance.

You can contact me by mail, email or phone. My mailing address is: Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA, 16226. My email is vschaub@gmail.com. The phone is 724-763-9229 (Monday-Friday, between noon and 5PM).

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Fraternally,

Vicki Schaub, Branch Financial Secretary/Treasurer

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.**

OBITUARIES

MARY M. BURY BRANCH 38 – WHITE OAK, PENNSYLVANIA

Mary M. Bury, 100, of Port Vue, died peacefully Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the home of her daughter, Dolores Kontros. Born Oct. 1, 1910, in Leckrone, she was the daughter of the late John and Susan (Marcinek) Mayher and was also preceded in death by her husband, Joseph G. Bury. Mary loved to crochet and to follow the Steelers and Pirates. She was active as a volunteer with the Port Vue Fire Company and worked as a voting clerk during elections. She was a member of the Ladies Community Club of Port Vue, a treasurer and elder of the Junior Branch of the Order of St. Anthony and was active in the St. Mary's Rosary Society. In addition to Mrs. Kontros, she is survived by her son, Joseph E. Bury and his wife, Beverly, of Monroeville; five grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; as well as her sister, Agnes Econovich, of Port Vue; and nieces and nephews. Friends were received on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the Daniel F. Bekavac Funeral Home and Crematory, Versailles, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mark's Parish, where she was a member. Father Daniel Straughn presided and interment followed in Calvary Cemetery, Port Vue. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

HELEN M. PECUS BRANCH 600 – LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Helen M. Pecus, 80, formerly of Leechburg, PA, died Monday August 8, 2011, at Life Care Hospital at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights. She was born February 11, 1931, in West Leechburg, PA, a daughter of the late Joseph Pecus and Josephine (Prekop) Pecus. Helen was employed as an in-home health aide for Citizens General Enterprises, Inc. of New Kensington for two years. She was formerly employed by Leechburg Supply Co. in Leechburg. Helen was a 1949 graduate of Leechburg High School, a member of Christ the King Parish in Leechburg, the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 600 in Leechburg, and the Catholic Business and Professional Women's Association of Vandergrift, PA. She enjoyed playing cards with her card club. Helen is survived by her brothers, John C. Pecus (Irene), of Pearl, MS, and Frank A. Pecus (Julia) of Hyde Park, PA; sisters Anna Gole, of Cabot, PA, and Frances Zinchini (Frank), of Vandergrift; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph V., Andrew and Steve J. Pecus; and sister, Mary A. Pecus. Friends were welcomed by her family from 3PM – 7PM Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in Clawsons, Leechburg, where parting prayers of transfer were held at 9:30AM in Christ the King Parish. Officiating was the Rev. James Loew, O.S.B. Interment followed in St. Catherine Cemetery, Gilpin Township.



MARY (SCAVINA) JACOBS BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Funeral services were held Monday, May 16, 2011, at 9 a.m. at the Kubina-Yuhasz Funeral Home in Boardman, with a Mass of Christian Burial following at 9:30 a.m. at St. Matthias Church in Youngstown, for Mary (Scavina) Jacobs, 88, who passed away Thursday, May 12, 2011 at Hospice House.

Mary was born in Youngstown, on Nov. 7, 1922, a daughter of Matthew and Mary Dovica Scavina.

A 1941 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, she was a life-long resident of the area and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Matthias Church and of its Infant Jesus of Prague Guild, Sacred Heart and Rosary Society and Golden Echoes. She was also a member of the Brownlee Woods Seniors and of the First Catholic Slovak Union, St. George Society Branch 682.

Mary especially enjoyed traveling to visit her children and grandchildren. She was devoted to her church and was dedicated to daily prayer and the rosary. She had a deep appreciation of family as well as of the Slovak heritage and passed these on as traditions to her own family. She will be remembered by her grandchildren and other relatives as "Baba."

Besides her parents and her husband, George A. Jacobs, whom she married Sept. 23, 1946, and who died Dec. 20, 1969, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Michael, Charles and John Scavina; and by her sisters, Ann Cooper and Helen Mazzarino.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou Jacobs of Youngstown, with whom she made her home; her sons, George (Denise) Jacobs of Monument, Colo. and Michael (Bernadine) Jacobs of Toledo; her grandchildren, Captain Matthew (Stephanie) Jacobs of Colorado Springs, Colo., Michael Jacobs, Nicholas Jacobs and Danielle Jacobs, all of Monument, and Andrew Jacobs of Toledo. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph (Nancy) Scavina of Boardman; her brothers-in-law, Nick Cooper of Youngstown, Frank Mazzarino of Struthers and Albert (Irene) Jacobs, also of Struthers; her sister-in-law, Audrey Scavina of Youngstown; and by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Friends called from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday May 15, 2011, at the funeral home, where a combined prayer service was held at 1:45 p.m. Interment took place at Calvary Cemetery.

JOSEPH C. PAVLICK, SR. BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Funeral services began at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2011, at the Vaschak-Kirila Funeral Home, and at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, for Joseph C. Pavlick, Sr., 90, who entered into rest Thursday evening, June 2, 2011, at Walton Manor Nurs-

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ing Home. Joseph was born July 7, 1920 in Youngstown, the son of the late John and Anna (Kral) Pavlik. He was a graduate of South



High School, and service his country in the U. S. Marines during WWII. He was employed for 43 years as a foreman at Republic Steel. Joseph was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, the V.F.W. in Washingtonville, the American Legion in Leetonia, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, #3298, Austintown, and the First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 682. He also was a private pilot for over 50 years. Joseph will sadly missed by many, including his sons; Joseph Pavlick of Salem, John Pavlick of Struthers, and Daniel Pavlick of Youngstown, daughters; Linda (Tim) Lomen of Campbell, and Danielle (Mike) Muzic, a brother, Frank J. Pavlik of St. Paul Minn. and four sisters; Mary Feret of Boardman, Pauline (Frank) Sebest of Struthers, Sister Mary Immaculata in the St. Louise Convent, Pittsburgh, and Genevieve Popa of Austintown. He also leaves 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, the former Rae C. (Corbett) Pavlik, whom he married June 26, 1948, and passed away on November 13, 1991, two sons; Michael and Charles Pavlick, a brother Edward J. Pavlik and his special friend, Lola Hardwick. Friends called on Sunday, June 4, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. at the Vaschak-Kirila Funeral Home, Youngstown.

The officers and members of Branch 682 offer their deepest sympathy to both families. May our dear departed members rest in peace.

- Submitted by Joseph Scavina, Branch 682 Financial Secretary

JOSEPH RIMARCIK, SR. BRANCH 743 – STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Long-time Jednota member Joseph Rimarcik Sr. of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away on August 7, 2011, a few days short of his 100th birthday. Brother Rimarcik was born in Zborov, Czechoslovakia in 1911 and arrived in the USA in 1936. He was heavily involved in his Church and the Slovak Community, including the Jednota. He was elected to various positions in Branch 743, including President. He was also elected to the Supreme Office of Area Vice President-Michigan at the August 1964 Convention held in Montreal, Canada. He continued to serve the Jednota until March 1983 when he retired. He spent 45 years, in all, serving the Jednota. His wife Susan passed away October 7, 2009. They were married for 71 years. He is survived by his



son Joseph C. (Dianna) Rimarcik, Arlene (Jim) Austin, Eleanor (Milan) Straka and Susan (Mark) Wietchy. Joseph and Susan are survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral arrangements were provided by E.J. Mandziuk & Son funeral home and the Mass was at SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, in Sterling Heights, MI.

Submitted by Joseph C. Rimarcik, President Branch 743

GEORGE E. DANKA BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

George E. Danka, of Bristol, PA, died on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Silver Lake Nursing Center. He was 77.

Born and raised in Trenton, N.J., Mr. Danka moved to Middletown Township in 1958 where he resided until moving to Bristol in 1989.

He was employed with PSE&G in Trenton for many years until retiring. Mr. Danka was a long time member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where he served as a cantor and was formerly active with the church bowling league.

He was a Navy veteran of Korea and was a member of American Legion Post No. 960. He enjoyed fishing in his spare time.

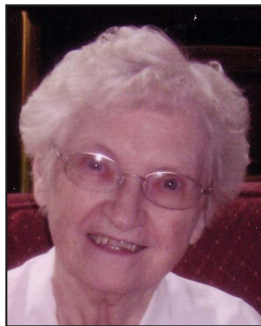
Mr. Danka was the beloved husband of Margaret M. (Bardzak) Danka for 53 years. He was the loving father of Robert G. and his wife Mary Danka of Baton Rouge, LA, Judith A. and her husband Dave Dunlap of Mount Laurel, NJ, and Peggy A. Danka of Winston-Salem, NC. He was the devoted grandfather of Elizabeth and Caroline Danka and Brianna and Bryce Dunlap.

He will be sadly missed by his sister Ann DeMuzio of Hoboken, NJ, his special brother-in-law Michael and his wife Sheila Bardzak of Groveville, NJ and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to call Sunday July 24, 2011, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the James J. Dougherty Funeral Home, Inc., Levittown where a Parastas service was held at 8 p.m. Friends also called Monday from 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home where a Panachida service was held at 9:30 a.m. His funeral mass was celebrated Monday, July 25, 2011, 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church followed by Rite of Committal in Resurrection Cemetery.

SISTER M. SYLVIA (ANNA) PAVLOCHIN, OSF

Sister M. Sylvia (Ann), 90, a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis, United States Province for 65 years, died from a heart condition, on Friday, July 29, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Muhlenberg in Bethlehem PA. Sister Sylvia entered the community from Assumption BVM Parish in Northampton, PA in 1943 and professed her first vows in 1946 in Mount Assisi Convent Chapel in Pittsburgh PA. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Seton Hall University in New Jersey. Throughout her years of ministry, Sister Sylvia taught



kindergarten through eighth grade in many of the parish schools where our sisters ministered. She taught in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. She was the Vice-Principal in New Milford NJ for two years. Sister Sylvia often assisted with preparing the altars for the liturgies in the parish churches and was the sacristan at Monocacy in Bethlehem PA for four years. She also taught Religious Education in parishes in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. After forty-two years of teaching Sister Sylvia spent eight years in Parish Ministry and visiting the elderly in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. In 2004, she began her ministry of prayer and community service when she moved to Monocacy in Bethlehem PA where she lived out the remaining years of her life.

Sister Sylvia was the daughter of the late John George Pavlochyn and Elizabeth (Lelko). She was preceded in death by her sisters Margaret Heist, Helen and her step sister Mary. She is survived by her religious community, four nephews, one niece, three great nephews, seven great nieces, three great great nephews and two great great nieces.

The viewing was at Monocacy from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2011, and from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. Arrangements were made by the Connell Funeral Home, Bethlehem PA.

Sister M. Innocent Lisi, SCN

Sister M. Innocent Lisi, 92, SCN, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth died peacefully at the Vincentian Home on Aug. 3.

She was born in Duquesne, PA and entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity in 1935, from Holy Trinity Parish and devoted her life to the service of God and others for 76 years. Sister received her Bachelor of Education degree from Duquesne University.

She taught 44 years in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg, PA and Youngstown, OH. After her "retirement," Sister worked 18 years in the business department at Assumption Nursing Home in Youngstown. In 1997, she retired a second time and tutored as well as helped in the Vincentian Child Care Center.

Sister's next assignment was with the Prayer Ministry. She became a resident of Vincentian Home in 2005. Sister is remembered for her quiet ways, bright eyes and cheerful smile.

Sister Innocent was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Anna Lisi; three sisters, Anna, Veronica and Ann; and three brothers, John, Michael and Bernard.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Phyllis Lisi; nieces and nephews; and her Sisters in Community.

Friends were received at St. Louise Convent in Pittsburgh, Aug. 5, from 1 to 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Louise Convent Chapel Saturday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m.

SISTER M. FRANCES LOUISE MIHALEK, SCN

Sister M. Frances Louise Mihalek, 84, A Sister of Charity of Nazareth, died peacefully on July 29, 2011. Sister was born in Glassport, PA, entered the Congregation of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from Holy Trinity Parish, McKeesport, PA in 1927 and for 84 years devoted her life to the service of God and others. Sister Frances Louise received her Bachelor of Education and Master of Education degrees from Duquesne University. During her 55 years of ministry in education, Sister worked in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg as a teacher and principal. Upon retirement Sister Frances Louise volunteered as Eucharistic Minister at both Allegheny General and North Hills Passavant Hospital for 15 years. When she was no longer able to continue her work in the hospitals, Sister began her prayer ministry at Lourdes Hall in St. Louise Convent where she spent her final years. Sister Frances Louise was predeceased by her parents George and Susanna Mihalek; four brothers: George, Paul, Andrew and Edward, and her sister, Helen. She is survived by her nephew Andrew, relatives, friends and her Sisters in Community. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Louise Convent Chapel on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 11:00AM.

SISTER MARY DOMINIC RECHTORIK

Sister Mary Dominic Rechterik, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, died August 8, 2011 at the age of 84. She was born in New Salem, PA, entered the Community of the Vincentian Sisters of Charity in 1945, and for 66 years served God through the ministry of education as teacher and principal in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg, PA, and Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO. Sister Dominic spent part of each summer for 16 years going to Philippi, West Virginia to assist those in need. She had a special love for the poor and underserved. Following her retirement from teaching, Sister Dominic was the receptionist at the Vincentian Child Care Center for 6 years after which she became part of the Prayer Ministry. She was a resident of Vincentian Home for the past 5 years.

She is predeceased by parents John and Eva (Glogosky) and by sisters Anna, Louise, Helen, Mildred, Sister Pelagia (Mary), Sister M. Bernice (Agnes) and brothers Frank and Anthony. She is survived by her brother Stephen, sister-in-law Irene, nieces, nephews and her sisters of the SCN Global Community. Friends were received at St. Louise Convent, Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 from 2-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed in the Sisters' cemetery.

If each member would sign up just one new member, we could
double our Society immediately
THINK ABOUT IT!

Zdeno Chára Chosen as Slovakia's Best Ice-hockey Player in 2010/11



Zdeno Chára, born March 18, 1977, is the tallest player (at 6'9") ever to play in the NHL. He is also the second European born and trained captain to win the Stanley Cup. He speaks 7 languages: Slovak, Czech, Polish, Russian, German, Swedish and English.

Zdeno Chára, captain of the 2011 Stanley Cup champions, the Boston Bruins, has received the Golden Puck Award for Slovakia's best ice-hockey player for the second time in his career. The Golden Puck Awards are given by the Slovak Hockey Federation to those deemed the best and brightest in Slovak hockey.

The results of the competition were announced in Bratislava's Hotel Bonbon on Saturday evening, August 6, 2011. Goalie Zuzana Tomčíková received the prize for the best female ice-hockey player for the third time in a row.

Chára, 34, apart from leading his team to the most prestigious trophy in ice-hockey – the Stanley Cup – last season, also has received awards abroad: the Bridgestone Messier Leadership Award (awarded to the player who exemplifies great leadership qualities to his team on and off the ice during the regular season) and the Bud Light Plus-Minus Award (awarded to the player who, having played a minimum of 60 games, heads the league in the plus/minus statistics at the end of the NHL regular season). He also came within a whisker of his second Norris Trophy, which is awarded to the NHL's best defender.

Second place in the Golden Puck best player competition was taken by Anaheim Ducks defender Lubomír Višňovský, who topped the NHL regular season individual scoring statistics (goals and assists) among defenders, followed by national team captain Pavol Demitra, who retired from the national team at the World Championships in Slovakia in May.

Among the top award winners by category were:

- Best Player: Zdeno Chára
- Best Female Player: Zuzana Tomčíková
- Best Player Under 20: Richard Panik
- Best Goalie: Jaroslav Halák
- Best Defender: Zdeno Chára
- Best Forward: Pavol Demitra
- Best Coach: Július Šupler

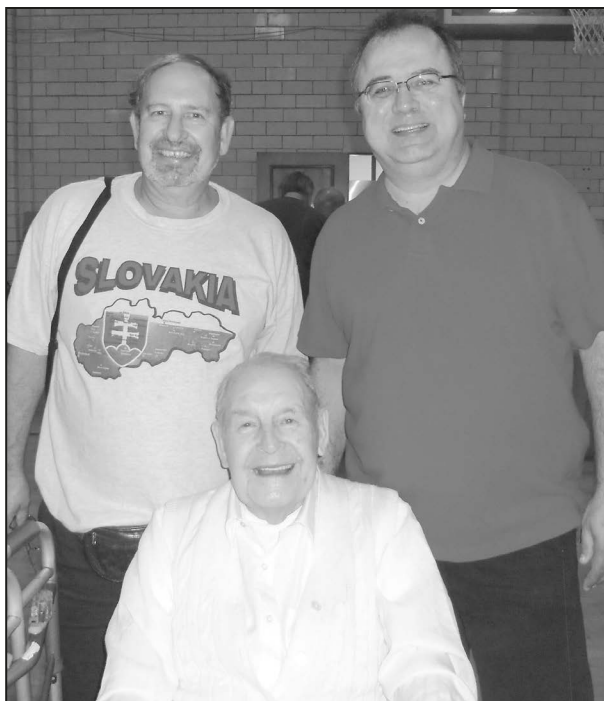
The highest-level ice hockey league in Slovakia, Slovak Extraliga, is ranked by the IIHF as the fifth strongest league in Europe. Players named to the All Star Team of the 2010/2011 Slovnaft Extraliga were:

- Goalie: Július Hudáček (HC Košice)
- Defenders: Ján Tabaček (HC Košice), Radoslav Suchý (HK SKP Poprad)
- Forwards: Miroslav Zálešák (HK 36 Skalica/HC Košice), Arne Krotak (HK SKP Poprad), Stanislav Gron (HC Košice).

- Based on August 7, 2011 TASR News Agency, Bratislava, Slovakia



Sixth Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest:



Attendees enjoyed The Sixth Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest in Youngstown, OH on August 14, 2011 including: in front, Michael Kopanic, Sr., who will be 93 in September; standing (L-R) Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr., Jednota contributor and History Professor from the University of Maryland University College; Dennis Spisak, host of the Slovak Radio Program from WKTL Struthers FM 90.7, which airs Saturday night, 9-11 pm. Photo courtesy of Dr. Michael Kopanic, Jr.



Slovenský Čuvač Pups Available This Fall in US

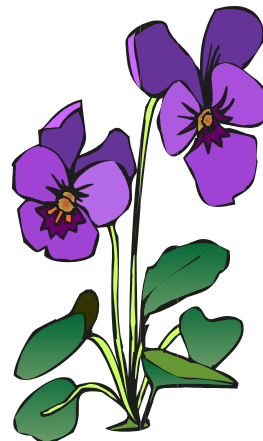
The Slovenský Čuvač, - also known as the Slovak Chuvach, Tatransky Cuvac and Slovensky Kuvac – is a hardy white dog renowned for its constitution, sturdy, massive frame and shaggy white coat. These gentle, herding dogs have served as companion and service animals in the Slovak mountains for generations of alpine farmers.

Registered breeding of the Slovenský Čuvač was established in Czechoslovakia by Professor Antonin Hruza in 1929. Today, approximately 2000 dogs are registered in the Slovak Republic; there also are breeders keeping the tradition alive in the US. One such organization is the Slovenský Čuvač Dog Club of America, whose president Elisabeth Pisula, notes that two litters of pups are expected in the fall – one in South Carolina at Kennel Mika and another in Texas at Kennel vom Boehmerwald.

On October 8, 2011, the Club will host the third Memorial Prof. Antonin Hruza/American Championship in Richmond, Texas. Judge Vlado Javorcik is once again flying in from Nitra, Slovakia, to "crown" a champion, and members plan to arrive and participate from all over the United States. Then, in 2012, the Slovenský Čuvač Dog Club of America will host a 30th anniversary event that will include attendance by a special judge from Bratislava, Slovakia.

For more information on the Club, or its pups, contact Elisabeth Pisula, President of Slovenský Čuvač Dog Club of America at 281 344 0027 or at slovenskycuvacusa@gmail.com. Or visit the website: <http://slovenskytchouvach.com> or www.slovenskycuvacusa.blogspot.com

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News From Slovakia

Eurostat: Slovakia among EU States with Lowest Number of Foreigners

Bratislava, August 1 (TASR) - There were 62,900 foreigners living in Slovakia in 2010, which amounts to 1.2 percent of the country's population, reads a report for July drafted by Eurostat.

This means that Slovakia has the third-lowest number of foreigners in relative terms, behind only Poland (0.1 percent) and Lithuania (1.1 percent).

The largest number of foreigners living in EU-member states was recorded in Germany (7.1 million), followed by Spain (5.7 million) and Great Britain (4.4 million).

Well over half of the foreigners living in Slovakia were citizens of EU-member states (38,700 out of 62,900).

Volkswagen Slovakia Kickstarts Hiring of 1,500 New Staff

Bratislava, August 5 (TASR) - Volkswagen Slovakia has begun recruiting 1,500 new staff for the production of its New Small Family line, the plant's spokesman Vladimir Machalik told TASR on Friday.

The vacancies are to be filled by the end of the year. New workers are needed mainly in the unit producing car bodies, in the paint shop and in the assembly hall. Thousands more jobs will be created in the network of suppliers.

"The company will primarily seek people with a technological background and a secondary education. Both experienced people and graduates will be employed," said Machalik.

Volkswagen Slovakia is among the country's foremost exporters, investors and private employers. A total of 2.5 million cars have been produced at the facility since 1991. It made 144,500 vehicles, 379,000 gearboxes and 31.5 million car components in 2010. More than 99 percent of the plant's output is exported to 148 countries.

Amazon Opens Support Center in Bratislava

Bratislava, August 5 (TASR) - Amazon.com officially opened a support center for salespeople in Bratislava on Thursday.

The opening ceremony was attended by Martin Chren, advisor to Economy Minister Juraj Miskov, and general director of the Slovak Development and Trade Agency (SARIO) Robert Simoncic.

Amazon is set to create more than 200 jobs in Slovakia by the end of 2012, said the Economy Ministry. The newly opened center will facilitate trade negotiations with the aim of helping Amazon's salespeople be more successful in their companies. The goods that they sell represent 30 percent of all orders carried out on Amazon's website.

"I'm happy that Amazon has established itself in Slovakia in such a short time since our roadshow in the U.S.A. This is a reflection of the improvement in the business environment. We want to see Slovakia become the most attractive country for investments in Central and Eastern Europe," said Chren.

Amazon.com is among the U.S.A.'s 500 largest companies. It appeared on the web in 1995 and is currently the largest internet shop in the world.

Miskov Meets Indonesian Ambassador to Discuss Trade and Business

Bratislava, August 12 (TASR) - Slovak Economy Minister Juraj Miskov met Indonesian Ambassador to Slovakia Harsha Edwana Joesoef on Thursday to discuss their two countries' foreign trade balance among other topics, TASR learnt on Friday.

Slovakia's trade balance with Indonesia posted a deficit of €127.4 million last year, with exports reaching €11 million and imports amounting to €138.4 million.

Miskov stated that relations between Slovakia and Indonesia have a long tradition and aren't burdened with any problems. He emphasised the importance of Asia in the global economy, and the growing significance of Indonesia within the ASEAN grouping. "I'd welcome a more balanced trade exchange, however," he said.

The Indonesian ambassador praised co-operation with Slovakia, specifically referring to the activities of Slovak firms in Indonesia, including in the spheres of energy, cement production, mining, defence, the rubber industry and agriculture.

The two sides also discussed opportunities for Slovak businessmen to access Indonesia's markets. These include a mission of Slovak entrepreneurs to Indonesia and participation in the TRADE EXPO fair in Jakarta in October.

Nominal Salaries Grew in All Sectors, Real Salaries Only in Three

Bratislava, August 10 (TASR) - Average nominal monthly salaries in June grew most year-on-year in information and telecommunications activities, by 9.1 percent, the Statistics Office announced on Wednesday.

Growth was also seen in the following sectors: selected market services - 6.4 percent, construction - 5.4 percent, and industry - 2.1 percent. The remaining monitored sectors reported growth of less than 1 percent.

Information and communication activities also generated the highest increase in real average monthly salaries - 5 percent year-on-year in June. Selected market services followed with growth of 2.4 percent, then construction with 1.4 percent.

"They [real salaries] fell in transport and warehousing by 4.2 percent, in wholesale by 4 percent, in retail by 3.6 percent, in restaurant and pubs by 3.5 percent, in accommodation by 3.3 percent, in sales and maintenance of motor vehicles by 3.1 percent, and in industry by 1.7 percent," read the statistics.

When it comes to the figures for the first half of 2011, employees of information and telecommunications services had the highest average nominal monthly salaries at €1,639. Other average salaries were: in selected market services - €799, in wholesale - €732, in sales and maintenance of motor vehicles - €717, in transport and warehousing - €696, in construction - €577, in accommodation - €549, and in retail - €542. The lowest nominal monthly salary was paid to restaurant and bar employees, who earned €356 gross on average.

SU: GDP Grew by 3.3 percent Y-o-Y in 2Q11

Bratislava, August 16 (TASR) - Slovakia's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 3.3 percent year-on-year in fixed prices in the second quarter of 2011, the Statistics Office (SU) announced in a preliminary estimate on Tuesday.

If seasonal effects are left out of the equation, GDP grew by 3.4 percent year-on-year in the given period and by 0.9 percent when compared to the first quarter of 2011.

GDP reached €17.122 billion in current prices in the second quarter, which represents 5.3-percent growth y-o-y.

Stats Office: Employment Up by 2.1 percent Y-o-Y in 2Q11

Bratislava, August 16 (TASR) - Employment in Slovakia rose by 2.1 percent year-on-year in 2Q11 to reach 2.2 million, the Statistics Office announced on Tuesday.

After seasonal effects are taken into account, employment was up by 2 percent y-o-y, and by 0.4 percent compared to 1Q11.

In 1Q11, employment rose 1.8 percent y-o-y after seasonal effects were taken into account, a 0.7-percent rise compared to 4Q10.

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS August 2011

General Intention - World Youth Day

That World Youth Day in Madrid may encourage young people throughout the world to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ.



When the United Nations declared 1985 International Youth Year, Blessed Pope John Paul II added a Catholic dimension by proclaiming the first World Youth day. Many thought young people wouldn't care and wouldn't come, but Pope John Paul proved them wrong. World Youth day has been a continuing success. This August about a million young people will gather for WYD in Madrid, Spain. The Apostleship of Prayer will be there among them.

Pope Benedict XVI is asking us to pray this month that young people throughout the world may be "rooted and built up in Christ," an echo of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Not coincidentally, this year's theme for World Youth Day picks up the same pas-

sage: Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith.

Why is it so important for young people to be rooted and built up in Christ? St. Paul's letter continues, "See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy." As a philosopher himself, Pope Benedict XVI well understands that the world is filled with false belief systems that promise happiness but cannot deliver. True happiness is possible only through friendship with Jesus Christ, a relationship which comes by faith.

Pope Benedict extends a broad invitation to World Youth Day in Madrid: "I would like all young people - those who share our faith in Jesus Christ, but also those who are wavering and uncertain, or who do not believe in him, to share this experience, which can prove decisive for their lives. It is an experience of the Lord Jesus, risen and alive, and of his love for each of us.

Reflection:

How can you help young people strengthen their friendship with Jesus?

Reading:

Colossians 2:6-8 So, as you received Christ Jesus, the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one captivate you with empty, seductive philosophy.



and our own North America. "An interior desert results," said Pope Benedict, "whenever the human being, wishing to be sole architect of his nature and destiny, finds himself deprived of that which is the very foundation of all things."

To counter Western secularization, the Pope established the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. He charged the council to help resurrect faith in countries where long-established Churches are experiencing an "eclipse of the sense of God."

"There has been a troubling loss of the sense of the sacred," said the Pope, "which has even called into question foundations once deemed unshakable, such as faith in a provident creator God, the revelation of Jesus Christ as the one Savior, and a common understanding of basic human experiences: i.e., birth, death, life in a family, and reference to a natural moral law."

Only God's grace can reverse the effects of secularization. This month we join Pope Benedict in praying for ourselves, that we Western Christians may be open to the Holy Spirit and allow it to refresh our faith.

Reflection:

How have you experienced secularization? How can you "rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm" of your faith?

Reading: 2

Timothy 3:1-17 Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.



Prayer of the Month



Friend and Lord Jesus Christ, how great you are! With your words and works you have revealed to us who God is - your Father and our Father - and who you are, our Savior.

You call us to be with you. You are our life. May our thoughts, our love, and our actions always be rooted in you. You are our rock. May our faith in you always be the solid foundation of our life.

- Adapted from the World Youth Day website



Mission Intention - Western Christians

That Western Christians may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.



We ourselves are the "Western Christians" for whom Pope Benedict asks us to pray.

Often in his mission intentions the Holy Father asks us to pray for people in Asia and Africa, places where Christianity has taken hold only recently. We have traditionally called these regions "mission territories." But more and more, because of the rise of secular belief systems, the entire world has become mission territory.

Sadly, faith is rapidly disappearing from some of the territories where missionaries first planted Christ, particularly the nations of Western Europe

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Vysoké Tatry sa zaradili medzi desať najlepších národných parkov

Vysoké Tatry (TASR) Vysoké Tatry patria medzi desať najlepších európskych národných parkov. Myslí si to popredný britský environmentálny časopis The Ecologist, ktorý Tatry pre obdivuhodnú flóru a faunu zaradil medzi najlepšie národné parky v Európe. Slovenské Tatry sa tak podľa britského časopisu vyrovnajú národným parkom vo Švajčiarsku, Francúzsku, Veľkej Británii, Grécku či Švédsku. Environmentálny časopis vyzdvihol viaceré výhody Tatier. Vysoké Tatry sú podľa The Ecologist jedným z posledných miest, kde je možné vidieť kamzíka.



Foto: TASR/Milan Kapusta
Kamzík patrí k tatranským symbolom.

“Okrem toho je národný park domovom svišťov, hnedých medveďov a množstva druhov vtáctva,” informovala o príspevku v britskom časopise Zuzana Nemcová zo Slovenskej agentúry pre cestovný ruch. Za najväčšie turistické atrakcie považuje autorka príspevku o Tatrách najvyšší vrch Tatier Gerlachovský štít, Štrbské pleso či jeden zo symbolov Slovenska - Kriváň.

Britský časopis odporučil ako dobrý tip na ubytovanie, rešpektujúce ekologické požiadavky, hotel na Štrbskom Plese. V závere článku autorka radí, ako sa dá z Londýna dostať vlakom na Slovensko a do Tatier. Nechýba v ňom ani link na národný portál cestovného ruchu SR.

Svetoznámy magazín The Ecologist založil v roku 1970 Edward Goldsmith. Časopis sa stal platformou ekologického hnutia a významných iniciatív upozorňujúcich napríklad na klimatické zmeny a globalizáciu. Od roku 2009 vychádza už len v elektronickej forme na <http://www.theecologist.org/>



Projekt digitalizácie kultúrneho dedičstva na Slovensku sa podarilo zachrániť

Bratislava (TASR) - Historicky najväčší projekt, aký sa kedy realizoval v oblasti kultúry aj z hľadiska najvyššieho objemu finančných prostriedkov, sa súčasnému vedeniu rezortu kultúry podarilo zachrániť. “Projekt digitalizácia kultúrneho dedičstva sme postavili z hlavy na nohy,” vyhlásil nedávno na tlačovej konferencii šéf ministerstva kultúry Daniel Krajcer (SaS).

Po roku sa podarilo urobiť úplnú a kompletnú revíziu celého Operačného programu informatizácia spoločnosti (OPIS), prioritná OS 2. Vytvorili sa nové hodnotiace kritériá a navýšil sa objem finančných prostriedkov na 217 miliónov eur.

Uverejnených bolo už päť písomných výziev a proces digitalizácie sa bude realizovať prostredníctvom deviatich národných projektov, ktoré sú v réžii zriaďovateľských organizácií ministerstva kultúry. V najbližšej dobe by mali byť uverejnené aj zvyšné štyri výzvy pre infraštruktúrne národné projekty. “Prioritná OS v sebe obsahuje aj jednu dopytovú výzvu, v rámci ktorej MK zvýšilo objem finančných prostriedkov, o ktoré sa môžu žiadatelia uchádzať, a to z pôvodných šesť miliónov na necelých 21 miliónov,” doplnila generálna riaditeľka sekcie ekonomiky a projektového riadenia ministerstva Viera Šoltysová. Tieto peniaze sú určené pre akademické a vedecké inštitúcie mimo pôsobnosti rezortu. Ide napríklad o múzeá, galérie, knižnice či archívy, ktorých zriaďovateľom sú mestá, obce a vyššie územné celky. Vyhlásiť by sa mala v septembri až októbri. Do procesu digitalizácie sa tak môžu zapojiť aj kultúrne inštitúcie na území Bratislavského kraja.

Podľa generálneho riaditeľa sekcie kultúrneho dedičstva Branislava Rezníka by malo byť zdigitalizovaných viac ako 3,1 milióna kultúrnych objektov. Tých je však na Slovensku podstatne viac. “Pôjde o najhodnotnejšie súčasti kultúrneho dedičstva,” poznamenal s tým, že tak bude oveľa viac prístupnejšie pre množstvo oblastí kreatívneho priemyslu. Spomenutých 217 miliónov eur sa má vyčerpať do roku 2015. Všetky projekty sú nastavené tak, že ich reálny výkon končí v júni 2015. Najväčšie čerpanie predpokladá MK v roku 2012 a 2013.



Pri Senci má vzniknúť čínska vstupná brána do Európy

Bratislava (TASR) - Pri Senci by malo v priebehu budúceho roka vyrásť Európske čínske centrum. Predstavitelia slovenskej spoločnosti Universal Media Corporation (UMC) a dve firmy z čínskej provincie Anhui nedávno podpísali memorandum o porozumení, ktoré s výstavbou obchodno-kultúrneho komplexu počítá. “Je to doslova čínska trvalá vstupná brána do Európy, kde chcú na ploche 17 hektárov vytvoriť centrum s niekoľkými zložkami,” povedal prezident Zväzu priemyselných podnikateľov Slovenska Ivan Čarnogurský.

Okrem čínskeho kultúrneho centra sa budú v komplexe nachádzať aj výstavné - prezentačné plochy, ako aj administratívne a zastupiteľské centrum rôznych čínskych firiem. “Takisto tam má byť aj časť pre čínsky automobilový priemysel, ktorý sa chce prezentovať v strednej Európe a v Európe ako takej,” povedal konateľ spoločnosti Ipec Ivan Čarnogurský ml. Ako dodal, ide o ambiciózne projekt, ktorý by mohol priniesť až 300,000 m² plôch s rôznym využitím.

So začiatkom výstavby počítá memorandum na začiatku budúceho roka, pričom v ten istý rok by sa mala stavba aj dokončiť. “Náklady by mohli dosiahnuť až 100 miliónov eur,” informoval Čarnogurský ml. Financovanie projektu majú z väčšej časti zabezpečiť čínske firmy Anhui Provincial Foreign Cultural Exchange Association a Anhui Publishing Group, ktoré memorandum podpísali. UMC by malo podľa dohody získať časť zdrojov prostredníctvom slovenských bánk.

Podľa konateľa UMC Vladislava Khablieva by nakoniec v centre mohlo sídliť 200 až 1000 spoločností. Samotná prevádzka centra má zamestnať stovky pracovníkov. Memorandum dokonca počítá aj s umiestnením pobočiek čínskych bánk, cestovných agentúr, gastronomického centra i centra tradičnej čínskej medicíny.

Deň otvorených dverí Matice slovenskej



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V Martine bol 5. augusta 2011 deň otvorených dverí v priestoroch Matice slovenskej. Zaujímavci si mohli pozrieť aj druhú budovu Matice slovenskej, ktorá bola postavená v rokoch 1925-26. Návštevníci si prezreli archívne priestory, dokumenty, projekty, redakciu a jednotlivé pracoviska.

Friday, August 5, 2011 was Open House Day at the Matica Slovenska building in Martin. This building was built in 1925-1926.

„Kto nechráni život a rodinu, nechráni ani seba“

Brusel (TASR) – Medzinárodnou konferenciou Život a rodina, ktorá sa konala v stredu 29. júna v Bruseli, začala trojročná príprava osláv 20 rokov od vyhlásenia Svetového dňa rodiny. Na konferencii, na ktorej sa zúčastnili predstavitelia 31 krajín, vystúpil aj slovenský europoslanec Miroslav Mikolášik (EĽS/KDH) ako súčasný predseda pracovnej skupiny Európskeho parlamentu pre bioetiku.

“Ak nebudeme vážne chrániť rodinu a ľudský život, ak sa budeme tváriť, že sú tu dôležitejšie požiadavky, a základné hodnoty farizejsky odsunieme nabok, odsúdime sami seba na veľmi ťažkú budúcnosť,” povedal Mikolášik. “Žiadna spoločnosť nemôže jestvovať bez rodiny, tá sa nedá nahradiť ničím. Každý z nás je plne zaviazaný chrániť všetkých jej členov od počatia v lone matky po dôstojnú prirodzenú smrť,” zdôraznil slovenský europoslanec a pôvodným povolaním lekár pred desiatkami zahraničných odborníkov. Dodal, že “kto nechráni život a rodinu, nechráni tým ani seba, lebo nepozereť na spoločnosť, ktorej súčasťou bude o niekoľko rokov”.

Europoslanec Mikolášik spolu s ďalšími účastníkmi podujatia podporil snahu zlepšiť ochranu dieťaťa od počatia, uznať právo na život až po prirodzenú smrť ako základné ľudské právo a podporiť manželstvo založené na vzťahu medzi mužom a ženou. Okrem Mikolášika na odbornom stretnutí vystúpili aj členovia koalície Familiokratos, vrátane amerického kongresmana Christophera Smitha a jeho manželky Marie Smithovej, ktorí sa vyjadrili k legislatívnym zmenám z pohľadu USA či výzvam zákonodarcom.

Konferencia odštartovala veľké prípravy osláv 20. výročia vyhlásenia Medzinárodného dňa rodiny v roku 2014, nasledovať budú ďalšie prípravné stretnutia.



Záujem o štúdium medicíny na Slovensku stúpol, absolventi však odchádzajú

Bratislava (TASR) - Záujem o štúdium na lekárske fakultách slovenských univerzít rastie. Na LF Univerzity Komenského (UK) tohto roku prihlášku zaslalo 2,564 študentov, čo je o 839 uchádzačov viac ako vlni. “Nárast je očividný, a to hlavne z dôvodu, že absolventi Lekárskej fakulty Univerzity Komenského sú mimoriadne žiadaní – predovšetkým v západnej Európe,” povedal dekan LF UK Peter Labaš.

Podľa dekana až 35 percent absolventov sa po promócií ani nesnaží nájsť si prácu na Slovensku, ale odchádza do zahraničia. “Ako dekana fakulty ma kontaktujú zahraničné nemocnice a ponúkajú našim študentom už počas štúdia vysoké štipendiá s podmienkou, že nastúpia do ich služieb okamžite po promócií,” dodal Labaš.

“Zo súčasných medikov minimálne 60 až 65 percent je pripravených okamžite po skončení školy odísť do zahraničia,” potvrdil dekanove slová aj člen Lekárskeho odborového združenia (LOZ) Roman Procházka odvolávajúci sa na prieskum, ktorý sa robil medzi študentmi lekárske fakult na Slovensku. Dôvodom sú podľa neho žobrácke platy lekárov a mizerná vybavenosť slovenských nemocníc. “Nemci, Rakúšania volajú. Nástupný plat lekára v Nemecku je 3,950 eur,” dodal Procházka.

Dekan LF UK ďalej uviedol, že napriek vyššiemu záujmu musí fakulta počet novoprijatých študentov zredukovať pre zlý stav budovy, do ktorej sa neinvestovalo 20 rokov. “Zodpovedne tvrdím, že ak sa nezačne s dostavbou univerzitného kampusu na Rázsochách, LF UK v Bratislave kompletne skolabuje a zastavíme výučbu,” zmienil Labaš. Situáciu prirovnal k potápanému sa Titaniku, kde sa na palube ešte spieva a tancuje.

Štúdium medicíny láka študentov aj na ďalších univerzitách. Na Jesseniovu LF v Martine poslalo tento rok prihlášku o 232 uchádzačov viac ako minulý rok. O štúdium lekárstva na Univerzite P.J. Šafárika prejavilo záujem 1,865 stredoškóľakov oproti vlnajším 1,770. Vyplývalo to z údajov, ktoré zhromaždil Ústav informácií a prognóz školstva.

Blahoželanie manželom Michalovi a Anne Mataš

Dlhoroční členovia Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, Michal a Anna Mataš, oslávili svoje 80. a 85. narodeniny v kruhu svojich najbližších.

Manželia Matašovci pochádzajú z malej dedinky Lekárovce, neďaleko Ukrajinských Karpát. Svoje mladé roky prežili v USA, avšak pred piatimi rokmi, zo zdravotných dôvodov, odišli na Slovensko.

Drahí naši rodičia, babka a dedko!

Prajeme Vám veľa zdravia, radosti a spokojnosti a ochranu Sedembolestnej Panny Márie!

Toho roku uplynulo 63 rokov Vášho spoločného života. Áno, toľko rokov ste spolu prežili tak, ako ste si to pred oltárom Ružencovej Panny Márie 1. júla 1948 sľúbili. Nech Boh žehná každý Váš krok, aby sme sa s Vami radovali rok čo rok! Do Vašich spomienok sa veľa vmesť, je v nich veľa radosti, ale i bolesti. Ďakujeme Vám za všetko, čo ste pre nás urobili a prajeme Vám, aby Vaša jeseň života bola spokojná a krásna. Máme Vás radi a s radosťou ku Vám prichádzame. Z dobrého to najlepšie, z pekného to najkrajšie, starosti málo, radosti veľa a všetko čo si Vaše srdce želá prajú dcéry Ružena a Emilia s rodinami, 3 vnúčatá a pravnúčatá Evka, Leo, Katka a Miško Vás za všetkých bozkávajú.

„Mnoho rokov, šťastných rokov, nech drahý Pán daruje Vám. Pokoj, zdravie, požehnanie, nech drahý Pán daruje Vám ...“

Emilia Filak



Anna a Jozef Mataš

Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ 25. septembra

V nedeľu 25. septembra 2011 bude v PNC Bank Arts Center v Holmdel, NJ (exit 116 z Garden State Parkway) 34. Festival slovenského dedičstva. Začiatok bude o 10.00 hodine. O 11.00 hodine bude slovenská svätá omša. Bude ju slúžiť biskup Peter Rusnák, gréckokatolícky bratislavský eparcha. Spolucelebrantom bude biskup William Skurla, eparcha z Passaicu, NJ. Biskupa Rusnaka bude sprevádzať spevácky súbor z byzantsko-katolíckeho seminára v Prešove, ktorý bude spievať aj počas svätej omše.

Počas dňa budú otvorené výstavné a predajné stánky s ručnými prácami, výrobkami zo skla, dreva a keramiky, potravinami a pod., dovezenými zo Slovenska. V stánkoch s jedlom budú počas celého dňa na predaj tradičné slovenské jedlá.

O 2.00 hodine začne prehliadka slovenských krojov. V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia viaceré spevácke a tanečné súbory. Po kultúrnom programe bude do tanca a na počúvanie hrať skupina Kontakty.

Počas celého dňa bude prebiehať aj futbalový turnaj. Kluby, ktoré sa chcú na ňom zúčastniť, sa majú prihlásiť čo najskôr u Jozefa Korčáka, tel. č.: (845) 353-7792.

Vstupné a parkovanie je bezplatné.

Záujemcovia, ktorí majú záujem uverejniť inzerát v pamätnici, ktorá bude pri príležitosti festivalu vytlačovaná, môžu šeky vystavené na Slovak Heritage Festival, zaslať na adresu: Ján Holý, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055. Ceny za inzeráty sú nasledovné: \$150.00 celá strana, \$75.00, pol strany, \$40.00 štvrt strany, sponzori \$15.00.

Blížšie informácie o pamätnici a festivale na telefónnom čísle: (973) 472-8993.

Zahranční Slováci majú politický i ekonomický potenciál

Bratislava (TASR) - Približne sto zahraničných Slovákov sa 5. júla zišlo v bratislavskom Sade Janka Kráľa pri základnom kameni Pamätníka slovenského vystáhovalectva pri príležitosti Dňa zahraničných Slovákov. „Je to možnosť ako nadviazať spoluprácu medzi SR a jednotlivými regiónmi a štátmi, v ktorých títo krajanovia žijú. Je to aj príležitosť nadviazať spoluprácu, či už v hospodárskej, kultúrnej, ale aj spoločenskej oblasti,“ uviedol pri tejto príležitosti predseda Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí (USZZ) Milan Vetrák.

Vzťahy rodnej vlasti a krajanov označil Vetrák za pozitívne. Potenciálnemu zlepšovaniu podľa neho nahráva aj vyhlásenie súčasnej vlády, ktorá je viac naklonená rozvíjať potenciál Slovákov v zahraničí. „Mnohí z týchto krajanov sú aj významnými politickými a kultúrnymi osobnosťami a ovplyvňujú dianie v štátoch, v ktorých žijú. Ich politický a ekonomický potenciál by Slovensko mohlo využiť pri presadzovaní svojich cieľov či už v zahraničnej politike alebo v iných oblastiach spoločenského života. Vzájomnou spoluprácou, výmenou skúseností, ale aj konkrétnymi projektmi na báze dohôd,“ poukázal predseda USZZ.

Na zlepšovanie vzájomných vzťahov poukázal aj porovnaním s minulým rokom, keď sa pri pamätníku zišlo len zopár ľudí. Dnes by sa podľa neho na všetkých podujatiach, ktoré sú zorganizované pri príležitosti tohto sviatku, mohlo zísť až 250 ľudí z 30 krajín. Veľký význam krajanom v zahraničí prikladá aj predseda Matice slovenskej Marián Tkáč. „Viete, čo znamená, keď Zdeno Chára je kapitánom tímu, ktorý získa Stanleyho pohár. Máme ľudí, ktorí boli na Mesiaci ako Eugene Cernan, máme hercov, ktorí majú slovenské korene,“ zdôraznil. Záštitu nad podujatím prevzala aj predsedníčka vlády SR Iveta Radičová. „To, že ste teraz tu, potvrdzuje, že nezabúdate na svoje korene, že vaše spojenie s našou a vašou krajinou je naozaj pevné,“ sprostredkoval príhovor premiérky jej poradca pre európske záležitosti a zahraničnú politiku Branislav Slyško.

Sprievodný program sviatku tvoril populudňajší výstup na hrad Devín a Dolnozemský jarmok v priestoroch bratislavskej Starej tržnice, ktorý sa doteraz konal iba v Maďarsku, Rumunsku a Vojvodine.

Základný kameň Pamätníka slovenského vystáhovalectva slávnostne položili na Deň zahraničných Slovákov v roku 2000 za účasti krajanov z viac ako 20 krajín sveta. Tvoril ho 4.5-tonový kus neopracovaného červeného mramoru, starý 3000 rokov, ktorý darovali Slováci z maďarského Tardošu, kde slovenská komunita žije od roku 1725.

Po Dožinkovej zábave ...

Po dobrej, veselej, dožinkovej zábave,
viedol si ma, poľnou cestičkou domov.
Chcel si vraj nazrieť, do môjho srdiečka,
ale si sa zmýlil, oči ti zvlhli, smutnou slzou.
Láska je krásna, keď je ako víno, čistá.
Keď ju nevedia zmeniť, ani bankové čísla.

Prídi, až tak o rok, dva, keď dozrieš do veku
v ktorom nájdeš, čistú lásku a plne dozretú.
Či si bol dobrý chlapec a si si ju vymodlil?
Ten „Hore“ ti ju do vena dal, On sa
nemýlil.
Či si to nevedel, keď si pri oltári stál?
Keď, vánok lásky a šťastia, na teba vial.

Jozef Smák

Stanleyho pohár opäť na Slovensku

Bratislava (TASR) - Už štvrtý rok v rade malo Slovensko možnosť zblízka sa pokochať krásou Stanleyho pohára určeného pre víťazov hokejovej NHL. „Ušatá trofej“ zavítala do Bratislavy vďaka Zdenovi Chárovi z Bostonu Bruins, ktorý ako prvý slovenský kapitán doviedol tím NHL na absolútny vrchol zámorskej profisúťaže.

Za veľkého mediálneho záujmu gigantický slovenský obranca predstavil koncom júla prestížnu trofej v bratislavskom hoteli Hilton. „Nebol som vôbec nervózny. Veľmi sa teším, mám radosť že Stanleyho pohár je opäť na Slovensku a ja sa môžem podeliť o zážitky a radosť so známymi, fanúšikmi a priateľmi,“ povedal 34-ročný hokejista. Hokejisti, ktorí získali Stanleyho pohár, sa už v minulosti prezentovali viacerými bláznivými nápadmi. Slovenskí však zvyknú z pohára byť obľúbené jedlo.

Svoj pripravovaný rituál rozmenil na drobné: „Za posledné tri roky na Slovensku je zvykom z neho jesť, nebudem ani ja výnimkou. Budem z neho jesť moje najobľúbenejšie jedlo, ktorým je ryžový nákyp. Je to pomerne jednoduché jedlo. Dá sa to jesť ráno, na obed aj večer. Tento ryžový nákyp dostanem od známych z Bratislavy, oni mi ho robili, aj keď sme boli v Ottawe,“ vysvetlil Chára, ktorý za minulú sezónu získal aj cenu Marka Messiera pre vodcovské schopnosti.

V rodnom Trenčíne predstavil Chára aj Norrisovu trofej určenú pre najlepšieho obrancu NHL, ktorú získal v roku 2009. Horúcim kandidátom na prestížne individuálne ocenenie bol aj v uplynulom úspešnom ročníku, ale napokon ju v Las Vegas prevzal Švéd Nicklas Lidström z Detroitu Red Wings. Veľké ambície v tejto prestížnej spoločnosti mal ďalší slovenský zadák Ľubomír Višňovský z Anaheimu, ktorý bol najproduktívnejším obrancou základnej časti NHL 2010/2011.

Slovensko si užíva Stanleyho pohár už štvrté leto v rade. Sympatickú tradíciu odštartoval v roku 2003 Jiří Bicek, ktorý triumfoval s New Jersey Devils. Nasledujúci rok ho napodobnil Martin Cibák vo farbách Tampa Bay Lightning, potom prišiel v roku 2008 prvý prsteň pre Tomáša Kopčekého v službách Detroitu Red Wings. V ďalšom ročníku zažil komplikovanú sezónu so snovým vyvrcholením Miroslav Šatan s Pittsburghom Penguins. Minulý rok zasa predstavila hlavnému mestu Slovenska ušatú trofej dvojica chicagských jastrabov Marián Hossa a po druhý raz Kopčeký. Teraz sa na prestížny zoznam dopísal Chára.

Posledná rozlúčka s arcibiskupom Balážom

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Mons. Rudolf Baláž, 15. diecézny biskup Banskobystrickej diecézy, sa narodil ako najmladší zo šiestich detí 20. novembra 1940 v Nevoľnom pri Kremnici. Po maturite v roku 1958 študoval na Rímskokatolíckej cyrilo-metodskej bohosloveckej fakulte v Bratislave. Po absolútoriu v roku 1963 ho vysvätili za kňaza. Ako kaplán pôsobil v rokoch 1963-1967 v Brezne, potom vo Vrútkach a Kláštore pod Znievom. V roku 1968 ho preložili za aktuára na Biskupský úrad do Banskej Bystrice. Po vymenovaní za správcu farnosti v Pitelovej v roku 1970 sa vrátil na krátky čas do pastorácie. Podieľal sa na rozbití Mierového hnutia katolíckych duchovných a 15. decembra 1971 mu odňali štátny súhlas s oficiálnym odôvodnením, že protištátnu formuje mládež. Niekoľko ďalších rokov pracoval ako traktorista na JRD a ako vodič nákladného auta Domáciach potrieb v Hronskej Dúbrave. V roku 1982 dostal znovu štátny súhlas a stal sa správcom farnosti v Turčianskom Petre. Biskupskú vysviacku prijal 19. marca 1990 v Banskej Bystrici z rúk Jozefa kardinála Tomku. Ako motto pre svoju apoštolskú službu si vybral evanjeliovú výzvu Pravda vás vyslobodí – Veritas liberabit vos. Počas svojho pôsobenia vkladáním rúk udelil kňazskú vysviacku viac ako 200 kňazom. Na plenárnom zasadnutí 13. apríla 1994 ho zvolili za predsedu Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS). Túto službu katolíckej cirkvi vykonával v dvoch volebných obdobiach až do roku 2000.

Svätý Otec vymenoval nového biskupa Spišskej diecézy

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a katechetiku. V roku 1992 mu Svätý Otec Ján Pavol II. udelil titul Monsignor.

V rokoch 1995 - 1997 pokračoval v postgraduálnych štúdiách na Katolíckej univerzite v Lubline (PL), kde dosiahol licenciát teológie (ThLic). V rokoch 1997 - 2000 pokračoval v doktorandskom štúdiu, ktoré zavŕšil doktorátom teológie (ThDr.), a PhD, na Rímskokatolíckej cyrilometodskej bohosloveckej fakulte Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave. Téma dizertačnej práce bola Starostlivosť Cirkvi o mládež - výchova k zrelej viere. (Náboženská skúsenosť stredoškolskej mládeže.)

V roku 2001 bol Mons. Sečka menovaný za garanta pre Pedagogiku a Katechetiku v Programe vzdelávania kňazov Spišskej diecézy. Svätý Otec Ján Pavol II. menoval 28. júna 2002 Mons. Štefana Sečku za spišského pomocného biskupa s titulom cirkvi Sita. 27. júla 2002 bol konsekrovaný za biskupa v Katedrále sv. Martina v Spišskom Podhradí - Spišskej Kapitule. Hlavným konsekrátorom bol diecézny biskup Mons. František Tondra, spolukonsekrátorami boli: Mons. Józef Henryk Nowacki, apoštolský nuncius v SR, a Mons. Alojz Tkáč, košický arcibiskup. 1. augusta 2002 bol menovaný za generálneho vikára. V novembri 2002 bol KBS ustanovený za prezidenta Slovenskej katolíckej charity. V roku 2003 bol menovaný KBS za predsedu Rady pre pastoráciu v zdravotníctve a v Slovenskej katolíckej charite, ako aj v Komisii pre klérus - Subkomisii pre permanentnú formáciu. Od roku 2003 je odborným asistentom na Katedre katechetiky a pedagogiky na Katolíckej univerzite, Teologickej fakulte, Teologickom inštitúte v Spišskej Kapitule - Spišskom Podhradí. 4. augusta 2011 bol Svätým Otcem Benediktom XVI. vymenovaný za spišského diecézneho biskupa. Jeho biskupským heslom je „Crux Christi perficiat nos“ (Kristov kríž nech nás zdokonalí).

TK KBS

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Denník NOVÝ ČAS** uverejnil zoznam krajín s najväčším počtom prisťahovalcov do Veľkej Británie. Prvých päť miest obsadili štáty bývalého "ostbloku", uvádza britský štatistický úrad. Na čele tejto päťice je Slovensko, z ktorého vlni na Ostrovy prišlo 49-tisíc ľudí. V roku 2006 to bolo 8,000 osôb. Nárast tak predstavuje 513 percent. "Je nezmysel domnievať sa, že to nemá vplyv na britských pracujúcich, nehovoriac o školách a bývaní. Teraz je podstatné dostať toto masové prisťahovalectvo pod kontrolu", hovorí Andrew Green, predseda pravicovej nátlakovej skupiny Migration Watch UK, ktorá sa venuje otázkam prisťahovalectva. Po Slovensku sa na ďalších priečkach umiestnili - Lotyšsko, Poľsko, Rumunsko a Bulharsko.

• **Desaťtisíce** Slovákov môžu prísť o prácu. Štát sa chce zbaviť svojich starších zamestnancov a uvoľniť miesto mladším. Exminister práce Ľudovít Kaník (SDKÚ-DS) chce do nového Zákonníka práce presadiť možnosť prepustiť ľudí nad 65 rokov bez udania iného dôvodu. Podľa Inštitútu hospodárskej politiky sa to len vo verejnej správe môže týkať 30-tisíc pracovníkov. S Kaníkom súhlasia všetky strany vládnej koalície. "Vytvoríme tak priestor pre mladých ľudí", reagoval šéf sociálneho výboru v parlamente Július Brocka (KDH). "Podľa mňa to nie je protiústavné. Štát platí týmto ľuďom dôchodky, takže to nie je diskriminácia", zhodnotil právnik kancelárie Maple&Fish Viliam Karas.

• **Spoločnosť** Google zriadením svojho zastúpenia vstúpila v júni aj na slovenský trh. Pod názvom Google Slovensko bude poskytovať všestranné služby najmä v oblasti e-commerce. O zámeroch a stratégií na slovenskom trhu informovali nedávno v Bratislave zástupcovia spoločnosti.

• **Podľa** slov country manažéra Raša Kulicha možnosti Slovenska v online obchodovaní sú značné. Napriek skutočnosti, že internet na Slovensku už má takmer 67 % domácností, je nákup prostredníctvom tohto média na nízkej úrovni. Aj keď viac ako tretina slovenských spotrebiteľov sa snaží nakupovať online, pri nákupoch spotrebného tovaru na internete minú v priemere na jedného kupujúceho takmer najmenej v Európe. Hlavnú príčinu nízkej úrovne e-commerce vidí v malej ponuke zo strany firemného sektora, ktorý ešte túto príležitosť na internete neobjavil. A práve v tomto smere chce Google Slovensko pomôcť podporiť rozvoj a zamerať sa na vzdelávacie aktivity a podporu v oblasti e-marketingu s dôrazom na exportérov a malé a stredné podniky. Zriadenie obchodného zastúpenia Google na Slovensku ocenil aj minister hospodárstva SR Juraj Miškov. Okrem iného zdôraznil, že práve informatizácia a informačné technológie sa budú čoraz viac podieľať na ekonomike celej krajiny.

• **Dve** belgické firmy budú v Kežmarku rozširovať výrobu, čím by malo vzniknúť 160 nových pracovných miest. Vo firme Plastiflex Slovakia, s. r. o., by tak vzniklo 100 nových pracovných miest, v druhej spoločnosti s r. o. Aspel Slovakia 60 nových pracovných miest. Obe firmy potvrdili, že dostanú od vlády SR investičné stimuly. Niekedy na jeseň by sa malo začať rozširovanie výroby. Následne by firmy mali začať ponúkať voľné pracovné pozície. Investičné stimuly od slovenskej vlády sa pohybovali okolo 3 miliónov eur pre každú firmu. Spoločnosť Plastiflex Slovakia sa venuje výrobe hadíc do vysávačov, Aspel Slovakia vyrába v Kežmarku stierače do automobilov a tiež komponenty pre rádioelektroniku. Miera nezamestnanosti v okrese Kežmarok je veľmi vysoká, približuje sa k 30 %.

• **V štvrtom** ročníku grantového programu Študenti do sveta podporí tento rok pobyt v zahraničí 26 slovenským vysokoškolákom Nadácia Tatra banky v celkovej sume 59,137 eur. Ich projekty boli vybrané zo 117 prijatých žiadostí. Medzi projektmi prevažujú tie z oblasti ekonómie, manažmentu, práva a informačných technológií. Podporení boli aj študenti umenia, prírodovedných odborov či technických smerov. Vďaka štipendiám sa 16 študentov zúčastní vzdelávacích podujatí v európskych krajinách, ôsmi vycestujú do USA, po jednom do Kanady a Japonska. Viac ako polovica vybraných sa zúčastní aspoň semestrálneho pobytu. Z grantového programu majú financie na pokrytie časti nákladov spojených so študijnými pobytmi, letnými školami, stážami a výskumnými pobytmi na niektorej z renomovaných univerzít v zahraničí. Vysokoškooláci mohli získať štipendium až do výšky 5,000 eur a obohatia si štúdium o nové skúsenosti, zoznámia sa s najlepšimi profesormi, študentmi a odborníkmi z praxe.

• **Na Slovensko** už od roku 1993 pravidelne prichádzajú imigranti, väčšinou z európskych štátov. Viac ako 90 percent z tých, ktorí na Slovensko prichádzajú, pochádzajú z niektorého štátu z Európy. Ide predovšetkým o imigrantov z Českej republiky, Maďarska, Poľska, Rumunska a Nemecka. Podobne Slováci emigrujú najmä do európskych štátov. Veľká väčšina z nich smeruje do susedného Česka, ale aj do Nemecka, Veľkej Británie a Rakúska. Minulý rok tvorili 87 percent u emigrantov a 84 percent u imigrantov. Z hľadiska ich vzdelania prevládajú osoby so stredným vzdelaním s maturitou.

• **Kabinet** Ivety Radičovej chce počas štyroch rokov vládnutia odovzdať Slovensku 130 kilometrov diaľnic. Teda o sedem kilometrov viac ako sa postavilo za vlády Roberta Fica. Za najdôležitejšie považuje súčasná vláda dostavať diaľnicu D1 z Bratislavy do Košíc. Ešte stále na nej chýba deväť úsekov, ktoré merajú spolu zhruba sto kilometrov.

• **V Bruseli** prebehli zásadné rokovania o projekte železničného koridoru TEN-T 17. Súčasťou celého projektu je aj budovanie terminálov integrovanej dopravy na území BSK, vybudovanie dopravného uzla na stanici Filiálka (Centrum) či záchytných parkovísk. Železničný koridor TEN-T 17 má začleniť sieť zastávok do systému mestskej hromadnej dopravy a odbremeniť tak cestné komunikácie zo smerov Senec, Pezinok a Dunajská Lužná. Slovenská strana má eminentný záujem získať pre región jeden z najväčších dopravných projektov za približne 470 miliónov eur. Dôležitú úlohu v projekte TEN-T 17 má činnosť pracovnej skupiny Iniciatíva Magistrála pre Európu, ktorá funguje už od roku 1990. Iniciatíva funguje ako záujmové združenie, keď bola založená mestami, regiónmi, obchodnými a priemyselnými komorami v Nancy, Štrasburgu, Karlsruhe, Stuttgarte, Augsburgu, Ulme, Mnichove, Salzburgu, Linzi, Viedni, Bratislave, Budapešti, St. Poltene a Gyori. Trasa železničného koridoru TEN-T 17 celkovo združuje 33 miest a regiónov v EÚ.

• **Švajčiarsko** je najčastejším cieľom turistov, ktorí vyhľadávajú aktívny pohyb a zážitky. Avšak pre tých, ktorí dávajú prednosť menej tradičným destináciám, je lepšou voľbou Izrael alebo Slovensko, uvádza Adventure Travel Trade Association, ktorá už tretí rok zostavuje rebríček top turistických destinácií pre milovníkov pohybu na základe širokej škály kritérií - od infraštruktúry, cez bezpečnosť, prírodné zdroje a ponuky aktivít. Spomedzi vyspelých štátov sa tento rok na prvom mieste umiestnilo Švajčiarsko, ktoré je už tradične obľúbeným cieľom najmä milovníkov zimných športov. Helvétska republika vytlačila z prvej priečky Island. Tretie miesto obsadil Nový Zéland, štvrtá je Kanada a piate Nemecko.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Začína sa historicky najväčšia obnova slovenských hradov

Považská Bystrica (TASR) – Záchrana a obnova kultúrneho dedičstva je prioritou rezortu kultúry v tomto volebnom období. Jej súčasťou je aj obnova hradov a hradnej architektúry. Povedal to minister kultúry Daniel Krajcer, ktorý v rámci prázdninového "turné" po slovenských hradoch, navštívil štyri hrady stredného Považia – Beckov, Lednica, Považský hrad a Lietavu. "Začína sa historicky najväčšia obnova slovenských hradov, aká kedy bola. Chceme to riešiť viacdrojovo. Niektoré z Regionálneho operačného programu, iné v rámci Nórskeho finančného mechanizmu. Zaujímavý a finančne nie veľmi náročný je náš projekt záchranu a obnovu hradov, na ktorých pracujú nezamestnaní ľudia z úradov práce," povedal Krajcer s tým, že tento rok sú pilotnými projektmi hrad Uhrovec a Šarišský hrad. Projekt sa podľa neho mimoriadne osvedčil a pracujú na nich už desiatky nezamestnaných. "Ja verím, že výsledkom tejto cesty bude 10 – 15 hradov a na budúci rok už budeme hovoriť o stovkách nezamestnaných pracujúcich na našich hradoch," zdôraznil minister.

Vďaka neuveriteľnej ľahostajnosti ku kultúrnemu dedičstvu došlo podľa neho v minulých rokoch k nenahraditeľným škodám. "Slovensko má málo jedinečných vecí, ktorými sa môže chváliť. Práve kultúrne dedičstvo je najvýznamnejšou zložkou a je našou povinnosťou ho chrániť tak, aby sme ho zachovali pre budúce generácie," dodal Krajcer. Na Slovensku je asi 300 hradov v rôznych stupňoch zachovania. Od známych a verejnosti dostupných až po hrádky, ktoré sa dajú identifikovať len na základe terénnych nerovností. Z nich viac ako 100 je chránených ako národné kultúrne pamiatky, 26 hradov možno označiť ako funkčné, 74 je zachovaných v stave zrúcanín.

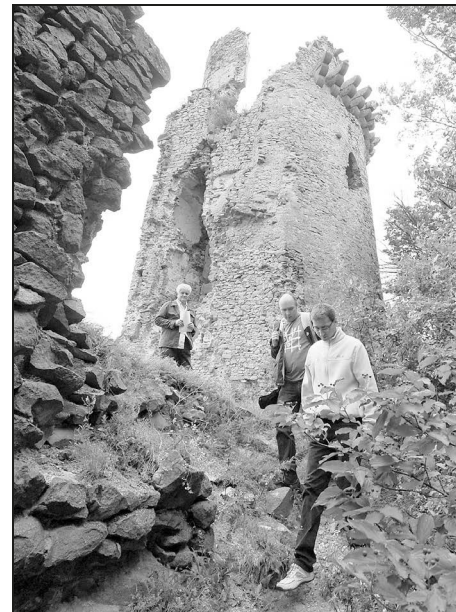


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Do skupiny slovenských hradov, ktorým minister kultúry Daniel Krajcer (SaS) sľúbil pomoc, pribudla ruina gotického hradu v Slanci v okrese Košice-okolie. Na snímke hradná veža Nebojsa.

Slovak Minister of Culture Daniel Krajcer promised help from the government to repair the Gothic castle in Slanec near Kosice. Shown in the photo is one of the towers known as "Nebojsa" (Do not be Afraid).



Spoluautor VD Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Peter Danišovič zomrel vo veku 104 rokov

Bratislava (TASR) - Vo veku 104 rokov zomrel v sobotu 9. júla 2011 Peter Danišovič, ktorý sa zaradil medzi nestorov a popredné osobnosti slovenského staviteľstva 20. storočia. Informovala o tom bývalá tlačová tajomníčka Slovenského vodohospodárskeho podniku Oľga Vavrová.

Vodohospodár, "otec myšlienky" a spoluautor projektu Sústavy vodných diel Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros (SVDGN) na Dunaji, profesor, Ing. Dr. techn. Peter Danišovič, Dr.h.c. stál pri zrode a realizácii najvýznamnejších vodohospodárskych diel a hydrotechnických stavieb na Slovensku. Projektant a staviteľ mnohých priehrad na Slovensku a jeden z iniciátorov vytvorenia technickej vysokej školy na Slovensku svoje celoživotné dielo rozvíjal v odbore vodné hospodárstvo a vodné stavby (v čase jeho mladosti bol tento odbor na okraji záujmu) s dôrazom na hydrotechnické problémy, konštrukcie a diela.

Jeho vedeckovýskumné aktivity boli zamerané najmä na problémy vodohospodárskeho, energetického a stavebného využívania štrkonosných tokov s konkretizáciou na Dunaj a Váh a na štúdium regulačných stavieb na veľkých štrkonosných tokoch. Presadzoval myšlienku energetického využitia a zlepšenia plavebných podmienok na Dunaji.

Rodák z Boleráza, kde sa narodil 1. júna 1907, odišiel študovať inžinierske staviteľstvo, smer vodohospodársky na České vysoké učení technické (ČVUT) do Prahy. Po ukončení vysokej školy pracoval krátko v Prahe a v decembri 1935 mu rektor ČVUT ako prvému Slovákoviu udelil titul doktor technických vied (Dr. techn.) v odbore vodné hospodárstvo.

V Bratislave potom Danišovič pracoval na Krajinskom úrade, kde sa venoval hlavne výskumu Dunaja. Vyhotovil niekoľko hydrologických štúdií dunajského koryta, oboznámil sa s jeho morfológickým vývojom a relevantnou dokumentáciou jeho výskumu. Okrem problému udržiavania hlbkovo-vodnej plavebnej dráhy v dunajskej delte sa zoznámil aj s činnosťou Európskej dunajskej komisie. Získané poznatky publikoval v odborných časopisoch a dennej tlači. Aby spoznal silu a život nespútaného Dunaja, absolvoval po jeho toku od Bratislavy po Čierne more študijnú cestu.

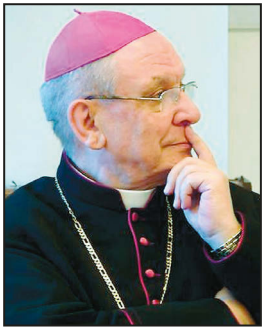
V 30. rokoch 20. storočia sa profesor Danišovič pripojil k vrcholiacemu úsiliu založiť na Slovensku technickú vysokú školu. V tejto veci sa zúčastnil na lobingu a záverečných prípravách návrhu osnovy zákona o zriadení školy. Výsledkom aj jeho snaženia bolo v roku 1937 založenie Vysokej školy technickej Dr. M. R. Štefánika v Košiciach. Pre vtedajšiu politickú situáciu (Mníchovský diktát a Viedenská arbitráž) začala škola pôsobiť až po jej presťahovaní najprv do Martina, v roku 1939 do Bratislavy. Tam v roku 1939 začal Danišovič pracovať ako mimoriadny profesor a ako prednosta Ústavu staviteľstva a hospodárstva vodného na tejto škole. Prednášal nauku o hydraulike, úpravách vodných tokov a vodárenstvo, vodné právo a nauku o úprave horských bystrín. V roku 1944 ho vymenovali za riadneho profesora v odbore staviteľstvo a vodné hospodárstvo. Na škole potom pôsobil ako prodekan a dekan. Súbežne riadil aj práce na výstavbe vodných elektrární a priehrad. Po ôsmich rokoch pôsobenia na vysokej škole z nej v roku 1947 odišiel, aby svoje sily venoval projektom a stavbám vodných elektrární situovaných na Slovensku.

Profesor Danišovič bol na Slovensku zakladateľom vedného odboru hydrotehnika. Významnou mierou sa pričínal o prípravu prvej vysokoškolsky vzdelanej vodohospodárskej generácie na Slovensku. Spolu s profesorom Štefanom Bellom patril k tvorcom vedeckých základov vodohospodárskej teórie a praxe a k tvorcom slovenskej školy odboru vodné hospodárstvo a vodné stavby. Tvorivým prínosom bola aj jeho činnosť v Európskej dunajskej komisii, kde pôsobil ako expert reprezentujúci bývalé Československo. Za jeho najvýznamnejšiu aktivitu možno pokladať výskum Dunaja a prípravu vodných diel na ňom. Od roku 1950 sa venoval plánovaniu, koordinácii a vyhodnocovaniu prírodných podmienok v danej oblasti.



Posledná rozlúčka s arcibiskupom Balážom

*Smrť biskupa R. Baláža je zásadná,
vážna strata pre cirkev*



Biskup Rudolf Baláž

Banská Bystrica (TASR) – Biskup Rudolf Baláž náhle zomrel 27. júla v dôsledku krvnej embólie. Pohrebná svätá omša za zosnulého banskobystrického diecézneho biskupa mons. Rudolfa Baláža sa konala 3. augusta 2011 dopoludnia v Banskej Bystrici vo Farskom kostole Nanebovzatia Panny Márie. Predchádzal jej sprievod 25 biskupov a 400 kňazov z Biskupského úradu na hlavnom námestí. Ceremoniálu sa zúčastnilo približne 5000 ľudí.

Na omši sa zúčastnili predstavitelia duchovného života ako mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, bratislavský arcibiskup - metropolita, ktorý bol aj hlavný celebrant. Ďalej mons. Mario Giordana, apoštolský nuncijs, mons. Bernard Bober, košický arcibiskup - metropolita, mons. Ján Babjak, prešovský arcibiskup - metropolita a ďalší. Na omši sa zúčastnili aj predstavitelia štátu, zástupcovia mesta, kraja a iní. "Iste, je to zásadná, vážna strata pre cirkev," uviedol médiám po omši Zvolenský. "Zanecháva nám dobrý príklad, veľkú starostlivosť, veľa činností v oblasti duchovnej aj materiálnej. Zanecháva nám v každom prípade výborný príklad človeka, ktorý sa snažil žiť dobrý život," konštatoval Zvolenský. Mons. Jaroslav Pecha, spolužiak zosnulého biskupa, dekan, konzultor, súdny vikár, si pre médiá zaspomínal, že boli spolužiaci v ročníku, kde sa stretli. "Boli sme také bližšie duše." Pecha uviedol, že Baláž bol človek, ktorý mal veľkú vnútornú silu, hlásil sa k pravde a robil to s láskou. Pecha pokračoval, že niekedy býva ťažké povedať pravdu, takže "to bola jeho taká, dá sa povedať, doména, takto sme ho všetci poznali". Za vládu SR s príhovorom na omši vystúpil Ján Figel', 1. podpredseda vlády SR a minister dopravy, výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja. Uviedol, že Baláž bol veľký dar pre Slovensko či cirkev. Dodal, že hľadal pravdu, držal sa pravdy a ponúkal pravdu.

Po skončení omše sa biskupi a kňazi v smútočnom sprievode vrátili k Biskupskému úradu. Pohrebné obrady so svätou omšou nasledovali vo Farskom kostole Premenenia Pána v Nevoľnom. Následne uloženie tela do hrobu bolo na cintoríne v rodisku biskupa v Nevoľnom.

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Svätý Otec vymenoval nového biskupa Spišskej diecézy

Svätý Otec Benedikt XVI. prijal zrieknutie sa pastierskeho vedenia Spišskej diecézy, ktoré mu predložil Mons. František Tondra podľa normy kán. 401 §1 Kódexu kánonického práva, a menoval nového spišského biskupa, ktorým sa stal Mons. Štefan Sečka, doterajší pomocný biskup diecézy.

Mons. Štefan Sečka sa narodil 6. júla 1953 v Spišskom Štvrtku. Základnú školu absolvoval v rodnej obci a ukončil ju v roku 1968. Po maturite v roku 1971 na SVŠ v Spišskej Novej Vsi, pokračoval v štúdiu na Rímskokatolíckej cyrilometodskej bohosloveckej fakulte v Bratislave.

6. júna 1976 bol v Bratislave vysvätený Mons. Júliusom Gabrišom za kňaza Spišskej diecézy. Po kňazskej vysviacke v rokoch 1976-1978 absolvoval základnú vojenskú službu. V októbri 1978 nastúpil na kaplána do Spišskej Novej Vsi. Od 1. októbra 1980 bol kaplánom v Dolnom Kubíne. 1. marca 1984 sa stal správcom farnosti v Liptovských Revúcach. Od roku 1980 pracoval v diecéznej Katechetickú komisii na príprave Katechizmu pre základnú školu.

1. mája 1990 bol menovaný za vicerektora - ekonóma obnoveného Kňazského seminára biskupa Jána Vojašáka v Spišskej Kapitule - Spišskom Podhradí, kde pôsobil až do roku 2002. Pracoval v Presbyterskej rade a Kolégiu konzultorov, v Diecéznej i Slovenskej liturgickej komisii. Okrem služby ekonóma Kňazského seminára prednášal pedagogiku



Biskup Štefan Sečka

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46. ročník Folklórnych slávností pod Poľanou

Banská Bystrica/Detva (TASR) - Celkom desať scénických programov a 27 sprievodných podujatí, vrátane výstav, priniesol 46. ročník Folklórnych slávností pod Poľanou (FSPP), ktorý sa uskutočnil v dňoch 8. až 10. júla v Detve. Na pódium tamojšieho amfiteátra vystúpilo okolo 1,600 účinkujúcich a okrem slovenských súborov a sólistov sa predstavili aj folkloristi z ďalších ôsmich krajín.



Dediny Hrušov, Vlachovo, Liptovská Teplička a Dobrá Niva sa predstavili nielen na hlavnom pódium v programe Naše dediny, ale aj v areáli amfiteátra, kde rozostavili svoje dvory, s ukážkami toho, čo je pre tú ktorú obec zaujímavé. Nechýbali ani pochúťky z kuchýň starých materí. Na jarmočnisku predvádzali svoje výrobky 43 remeselníkov z celého Slovenska a svoje osobitné miesto tam malo ďalších 12 drevorezbarov. Do mesta pod Poľanou prichádzajú najmä kvôli jedinečnej atmosfére, ktorá panuje nielen pri samotných programoch, ale aj v zákulisí festivalu, na jarmočnisku, či pri stánkoch s občerstvením.



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Svetový pamiatkový fond - World Monuments Fund (WMF) z New Yorku, ktorý pred niekoľkými rokmi ako prvý podporil obnovu Banskoštiavnickej kalvárie, opäť prispeje na jej revitalizáciu. Kalvársky fond (KF), ktorý realizuje obnovu Kalvárie, podpísal s WMF zmluvu o financovaní reštaurovania fresiek v centrálnej a najväčšej kaplnke - Posledná večera. Na snímke odkrývanie fresky Posledná večera v kaplnke Dolného kostola v Banskej Štiavnici.

The World Monuments Fund (WMF) in New York provided funds for the renovation of the fresco of the Last Supper in a chapel in Banská Štiavnica.