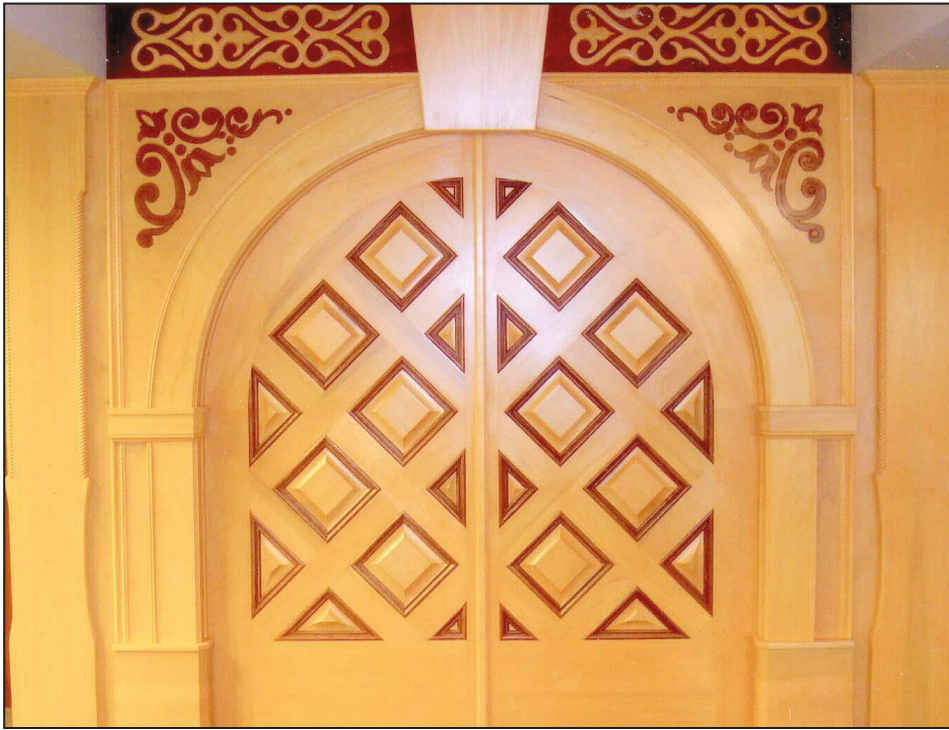




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Message from our President

A number of months ago I wrote in the Jednota that one of my goals was to establish a Slovak Museum at the Home Office to replace the museum that was closed about ten years ago at the properties in Middletown. You may recall that the items from the Museum were given at that time to the Jankola Library and Slovak Archives run by the Sisters of St. Cyril & Methodius in Danville, PA.

We have a significant start. The accompanying photo is the new dramatic entrance way to our new Museum at the Home Office. It is a very decorative entranceway patterned after entrances to many historical buildings in Slovakia, including churches, government buildings, manor houses etc. We are in the process of adding other items to showcase the long history and culture of Slovaks and the Jednota. Delegates and Members will be able to visit the Home Office on Saturday, August 14th, 2010 as part of the 49th Convention activities.



Andrew M. Rajec

Remember that the Convention is a time to meet old friends and make new ones. It is a time for fun but also a time to work for the betterment of our Society. Underlying the entire Convention is the spirit of Slovak fraternalism.

But even more importantly, we are a Catholic Society. We believe in God and his Son,

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FCSU 2010 JEDNOTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The students pictured within this issue were chosen as scholarship recipients by our Scholarship Committee, which is composed of active and retired educators, as a result of their SAT scores, cumulative grade point average and class rank. In addition, each applicant was judged on the basis of his/her involvement in extra-curricular and volunteer activities. Emphasis was placed upon pride of being Catholic and Slovak as evidenced throughout the required essays on the application. Finally, financial need and the cost of their chosen colleges were evaluated.

The Scholarship Committee selected 67 winners and each will receive a one-time grant of \$500.00.

This year only a special "Thomas M. Hricik Memorial Scholarship Award", established in memory of our past President Thomas M. Hricik, will be given to a top male and top female applicant. Lukas Belechak is the top male winner and Caitlin Diable is the top female winner. These special awards are one-time grants and are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

In addition there were three special awards given by the "Thomas M. Hricik Scholarship" *continued on page 4*

Message from our Chaplain

Dear Friends,

Within a few days representatives from our many branches and districts will be heading to Cleveland for our 49th Quadrennial Convention. It promises to be an exciting time as people from across the United States and Canada come together for a few days with a common goal in mind, namely, to do what is best for our Society.

What "best for our Society" exactly means is subject to debate, for it can mean different things to different people. There are probably as many answers to What direction should the Jednota take in the next four years? as there are delegates to the convention.

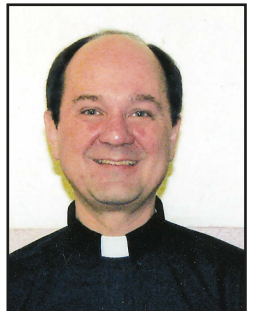
Debate and discussion is part of any gathering. The exchange of individual ideas and opinions that will take place at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland later this month is good, but any and all solutions or decisions that come as a result ought to point toward the common good of all the members of the Society as its aim.

So I invite and encourage all my fraternal brothers and sisters, that in these days leading up the convention, to pray to the Holy Spirit, that He may guide the delegates by the fire of His love and send forth His seven-fold gifts upon them, especially the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

Pray also to Our Mother of Sorrows, Patroness of Slovakia, that through her intercession any hurts or disappointments one may experience at the convention will be healed by the power of her Son's love.

Finally, pray to Saints Cyril and Methodius, the great evangelizers of the Slavic nations, that through their prayers God will grant all those travelling to Cleveland a safe journey home.

Fraternally,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

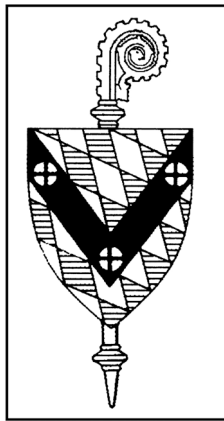
Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly celebrated on August 15, is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation in the US, Slovakia, and many other countries. In East Orthodox churches, which follow the Julian Calendar, the feast day of Assumption of Mary falls on August 28.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary by Rubens, 1626.

Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B.

August 8, 2010
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:32-48

Gospel Summary

The very first verse of today's gospel reading tells us exactly why the gospel is Good News. Jesus calls us his "little flock" because he knows how powerless we sometimes feel in a world where violence is so prevalent. But we are also told not to fear, because our heavenly Father is pleased to give us the kingdom. It is precisely because we rely on love and generosity rather than on control

and violence that we are eligible for this most precious gift of the "kingdom," that is, ultimate freedom and happiness.

To rely on the way of love and kindness, which often appears so unpromising, is in fact to lay up an "inexhaustible treasure in heaven." The danger is that this way of living can often look like so much "pie in the sky." And that is why the remainder of this gospel reading focuses on the need for vigilance. The moment we are distracted from the wisdom of Jesus, we begin to slip back into the ways of the world, that is, we begin to forget what human life is all about.

To be vigilant means, therefore, to keep Jesus and his teaching constantly before our eyes. We recall that, in the garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, he warned them to "watch and pray" (Mark 14:38). He could just as easily have said, "Watch, that is, pray." For it is only our prayerful remembrance of God's presence among us and of the promise of the kingdom that will protect us from the fateful distractions that lead us to live by the world's standards and to be found unprepared when the Lord comes for us.

Life Implications

We live in a world where the pace of life is far quicker than it was at the time of Jesus. Our planes and automobiles are designed to go faster and faster. Even our medications must work ever more quickly. Sometimes we seem to be in a whirlwind and it is almost impossible to keep our bearings. All of this makes it much more difficult to live in the kind of peaceful world where the voice of God can be heard. Nor is it possible to find such a serene existence without a conscious and deliberate effort on our part.

Being alert to the reality and presence of God in our personal world means learning how to pray. The most important element in prayer is an attitude of being attentive to the Lord. Like Elijah on Mount Horeb, we are surrounded by thunder, lightning and earthquake, but it is the "tiny whispering sound" of God that we need to hear (1 Kings 19:11-12).

God is constantly whispering to us that we are his "little flock"—that we are precious in his eyes and that he wants very much to give us the freedom and joy of his kingdom. But too often we are not listening. We are bombarded by sounds and sights that frighten and confuse us. The only remedy is to attune our ears to the divine sounds of love and harmony and peace. We recall the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (3:20). But we need to be quiet if we wish to hear the Lord knocking at the door of our hearts.

We all know how distressing it is to be saying something only to discover that no one is listening. At such times we realize that attentive listening is one of the most precious gift that we can offer to another person. It is also a precious gift to God when we offer him our attentiveness. And

when we do so, God will speak to us as he spoke to Jesus at his baptism: You are my beloved child; in you I am well pleased. These words, spoken very softly, can change the world for us.

August 15, 2010

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1 :39-56

Gospel Summary

Today's gospel offers us once again the beautiful story of Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. This act of thoughtful concern brings great joy to Elizabeth, sensed even by the child in her womb, but the highlight of the story is the hymn of praise and thanksgiving that Mary offers in her "Magnificat."

This splendid hymn transcends time and space as it sings of God's goodness and mercy to Mary and to all of us, in every place and at all times. In spite of the real and tragic presence of evil and sorrow in our world, the dark clouds of violence cannot hide the reality of God's love and concern for all the "lowly" ones. They have not been abandoned and their oppression at the hands of the "mighty and exalted" will not last forever.

Life Implications

The victory that is celebrated in Mary's "Magnificat" is expressed in today's feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Though the Scriptures do not explicitly refer to this event, it is implicit everywhere in the promise that God will "lift up" and give glory to all of us who, like Mary, trust in his goodness and obey his commandments.

The high and mighty ones of this world, who rely on power to serve their purposes, are inclined to ridicule those who accept the wisdom of Jesus and do their best to be a loving, caring presence in a much too violent world. Their way seems foolish and unpromising, but God is on their side and their ultimate victory is assured. Mary's glorious Assumption into heaven is celebrated, therefore, as the victory of love over hatred, of mercy over cruelty and of gentleness over violence.

Unfortunately, in a society where sheer power is too often assumed to be the only means for getting things done, we are tempted to abandon the wisdom of Jesus. Indeed, we feel helpless in dealing with violence in our homes and in our streets. That is why this feast of the Assumption is so important, since it provides us with an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in God's promises. God really does remember his promises to Abraham and therefore to all of us believers, who are spiritual children of that great patriarch, whom Paul calls "the father of all of us" (Romans 4: 16). God really does intend to "lift up the lowly" and to "fill the hungry with good things." And if that is so, we should gladly sing with Mary, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."



Message from our President

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Jesus Christ. The highlight of our Sunday afternoon program is the "Omša" the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Cleveland Cathedral.

Spirits are always high at these Conventions. A few people may get carried away both before and during the Convention with negativism, exaggerations, innuendoes, misinterpretations or even misstatements of facts. I know that our Convention will be conducted in a Christian, Catholic, fraternal atmosphere for the benefit of all its Members.

Pochválený Buď Pán Ježíš Kristus !

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

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Insights and Viewpoints

COL Vagner, Fifth Slovak Graduate of National War College

By John Karch

Beginning with the class of 1990, International Fellows (IFs) have been a part of the student body at the National War College (NWC), Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. The first Slovak IF to attend the year-long program was COL Gabriel Kopecky, Air Force, Class of 2000. Other Slovak military officers that attended the prestigious NWC have been: COL Jaroslav Gofjar, Army, 2005; COL Karol Jurga, AF, 2006; COL Martin Stoklasa, Army, 2007; and COL Jan Vagner, AF, 2010.

National War College

Established in 1946, the mission of The National War College is to educate future leaders of the Armed Forces, State Department, and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command, and staff responsibility. To do this, NWC conducts a senior level course of studies in national security policy and strategy for selected U.S. and foreign military officers and federal officials. The curriculum emphasizes the joint and interagency perspective. Reflecting this emphasis, 75 percent of the student body is composed of equal representation from the land, air, and sea (including Marine and Coast Guard Services). The remaining 25 percent are drawn from the Department of State and other federal departments and agencies. In addition, international fellows from a number of countries join the student body. The ranks of the students are LTC and COL and other equivalent ranks. The 2010 student body was 221, including 31 International Fellows. (This writer was a member of the faculty 1979-82 and since 1987 has been on the Board of Directors of the NWC Alumni Association.)

COL Vagner's Profile

COL Ing. Vagner was born in 1962 in Trencin, married Darina who retired as Assistant Air Traffic Controller; her parents and brother had been in the Slovak Air Force. Jan and Darina have two children—Petra and Juraj. The former is married to a U.S. Airman, currently in the U.S., and they have two children—Anthony and Veronica. Juraj is a student. The future COL began to study English in 1998 in Slovak military schools. During 1977-81, he attended the Military Air Force High School in Presov with specialization as radio equipment technician. The next four years, he studied at the Air Force Academy in Kosice, training as helicopter pilot. During 2000-2001 he attended the Academic Staff College in L. Mikulas and Kosice, specializing in the Air Force at the Management of Military Systems. During 2009-10 he was, as noted, an IF, at the NWC in Washington, D.C. and received an M.S. in National Security Strategy.

Professional Career

Following his military training, Jan was, during 1985-88, at various flight crew posts as navigator, second pilot, and pilot. The next five years, Jan was Commander of the 3rd Independent Helicopter Squadron, 4th Army Corps, in the Czech Republic. The next two years were as Squadron Leader, 3rd Helicopter Squadron, 32nd Air Base at Piestany. During 1995-2000, he was Squadron Leader, 2nd Helicopter Squadron, in Trencin. The next two years, Jan was Deputy Squadron Leader, 2nd Transport Squadron, 32nd Air Base, Piestany. The next two years he was Senior Officer—Specialist—in the Operational Planning and Deployment Section, J3, Slovak General Staff, Bratislava. During 2003-04, he was Senior Officer—Specialist—in the Training Section, J3, Slovak General Staff, Bratislava. The next three years, he was Advisor for Operations and Deployment, Slovak National Military Representative, at SHAPE, Belgium. During 2007-08, Jan was Chief of Operational Readiness Section, J3, (Operations), General Staff. The following two years, he was Chief, Operational Planning and Deployment Section, then a year at the NWC. Following his graduation, he returned to his previous position in the General Staff.

In 2006, the COL authored "Guidelines for Operational Planning" and "Military Deception Operations." Also, he Co-Author "Doctrine for Planning and Conducting Joint Operations" and "Unit Readiness Reporting System of the Slovak Armed Forces." Subsequently, he upgraded both.

Journey in America I

The IFs arrived in the U.S. about a month before their NWC studies began. Last December, COL Vagner wrote this, selectively, about American "Civil Right and Diversity" in his "American Studies/Field Studies." During the Fall Semester I and my other Fellows took part in Field Studies Trips to MT, WY, TN, VA, CT, MA, and IL. These offered a variety of opportunities to learn about U.S. history, culture, nature, government structure, the military, various aspects of public life, education, and economy.

The purpose of the MT trip was to expose IFs to the diversity of the U.S. and to live with an American family. I noticed that there are more elder people than young. I was told they live there because there is calm for the rest of their lives. I was informed that young people do not have many chances to work there, therefore, there is a low population of young people. Also, I did not notice any black people. Almost everyone has a gun. People can buy a gun easily which is completely different from Slovakia or any European country. In my opinion, this is a very huge problem in the U.S.

After leaving beautiful MT and WY, with its spectacular Yellowstone Park, the glorious mountains were changed by West Tennessee's plains and the Mississippi River. The worst for me in TN was high humidity and temperature. Objectives of the TN field study were to discover the southern culture of America, to learn about the American judicial system from the courtroom to the penal institution, and to continue our discussion on the history of civil rights in America in the 20th century. I was always interested in relationships between different human races; therefore I was pleased with the visitation of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

In Norfolk the IFs visited U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) which is focused on the transformation of U.S. military capabilities, and Allied Command Transformation (ACT), to observe how NATO, Amphibious Forces, and U.S. Navy are structured, organized, and how they function. Then, for another briefing, the IFs visited the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, the largest of its kind in the world.

The IFs left the sunny, hot sands of Virginia Beach for the NWC academic year, 2009-10. The first trip was to New England—CT and MS. The focus was on northeastern culture, to learn about the

American education system and to look at a company with global interests. The visit to Yale University, with an excursion through the campus, with all its facilities "made a good impression on me." Since 1701 it has produced presidents and heads of state. Its 18th century gothic buildings reminded me of old Europe and Slovakia. The next day the IFs visited the Sikorsky enterprise in Stratford. As a former helicopter pilot this visit was "very important." I used to fly light and medium transport helicopters but never saw how it was manufactured. The IFs then went to Boston, which played an important role in U.S. history. It is considered the economic and cultural center of New England. The last visit of the year was to Chicago. The objectives were to discover the culture of the Mid-West and to see how the Chicago Board of Trade works. It was the first time I have ever been to a real exchange.

Speaking about Slovakia

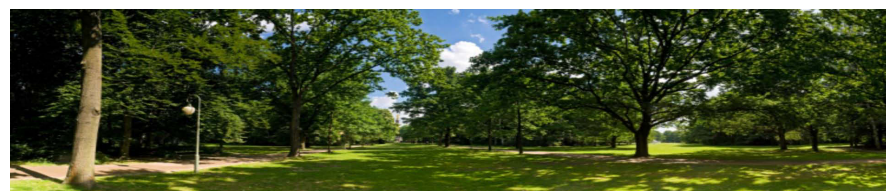
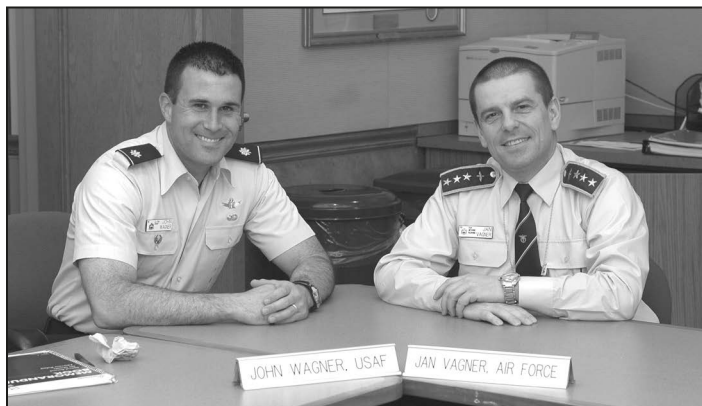
To this writer's question about Slovakia at the NWC, Jan said, selectively, it was in Seminar classes, (14-15 classmates). He had a few presentations about the Czech and Slovak peaceful separation. The seminar leaders were more interested than the students (almost all civilian) who preferred military instruments against negotiation and diplomacy. He also had a speech about democracy generally, in Slovakia and how older Slovaks perceived a new regime—democracy. He thought that some of them (students) later understood that the spreading of democracy is a very nice goal but it might take a very long time. He also had a speech about how a communist regime is functioning and about its structure and mutual relations with Government and Parliament. Classmates and Seminar leader were very interested in that issue. To his surprise students were very eager to know what really communism is. Regarding the Slovak-Hungarian dispute, that issue was a pure Slovak-Hungarian problem. Therefore, the students were not interested and only two or three Seminar leaders asked about the dispute.

Journey in America II

In March 2010 COL Vagner wrote about IF's Field Study Trips which, again, must be selective here. These were to TX, CA, Philadelphia, and CO, The focus was only on the best: TX, NASA, to Johnson Space Center in Houston, the Defense Energy Support Center at Belvoir, Lockheed Martin Corp. in Ft. Worth and Dallas. When I was a small boy (child) I had been dreaming I would be a Cosmonaut as Juraj Gagarin. I can be really satisfied that I became a helicopter pilot. The IFs met astronauts from Japan, USA, Canada, and Germany. The Japanese familiarized us with basic training. An American introduced a Space Shuttle to us. I asked him if he has changed his attitude to life and faith after his first flight into Space. I asked him because one friend of mine—Slovak Cosmonaut Ivan Bella—told me that he definitely has changed his attitude to life and has become a stronger believer. He confirmed that not only Ivan Bella has changed his attitude to live the faith.

I was very surprised that American Astronaut Douglas G. Hurley knew Slovak Cosmonaut Ivan Bella, the first Slovak citizen who entered outer space. Bella performed several medical experiments in a cockpit. I was very proud that my small country became the 30th country with its own Cosmonaut. The second one was COL Michal Fulier. Ivan Bella was among the residents of the space station Mir launched in 1986. He spent six days on the station. The Astronauts Chris Hadfield from Canada and Hans Schlegel of Germany provided us with information about new space projects and technologies. They also informed us about their experience in space and the future mission in the international space station. We visited the Buoyancy Laboratory to see the biggest water pool in the USA, probably in the world, to see a space crew under water training in a condition close to weightlessness. Now it is very clear to me why Slovakia had to pay 15.6 million SK (Slovak crowns) to Russia for the preparation and the space flight of Ivan Bella in 1999. I had an opportunity to visit spaceship Saturn 5 and could touch it. It still remains the largest and most powerful launch vehicle ever brought to operational

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Additionally, each scholarship winner will be issued a \$3,000.00 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy upon proof of graduation from college.

All applicants who did not receive a scholarship will be given a one-time \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond in appreciation of their efforts.

Congratulations to all. Best wishes in your academic carriers. We ask all our Scholarship winners to be active in their local Branch and District.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

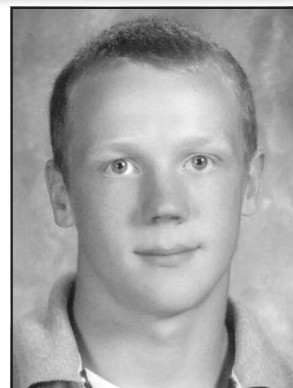
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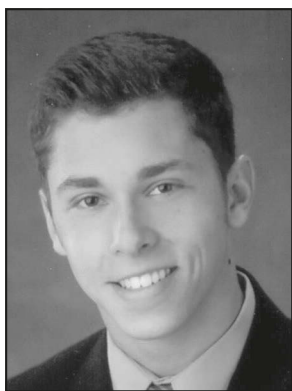


BELECHAK, JOSEPH THOMAS
Parents: Michelle & Joseph Belechak, Branch: 213K ~ Renfrew, PA, College/University: Carnegie Mellon University, Major: Humanities and Social Sciences



BENCH, MATTHEW
Parents: Sharon Morrow, Branch: 181K ~ Latrobe, PA, College/University: California University of PA, Major: Physical Therapy

Top Male
Thomas M. Hrick Award

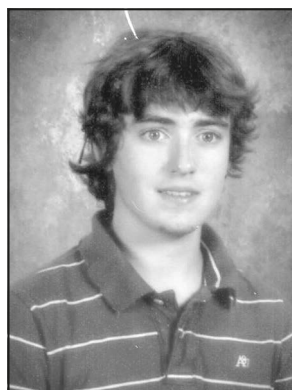


BELECHAK, LUKAS
Parents: Carole & Thomas Diable, Branch: 410K ~ Uniontown, PA, College/University: Saint Vincent, College Major: Secondary Education Biology

Top Female
Thomas M. Hrick Award



DIABLE, CAITLIN
Parents: Johnette & John Belechak, Branch: 213K ~ Renfrew, PA, College/University: Denison University Major: Biology/undecided



BENTZ, WILLIAM
Parents: Linda & Michael Bentz, Branch: 278K ~ Elizabethtown, PA, College/University: University of Maryland, Major: Mechanical Engineering with Aerospace Emphasis



BENZIN, MARISSA T.
Parents: Teresa & Peter Benzin, Branch: 417K ~ Philipsburg, PA, College/University: D'Youville College, Major: Occupational therapy



BRUCHANSKY, LAUREN
Parents: Ann & Peter Bruchansky, Branch: 19K ~ Trumbull, CT, College/University: Villanova University-tentative, Major: Mathematics

Thomas M. Hrick Memorial Scholarship Nursing Awards - 3



HLEBOVY, STEPHANIE
Parents: Julie & Ken Hlebovy, Branch: 731K ~ Youngstown, OH, College/University: Kent State University/Youngstown State University, Major: Nursing



LAUGHNEY, ALICIA
Parents: Victoria & Joseph Laughney, Branch: 166K ~ Binghamton, NY, College/University: University of Vermont, Major: Nursing



BUHLER, RACHEL ALEXIS
Parents: Linda & Paul Buhler, Branch: 321K ~ Middletown, PA, College/University: Syracuse University, Major: Liberal Arts



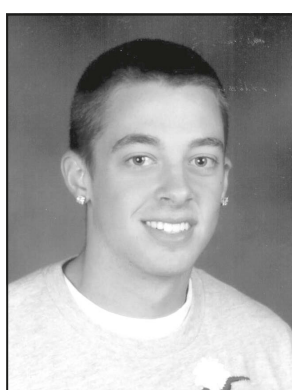
BUTALA, TIMOTHY A.
Parents: Julia & Timothy Butala, Branch: 181K ~ Latrobe, PA, College/University: Robert M. rris University, Major: Business



BUXAR, TERESIA
Parents: Silvia Litavcova & Pavel Buxar, Branch: 784 K ~ Montreal-QUE, CA, College/University: Dawson College, Major: Professional Photography



SOBONA, ANDREA N.
Parents: Sharon & Gerald Sobona, Branch: 24K ~ Cleveland, OH, College/University: Capital University, Major: Nursing



CAPAROSA, DAVID JASON
Parents: Mary & David Caparosa, Branch: 213K ~ Renfrew, PA, College/University: Slippery Rock University, Major: Teaching - Elementary/Secondary Education



CHROMIAK, LAKEN
Parents: Lynn Shade & John Chromiak, Branch: 200K ~ Ford City, PA, College/University: Saint Vincent College, Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

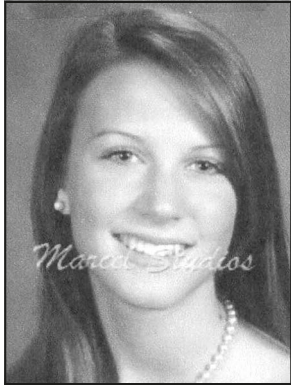


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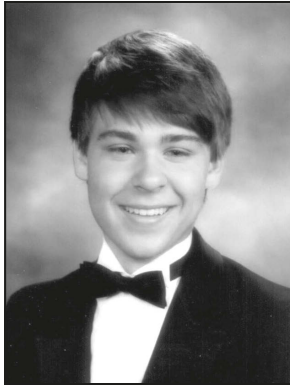
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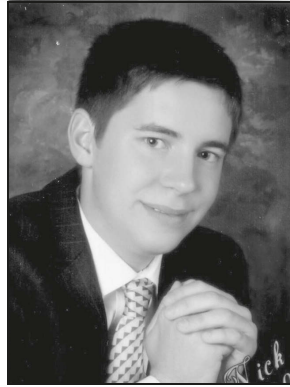
COLLINS, EMILY MARIE
Parents: Susan Rudisin & Patrick Collins, Branch: 2K ~ Pittsburgh, PA, College/University: University of Pittsburgh, Major: Rehab Sciences/Dietetics and Nutrition



COOPER, VICTORIA
Parents: Barbara & Thomas Cooper, Branch: 157K ~ Catasauqua, PA, College/University: Temple University/Kean University, Major: Department of Health Care Services



DORRELL, JOSEPH
Parents: Rita & Clive Dorrell, Branch: 199K ~ Hostetter, PA, College/University: Bellarmine University, Major: Biology



DUBOS, NICHOLAS, J.
Parents: Elizabeth & Gerald Dubos, Branch: 682K ~ Youngstown, OH, College/University: Duquesne University, Major: Doctor of Pharmacy



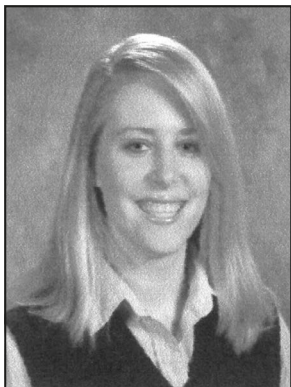
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Parents: Laura & Philip Farnum, Branch: 831K ~ Tarentum, PA, College/University: Penn State University, Major: Engineering/undecided



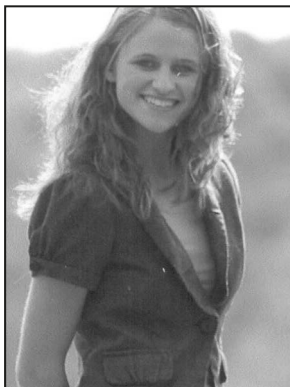
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Parents: Patricia & Matthew Fedor, Branch: 238K ~ Moscow, PA, College/University: University of Scranton Major: Biochemistry/Pre-medicine



FELO, FRANCHESKA S.
Parents: Shelley Stubbs & Joseph Felo, Branch: 166K ~ Binghamton, NY, College/University: LeMoyne College, Major: Pre-Law



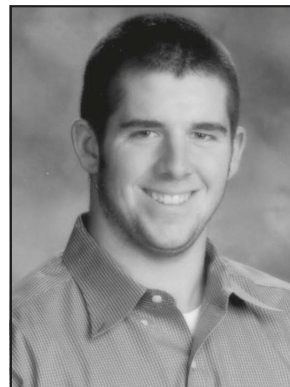
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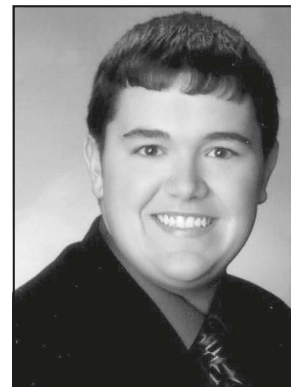
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Parents: Mary & Rick Flaugh, Branch: 38K ~ Duquesne, PA, College/University: Slippery Rock University, Major: Early Childhood Education



FRIS, KATELYN
Parents: Kimberly & Richard Fris, Branch: 23K ~ Johnstown, PA, College/University: University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Major: Secondary Education English



GEORGIC, GRANT
Parents: Jennifer & Greg Georgic, Branch: 831K ~ Tarentum, PA, College/University: University of Dayton, Major: Education/Science Focus



GREENE, BRETT J.
Parents: Teresa & Barry Greene, Branch: 670K ~ Donora, PA, College/University: Point Park University, Major: Communications



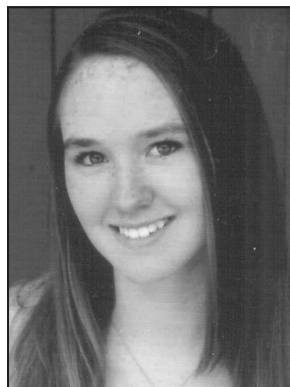
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Parents: Annette & Edmund Gromelski, Branch: 27P ~ Pittston, PA, College/University: Misericordia University, Major: Speech-Language Pathology



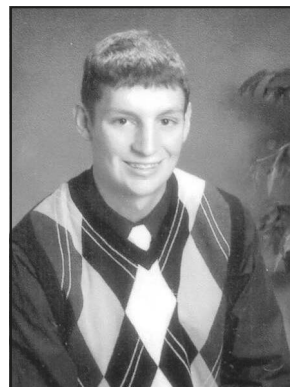
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Parents: Lorraine & Frederick Gromicko, Branch: 401K ~ E. Vandergrift, PA, College/University: Marietta College, Major: Petroleum Engineering



HALCIN, ANNA RYOKO
Parents: Ryoko & Anthony Halcin, Branch: 796K ~ Northampton, PA, College/University: University of Southern Mississippi, Major: Psychology



HARDEE, EMILY
Parents: Lynda & Russell Hardee, Branch: 633K ~ Mt. Morris, MI, College/University: University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Major: Pre-medicine/Allied Health



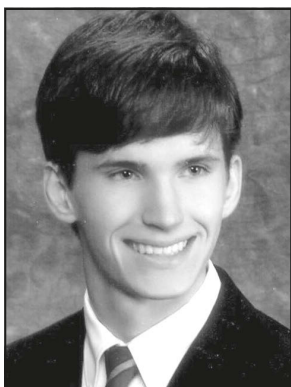
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Parents: Brenda & Joseph Hlas, Branch: 425K ~ Barberton, OH, College/University: The University of Cincinnati, Major: Pre-Pharmacy, then Pharmacy



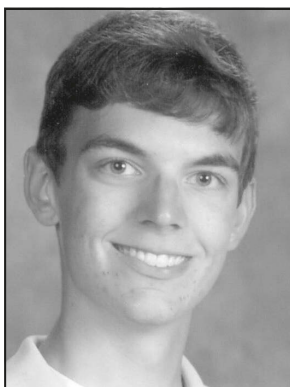
HOATS, CHARLES LEO
Parents: Maryann & Terry Hoats, Branch: 114K ~ Shenandoah, PA, College/University: undecided, Major: Psychology



HORTON, MARIAH LYNN
Parents: Michelle & Donald Horton, Branch: 6K ~ Streator, IL, College/University: Illinois Central College, Major: Dental Hygienist



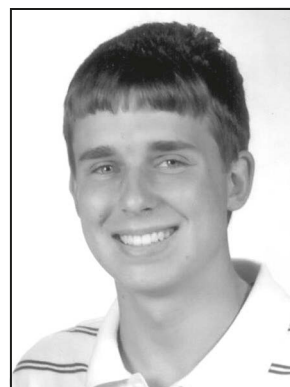
HRIKIK, MICHAEL J.
Parents: Victoria & Michael Hricik, Branch: 181K ~ Latrobe, PA, College/University: Penn State University, Major: Journalism



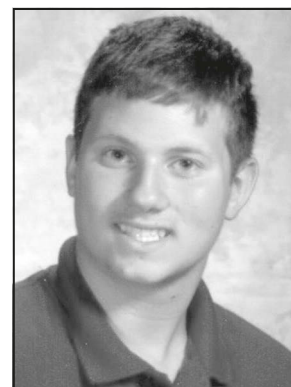
JORGENSEN, J. DANIEL
Parents: Jean & Scott Jorgensen, Branch: 595K ~ Owosso, MI, College/University: Central Michigan University, Major: Engineering



KRYGERIS, CATHERINE DIANE
Parents: Debra & Algirdas Krygeris, Branch: 280K ~ Natrona Heights, PA, College/University: Illinois Wesleyan University, Major: Voice Performances and Environmental Studies



KUNZ, CHRISTOPHER R.
Parents: Catherine & Robert Kunz, Branch: 166K ~ Windsor, NY, College/University: Siena College, Major: History

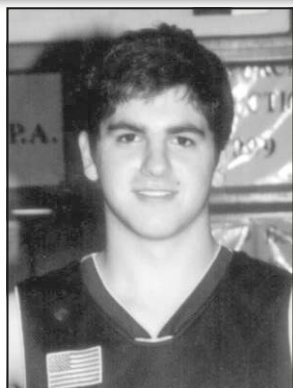


KURUC, NICHOLAS
Parents: Lynn & Raymond Kuruc, Branch: 19K ~ Bridgeport, CT, College/University: Western Connecticut State University, Major: Nursing R.N.

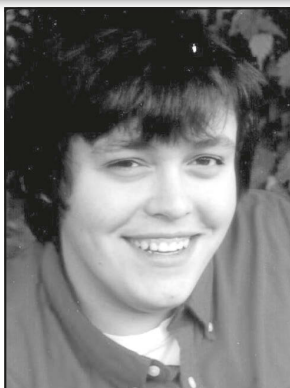
2010 Jednota Scholarship Winners

**LAFKO, RYAN**

Parents: Kathleen & Michael Lafko, Branch: 461K ~ Buffalo, NY, College/University: Buffalo State College, Major: Pre-forensic Chemistry

**LENNS, ZACHARY**

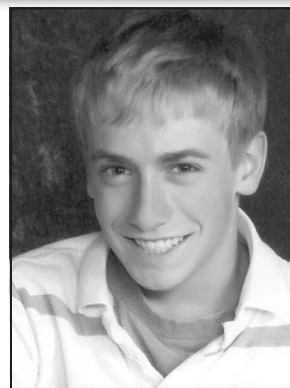
Parents: Carol & Thomas Lenns, Branch: 567K ~ Allentown, PA, College/University: University of South Carolina - undecided, Major: Business/Architecture

**LEONARD, JEFFREY E.**

Parents: Melanie & Jeffrey Leonard, Branch: 731K ~ Youngstown, OH, College/University: Youngstown State University, Major: Engineering

**LORYS, MEREDITH**

Parents: Joanne & Robert Lorys, Branch: 19K ~ Bridgeport, CT, College/University: University of Georgia, Major: Business

**MARTONIK, BEAU**

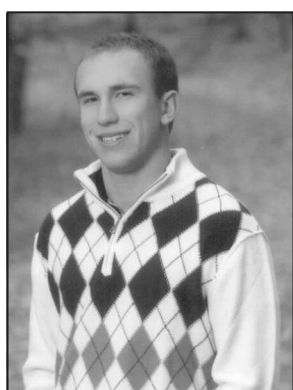
Parents: Rhonda & Joe Martonik, Branch: 831K ~ Tarentum, PA, College/University: Slippery Rock University, Major: Environmental Science

**MATTA, LANGLEY STEIN**

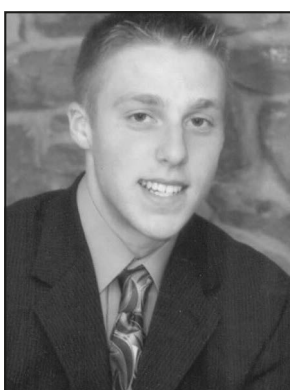
Parents: Rona & Gary Matta, Branch: 38K ~ Duguesne, PA, College/University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Major: History Education

**MATTIS, AUTUMN**

Parents: Brenda & Terry Mattis, Branch: 484K ~ Coral, PA, College/University: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Major: Natural Science

**MEGREY, ALEXANDER L.**

Parents: Jeanne & Mo Megrey, Branch: 388K ~ Latrobe, PA, College/University: Coastal Carolina University/Methodist University, Major: Business Administration - undecided

**MUZIKA, GEORGE JOHN JR.**

Parents: Marianne & George Muzika, Branch: 367K ~ Fairchance, PA, College/University: Saint Vincent College, Major: Communications

**NORMAN, NICKOLAS**

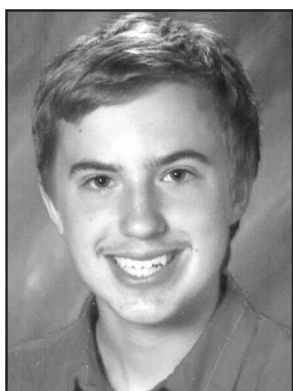
Parents: Melissa & Kenneth Norman, Branch: 743K ~ Sterling Heights, MI, College/University: Schoolcraft College, Major: Business

**PALMER, ALYSSA**

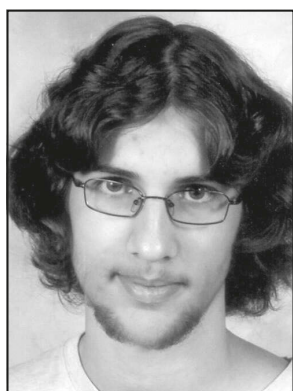
Parents: Anne Hutzler, Branch: 75K ~ Shamokin, PA, College/University: undecided, Major: Fashion Design

**PAVLINSKY, BRITTANY**

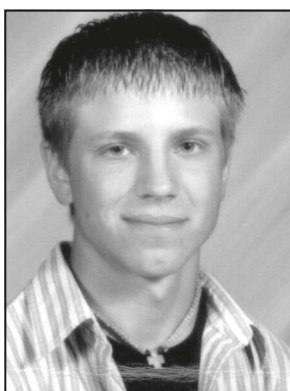
Parents: Marjorie & George Pavlinsky, Branch: 35K ~ Brad-dock/Pittsburgh, PA, College/University: California University of Pennsylvania, Major: Pre-Vet/ Business Administration

**PORTER, TRAVIS**

Parents: Michele & Tod Porter, Branch: 153K ~ Chicago, IL, College/University: University of Portland, Major: Secondary Education - Social Studies

**QUINTANA, KEVIN**

Parents: Beth & Roberto Quintana, Branch: 823K ~ Youngwood, PA, College/University: Carnegie Mellon University, Major: Mechanical Engineering

**ROMAN, CLAY R.**

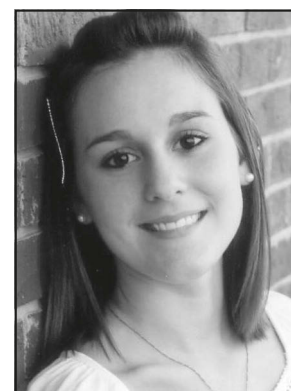
Parents: Carol & Chuck Roman, Branch: 670K ~ Donora, PA, College/University: Marietta College, Major: Environmental Studies/Sciences

**RURA, MELISSA C.**

Parents: Deborah & Alfred Rura, Branch: 484K ~ Coral, PA, College/University: The University of Akron, Major: Psychology

**SALAZER, JAMIE LEE**

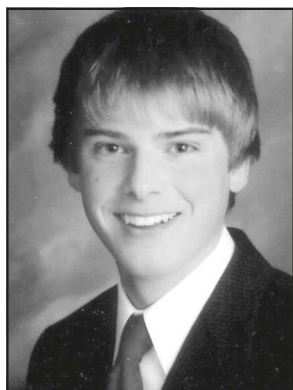
Parents: Nancy & James Salazer, Branch: 3P ~ Hazelton, PA, College/University: Fairfield University, Major: Political Science

**SCHREIBER, KRISTA**

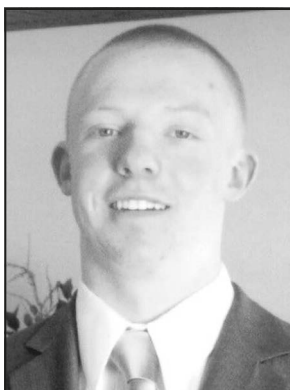
Parents: Kathryn & Joseph Schreiber, Branch: 831K ~ Tarentum, PA, College/University: University of Pittsburg, Major: Nutrition

**SEBETICH, CHELSEA NICOLE**

Parents: MaryAnn & Ted Sebetich Jr., Branch: 670K ~ Donora, PA, College/University: Bethany College, Major: Secondary Education English

**SIEMAN, ALEXANDER RICHARD**

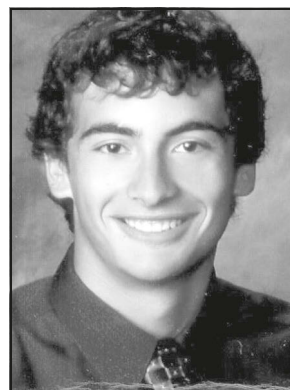
Parents: Rachel & Richard Sieman, Branch: 682K ~ Youngstown, OH, College/University: University of Pittsburgh, Major: Chemical Engineering

**SKOWRONSKI, MATTHEW**

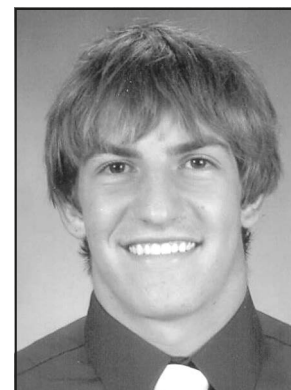
Parents: Susan & Leon Skowronski, Branch: 24K ~ Cleveland, OH, College/University: Ohio Wesleyan University, Major: Biology

**SLIVOSKY, LAUREN**

Parents: Linda & Richard Slivosky, Branch: 169P ~ Johnstown, PA, College/University: Ohio University, Major: Dance and Journalism

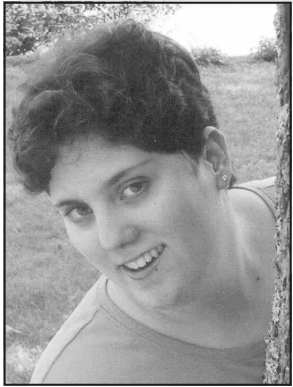
**STANO, LOGAN**

Parents: Maria Trusa - Stano, Branch: 293K ~ Lansford, PA, College/University: Moravian College, Major: Psychology/Guidance Counselor

**SUCHAN, JEFFREY**

Parents: Cynthia & Jeff Suchan, Branch: 24K ~ Cleveland, OH, College/University: University of Toledo, Major: Physical Therapy/ Sports Medicine

2010 Jednota Scholarship Winners



TARBAY, JENNIFER A.

Parents: Patricia & Paul Tarbay, Branch: 456K ~ Hawk Run, PA, College/University: Mount Aloysius College, Major: Sign Language Interpreter Education



TOTH, JENNIFER.

Parents: Mary & John Toth, Branch: 260K ~ Campbell, OH, College/University: Grove City College, Major: Chemistry and French



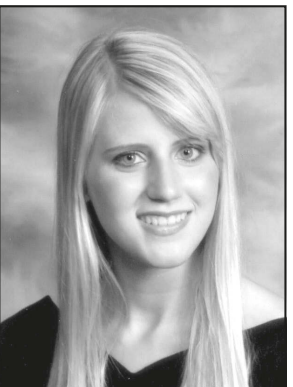
TRIFILETTI, BRIANNA

Parents: Tina & Brian Hellinger, Branch: 228K ~ Lorain, OH, College/University: College of Arts & Sciences, Major: International Relations/Politics



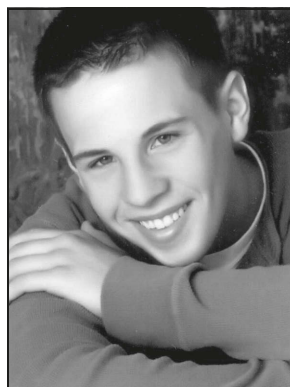
VISNOVSKY, SARAH ELIZABETH

Parents: Betteanne & Robert Visnovsky, Branch: 292K ~ Windber, PA, College/University: University of North Florida, Major: Communications/Broadcast Journalism



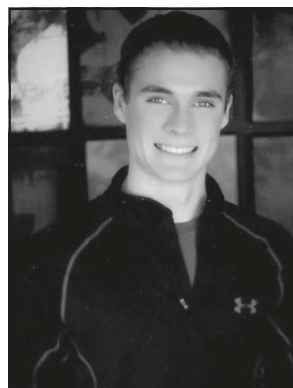
WERTANEN, EMILY

Parents: Susan & Scott Wertanen, Branch: 38K ~ Duquesne, PA, College/University: Belmont University, Major: Commercial Music



WOLFF, JOSEPH

Parents: Diane & Bernard Wolff, Branch: 888K ~ Palm Beach Garden, FL, College/University: Morningside College, Major: Nursing



ZORECHAK, GERALD

Parents: Maria & Gerald Zorechak, Branch: 238K ~ Moscow, PA, College/University: Paul Smith's College, Major: Fisheries



Slovak League of America Announces 2010 Scholarship Grants

The Slovak League of America – a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907 – is pleased to announce that it will once again offer the John and Julia Demko Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$750.00 to deserving students this year. Any student of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled or who will be enrolled full time at a college, university, or professional school in the fall semester may apply for this grant. These grants are available to students who are on the undergraduate or graduate level of study. These grants honor the memory of John and Julia Demko, well-known Slovak fraternal and cultural activists of Bayonne, NJ.

Applicants are asked to complete a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written double-spaced pages. The completed application along with the essay is to be returned by the deadline date of November 1, 2010. Grants will be paid to the individual student in December 2010.

**For an application, write:
Slovak League of America
205 Madison Street
Passaic, NJ 07055**

Or, for more information, contact the Slovak League of America, Monday – Friday, 11AM – 4PM, at (973) 472-8993.

About the Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc., was established in 1972 as an affiliate of the Slovak League of America to assist students of Slovak ancestry achieve their educational goals. Since then, more than 125 students have benefited from this fund.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

PRIVACY – PERSONAL FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Protecting the privacy of your personal financial and medical information has always been and will continue to be a matter of top priority for us. When used in this notice, the following terms have the meaning shown.

Public Information means information that is lawfully available to the general public from: Federal State or local government records; widely distributed media; or, disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by Federal, State or local law.

Non-Public Information means personally identifiable financial and medical information. It also means any list, description or other grouping of individuals, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived from any personally identifiable information that is not publicly available.

Consumer Reporting Agency means an entity, which regularly provides reports (Consumer Reports) including information regarding an individual's: general reputation, character, personal characteristics or mode of living and financial status. The information may be obtained through interviews with the individual or third parties such as the individual's: business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or financial sources.

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

- information you provide to us in an application or other form;
- information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.), or others; and
- information that we may receive from a Consumer Reporting Agency.

We do not disclose any personal, Non-Public Information about you to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We will not disclose personal medical information about you, except as permitted by law or as you may authorize.

We restrict access to your personal, insurance and medical information to those of our employees who need to know that information in order to provide insurance or service to you. We are, and will continue to be, vigilant in the safeguarding of your personal, financial, and medical information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with Federal and State regulations regarding the safeguarding of Non-Public Information.

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may contact us to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and social security number.

Publication Schedule for 2010

Issue Date	Deadline
September 1	August 23
September 15	September 3
September 29	September 20
October 13	October 4
October 27	October 18
November 10	November 1
November 24	November 15
December 8	November 29

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010

EMBASSY SUITES, PITTSBURGH, PA

OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and asked Vice President Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer

Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3, present as a rotating Board member
Larry White, AQS Asset Management, LLC by the invitation of the President

The President explained that the reason for holding the Executive Committee meeting at the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh is because the Executive Committee attended the Bruce & DePersis Seminar on May 20 & 21, 2010 held at the Embassy Suites, Pittsburg, PA and this would be saving money.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Secretary presented the Minutes of the April 2010 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by George Matta and seconded by Andrew Harcar to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

The Treasurer submitted a written monthly report which was reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer answered all questions of the Committee.

The President led a discussion reviewing our current interest rates. The interest rates starting June 1, 2010 will be as follows:

Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	4.15% (4.066% APR)
With the "Cash Interest" Option	3.90% (3.826% APR)
Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA:	
Single deposit of \$10,000 or more – first year guarantee (bonus)	5.60% (5.449% APR)
Single deposit of less than \$10,000 – first year guarantee	4.65% (4.545% APR)
New "Park 2 Annuity"	3.50% (3.440% APR)
New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA – first year guarantee	3.50% (3.440% APR)
New Six-Year Fixed Rate Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.75% (3.682% APR)
New Settlement Options are based on an interest rate of	3.65% (3.585% APR)

This action was taken after our most recent study of our competitors' rates. They still match or exceed most of them.

AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White from AQS Asset Management, LLC. presented his report to the Executive Committee meeting with the following agenda:

- Portfolio metrics and distribution
- Cash on hand and projections
- Market Data
 - Current Markets
 - Fed Fund Futures
- Credit Actions
- Transactions
- Sallie Mae Investments
- FCSU Equity Positions
- Commentary

After the presentation Mr. White led a discussion reviewing our investment strategy and answered the Executive Committee's questions. He said our investment strategy is on line and according to plan.

The Executive Secretary led a review of our 2010 First Quarter Financial Report. The Financial Statement will be printed in the Jednota newspaper.

At this time President Rajec updated the Executive Committee on the inquiry we received from the Ohio Department of Insurance. He stated that the Society has engaged Thompson Hine to work with AQS and Ed DePersis to present our position while preparing a response letter to the Ohio Department of Insurance. He will update the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as more information becomes available.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments with Key Bank Corporation and updated the Executive Committee on all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on our portfolio custodian, Key Bank. He stated everything is in order and working well.

SALES AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report in different Regions and answered all questions presented. The Vice President also reviewed the sales production report of our independent agents, noting that we are continuing to add agents, and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President also updated the Executive Committee on seminars and events scheduled for 2010. He further stated that he is in process of setting up District and Branch seminars.

CONVENTION 2010

The President and the Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the progress with the upcoming 2010 Convention. The Executive Secretary stated that the Home Office is receiving the delegates forms and that everything is going well with preparations for the Convention. The Executive Secretary also stated that another packet will be sent to the delegates as soon as the program book is finalized and printed.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES**

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of April 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 April:

Disbursements for the month of April 2010:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	234,861.65
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	34,668.30
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	3,441.34

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.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

Requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN

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

Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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Minneapolis Parish Festival

Sunday, August 15, 2010

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Minneapolis, MN, will hold their annual festival on Sunday, August 15, 2010, on the parish grounds. The festival will begin with a polka Mass at 10:00AM and conclude at 5:00PM with a cash raffle drawing.

There will be Slovak and Spanish food available, along with games for children, a cake walk, pull tabs, refreshments and door prizes.

All Jednota members, their families and friends, are invited. Members will be volunteering at the food and game booths. Members are invited to register at the Big Raffle Booth for a free cash raffle entry and a food/refreshment ticket.

This activity replaces our annual family picnic.

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary, Branch 3K

Anniversary Celebrated - Veronica and Stephan Patoprsty Celebrate 60 Years

Stephan J. Patoprsty and Veronica V. Sivak were married September 30, 1950 at St. Michael's Church in Oakley, Michigan. Steve and Ronnie, who now live in the Williamston, MI area, gathered with their six children and six spouses, and 12 grandchildren, in mid-July to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.



Their children are: Ann (David) Phol, Barbara (Sigma) Alpha, Stephan F. (Jennifer) Patoprsty, Sally (Richard) Dishaw, Jean (Scott) Jorgensen, and Amy (Charles) Schouman.

Steve is a retired professional engineer and Ronnie has been a very dedicated homemaker for all these years. All of the family and grandchildren are members of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 756, and many have been to Slovakia to visit their relatives.



FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Insurance Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we have been running a year-long presidential campaign from August 1, 2009 to the presidential banquet in August 2010.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every two (2) new insurance policies signed, the proposer would receive a certificate which would state that he/she has signed two (2) new insurance policies and the duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the Presidential Campaign. The drawing for \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Prize money will be paid when the insurance premium is paid. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each proposer can sign as many members as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each two (2) new insurance policies signed. Example: Two (2) insurance policies, one (1) certificate. Four (4) insurance policies, two (2) certificates.

Term as well as reserve policies are eligible for these grand prizes.

Our insurance products are very competitive. Let's get everybody involved in sales during this "Presidential Campaign". Your Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership and Marketing Committee wishes you the best of luck in your endeavor to secure new membership.

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Annuity Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we will also have the same prizes for annuity procurements as we are having for new membership.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's brought in during the period August 1, 2009 to the August 2010 convention, the recommender will receive a certificate which will state that he/she brought in \$10,000.00. The duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the presidential campaign. The drawing for the \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each annuity proposer can bring in as much money as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's. Example: Bring in \$10,000.00 one (1) certificate, bring in \$20,000.00 two (2) certificates, and bring in \$30,000.00 three (3) certificates.

So take this opportunity to earn some great prizes and get people to invest in our Annuity/IRA's. Remember... our high paying Annuity/IRA rates are second to none.

Good Luck and God Bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Stephanie Raha, Editor-in-chief, The Christophers

You Never Can Tell...

Maybe you've come to the conclusion that you never can tell. I know I have. While that sounds rather obvious, the fact remains that many of us operate on the premise that we know exactly what's what. We consider ourselves pretty fair judges of human nature. And we certainly can tell if something that we say or do really matters. After all, how can we not know the difference between what's important and what isn't?

Except that we are often flat-out wrong. We take it for granted that if our words or actions are insignificant to us, other people feel the same, but that's not always true. Something as simple as a pat on the back, a smile or a "thank you" can make someone's day. On the other hand, an angry word or an impatient gesture can sour anybody's disposition for hours.

Writer E.V. Lucan put it this way: "One of the most serious thoughts that life provokes is the reflection that we can never tell at the time, whether a word, a look, an occurrence of any kind, is trivial or important."

Here are a few true stories of how little things aren't always so little to someone else.

* A despondent teen who had recently lost both his father and his best friend went to church, but he sat in a corner and barely participated in the Mass. Then, during the sign of peace when people acknowledge those around them with a handshake or embrace, he recalls that "two elderly women hobbled over to my solitary corner on fragile legs. Their journey seemed to take forever, and yet their greeting was warm and caring. In the time it took them to arrive, I made the decision to rejoin the living."

* A woman with several children, including a new baby, felt overwhelmed and discouraged until she got an e-mail from another young mother which said: "Hi friend – Just wanted to tell you that I think of you often. Someday we'll have time to spend together like in the old days. Keep plugging away, I know you're a super mother." The recipient was so heartened that she started sending friendly notes to neighbors, store clerks and others who could use a good word.

* After Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, one woman returned home expecting a big cleanup. Instead she found utter devastation. "There was nothing left of my house but sludge," she remembers. With no money, no home and no job she thought seriously about killing herself, but first she felt compelled to return some tools she had borrowed from her local church. When she arrived, a friend threw her arms around her, saying "I think you need a hug." The woman who had lost so much found hope and love in that gesture. So she joined her neighbors in putting all her energy into restoring their community.

Everything – everything – in life has consequences. We can't always tell when our words and deeds can have a profound impact on others, so let's make certain that each of our common, everyday interactions with people is as positive as we can make it. It may help the other guy – it certainly will help you and me.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, YOUR CAREER COUNTS, write: The Christophers, 5 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004; or e-mail: mail@christophers.org



Help the Christophers Celebrate 65 Years

The mission of The Christophers is to encourage people of all ages, and from all walks of life, to use their God-given talents to make a positive difference in the world. The mission is best expressed in The Christophers' motto: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Foremost among Christopher founder Father James Keller's tools for spreading the message of his movement was the written word. Following that tradition, The Christophers produce publications to encourage individuals to recognize and use their unique gifts to serve God and humanity. These include the thought-provoking Light One Candle column that regularly runs in the Jednota.

As the Christophers celebrate their 65th Anniversary this year, they are asking others to join the celebration by sharing a favorite Christopher memory. If you were inspired by the Christophers' column or by founder Father James Keller, M.M., please send your story by mail, email, or on Facebook or Twitter to them. The Christophers want to know how their organization has lit candles of hope in your life, and may include it on a special 65th Anniversary page on their website (www.christophers.org).

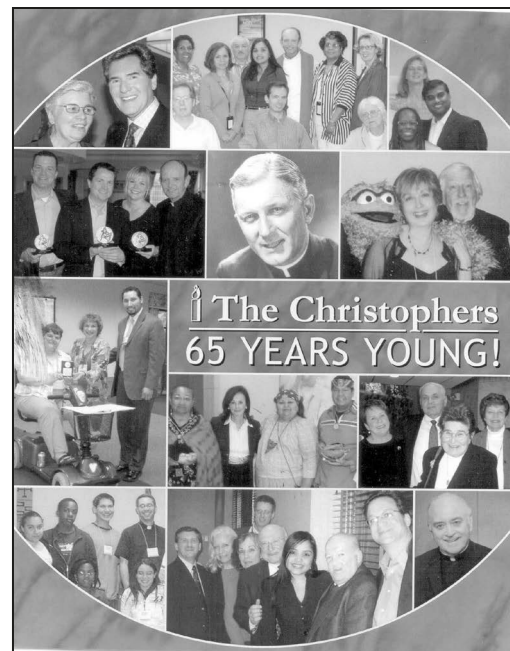
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YOUTH ROUND-UP

Congratulations, Charles!

Charles Boone, 11, of Pittsburgh, PA, is a fisherman extraordinaire.

While in the Harrisburg, PA area, he competed in Casting Kids, the casting competition held at the Bass Pro Shops and sponsored by the Capital City Bassmasters.

Charles led the contestants through the entire event, only to have his casting score tied on the last cast. The dead heat was broken in a sudden death cast-off, in which he finished second.

Charles moves on to the State Championship at the Harrisburg Bass Pro Shops on July 31.

Charles is a member of FCSU Branch 853 of Ellsworth, PA. He is the son of Branch 853 President, former FCSU National Auditor and Former Pension Board Trustee Monica Rodacy Boone of Pittsburgh and also is the son of Ronald Boone.

Photo by Jerry Neal Photographer - Capital City Bassmasters



Photo of Charles Boone holding his certificate with a ssmasters representative.

Emily Anne Visnovsky Graduates from Wagner College

Emily Anne Visnovsky graduated from Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, on May 21, 2010, with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History. She studied abroad through St. John's University in Rome, Italy in her junior year and also studied abroad in Peru during the summer of her senior year.

She is the daughter of Major Robert and Betteanne Visnovsky of Ponte Verra Beach, FL, and the granddaughter of Erma and the late George Visnovsky of Johnstown, PA. Emily is a 2006 First Catholic Slovak Union Scholarship Award recipient. She is a member of the Branch 292 of Windber, PA.

Congratulations, Emily!



Emily Visnovsky



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship Program.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - 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:

Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131

Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310

E-mail: fcsu@aol.com - Website: www.fcsu.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

Brothers (And Branch 35 Members) Celebrate Graduations

Andrew and Eric Wojnar of Apollo, PA both celebrated graduations this year.

In May, Andrew (left) graduated Cum Laude from Robert Morris University, Moon Twp., PA, where he received his Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Information Systems. He is employed by Fidelity Bank, Pittsburgh, PA as a Network Administrator.

In June, his brother Eric (right), graduated with high honors from Kiski Area High School in Vandergrift, PA. Eric will continue his education at Penn State University where he plans to major in Software Engineering.

Andrew and Eric, along with their parents, Joe and Pat Wojnar, are all members of Branch 35, Braddock, PA. They are also grandsons of Joseph Yuros, who is the Financial Secretary of Branch 35 as well as the Financial Secretary of the Pittsburgh District (OKRES).

Editor's Note: Jednota has learned that when Joseph Yuros attends the upcoming convention in August, on the final day (August 18th) he will be celebrating his 85th birthday!

Congratulations Kylie

Kylie Colvill, the great granddaughter of Branch 367 Member Stella Medlen and the late Dr. Rudolph Medlen from Uniontown, PA, was nominated to represent her school and community at the Junior National Young Leaders Council in Washington, D.C. Kylie is going to be a sixth grader next year. Kylie and her family are honored that she was chosen by the Council as one of the exceptional students it nominates from around the country to attend an experiential educational program.

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

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



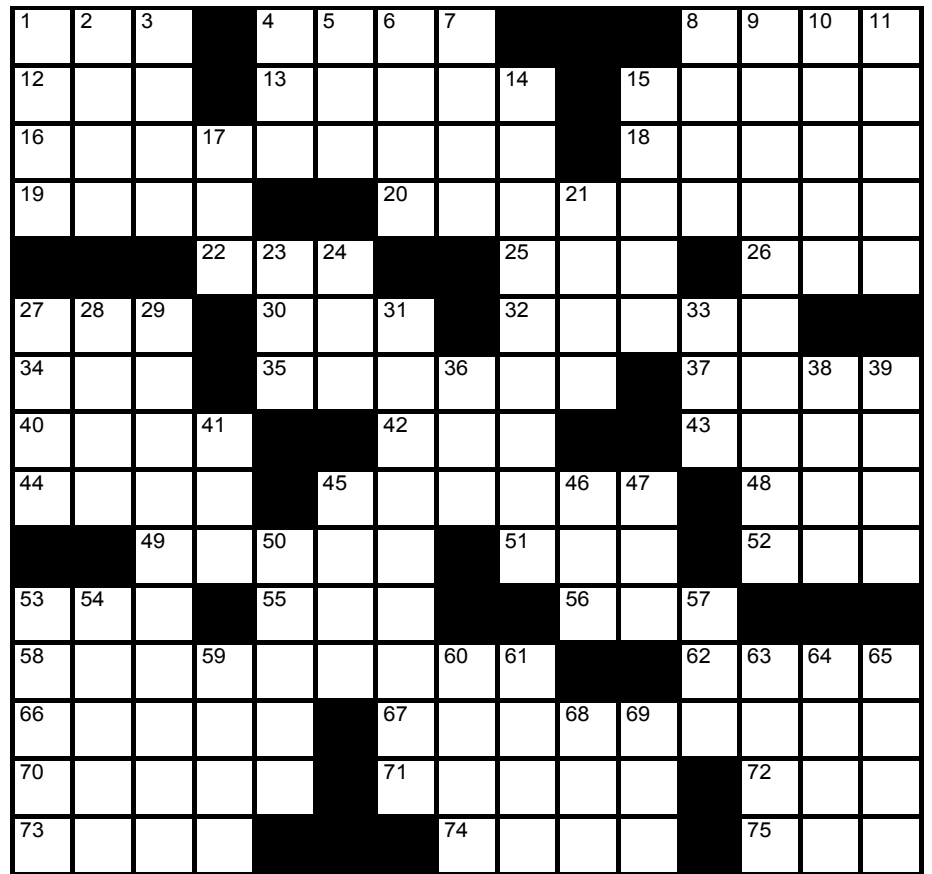
Far left, Auditor Liz Bernath. Immediately to her right, Vice President Rudy Bernath. Fourth from right, President John Jurcenko.



Branch 153 members enjoy a fraternal luncheon after their June mid-year meeting.

Scenes from Branch 153 Mid-year Meeting

St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, held its mid-year meeting on Saturday, June 19, 2010, in Chicago at the home of President John Jurcenko. Following the meeting, members enjoyed a fraternal luncheon at Bob Chins Crabhouse Restaurant in Wheeling, IL.



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Across

- 1 Quarrel
- 4 Trudge
- 8 Annoy
- 12 Mature
- 13 Unnatural
- 15 Channel
- 16 Confused
- 18 Presentation, for short
- 19 Wooded hollow
- 20 Maligner
- 22 Faint
- 25 Insect
- 26 Country (Abbr.)
- 27 Seize
- 30 High rocky hill
- 32 Fiends
- 34 Crete mountain
- 35 Lances
- 37 Rends
- 40 Invoices
- 42 Watering hole
- 43 *Thin Man* character
- 44 Terrier type
- 45 Planted
- 48 Negative
- 49 Auto
- 51 Samuel's teacher
- 52 Compass pt.
- 53 ___ Lanka
- 55 Toward the mouth (Prefix)
- 56 Barrel
- 58 Pay back phrase
- 62 Essayist
- 66 Role player
- 67 Finance
- 70 Holds back
- 71 Construct
- 72 Fixed charge
- 73 Blunders

Down

- 2 Leer
- 3 Water source
- 4 Oarlock
- 5 Garland
- 6 Grampuses
- 7 Selector switch
- 8 Head of hair
- 9 Invasions
- 10 Bus proceeds
- 11 Vegetation
- 14 Expound
- 15 Apple juice
- 17 Stale
- 21 Film types, for short
- 23 Common contraction
- 24 Cleaning tool
- 27 Insect eggs
- 28 Aleut. island
- 29 Kid controller, maybe
- 31 Strikes a chord
- 33 Sea eagle
- 36 Tending
- 38 Golf course gurus for short

- 39 Rational
- 41 Diocese
- 45 Young salmon
- 46 Deer
- 47 Expire
- 50 Thresholds
- 53 Put at risk
- 54 Kitchen utensil
- 57 Beryl, for one
- 59 Dandies
- 60 Playing cards
- 61 Carryall
- 63 Existence
- 64 Chilled
- 65 Cruising
- 68 Wimple wear
- 69 Choose

See Solution on Page 18

Countdown to Convention:

In the last issue of the Jednota, the FCSU extended a membership-wide invitation to all members and their guests to come to the "Slovak Spectacular" show on Sunday night, August 15.

But as convention approaches, delegates should keep in mind that all the other nights promise to feature "Slovak Spectacular" events, as well, including:

Saturday, August 14



Pittsburgh Slovaks

Since being founded by Roman Niznik in 1955, the Pittsburgh Slovaks have continued to perform to this day. Over the years some of the faces may have changed, but the quality of entertainment remains. Currently under the direction of Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, the Pittsburgh Slovaks are the highlight of many Slovak fraternal activities, church functions and festivals. Through their songs and dances, the Pittsburgh Slovaks have managed to keep their Slovak Heritage alive and rekindle many memories of the "Old Country" – a special treat for delegates during the Saturday (Aug 14) evening program.

Pajtáši

Pajtáši, a band that hails from the New York area, will play for our delegates' dancing and listening pleasure during the Saturday evening program (Aug 14). The group, whose name loosely translates from Slovak as "musicians," have been called "spellbinding" and "our Slovak/American National Treasure." With a vast repertoire drawn from multiple and diverse regions of Slovakia, their performances have achieved critical acclaim all over North America and in Slovakia for perpetuating Slovak culture in the Slovak as well as the American communities with high energy, charisma and spirit – including this recent appearance at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC.



Convention Mass Choir to be Formed

Delegates and guests attending the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada in Cleveland are cordially invited to participate in the choir for the Opening Mass on Sunday, August 15, at St. John Cathedral. Buses will transport interested choir members from the Renaissance Hotel to the Cathedral at 1:00 PM and Mass will begin at 2:30 PM. The choir will be under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Whisdosh

Monday, August 16

John Pastirik Band

A longtime favorite from the Cleveland area, the John Pastirik Band has been entertaining audiences with their repertoire of traditional Slovak music and contemporary dance classics at festivals, weddings, and other key events since 1957. All FCSU members, they will play for the dancing and listening pleasure of delegates during the Monday evening program (Aug 16). The band also has recorded numerous albums, been featured on local television, and traveled extensively throughout Northeast Ohio, North America and Slovakia – including being among the first bands to lead a tour to (then) Czechoslovakia in 1972.

Here, band members (L-R), Len Jacko, John Pastirik, and Ken Javor perform at a recent Kent, OH event with local area singers the Slovenske Mamicky.



Tuesday, August 17

Juráši Family Band

Kontakty – the Juráši Family Band – is led by professional musician Joseph Juráši who, together with his wife Maria, have been creating beautiful harmonies in life – and on the stage. Joseph specializes in both keyboard and brass instruments. Their daughter Renáta is a professional pianist and singer. Son to Jozef, the drummer, rounds out the family band. With roots in Eastern Slovakia (the Presov region), Kontakty has been entertaining audiences around the country for 13 years with their outstanding repertoire of traditional Slovak folk music as well as songs from the world music genre – at festivals, weddings, and other special events.

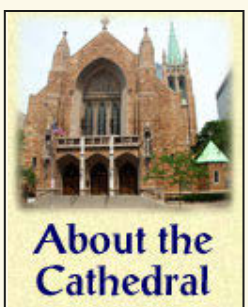


CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Since 1848, this historic Cathedral church in the middle of Cleveland's civic center has served Catholics and the wider community of Cleveland as a prayerful oasis and spiritual home. As the Bishop's Church, the Cathedral is the "Mother Church" for over 800,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland. Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The FCSU will provide bus transportation to and from the Cathedral for all who wish to attend.



East 9th Street
and Superior Avenue



About the
Cathedral

Aug 14 & 15: The Baine/Cincebeaux Collection of Folk Art and Folk Dress

An exhibit by FCSU member Helene Cincebeaux will feature 25 outfits from all regions of Slovakia, some never exhibited before from the Baine/Cincebeaux Collection of Slovak Folk Art and Folk Dress will be set up in the George Bush Suite of the Cleveland Renaissance during Convention Sat., Aug. 14 and Sun., Aug 15 and will also be open to the public on Aug. 15. This collection is a result of Helene and her mother Helen Zemek Baine (92 years young and also a Jednota member) extensive travel throughout Slovakia over 40 years and their fascination with the country's beautiful textiles, exquisite embroidery, fine weaving and incredible lace and leather work.

George Terbrack, known for his ethnic displays, is working with Helene on the exhibit. Rich Novotny, also lent his expertise and invaluable assistance in getting the 25 outfits ready for display.

Visitors to the exhibit will get a look at rare

outfits such as a heavily decorated woman's outfit from Vesele with elaborate embroidery done in real gold wire, a young bride from Liptovsky Sliac wearing the amazing linen lace "flying nun" headdress and double-sided batik printed apron and the gorgeous "wedding cake" headdress from the Levice region.

Male attire will be represented by a decorated sheepskin vest from Lendak, a bridegroom from Trencin, a full length felted coat from Saris, and decorated shirts from several regions.

Women's outfits from eastern Slovakia - Myslava near Kosice; western Slovakia - Trencin and also Castkov on the western border and southern Slovakia - Levice region - will showcase the creativity of village people and the tremendous variety in Slovak folk dress.

Rare decorated ritual cloths heavily embroidered and embellished with rich lace will be displayed from many areas - a wedding bed cover from Vajnory in the southwest, another from



Jablonica in the west, a wedding shawl from Liptov in the north, a christening cloth from Helpa in central Slovakia, a humorous wall hanging for the kitchen from Ocova, a childbirth bed hanging from a village near Michalovce in the east, and even an extremely rare heavily embellished coffin cover from Zvolenska Slatina, central Slovakia.



Book Corner

Slovakia! Traditions Old & New
By Helene Baine Cincebeaux
ISBN 978-0-615-33848-4
c.2010; 172pp. \$25.00
(Published in part by a grant of financial support from the Slovak Republic's Office for Slovaks Living Abroad).

reviewed by Ginny Parobek

"We saw Slovakia change from a rural and relatively poor land to a thriving modern nation, but this book celebrates 'the old days and the old ways'" (15).

Prediction: this new book by Helene Cincebeaux may very well become a Slovak Bible of sorts to you. Why? Because within its covers are 40 years of research and travel memories from Helene, who has packed a multitude of color photos, maps, weavings, embroidery and vintage postcards into it. Along with running commentary on everything from azú (a spicy meat dish) to žinčica (sheep's whey, which incidentally, Americans often have trouble digesting), one thing that you will notice right away is that the color red is very prominent in all sorts of imagery throughout the book. Why? Because red is considered a protective color, the color of blood and life.

The text of Slovakia! isn't bogged down in technical or academic-speak; it's written in everyday speech (you can almost hear Helene talking directly to you). It is divided into six chapters with titles like: The Year Begins/Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter and Carry-On Traditions. There is a bibliography at book's end with good-to-know resources about Slovakia and diacritic marks are consistently present throughout the text. This treasure trove, an 8x11 glossy softcover book, features many colorful full-page photos and paintings (with a few older, interesting b&w prints as well).

The introduction to the book is very interesting indeed and tells of how Helene became fascinated with Slovakia in the first place. She had her first glimpse of Slovakia when up on Giewont Mountain in Poland in 1959. Mysteriously intrigued by this taste of Slovakia, she got to return some ten years later. Return trips in 1972 and 1975 followed and then every single year since then! Helene and her mother, Helen Zemek Baine—whom many readers will also know—"would flip a coin to decide whether to head east or west, pointing our Skoda toward remote villages at the end of the road" (13).

This mother/daughter duo was welcomed with open arms wherever they traveled and "everywhere, we were regaled with stories and songs, legends, customs and traditions" (14). Folk dress "rained down on us, tossed from attics and lofts." Likely, this was the impetus that spurred Helene to collect kroje, study their folk motifs and become an expert on the subject.

Did you know that Slovaks have over 12,000 sayings—portents of signs of good luck, bad luck, etc...such as "A girl gets prettier if she gets wet in the first spring rain." The concepts of magic and protection in Slovakia warrant an entire page. For instance: were you aware that the doorway and the hearth were considered the most important part of the home? Hence the protective symbols in that area of the house.

Helene's first Slovak festival was the Detva Festival of 1979 where she got acquainted



with famed embroideress Marta Rybarova. Marta and her family were in the habit of (and still are) hosting large numbers of people to stay at their place. Helene tells us of dancing and partying "do rána" ('til dawn). The fujara, the shepherd's flute which is unique to Slovakia, also hails from the Detva area originally. An entire page of information is provided on this instrument.

The Roma are not left out of Slovakia! There is an entire chapter devoted to a Rom family. And be sure to read Helene's amusing experience of hody on page 116.

She intersperses commentary throughout the book on what life was like in Slovakia 40 years ago when it was half of then-Czechoslovakia and under communist rule. Did you know that the communists forbade the wearing of kroje in many villages? This only hastened the decline of wearing kroje in

general. Be sure and check out the full-page color portrait of Helene painted in 1983 by Slovak artist Jan Siazik. The authorities wanted the filigreed cross she was wearing removed from the picture, but he refused. Slovaks had other ways of getting around Communist Party dictums, for even during that oppressive rule, fresh flowers could be seen on almost every roadside shrine across the land!

Of course, the book includes thorough descriptions of holidays and customs, including Fašiangy (the Slovak Mardi Gras) and on page 38, a discussion on kralice (egg painting) takes place. Be sure and check out Kristin Cederquist's unique painting of "Jánsky oheň" (St. John's Night). Many readers may recall Kristin, Helene's niece, from the many tours she has accompanied with Helene.

A printer's gaffe left some paragraphs dangling here and there in the book, but this doesn't detract from the whole.

And so what's next for our ever-busy Helene? "My next book will focus solely on kroje," she states. And as we all know, she is more than qualified to write the definitive text on Slovak costumes, linens and motifs.

So, go ahead and see if my prediction doesn't come through for you and your family. This book may become a 'Bible' or reference text on all-things-Slovak. And at a mere \$25.00 per copy, it's a veritable bargain and would make a delightful Christmas gift!

To order copies, please remit \$25.00 plus \$5.00 S&H to:

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Ph. 585-342-9383

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3P – HAZLETON, PA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Joseph Society, Branch 003P, will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday August 15, 2010 in St. Joseph's Church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. All members are urged to attend and to offer suggestions for future branch activities. Refreshments will be served. Please spread the word to fellow members.

Mike Koval Financial Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 9:30AM in the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 49 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will report on the 49th Convention, and discuss plans for our scholarships to be awarded at our breakfast meeting to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010, in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall.

Our members are encouraged to attend our meetings and enjoy the breakfast on November 14, 2010.

**Fraternally,
Henry Zack, Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 55 - BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA

A special meeting of Branch 55 KJ is scheduled to be held on Sunday, Aug 29, 2010 at 7:00PM at the home of Vice President Steven J. Gerba, 188 DiMarco Drive, Philadelphia, PA. A short business meeting will be conducted to review the highlights of the Convention; and any other business that will come up. Refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the Vice President at (215) 637-

6530 or the President at (610) 356-7956 for directions.

**Fraternally yours,
Helena T. Gaydos, President**

BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 75, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 5, 2010, at 10:30AM at the residence of President and Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872.

The agenda items will include a discussion of mid-year business activities. Highlights of the Convention will be presented by the attending Delegates. A detailed report of the entire Convention procedures will be presented at our Semi-Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010.

All Members are requested to attend this semi-annual meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, President and Financial Secretary

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 7th, 2010 at the home of Sophie Pipak. Discussion on August Convention will take place.

Sophie Pipak

BRANCH 266 – HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of St. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday August 15, 2010 at 9:30 am in St. Joseph's church cafeteria at 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, PA. Join us for refreshments and fellowship and to see what's happening in our society. All members are urged to attend.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 327 – POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael Society, Branch 327, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at 9:00AM at the Holy Trinity Church Social Room, 370 South Street, Pottstown, PA.

E.C. Pollock, President

BRANCH 393 – HANNASTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting on Sunday, August 22, 2010, at 1:00PM at the home of Mary Ann Nal-evanko, 459 Front St., Greensburg, PA.

Mary Ann Nal-evanko, Secretary

BRANCH 430 – SIMPSON, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of Branch 430 will be held at the home of Branch President Elizabeth Pisarcik at 2:00PM on Sunday, August 15, 2010. All members are invited to attend.

Elizabeth Pisarcik, President

BRANCH 493 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, August 21st, 2010.

Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559.

We will begin with a fraternal social period with refreshments at 1:30 pm, with the Meet-

ing starting at 2:00 pm; family-style dinner follows.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at (773) 505-0117 or (502) 244-6643 by August 10th. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

**Robert Tapak Magruder,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 580 - WEST MIFFLIN

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Sunday, July 25th after the

9:30 mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall. All members are welcome.

**Virginia Jasek,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 686 – HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS

Branch 686 will be holding its Semi-Annual meeting at the home of Financial Secretary, Rudolph Glogovsky on Sunday August 8, at 1:30 PM. Upcoming convention issues and updates relative to FCSU functions will also be presented. Branch 686 is also attempting to find new addresses for the following...Diane Cepon, Barbara Drinka, Francis Hill, Dawn Oreilly,,John Turchin, and Denise Uselman. Please phone Rudolph Glogovsky at 847-659-1580 if you wish to attend the Branch meeting or know the whereabouts of the above named members and their residence.

**Rudolph D. Glogovsky,
Financial Secretary**



Branch 743--- Sterling Heights, Michigan

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 would like to invite all FCSU members and friends to the St. Cyril & Methodius Parish Festival and FCSU Michigan District Picnic to be held Saturday August 28th and Sunday August 29th on the Parish grounds located at 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

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

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

For complete and current Festival information, please visit the web- site at www.saintcyrls.org
Come and enjoy the festival and meet with your fellow Slovaks!

**Joseph C. Rimarcik
President & Fin. Secretary**



Annual Slovak Festival in September

The annual Slovak Festival will be held at St. Anthony of Padua, 6750 State Road in Parma, OH on Sunday, September 5, 2010 from Noon to 8 PM. Come and enjoy outstanding homemade Slovak food and bakery, as well as music and dancing. A first-class cultural program begins at 3 PM featuring the superior Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble with songs, music and dances of Slovakia. Also performing will be the Lucinka Slovak dancers. Music will be provided by the John Pastirik Band and the Frank Moravcik Band. Admission is \$6.00 (Children under 12 free.) For more information call: (440) 886-4828; (440) 845-0282; (440) 885-1994.

Address Changes?

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, AND THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 11:00AM at Ss Cyril and 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 are encouraged to attend this Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing many members at this meeting. For more information, contact Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT 06611, (203) 268-4727.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary



District 17 Annual Summer Picnic

The Saints Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York, and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, will hold its Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The event will begin at 10:30 A.M. 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 until the end of the picnic at dusk.

McDade Park offers a variety of activities including children's playground, sports areas, walking trails, duck pond, as well as access to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour (underground mine tour--fee required) and the Anthracite Heritage Museum (entry fee required).

Adult reservation is \$12; child under 10 years of age is \$6. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

To make reservations, contact District 17 Fraternal Activities Director Elizabeth M. Slovenkai at 570.344.3854 before Friday, September 10, 2010. Members and friends are cordially invited.



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members



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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Francis E Vasinko	173K	Alice S Stencik	393K	Carolyn Redding	670K	Joseph P Vlcek
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006K	Albert R Palko	181K	Dorothy J Wojciechowski	410K	Mary Jo Holly	706K	Dorothy M Bandos
023K	Agnes T Diehl	199K	Robert R Matuszky	414K	John Phillip Suchy	731K	Richard S Gresh
023K	John Ondrusko	200K	Margaret Homenda	419K	Mary Ann Jones	731K	Anna Mae Hlebak
024K	Lillian Grim	200K	Charles A Prazenica	419K	Frank S Marcinko	731K	Irene S Lapin
038K	Sybil Galla	228K	James A Hudak	421K	Joseph J Kasecky	738K	Michael V Smalley
040K	Richard J Leskanich	228K	Andrew J Mihalik	450K	Charles A Novak	746K	Arthur W Burgess
085K	Regina Engdah	228K	Edward S Rigda	450K	William R Rochford	796K	William J Kuchera Sr
085K	Anna Mae Meehan	259K	Walter J Spirko	456K	Mildred J Coval	823K	Pauline Shaffer
096K	David P Galovich	308K	Albert R Brusko	484K	Margaret M Sutilla	831K	Charles E Golgan
157K	Michael T Kilareski	313K	John S Drabik	484K	John Yurko	831K	Edward S Misutka
162K	Paul F Brna	313K	Helen Horwath	553K	Mary Elizabeth Jacobs	831K	Helen C Puskar
162K	Bernard S Sekel	315K	John Kostrub	615K	Margaret Power	855K	Margaret B Lynch
163K	Esther M Schwab	326K	Maryann Schlosser	624K	Marilyn Thorn	856K	John M Harar
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166K	Wesley Gabriel	362K	Stephen A Timko	628K	Anna E Lauletta	890K	Eleanora B Burns
166K	Ervin P Lukas	382K	Michael J Fiore Sr	652K	Elizabeth D Cary		

* Processed in the month of July 2010

OBITUARIES

Catherine E. Yuricich

Branch 75 –
Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Catherine E. Yuricich, 89, of Coal Township, died at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, June 27, 2010, at Shamokin Area Community Hospital.

Born in Shamokin, PA, Feb. 21, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Stephen and Mary (Knovich) Bednar. For the past three years, she lived at 1121 W. Nelson St., Coal Township, with her daughter Barbara, who was her buddy and caretaker.

She attended Shamokin schools. On Aug. 29, 1942, in St. Mary's Church, Shamokin, by the Rev. Fr. Joseph Basovsky, she married Dominic Yuricich, who preceded her in death May 31, 2007. She worked as a collar setter for the Arrow Shirt Factory.

She was a member of Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township, the parish Council of Catholic Women and the Shamokin Senior Action Center. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Beneficial, Branch 75KJ, of the First Slovak Catholic Union. She enjoyed playing Scrabble and watching Wheel of Fortune and the Lawrence Welk Show, ballroom dancing and Pennsylvania Polka. She also enjoyed sitting on her back porch watching the kids come and go from the bird feeder. She dearly cared for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be missed by the family.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Yuricich, of Coal Township, and Rita Greim and husband, Milt, of Morton; a son, Donald Yuricich and wife, Joannie, of Coal Township; seven grandchildren, David, Jason and Stephen Greim, Christine Gallagher, Laura LoSchiavo, Jennifer Spotts and Brian Yuricich; seven great-grandchildren, Ethan, Andrew and Trevor Spotts, Cate, Max and Austin Greim and Ava LoSchiavo; a sister, Helen Brennan, of Morton, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers,

Joseph, Albert and Edward Bednar, and a sister, Mary Sedlock.

Ronald M. Anderson,
President & Financial Secretary

Joseph P. Sedlock

Branch 484 –
Coral, Pennsylvania

Joseph P. Sedlock, age 78, of Ferrysburg, passed away Monday, June 28, 2010, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born August 1, 1931, the youngest of eight children, to George and Maria "Mary" (Kopas) Sedlak in Barnesboro, PA. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and he married the former Mary Frances "Fran" Kettler on December 18, 1954, in Detroit.

Grandpa moved to the Tri-Cities area from Detroit in 1996. He had been employed as a mechanical engineer for Jervis B. Webb in Farmington Hills for 32 years. He was formerly very active in Our Lady of Grace Church in Dearborn Heights and the Bishop Borgess High School Men's Club in Redford. A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, he was active in several parish groups, including Senior Citizens, St. Mary's Senior Group, and St. Mary's Men's Golf. He was a member of the American Legion Charles A. Conklin Post #28 in Grand Haven, the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Men's Club, and the Sokol Hall in Dearborn Heights. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, taxidermy, and anything mechanical. He especially enjoyed his summer home up north, attending Spring Lake and Hope College basketball games, and any of his grandchildren's activities.

He is survived by his loving wife, Fran; a daughter, Suzanne (Dan) Holt of Spring Lake; three sons: Matthew (Maria) Sedlock of Carlsbad, CA, Joseph (Linda Schmidt) Sedlock of Saginaw, and Stephen (Jennifer) Sedlock of Carlsbad, CA; eleven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

The Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 1, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake with Rev. Fr. Daniel DePew as celebrant. Friends met with the family the preceding Wednesday from 6-9 p.m., with a Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m., at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake and one hour prior to the service at church. Interment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Irene S. Lapin

Branch 731 –
Youngstown, Ohio

Irene S. Lapin, 84, died April 29, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Boardman Health Center.

Irene was born to the late Andrew and Mary Nemcik Zelinsky, Jan. 5, 1926 in Struthers.

Irene graduated from Struthers High School and Youngstown Business College. She married the love of her life, the late John J. "JL" Lapin on Oct. 27, 1945.

Irene was a member of the Holy Family Church in Poland.

Irene had a circle of great friends with whom she and "JL" enjoyed spending time. She cherished her lifelong friendships with her high school girlfriends, and always enjoyed attending the Struthers-North Side reunions, where she was famous for her kolachi.

She and JL had great fun with the "Cruise Club" and spent many hours laughing about their antics during their travels. She was a member of the Poland Women's Garden Club and was an avid golfer. She played in the Jednota Women's League and the Rolling Hills Women's League and was known for always hitting the ball straight, her hole-in-one at Rolling Hills, and the cart she landed in the pond.

Irene was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her memory will be treasured by those who survive her including her daughter, Sally Lapin of Poland; her son, John (Natalie) Lapin of Poland; her grandson, Jared Lapin of Seattle; and her son-in-law, Carl Merritt of Garland, Texas.

Besides her parents, Irene was preceded

in death by her beloved husband of 64 years, John "JL" Lapin; her daughter, Sandy Merritt; three brothers, Andrew, Steve and Matt Zelinsky; and four sisters, Mary Spontak, Kay Lenton, Helen Stanton and Hilda Sadler.

Family and friends were received at the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home in Poland, where prayers were also offered. Funeral services were conducted at the Holy Family Church, with the Rev. Msgr. William J. Connell officiating. Interment followed at the Poland Riverside Cemetery.

John Petruny

Branch 831 –
Cheswick, Pennsylvania

John "Jay" Petruny, 84 of Cheswick, Pennsylvania passed away Saturday, April 17, 2010 after a brief illness. Born June 8, 1925 in Glassmere, PA, he was the son of the late George and Mary Petruny.

A 1943 graduate of East Deer High School, he served in the U.S. Army under the 361st Infantry Regiment 91st Infantry Division during World War II. He received several awards and citations including the Purple Heart for wounds received during combat in Italy where he was later captured and held as a POW.

A 1987 retiree of Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Creighton, John was a member of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, Springdale. He enjoyed walking, traveling to different casinos and spending time on his computer where he kept in touch with family and friends.

He is survived by his three children; a son, Jerald Petruny of Waterbury, CT; two daughters, Teresa Shannon of Dillwyn, VA, and Sally Weber of Gulf Breeze, FL; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Rzeczkowski of Creighton, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Mary Petruny; his loving wife, Millie E. Petruny; a brother, George Petruny; a sister, Mary Pierchalski, and great-grand-

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child Christopher.

A private memorial service was held on 12 June with Father George Saladna of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church officiating. Internment followed at Deer Creek Cemetery, Cheswick, PA.

Sister Theresa Novak

A Sister of Charity of Nazareth, ended her earthly life of 70 years and began her eternal life on July 14, 2010. Sister was born in Canton, Ohio. In 1955 she entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from Sacred Heart Parish, Canton and served God and the Church for 55 years. (The Vincentian Sisters of Charity, Pittsburgh, PA merged with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in 2008.) Sister Theresa earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa. and a Master of Social Work from West Virginia University.

Sister taught for ten years in both elementary and secondary schools in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg. Upon earning a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University, Sister served for five years as Director of Community Relations for the Diocese of Steubenville. She was then appointed as Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, a position she held for ten years. Sister Theresa's ministry changed again when she received her Nursing Home Administrator License and became the Administrator of the Villa de Marillac Nursing Home in Pittsburgh, Pa. serving there for ten years. When the Vincentian Collaborative System was formed, Sister Theresa was appointed the first Executive Director in which capacity she ministered for eleven years. At the time of her death, she was the Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging. Sister was also a member on both the Board of the Faith-Based Network and the Faith-Affiliated Insurance Program. Over the years, Sister has served on many other boards and committees in the fields of social and senior care

services.

Sister Theresa was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Mary Novak and by her sister Betty Jane Chessler and brother Joseph. Among her survivors are her sister, Mary, and brothers George and Robert as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends and Sisters in Community.

Friends were received at St. Louise Convent in Pittsburgh, PA (formerly the Vincentian Motherhouse) on Monday, July 19, from 2-7 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9-10:30 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered in St. Louise Convent Chapel on Tuesday, July 20, at 11:00 am. Burial followed in the Sisters' cemetery on the convent grounds.

Sister M. Rosetta Diehl, SCN

Sister M. Rosetta Diehl ended her earthly life of 72 years and began her eternal life on July 14, 2010. At the time of her death Sister was a member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Nazareth, KY. Born in Ridgway, PA, Sister entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from St. Leo the Great Parish, Ridgway, PA on September 8, 1957. During her years of ministry, Sister Rosetta worked for 24 years as a Practical Nurse in Assumption Nursing Home in Youngstown, Ohio. She served 11 years in the same capacity at Vincentian Nursing Home and 11 years as Activities Coordinator in Vincentian Personal Care Facility, she also gave 12 years of service to Villa de Marillac Nursing Home. Sister was admitted to Vincentian Nursing Home in 2010. Sister was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Rose. Among those who will mourn her death are her Sister Joan Hepp and her many friends and her sisters in the Community. Friends were received at St. Louise Convent in Pittsburgh, PA on Thursday, July 15 from 3:00 to 7:00pm and Friday, July 16, from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Mass of Christian Burial was offered in the St. Louise convent chapel on Friday, July 16, at 4:00pm. Burial followed in the Sisters' cemetery on the convent grounds.

New Leadership at Jankola Library and Slovak Museum



Sister M. Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. (right) has been appointed Director of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum by Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, SS.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, effective August 1, 2010. Assisting her as Librarian is Sister Loretta Marie Hrubec, SS.C.M. (left). Tours of the Library and Museum for individuals and groups can be arranged by calling 570-275-5606, ext. 140.

SM John Vianney, SS.C.M.

5th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest

Summer is in full force and everyone is looking for fun things to do with their time. Well, for the last four years, Ohio's Mahoning Valley Slovaks have been providing just that. On Sunday, August 8th, the 5th annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be held on the grounds of St. Mathias Church in Youngstown OH from 11:30AM to about 9 PM. It was begun in 2006 by a group of people who remembered the great Slovak picnics of their youth, usually held by the area's Slovak parishes or organizations. They wanted to carry on this summer activity and share their love of their Slovak heritage with everyone in this Valley. And of course, you can't get more than 3 Slovaks together without there being food and music!

The SlovakFest kicks off with a wonderful Polka Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. This joyful Mass will be offered at 11:30AM with the music provided by the Eddie Vallus Band. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center at 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, OH 44502.

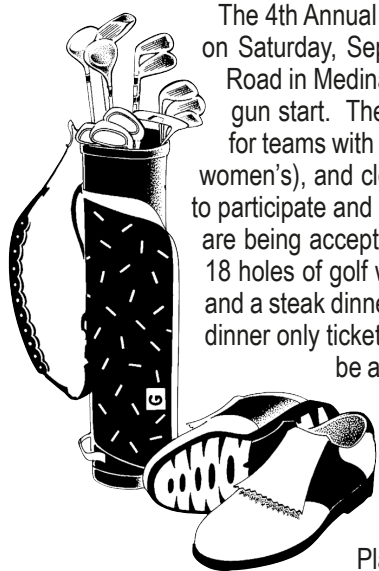
Inside the hall, dinners will be served from noon till 3 with a choice of Lamb, Chicken or Halubky (stuffed cabbage). Outside you will find halušky, klobassi, lamb, pirohy and more throughout the day. There will also be wonderful Slovak baked goods available! All of these made by local men and women from local Slovak parishes such as St. Matthias, St. John the Baptist, Holy Name and Holy Trinity! There will also be indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books. There will be information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages.

The Eddie Vallus band will play outdoors for your listening and dancing pleasure until about 3pm and indoors, the entertainment will continue with the Living Traditions Folk Ensemble under the direction of Tom Katrenich of Brecksville who will entertain with singing and folk dances. Starting at 4PM, the Grammy nominated Del Sinchak polka band will be playing outside under the tenfor those who love to polka or those who just want to sit and listen. It has been said, "kde je Slovak, tam je spev" -- "where there is a Slovak, there is singing." And there will be plenty of music and singing at the Mahoning Valley SlovakFest.

The SlovakFest also has many Slovak items on display or for sale including a selection of beautiful Slovak crystal. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, and a raffle of \$2000 worth of Get Go/Giant Eagle gift cards for gasoline or food! There will be children's games, clowns and other activities throughout the day. Admission is free, so if you remember the Slovak picnics of your childhood, or if you don't, but would like to make some new memories, plug us into your GPS, jump in your car, and join us on August 16th for a wonderful time at the 4th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest!

Loretta A. Ekoniak

4th Annual Father John Keblesh Memorial Golf Outing



The 4th Annual Father John Keblesh Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 18th at the Bunker Hill Golf Course on Pearl Road in Medina, OH. This year's event will begin at Noon with a shotgun start. The event is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be given for teams with the highest and lowest scores, longest drive (men's and women's), and closest to the pin. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to participate and registrations for individual golfers and groups of up to 4 are being accepted. The cost for this year's outing is \$85 and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch (hot dog, chips and drink) at the turn, and a steak dinner with a beer and non-alcoholic beverages. In addition, dinner only tickets are available for \$20. Sign up now for what is sure to be a great day of golf, fun, food and fellowship! Registration

forms can be found at www.stemilian.com under the Upcoming Events link. St. Emilian's is also looking for individuals, businesses or organizations that are interested in being hole and event sponsors. Hole sponsorship levels are Silver (\$50), Gold (\$100) and Platinum (\$150) and event sponsorships begin at \$250.

Interested sponsors should contact Mike Meador at (440)

572-2178 or michael-meador@sbcglobal.net or Father Marek at (330) 225-9857 Ext. 1 or fathermarek@stemilian.com.

SLOVAK FESTIVAL

20th ANNUAL SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH SLOVAK FESTIVAL



FRIDAY Aug. 27, 2010 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Family Night	SATURDAY Aug. 28, 2010 2:00 – 11:00 p.m. St. Cyril Alumni Reunion Saturday – 6:00 p.m.	SUNDAY Aug. 29, 2010 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Slovak Mass – 11:30 a.m.) (Parish Raffle – 5:00 p.m.)
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**Ethnic Food – Bake Sale – Parish Raffle –
Inflatables – Kids' Game Tent
Rock Climbing Wall – 50/50 Raffle – Car Show
Beer – Wine – Pop – Live Music & More**

\$3,000
Top Prize!



Branch 493 members (L – R), Don Cummings, Robert Ľapák Magruder, and Val Vesely

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday: * Parish Talent Show
* Family Night “Karaoke”

Saturday: * Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble
and Junior Šarišan (from Sterling Heights, MI)
* Strolling Folk Musicians
* Tri-City Plus Band

Sunday: * Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble
and Junior Šarišan (from Sterling Heights, MI)
* Strolling Folk Musicians
* John Pastirik Band (from Cleveland, OH)

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

(Program subject to change)

FOOD – Slovak & American

Slovak food on Sat. & Sun. ONLY

Holubky (Stuffed cabbage)
Halušky (Cabbage & dumplings)
Pirohy (Pierogi)
Faširky (Slovak burgers)
Klobása s kapustou
(Kielbasa with sauerkraut)
Parky (Hot Dogs)
Hranolky (French Fries)
Cyril Burgers
Palacinky (Crepes)
Zmrzlina (Ice Cream)
Predaj Koláčov (Bake Sale)



The Šarišan dancers from Sterling Heights, MI

CHILDREN'S AREA

* Game Tent – Duck Pond, Balloon Darts,
Ski Ball, Basketball, More Games & Prizes
* Inflatables * Rock Climbing Wall

Plus a **FREE AREA**
with Sand Boxes,
Face Painting,
Playdough & More!

BEVERAGES

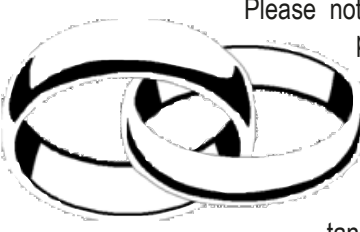
Pivo (Beer) * Vino (Wine)
Malinovsky (Pop)
Káva (Coffee) & More

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An Editorial Note on the Traditional Slovak Wedding



Please note that the article, “The Traditional Slovak Wedding,” printed in the June 9 Jednota, originated in the May 2010 S issue of the Raritan Valley Slavic Cultural & Heritage Society’s Slavic-American Newsletter. For more information on this newsletter or any information on the Raritan Valley Slavic Cultural & Heritage Society, please contact Editor Gerald Matcho, PO Box 211Raritan, NJ 08869.



–Rev. Gregory Holicky

SISTERS' BENEFIT RAFFLE

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius wish to announce their annual money raffle. This project is held each year for the benefit of the retired Sisters. The tickets are six to a packet for five dollars. There are ten cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$100. The winning tickets will be drawn on August 15, 2010. Tickets are available through the Sisters, at the Festival, or by request to: Sister Denise Marie Fallat, SS.C.M.

Director of Development
Villa Sacred Heart
Danville, PA 17821-1698
570-275-3581, ext. 102

37th Slovak Day in Indiana

Jednota members were well represented among the attendees at the 37th Annual Diocese of Gary Slovak Day Celebration on June 20, 2010 at the Salvatorian Father’s Shrine in Merrillville, Indiana. Rev. Gregory Holicky celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine at 10:30.

Afterwards, ethnic and American foods were available for purchase in the air-conditioned hall, with the Slovak krcma (bar), featuring Zlaty Bazant beer. Slovak Day General Chairpersons Carl and Betty Yurechko welcomed the guest of honor, Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana’s First District Representative to Congress, who is also a Catholic of Slovak descent.

The Šarišan Slovak Dancers from Sterling Heights, MI (who will perform at our upcoming FCSU Convention in Cleveland), provided the headline entertainment, while the Gene Mikrut Orchestra from Chicago played dance music for the rest of the afternoon. Delicious Slovak baked goods and raffle tickets were sold by festival volunteers. Another wonderful Indiana Slovak Day!

Robert Ľapák Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary



L - R S101 member Eagle Scout Joshua Miklovic, J011 member Sam Miklovic, Jim Michaels BSA scout committee chair, Webelos Scout Andrew Tague, J011 members Brownie Frances & Daisy Audrey Miklovic & BSA Tenderfoot Sam Michaels.

Branch 109 Supports Successful Flag Collection

Members of the Holy Trinity Society Branch 109 KJ, St. Louis, MO, along with branches from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association along with BSA scout troop 115 from St. Mary Magdalen in St. Louis held a flag collection drive on Sunday July 4th, 2010, after all masses that day.

The United States Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Over 750 flags were donated that day.

The fellowship was sponsored that day with coffee and donuts by the USMC and US Army, treats that were quickly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The Slovak branches were happy to be part of this noble effort. This event was coordinated by Joseph Miklovic, President of Branch 109KJ.

Special Multi-ethnic Music Lyceum Airs in August

Binghamton University radio station's Public Affairs and Specialty Programs Department will present a special music lyceum to celebrate the European heritage, diversity, culture, and music of the Carpathian Mountains during the entire month of August 2010. Beginning on Tuesday August 3rd, this special series of commercial-free, stress-free programs entitled, "A Carpathian Holiday," will feature an eclectic musical mosaic from all of the eight European nations included in the 900 mile-long, semi-circular mountain range of Central and Eastern Europe, will be broadcast every Tuesday evening from 7-10 pm at 90.5 on the local FM dial in the Binghamton, New York area and simulcast world-wide at www.whrwm.org.

The 3rd annual lyceum, a special inter-generational, family-oriented, university and community program, hosted by Daniel Jan Walikis (BU-'77), will be presented on the European Ethnic Melodies Show, the EXCEL Award-winning radio and Internet simulcast show for "outstanding multi-cultural programming" on the campus of Binghamton University.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Delegates to the 49th Quadrennial Convention

REGION 1

New York – New Jersey
New England States

OKRES 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT

019 K – Michael Kuruc
019 K – Laura Minese
019 K – Debora Nelson
019 K – Kurt Solek

019 K – Eileen Wilson
019 K – Henry Zack
019 K – Jacqueline Zack

OKRES 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT

Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director – Branch 290K
Joan Tkach, District Delegate – Branch 746K

290 K – Stephen Minarovich
290 K – Lillian Minarovich
746 K – Anna Balas
746 K – John Balas
746 K – Ludmila Choma
746 K – William Choma
746 K – Emil Filak
746 K – Emilia Filak
746 K – Mary Kapitan

746 K – Mary Karch
746 K – Michael Karch
746 K – Michael Ladic
746 K – Joanne Polt
746 K – Sabina Sabados
746 K – Mary Tkach
746 K – Susan Vrabely
746 K – Viera Stredavska

OKRES 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

Joseph Jurasi, Supreme Court Member – Branch 45K
Maria Zakovic, District Delegate – Branch 45 K

041 K – Robert J. Lutz
041 K – Florence Lutz
041 K – Daniel Tanzone
045 K – Helen Brchnel
045 K – Maria Jurasi

045 K – Renata Jurasiova
716 K – Jozef Bilik
716 K – Anna Bilik
716 K – Milan Dait

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**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately**

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Reverend Stephen Furdek District of Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington D.C.

OKRES 8 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplin – Branch 857K
Stephen G. Engle, Chairman of the Supreme Court – Branch 112K
Andrew C. Herman, Regional Director Emeritus – Branch 857K
Damian D. Nasta, Regional Director – Branch 857K
Joanne Engle Austin, Supreme Court Member – Branch 112K
Edward Nasta, Supreme Court Member – Branch 857K
Karen M. Sterling, Pension Board Trustee – Branch 112K
Katherine Nowatkoski, District Delegate – Branch 856K

055 K – Helena Gaydos	293 K – Robert Lakata
055 K – Catherine Litwinowicz	567 K – Loretta Dashner
055 K – Anna Rose Payne	567 K – Carol Ann Lenns
075 K – Christine Anderson	567 K – William Micek
075 K – Ronald Anderson	567 K – Zachary Lenns
112 K – Mary Ann Oldham	567 K – Lorraine Micek
112 K – Henry Sterling	796 K – Monica Fabian
112 K – Irene Collins	796 K – Gerald Fabian
157 K – Phyllis S. Roman	856 K – Stephen Matula
157 K – Margaret Hogan	857 K – Andrew Nasta
157 K – Stephen Roman	857 K – Donald Nasta
293 K – Rev. Msgr. Thomas Derzack	857 K – Alice Herman

REGION 3

Central Pennsylvania

OKRES 17 – SS. CYRIL & METHIDIUS DISTRICT

Carl J. Ungvarsky, Regional Director – Branch 173K
Leonard L. Gruss, Supreme Court Member – Branch 85K
Frank J. Wassil, District Delegate – Branch 419 K

005 P – Mary Jo Rubino	166 K – Rudolph Gaspar
005 P – Martha Zavada (Wojcik)	173 K – Theresa Chupka
005 P – Jeffrey Wojcik	173 K – Margaret Chupka
005 P – Marion Rubino	173 K – John Ungvarsky
085 K – Joan Gruss	173 K – Mary Chupka
166 K – Suzanne Gabriel	173 K – Dorothy Ungvarsky
166 K – Kimberly Meeker	382 K – Michael Czankner
166 K – Carol Meeker	382 K – Michael Slovenkai
166 K – Arlo Meeker	382 K – Elizabeth Slovenkai
166 K – Mary Lou Krna	382 K – William Motichka
166 K – John Krna	419 K – Marie Gryczko
166 K – Denyse Haynak	419 K – Michael Krajsa

REGION 4

West of Harrisburg – West Virginia – Florida

OKRES 3 – GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT

George A. Sprock, Regional Director – Branch 181K
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors – Branch 181K
Richard F. Ungvarsky, Medical Director – Branch 181K
Stephen J. Whisdosh, Supreme Court Secretary – Branch 181K
James M. Bench, Supreme Court Member – Branch 181K
Clarence E. Pfeifer, Sr., District Delegate – Branch 181 K

181 K – Msgr. William G. Charnoki, P.A.	181 K – Barbara Mizikar
181 K – Stephen Whisdosh	181 K – Richard Mizikar
181 K – Geraldine Hricik	181 K – Helen Homulka
181 K – George F. Sprock	181 K – Geraldine Kovacina
181 K – Barbara Spencer	199 K – Joseph Palko
181 K – Sandra Kay Bench	199 K – Thomas Pipak
181 K – Dorothy Minerd	199 K – John Pipak
181 K – Joseph Mizikar	199 K – Bonnie Sue Pipak
181 K – Betty Mizikar	312 K – Mark Smolleck
181 K – Linda Gonta	312 K – Michellene Smolleck
181 K – Stephen Gonta	393 K – Randall Opsitnick
181 K – Edward Mizikar	393 K – Bruce Nalevanko

OKRES 7 – REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

Joseph Slivosky, District Delegate – Branch 169 P

023 K – Theresa Cassat	292 K – Joseph Pipon
023 K – Elaine Capretti	292 K – Edward Surkosky
023 K – Robert Cassat	372 K – Stephen Gerko
023 K – Lawrence Fenimore	484 K – Joseph Rura
096 K – Albert Penksa	484 K – Lois Rura
169 P – Richard Slivosky	484 K – Rose Ann Rura
169 P – Elizabeth Slivosky	484 K – Monica Rura

OKRES 9 – FRANK T. HOLLY, JR. DISTRICT

James Marmol, District Delegate – Branch 162 K

162 K – Suzanne Marmol	367 K – Kathryn Baranek
162 K – Patricia Marmol	367 K – Audrey Balazik
162 K – Andrew Marmol	410 K – Geraldine Buchheit
162 K – Frank Marmol	410 K – Dorothy Gruskowski
162 K – Dolores Marmol	410 K – John Gruskowski
162 K – Mark Marmol	410 K – Barbara Holly
162 K – Joanne Marmol	

OKRES 12 – MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT

Frances Tarquinio, District Delegate – Branch 320 K

320 K – Patricia Davies	670 K – Cheryl Hyatt
320 K – Joseph Tarquinio	670 K – John Curcio
380 K – Paul Graytok	670 K – Darla Hubert
380 K – Margaret Graytok	670 K – Larry Healey
670 K – Teresa Matinko	670 K – Maureen Massafra
670 K – Joseph Matinko	853 K – Margaret Bertovich
670 K – Dorothy Petrus	853 K – Michael Bertovich

OKRES 13 – THE JOZEF CARDINAL TOMKO DISTRICT

REGION 5

Western Pennsylvania
 Johnstown – Pittsburgh

OKRES 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

George F. Matta, Treasurer – Branch 038K
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director – Branch 738K
Susan Ondrejco, Director of Fraternal Activities – Branch 002K
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel – Branch 038K
Raymond G. Lako, Auditor – Branch 002K
Jerome P. Ferrance, Supreme Court Member – Branch 002K
Rudolf Ondrejco, Supreme Court Member – Branch 002K
George F. Matta II., District Delegate – Branch 038 K

002 K – James Collins	038 K – Langley Matta
002 K – Michael Lako	060 K – Mary Errett
002 K – Michael Jablonsky	060 K – Ann Wargovich
002 K – Cecelia Kruly	060 K – Mary Heckel
002 K – Carol Lako	213 K – Mary Belechak
002 K – Gregory Collins	254 K – Albina Senko
002 K – Anna Marie Ondrejco	254 K – Joseph Senko
002 K – Theresa Zelman	276 K – David Matta
002 K – Susan Ondrejco	276 K – Margaret Nasta
002 K – Edward Yurkovich	276 K – James Bertoty
002 K – George Lako	587 K – Albert Valo
035 K – Ann Pavlan	587 K – Joanne Fibbi
035 K – Mary Colbaugh	628 K – Kenneth Vehec
035 K – Joseph Yuros	628 K – John Vehec
038 K – Bradley Matta	628 K – Joseph Vehec
038 K – Edward Kelmeckis	738 K – Patricia Guidish
038 K – George Dillinger	738 K – Barbara Brekosky
038 K – Catherine Matta	738 K – Verna Gajdos
038 K – Logan Dillinger	738 K – Joseph Yackovich
038 K – Florence Matta	738 K – Florence Yackovich
038 K – Brittany Matta	738 K – Joseph Bielecki

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OKRES 11 – MSGR. JOSEPH TISO DISTRICT

Rose A. Froncek, District Delegate – Branch 401 K

200 K – Grace Charney	200 K – Diane Dowling
200 K – Raymond Charney	200K – Lisa Wilsoncroft
200 K – James K. Conner	401K – Patrick Froncek
200 K – James P. Conner	831K – Bohdan Stone
200K – Patricia Conner	

REGION 6

State of Ohio

OKRES 10 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary – Branch 228K

Thomas A. Bardar, Auditor – Branch 855K

Gregory Petrasek., District Delegate – Branch 553 K

001K – Marie Golias	425 K – Paul Slota
001K – Sean Koltisko	425 K – Jeannette Willis
001K – Joseph Hornack	450 K – Jozef Valencik
001K – Sophie Hudak	450 K – George Carny
001K – Andrew Hudak	450 K – Margaret M. Valencik
001 K – Richard Korecko	553 K – Joseph Petrasek
001 K – Mary Dubber	553 K – Rev. Fr. Ralph V. Coletta
024 K – David Lang	553 K – Andrew Kacsanek, Jr.
024 K – Katherine Lang	553 K – Cecelia Petrasek
024 K – Susan Lang	553 K – George Kacsanek
024 K – Brother Gabriel Balazovics, OSB	553 K – Leonard Gmerck
024 K – Diane Fecko	553 K – Grace Bacot
024K – Julius Fecko	553 K – Linda Hanko
024K – Thomas Ivanec	553 K – Raymond Jurkowski
024K – Christopher Kaluznik	855 K – Michael Kolesar
024K – Rev. Albert Marflak OSB	855 K – Linda Kolesar
024K – Richard Vadovski, Sr.	855 K – Mary Kolesar
228 K – Theresa Arendt	855 K – Thomas Lucas
228 K – Robert Trifiletti	855 K – Robert Plavcan
228 K – Lisa Trifiletti-Palos	855 K – Anne Ryba
228 K – Leonard Zilko	855K – Edward Ryba
228 K – Kathleen Trifiletti	855K – Karin Scally
228K – Thomas Zuffa	

OKRES 14 – REV. JOSEPH KOSTIK DISTRICT

Henry G. Hassay, Regional Director – Branch 260K

Charles M. Terek, Regional Director Emeritus – Branch 260K

Paul J. Ritz, Director of Fraternal Activities Emeritus – Branch 260K

John J. Leskovyansky, Jr., Auditor – Branch 731K

Michael S. Ferenchak, Supreme Court Member – Branch 731K

Nancy J. Scavina, District Delegate – Branch 682 K

259K – Vivian Sedlacko	682 K – Florence Hirt
260 K – Emily Terek	682 K – Milon Krivan
260 K – Carlie Peshek	731 K – Millie Leskovyansky
260 K – Betty Hassay	731 K – Jacquelyn Bobby
260 K – Jeffrey. Peshek	731 K – James Bobby
260 K – Carl Terek	731 K – John Bobby
260 K – Geraldine Terek	731 K – Grace Kavulic
260 K – David Garver	731 K – John Kavulic
682 K – Selma Bolash	731 K – Irene Makovec
682 K – Thomas Morella	731 K – Edward Walko
682 K – Marilyn Morella	731 K – Mary Polando
682 K – Joseph Scavina	731 K – Isabella Walko
682 K – Andrew Hirt	

OKRES 18 – TORONTO-BYESVILLE OHIO DISTRICT

REGION 7

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Points West

OKRES 2 – REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

Andrew M. Rajec, National President – Branch 89K

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President – Branch 40K

Rudolph D. Glogovsky, Regional Director – Branch 686K

John Jurcenko, District Delegate – Branch 153 K

006K – Robert Elias, Sr.	040K – Theresa Graves
006K – Stella Elias	040K – Tim Graves
006K – Paul Chismar	040K – Maria Harcar

040K – Carol Koval
040K – Daniel Koval
040K – Karl Kiss
040K – Ralph Redd
040K – Veronica Manzella
089K – Daniel Rajec
089K – Ida Rajec
153K – Elizabeth Chatel-Bernath
153K – Rudolph Bernath

153K – Dorothy Jurcenko
313K – Joseph Bugel
313K – Darlene Johnson
313K – Theresa Bugel
493K – Robert Magruder
493K – Valerie Vesely
581K – George Kelchak
706K – Edward Uram

OKRES 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Joseph R. Kristofik, President Emeritus – Branch 615K

Victor Jiomowski, District Delegate – Branch 743 K

595 K – Debra Kollar
595 K – Louis Kollar
633K – Robert Kristofik
743 K – Paul Magusin Jr.
743 K – Anna Magusin

743 K – Bernard Ivin
743 K – Joseph C. Rimarcik
743 K – Hildegard Ivin
743 K – Joseph Janek

OKRES 15 – PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT

Paul Skuben, District Delegate – Branch 844 K

003K – James Genosky
003K – Delores Genosky
844K – Dr. Alice Skuben

REGION 8

Quebec, Canada and the Western Provinces

OKRES 20 – PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT

Alexander Dobrik, District Delegate – Branch 784 K

784K – Vincent Bystrican
784K – Alice Dobrik

REGION 9

Ontario, Canada and the Maritime Provinces

OKRES 19 – MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT

Milos Mitro, Regional Director – Branch 785K

Michael Kapitan, Supreme Court Member – Branch 785K

Jaroslav Siman, Pension Board Trustee – Branch 785K

Sharon Tomas, District Delegate – Branch 785 K

785K – James Szabo
785K – Olga Dobis

785K – Anne Mitro
785K – John Kapsa
785K – Joseph Jursa



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status. I was mostly interested in Apollo 10 and 17, particularly in Astronaut Eugene "Gene" Andrew Cernan, born in Chicago but his parents originated in what are now Czech and Slovak Republics.

When we left the Johnson Space Center, summarizing everything I had seen that day it was one of the best moments for me in America. I have to say that if power (superpower) is measured in military terms, the world is unipolar –America at the top, with a strong set of regional powers below. I have to admit that if superpower is measured in the universe research, new technology and economic terms then USA is again at the peak. Be as it may, I have to acknowledge that USA remains by far the most powerful country. Yet, never say never, there are other players such as India and China who want to also control not only the universe.

COL John about COL Jan

I asked U.S. COL. John Wagner to send me several sentences about Slovak COL Jan Vagner. This is his response: "I had the pleasure of not only seeing Jan in and around NWC last year but sitting in class with him for US Domestic Policy making. He is a very bright, articulate, and passionate student—and he has a great sense of humor as well. He is very engaging in conversation and very adept with his English language. What was interesting about this class was that he and I sat on the corners of the table (which we attempted to reproduce in the photo.) and after he introduced himself, I was next—it was then apparent to our Seminar we had identical "names" and of course both strikingly handsome (only joking). He called me 'Jan' for the entire year and I called him 'John or Johnny'...When I was promoted to Colonel, he presented me with the three star rank of Colonel in the Slovak Air Force—which I will always treasure.

It was great to attend school with Jan, I'm proud to call him a friend (and I hope we can stay in touch), and I'm sure he will make an outstanding contribution to the Slovak Air Force."

Trpezlivosť (nielen) ruže prináša

Toto slovenské ľudové porekadlo mi prišlo na um, keď som sa v nedeľu 27. júna 2010 zúčastnila v Bratislave na vysviacke katolíckeho kňaza, Mariána Kolníka, otca troch detí. Áno, dobre čítate, milí čitatelia, otca troch detí. A ja hneď na úvod môžem povedať, že som bola šťastná z prítomnosti na tejto výnimočnej vysviacke. Je to štvrtý prípad, kedy Sv. Otec Benedikt XVI. udelil ženatému mužovi takúto milosť. Ku kňazstvu ho viedol otec biskup František Rábek, miestny farár Štefan Herényi a dúbavský farár Prof. Stanislav Vojtko. Oni mu vlievali nádej a osobne ho povzbudzovali na jeho ceste ku kňazskému povolaniu.

Slávnostná svätá omša a vysviacka sa konala v kostole Narodenia Panny Márie na Dlhých Dieloch v Bratislave. Svätenie vykonal bratislavský arcibiskup metropolita Stanislav Zvolenský za prítomnosti opáta premonštrátov otca Ignáca a viacerých kňazov. Marián Kolník bol určite najstarším a najdlhšie stálym diakonom na Slovensku. Arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský v príhovore okrem iného povedal: „Je to Božia milosť, že môžem ako mladší udeliť hodnosť Kristovho kňazstva staršiemu, aby sa tak z Božej milosti stal duchovným otcom veriacich tejto farnosti.“

Nádherné vyznanie, často so slzami v očiach urobil za seba a svoju manželku Magdalénu, svoju sestru Miriam, brata Mareka a svoje tri deti, syn novokňaza Ing. Marián Kolník, ďakujúc otcovi za príkladný manželský život a rodičovskú výchovu. Aj on pred pár dňami ukončil s vyznamenaním štúdium v Inštitúte rodiny Jána Pavla II. v Dúbravke a tak Kolníkovci prežili dvojnásobnú radosť. Novokňaz nebol ušetrený ani ťažkej skúšky, smrti syna Jožka. Ako aj Marián vyjadril, práve táto situácia bola pre otca veľkým tajomstvom, ktoré ho primálo k ešte väčšej pokore a hlbokjej viere, že všetko treba prijať ako Božiu vôľu. Aj smrť vlastného dieťaťa.

V deň otcovej vysviacky Marián tiež vyznal svojej matke vďaka za to, že praktickou vierou učila svojho muža a svoje deti ako v praxi vyzerá Božia prozreteľnosť, čo znamená žiť v prítomnosti konajúceho Boha. Svojou žilivosťou vo chvíľach odchodu z tohto sveta, po 46. rokoch nádherného a ťažko skúšaného manželstva, povzbudzovala svojho manžela na ceste ku kňazstvu. Ona sa celým svojím životom pričínala o tento deň vysviacky.

Syn Marián zaspomínal ako otec svoje deti učil modliť sa, ako večer čítal z veľkej rodinnej Biblie, ako jeho pokojný hlas ich odprevádzal do detských snov cez rozprávky, neskôr aj veľikánov literatúry. Na deti mal vždy čas, hrával s nimi futbal, objavoval krásy prírody a spolu s matkou ruka v ruke boli pre svoje deti príkladom lásky a zbožnosti. A pokračujúc v spomienke na krásny rodinný život hovoril aj o svojom bratovi Marekovi, ktorý aj keď nie celkom zdravý, práve on pripravoval najviac otcovo srdce na opravdivé kňazstvo. Vďaka Marekovi bude teraz už kňazské srdce otcovo darom pre všetkých mužov a ženy, pre všetkých rodičov v širokom okolí, ktorí sa prídu zmieriť s Bohom a budú v spovedi hľadať útechu. Najmä vo chvíľach, keď pocítia, že ich deti sú iné ako chceli, po akých túžili a bude to v nich vyvolávať zmätok a či nepochopenie, smútok a či trest Boží. Keď začal charakterizovať otca a ďakovať Bohu, vybral si 106-ty žalm „Oslavujte Pána, lebo je dobrý, lebo Jeho milosrdenstvo trvá naveky. Kto vyrozpráva večné skutky Pánove, kto všetku Jeho chválu rozhlási? Blažení sú tí, čo zachovávajú právo a konajú spravodlivo v každý čas.“ A tieto vlastnosti muža, zachovávajúceho právo a konajúceho spravodlivo, hodnotí u otca, spolu s jeho charakterom, ako výnimočné. Tak žil a pracoval, bol osobným príkladom a tak učil aj iných žiť.

Na záver Marián povedal otcovi: „Drahý otec, v prvom rade zostaň dobrým a krásnym človekom, ako to bolo doposiaľ. Buď dobrým otcom pre všetky Božie deti v duchu Kristovho kňazstva. Ukazuj nám, ľudom, ako nás Boh miluje a zmieruje nás s ním. Nech tvoje múdre a šľachetné srdce je svedkom Božieho milosrdenstva tu na zemi, nech povzbudzuje svojím kňazstvom veriacich v tom jedinom, podľa čoho pozná svet, že patríme Bohu – Pozrite, ako sa milujú.“

Po vysviacke poďakovala otcovi Kolníkovi členka farskej rady za jeho 5-ročnú plodnú prácu diakona na Dlhých Dieloch a dobrú spoluprácu s farníkmi.

Novokňaz Marián Kolník sa narodil 11. dec. 1928 v Hrachovišti. Má teda už 81 rokov. Túžbu stať sa kňazom mal od mladosti. Aj nastúpil na bohosloveckú fakultu, ale ako je známe, v 50-tych rokoch komunisti robili všetko pre to, aby Cirkev zlikvidovali. Rozpustili semináre, kňazov vzali do táborov, mladých na predĺženú vojenskú službu, mnohých väznili i zavraždili. Všetko bez hanby, v menšom komunizmu.

Marián Kolník bol jedným z tých, čo nebol ušetrený od väzenia a prenasledovania. Aj neskôr, keď sa oženil mohol vykonávať iba podradné práce v stavebníctve. Sledovali ho na každom kroku. Jeho odborné jazykové vedomosti prekladateľa využívali však aj tí, čo ho najviac prenasledovali, keď im išlo o vlastnú kariéru. Nereptal a odpúšťal a aj iných viedol k tomu, aby odpúšťali. Vo všetkom videl iba Božiu vôľu. Bol trpezlivý, láskavý, ale predovšetkým milujúci Boha, svoju manželku a deti. Manželka Mária mu bola najväčšou oporou. Vedela, že jeho túžba stať sa kňazom v ňom žije od mladosti a práve preto mu bola oddanou manželkou i priateľkou.

V rokoch 1995-2005 pôsobil Marián Kolník ako trvalý diakon v Trenčíne a vo vinici pánovej nezaháľal. Vyhládaval manželov, ktorí nemali uzavretú sviatosť manželstva, zvlášť



Staré Hory začali spravovať bratia Bosí Karmelitáni

Od 1. júla 2010 v Starých Horách, na mariánskom pútnickom mieste Banskobystrickej diecézy, začalo pôsobiť spoločenstvo Bosých bratov Preblahoslavenej Panny Márie z Hory Karmel. Svätá omša pri príležitosti ich uvedenia do života miestnej farnosti bola v ten istý štvrtok 1. júla a celebraval ju provinciál Bosých Karmelitánov p. Andrzej Ruszala OCD.

Svätú omšu spolu s ním slávil aj bratia, ktorí pôsobia v ďalších dvoch kláštoroch na Slovensku - v Banskej Bystrici na Urpíne a v Lorinčiku pri Košiciach. Prítomní boli aj spolubratia z Krakova. Bratia Bosí Karmelitáni, ktorí pôsobia na Slovensku, organizačne-právne prislúchajú ku Krakovskej provincii v Poľsku. Bosí Karmelitáni sú kontemplatívno-apostolské spoločenstvo, ktoré spája rozjímavú modlitbu s apoštolátom podľa potrieb Cirkvi. Dnešní členovia rádu nadviazali na tradíciu karmelitánov na Slovensku po vyše 200 ročnom prerušení.

Správu mariánskeho pútnického miesta Staré Hory a miestneho farského spoločenstva bratia Bosí Karmelitáni prevzali po ukončení pôsobenia vo Farnosti Priečod neďaleko Banskej Bystrice. Na Slovensku pôsobí aj ženská kontemplatívna vetva karmelitánskej duchovnej rodiny. Sestry Bosé Karmelitánky pôsobia v klauzúrnych kláštoroch v Košiciach a v Detve.

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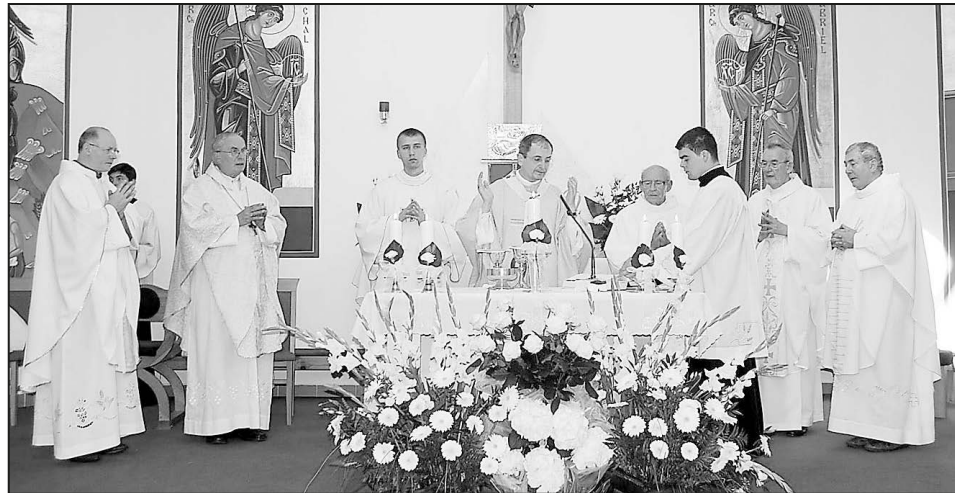
z radov učiteľov a vojakov z povolania, ktorí z obavy represie totalitného režimu uzatvárali iba civilné manželstvá. Často sa mu zdôverovali a on im vybavoval žiadosti, viedol na ceste k Bohu a mnohých na staré kolená privádzal k uzavretiu sviatostného manželstva. Bola to preho i pre manželské páry obojstranná radosť.

Aj ja môžem na záver dodať, že každého, kto sa zúčastnil tejto nádhornej udalosti pohlo k zamysleniu sa nad sebou samým, ako sa oplatí žiť s Bohom a prijať život so všetkým čo mu prináša, bez reptania proti nemu. Otec Marián Kolník je toho žiarivým príkladom. Vo svojej úžasnej skromnosti povedal iba: „Dost' bolo chvály“. Ďakoval Bohu a všetkým, čo sa zaslúžili o tento deň, čo učinil Pán. Také je i motto na obrázkoch na pamiatku tejto výnimočnej vysviacky.

Som šťastná, že práve na Slovensku sa rozšírili rady kňazov o tohto vzácneho novokňaza, ku ktorému sa ozaj oplatí ísť ku sviatosti zmierenia. Otec Kolník je živým svedectvom nezlomnej viery i vytrvalosti.

Anna a Jozef Biroš

Zábery z vysviacky katolíckeho kňaza, Mariána Kolníka v Bratislave



VSG v Košiciach pripravuje oslavy 84. narodenín Andyho Warhola vo veľkom štýle

Košice (TASR) - Oslavy 84. narodenín kráľa popartu Andyho Warhola, ktorého korene siahajú do východoslovenskej rusínskej obce Miková, pripravuje vo veľkom štýle Východoslovenská galéria (VSG) v Košiciach.

Projekt Andy Warhol a Júlia s rozsiahlou sprievodnou kampaňou Andy Spirit je najväčším v histórii galérie a vyžiadal si náklady približne 100,000 eur, pochádzajúcich hlavne z grantov Nórskeho finančného mechanizmu, dotácie Ministerstva kultúry SR a ďalších sponzorov, informovala 24. júna na tlačovej konferencii riaditeľka VSG Lena Lešková. Spresnila, že výstava potrvá od 6. augusta do 6. novembra a jej návštevníci uvidia aj 24 Warholových kresieb z raného obdobia, ktoré ešte neboli na Slovensku prezentované. Galéria už zabezpečila potrebné technické a bezpečnostné podmienky pred prepravou diel z amerického Pittsburghu. Počas výstavy premietnu aj dva Warholove filmy. Časť exponátov si VSG požičala z Múzea moderného umenia Andyho Warhola v Medzilaborciach a z bratislavskej Národnej galérie.

Aj keď je výstava a podujatie ku kráľovi popartu v súčasnosti vo svete veľá a väčšinou ho predstavujú ako staršieho pána so striebornou parochňou na hlave, VSG zvolila originálnejší prístup a pohľad na umelca cez najvýznamnejšiu ženu jeho života, matku Júliu. „Warhol bol človek kontrastov. Na jednej strane milujúci syn, na druhej strane extravagantný umelec. Stále však zostával chlapcom. Nemali sme teda dôvod váhať a predstavujeme ho ako malého chlapca, ktorý vyzerá spomienkovo, a ktorého všetci poznáme,“ uviedol k vizualizácii kampane jej kreatívny koordinátor Tomáš Marušiak. Informoval ďalej, že približne mesiac pred výstavou otvoria na nádvorí VSG prvú mestskú pláž, kde sa bude môcť každý oboznámiť s Warholovým dielom. Kampaň prenesú aj na internet a na spoluprácu oslovili aj ďalšie kultúrne inštitúcie, hotely a reštaurácie.

Alžbeta Lukčová 80-ročná

V kanadskom Montreale pri pomerne dobrom telesnom a duševnom zdraví, dožíva sa 80 rokov svojho Bohu a svojeti zasväteného života Alžbeta Lukčová, ktorá dobrú čiastku svojho života venovala všestranným podujatiam slovenského tvorivého života tunajšej komunity. Preto bolo by nevďakou nespomenúť, aspoň v krátkosti, tento vzácny milník jej života.

Alice, ako ju volajú jej známi, narodila sa 2. augusta 1930 vo Ville St. Laurent, rastúcom predmestí veľkého Montrealu, ako šieste dieťa ôsmych súrodencov, rodičom Veronike a Štefanovi Marejkovi, prominentnému činiteľovi lokálneho národného, spolkového a cirkevného života. Jej rodičia pochádzajú z kysuckej Turzovky, rozloženej pozdĺž ospevovanej rieky Kysuca, pod chýrnou horou Živčákova, kde sa údajne tamojšiemu horárovi zjavila Panna Mária.

Školenie absolvovala v Académie St. Alfred u rehoľných sestier z radu St. Croix. Vydala sa za Jozefa Lukču, rodáka z Holčikovca na východnom Slovensku, nenáročného spolkového činiteľa. Spolu vychovali tri dobre zaopatrené deti. Najstarší syn, John, je čarterovaný účtovník a lektor na McGill univerzite, Mike je inšpektorom federálnej polície (RCMP) a dcéra Helena (Stepančič) je odborná učiteľka. Učinkovala v dievčenskom tanečnom súbore Lipa. I navzdor tomu, že svoje dorastajúce roky prežila vzdialená z virvaru slovenského života vo veľkom meste, mimo tunajších dvoch oficiálnych rečí, francúzskej a anglickej, plynne hovorí aj slovensky. Uplatnila sa ako osvedčená šéfka. Nadovšetko však ako vzorná manželka, starostlivá matka, stará matka, spoľahlivá a pracovitá funkcionárka. V 47-mom roku manželského života utrpela ťažkú stratu. Jej manžel, Joe, po krátkej nemoci náhle umrel vo veku 76 rokov.

I napriek svojemu pokročilému veku, aktívne sa zapojuje do slovenského spoločenského podnikania, pravidelne chodí do slovenského kostola v nádeji uchovať a predĺžiť tunajší spoločenský a cirkevný život v znamení cyrilo-metodejského odkazu:

Dedičstvo otcov zachovaj nám Pane!

80-ročné jubileum svojho života, vyplneného usilovnou prácou a činnosťou, oslávila v teplom pohostinstve svojej blízkej rodiny so žičením v hojnej miere Božích milostí a pevného zdravia do ďalších rokov, ktoré Prozreteľnosť ešte jej ráčila namerat'.

Happy 80th, Alice!

Štefan Hreha,
Montréal, QC



Alžbeta (Alice)
Lukčová

Slovenská katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Slovenskú katolícku púť, ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu 8. augusta 2010 v Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York, tel. (845) 947- 2200. Pútnici budú mať možnosť si vykonať svätú spoveď pred svätou omšou. Svätá omša začne o 11:00 hodine doobeda. Za tým bude obed o 12:30 hodine odpoľudnia a Ružencová procesia o 2:30 hodine odpoľudnia.

Kto má záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, nech sa prihlási u brata Jozefa Bilika. Autobus bude pristený pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku.

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Špeciálne zľavy na prenájom vozidla pre návštevníkov Európy a Slovenska

Podarilo sa nám dojednať aj na rok 2010 špeciálne zľavy na prenájom vozidla pre návštevníkov z USA a Kanady. Minuloročné skúsenosti znova potvrdili kvalitné služby a spoľahlivé vozidlá na prenájom, ktoré poskytuje pán Ladislav Jáger. Jeho firma má nové meno: „CAR ONE“, ale viac ako 12 ročnú skúsenosť v prenajímaní vozidiel a ponúka na prenájom vozidlá vybavené klimatizáciou, automatickou prevodovkou a navigačným prístrojom pre celú Európu. Vozidlá sú poistené tiež do všetkých štátov Európskej únie.

CAR ONE má sídlo v Bratislave, ale vozidlo pristaví klientovi podľa dohody, na letisko do Viedne, Bratislavy, Budapešti, Prahy, alebo Košíc. Pán Ladislav Jáger, majiteľ podniku Car One, úspešne čelí zložitej ekonomickej situácii vďaka mimoriadnej a nadštandardnej starostlivosti o svojich klientov a osobne dohliadne na kvalitu služieb a zľavu poskytnutú návštevníkom z USA a Kanady. Pre klientov z USA a z Kanady má CAR ONE vždy výhodnejšie ceny ako konkurencia.

Ktorá z významných požičovni áut sa môže pochváliť tým, že majiteľ požičovne osobne bude dohliadať na kvalitu služieb a zľavu poskytnutú návštevníkom z USA a Kanady? Jediná CAR ONE, volajte priamo: Pán Ladislav Jáger, CAR ONE, tel.: 011 421 907 709 291, alebo Email: carone@carone.sk Web page: www.carone.sk

Paul Skuben
predseda Slovak American Center

Ani Otče náš, nepomohol ...

Ako dobrý kresťan a fanúšik slovenského futbalu, pred dôležitým zápasom, Slovensko – Holandsko, som sa vzkrúšene, za našich, pomodlil Otče náš. Zistil som však, že Holandsko malo nad nami prevahu, že naši boli dobrí, ale im chýbal, ten povestný, guráž. Avšak, nič to zato, futbal bol aj futbal bude...

Aj na Majstrovstvách sveta, sa raz zabudne. Milióny a milióny ľudí, videlo našu slovenskú zástavu, biela - modrá - červená, tri modré vrchy a biely dvojité kríž. Tisíce a tisíckrát, sa opakovalo „Slovakia, Slovensko“ a na štadióne sa ozývalo „Do toho“.

„Slovák, pred nikým, sa neponíži!“
Nuž, snáď tu, pomohol môj, Otče náš.....
Vďaka Vám, naši slovenskí reprezentanti,
na Majstrovstvách sveta v Južnej Afrike.
Nech šťastie je Vašou odplatou!

Náš ľud, náš malý, slovenský národ, Vám to nikdy nezabudne!

Jozef Smák



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Kontakty – Juráši Family Band na 49. Konvencii IKSJ

Vokálno-inštrumentálna skupina Kontakty je jednou z hudobných skupín, ktoré sa predstavujú účastníkom 49. Konvencie Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Clevelande, OH. Konkrétne v utorok 17. augusta, skupina Kontakty vystúpi v rámci okružnej cesty loďou „Goodtime III. Cruise“, od 7.00 hodiny večer.

Vokálno-inštrumentálna skupina „Kontakty - Juráši Family Band“ sa skladá zo štyroch členov a to sú: Joseph Juráši – je profesionálnym hráčom na klávesové a dychové nástroje, ktorý je zároveň aj vedúcim členom hudobnej skupiny. Spolu s jeho manželkou Máriou Juráši vytvárajú harmonické duo nielen v živote, ale aj na pódiu už mnoho rokov. Ďalej sa k nim pripája ich dcéra Renáta Jurášiová, ktorá v hudobnej skupine spieva a je zároveň aj profesionálnou klaviristkou. Najmladším členom skupiny je syn Jozef Juráši, ktorý hrá na bicie nástroje.

Hudobná skupina „Kontakty - Juráši Family Band“ pochádza z Východného Slovenska, z Prešovského kraja mesta Svidník. V takejto zostave hudobná skupina pôsobí v Spojených štátoch amerických už 13. rokov a každoročne účinkuje na týchto podujatiach: Slovak Heritage Festival - Holmdel, NJ; Dinner Dance for Slovak Radio - Pittsburgh, PA; Československý Ples – Astoria Manor, NYC; Bohemian Hall - Astoria, NYC; a na rôznych piknikoch, svadbách, krstinách, narodeninách a zábavách pre našich krajanov v Metro Tri-State Area. Hudobná skupina je prevažne zameraná na Slovenské ľudové piesne a svetové populárne žánre.



Juráši Family Band

33. Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ 26. septembra

33. Festival slovenského dedičstva sa tento rok bude konať v nedeľu 26. septembra v PNC Arts Center v Holmdel, New Jersey (exit 116 z Garden State Parkway). Pripravný výbor opäť pripravuje bohatý celodenný program, ktorý začne slovenskou svätou omšou o 11.00 hodine. Slúžiť ju bude košický arcibiskup Bernard Bober. Festival navštívi aj predsedníčka Úradu pre zahraničných Slovákov so sídlom v Bratislave Vilma Prívarová.

V kultúrnom programe sa predstaví aj 25-členný folklórny súbor Svojina z Michaloviec. Počas dňa budú otvorené predajné stánky s jedlom a slovenskými výrobkami.

Festival slovenského dedičstva každý rok navštívi niekoľko tisíc ľudí. Vstupné a parkovanie je bezplatné.

Levočská púť na Mariánskej hore

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

J.E. Mons. František Rábek. Svätá liturgia východného obradu bola v sobotu o 20. hodine pod vedením bratislavského eparchu J.E. Mons. Petra Rusnaka. Návštevníci Levočskej púte sa tiež mohli tešiť na Via lucis, ktorú viedol Anton Fabián, ale aj na videodokument Profily odvahy a viery.

Program Levočskej púte vyvrcholil v nedeľu, ešte počas noci však bola polnočná svätá omša za účasti mladých s eucharistickou poklonou a procesiou, ktorú celebroid kancelár biskupského úradu Peter Majda. Krátko po polnoci nasledovala ešte jedna bohoslužba, ktorú viedol Štefan Hudáček a kazateľ Miloš Labaš. O 4. hodine sa konala pobožnosť Krížovej cesty pod vedením Stanislava Misála. Svätú liturgiu východného obradu v tento deň viedol Ľubomír Petřík, kancelár Arcibiskupského úradu. Celá Levočská púť vyvrcholila Slávnostnou odpustovou svätou omšou o 10. hodine. Tú celebroid bratislavský arcibiskup a metropolita, predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska J.E. Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský.

Levoča je najstarším pútnickým miestom východného Slovenska, prvé zmienky o zhromažďovaní mariánskych ctiteľov sa objavili už v 13. storočí. Mariánska hora spolu s bazilikou Navštívenia Panny Márie zo začiatku sústreďovala veriacych pútnikov z východného Slovenska, neskôr sa z však z Levočskej púte stala púť aj s medzinárodnou účasťou. Veriaci prišli na toto pútnické miesto aj za čias totalitného režimu, keď sa za účasť na púti tvrdo trestalo. Najviac účastníkov zaznamenala Mariánska púť v roku 1995, keď za prítomnosti svätého otca Jána Pavla II. prišlo na Mariánsku horu viac ako 650,000 veriacych. Minulý rok navštívilo toto pútnické miesto 600,000 ľudí.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Bryndzové pirohy, makové rezance, pečená kačka s kapustou a ďalšie kulinárske lahôdky** zo Slovenska boli v ponuke jedálneho lístka počas gastronomických dní, ktoré pripravil v mesiaci máji pavilón SR na svetovej výstave EXPO Šanghaj 2010. Akcia s názvom Chut' Slovenska sa počas siedmich dní konala v reštaurácii šanghajského hotela Howard Johnson. Prilákala popredných predstaviteľov organizačného štábu svetovej výstavy, vplyvných čínskych podnikateľov, miestne authority, diplomatov i novinárov. Vône, chute a farby jedál a prvotriednych slovenských syrov i vín si pochvaľovali nielen Číňania, ale aj zahraniční hostia.

• **Kontrakt** v Turecku v hodnote niekoľko desiatok miliónov eur získali Slovenské energetické strojárne, a.s. Tlmače (SES). Spoločnosť bude dodávateľom dvoch kotlov na spaľovanie hnedého uhlia v cirkulujúcej fluidnej vrstve, každý s výkonom 365 ton pary za hodinu. Para z kotlov bude slúžiť na výrobu elektrickej energie v elektrárni s výkonom 2 x 125 MWe, ktorá bude postavená neďaleko mesta Orta v provincii Cankiri. Výroba kotlov v Tlmačoch by sa mala začať v prvom štvrtroku budúceho roka, ich predbežné prevzatie zákazníkom je plánované v marci 2013. V roku 2009 uzatvorila spoločnosť SES, a.s. Tlmače kontrakty v celkovej výške približne 320 miliónov eur. V tomto roku plánuje firma dosiahnuť výkony na úrovni 181,9 milióna eur. Majoritným akcionárom SES je od augusta 2006 cyperská spoločnosť Segfield Investment, patriaca do skupiny J&T Finance Group.

• **Vďaka** novej šesťsedačkovej lanovke, ktorú v súčasnosti budujú v Tatranskej Lomnici, by sa už túto zimnú sezónu malo odstrániť čakanie v radoch a mala by sa tak splniť tiež garancia lyžovačky v tomto stredisku minimálne päť mesiacov v roku. Nová lanovka by mala zvýšiť prepravnú kapacitu lyžiarov pod druhým najvyšším štítom Tatier. Po budovaní ďalšieho zasnežovania v Tatranskej Lomnici je to ďalší pozitívny signál pre celé Vysoké Tatry a hlavne pre lyžiarov. Momentálne prebiehajú práce na vytýčení lanovky v teréne, aby sa tak následne mohli začať aj výkopové práce pre základy jej trasy a pre garáž sedačiek. Jej prepravná kapacita bude 2,600 osôb za hodinu, bude dlhá 1,889 metrov s prevýšením 280 metrov. Dopravná rýchlosť je päť metrov za sekundu s tým, že prepravný čas z Tatranskej Lomnice do koncovnej stanice Štart bude 6,7 minúty. Nová nástupná stanica lanovky bude umiestnená približne o 250 metrov nižšie ako súčasná nástupná stanica kabínkovej lanovky z Tatranskej Lomnice na Skalnaté pleso. Tým sa zabezpečí napojenie na budúce centrum Tatranskej Lomnice.

• **Dopady** hospodárskej krízy spolu s ničivými povodňami v oblastiach takmer celého Slovenska spôsobili veľmi zlú finančnú situáciu všetkých miest a obcí v krajine. Samospráva preto plánuje rokovať s novými predstaviteľmi Ministerstva financií (MF) SR o mimoriadnej dotácii v celkovej hodnote 141 miliónov eur. Uvedená suma predstavuje hodnotu, o ktorú momentálne mestá a obce vybrali na dani menej ako v minulom roku. Ide o vyše 12-% zníženie oproti roku 2009. "Veríme, že nájdeme podporu. Pán Mikloš a aj budúca premiérka už v minulosti deklarovali, že samosprávam finančne pomôžu. Ak by sme neboli úspešní, časť obcí bude mať problém a môže sa stať, že pôjde do nútenej správy," povedal predseda Združenia miest a obcí Slovenska (ZMOS) Michal Sýkora tlačovej konferencii po dvojdnovom rokovaní združenia, ktoré bolo odložené o pár týždňov práve z dôvodu povodňovej situácie v krajine.

• **Zrúcanina** zámku vo Víglašii (okres Detva) sa zmení na nepoznanie. Stavbu, ktorú mali postaviť v 13. storočí križiari, kúpila spoločnosť Zámok Víglaš. Z trosiek vznikne štvorhviezdičkový hotel a kongresové centrum. Rekonštrukcia, ktorá by mala byť hotová v roku 2012, prebieha pod dohľadom pamiatkárkov a archeológov. Bratislavská spoločnosť Zámok Víglaš odkúpila zrúcaninu zámku v roku 2007 od obce Víglaš za korunu.

• **Majstrovstvá** sveta vo futbale potešili nielen fanúšikov futbalu, ale aj slovenskú ekonomiku. Vďaka šampionátu bol totiž vyšší dopyt po elektronickej vyrábanej na Slovensku. Podľa Štatistického úradu SR vyrobili v máji slovenské podniky medzročne skoro o tretinu viac. Hoci sa na tomto dobrom výsledku podpísali aj automobilky či strojárni, najväčšie zásluhy patria práve dvom najvýznamnejším výrobcam LCD televízorov - nitrianskemu Sony a galantskému Samsungu.

• **Neznámi zloději** takmer úplne vybielili modlitebňu evanjelického spoločenstva v Tekovských Lužanoch. Okrem nábytku zmizlo všetko, čím sa dalo hýbať. Lupiči vzali so sebou asi 40 väčších aj menších predmetov. Zmizli nielen obradné predmety, ale a technické pomôcky. Úplne prázdny zostal aj oltár. Podľa hovorkyne nitrianskej polície Boženy Bruchterovej spôsobili zloději škodu vo výške 4,400 eur a v prípade dokázania viny im hrozia tri roky vo väzení. Okno bolo zamrežované, zloděj sa teda musel dostať cez úzku medzeru. Z toho vyplýva, že medzi lupičmi mohlo byť aj dieťa. Najhodnotnejší bol takmer storočný obraz nad oltárom.

• **Predsedníčka** vlády Iveta Radičová uviedla v piatok 9. júla do úradu nového ministra zahraničných vecí Mikuláša Dzurindu. Spolu s ním nastúpil do vedenia rezortu aj nový štátny tajomník Milan Ježovica a nový riaditeľ Služobného úradu Martin Maruška, ktorých pred tým vymenovala do funkcie vláda. Na uvedení ministra M. Dzurindu do úradu sa zúčastnili aj generálni riaditelia jednotlivých sekcií a ďalší vedúci pracovníci rezortu.

• **Rast** júnovej nezamestnanosti v SR ovplyvnil najmä prílev absolventov vysokých škôl. Zhodujú sa na tom analytici. Evidovaná miera nezamestnanosti podľa údajov Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (ÚPSVaR) SR totiž vzrástla o 0,10 percentuálneho bodu a dosiahla tak 12,34 %. Nárast oproti máju bol ovplyvnený najmä prítokom absolventov, ktorých v júni pribudlo na úradoch práce takmer 7,000. Išlo predovšetkým o absolventov vysokých škôl, vrátane bakalárov. Z evidencie síce odišlo v priebehu šiesteho mesiaca tohto roka 4,412 mladých po skončení škôl, pribudlo však 5,819. Ich počet tak dosiahol 25,802.

• **Slovensko** dostane z Európskeho fondu regionálneho rozvoja na nákup vozňov pre Železničnú spoločnosť Slovensko (ZSSK), určených na medziregionálnu a prímestskú verejnú dopravu, 177 miliónov eur. Ide o štvrtý schválený veľký projekt Operačného programu Doprava 2007-2013, ktorý bude spolufinancovaný z eurofondov. Informoval o tom hovorca rezortu dopravy Martin Krajčovič.

• **V lyžiarskych** strediskách v Tatranskej Lomnici a Jasnej pribudnú nové parkovacie miesta, ktoré by mali prispieť ku komfortnejšiemu lyžovaniu. Momentálne sa nové parkovisko v priamom dotyku so zjazdovkami buduje v Tatranskej Lomnici. Pôjde o terasovité parkovisko so zeleňou. Malo by byť nielen vizuálne zaujímavé, ale zeleň na parkovacej ploche zároveň priestor odhluční a zníži prašnosť v okolí. Parkovisko bude priamo pod lanovkou, takže "šliapanie v lyžiarkach s lyžami na pleciah sa v Tatranskej Lomnici stane minulosťou", konštatoval predseda predstavenstva spoločnosti Tatry Mountain Resorts (TMR) Bohuš Hlavatý.

• **Napriek** tomu, že je hlavná turistická sezóna, slovenské hotely zivajú prázdnotou. Väčšina z nich bojuje o prežitie znížením cien, niektoré sa však pravdepodobne nevyhnú likvidácii. Hotelieri zaznamenali prepád tržieb horší ako v minulom roku. Po minuloročnom poklese tržieb, ktorý spôsobila kríza, zažívajú ešte horší rok. Oproti vlaňajšku zaznamenali prepád tržieb o 20 až 40 percent. Situáciu nezachráni ani letná sezóna, ktorá je v hlavnom meste už tradične slabšia ako zvyšok roka. Veľká konkurencia a malý záujem o služby tlačia ceny ubytovania smerom nadol. V Bratislave sa tak možno počas leta ubytovať vo štvorhviezdičkovom hoteli už za 48 eur. V podobnej situácii sa však ocitli aj susedné krajiny, v Prahe vyjde noc v luxusnom hoteli na 50 eur a viedenské ceny sú podobné.

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blízky vzťah k slovenskému folklóru. Priateľov, s ktorými sa pozdravia na skúškach programu, na vystúpeniach, pri stánkoch, na zábave, v zákulisí či za javiskom...

Keď sa stretnú trebárs aj cudzinci na akomkoľvek festivale, prirodzeným a pritom zaujímavým javom je, že sa učia navzájom jeden od druhého, a tým sa zdokonaľujú v tom, čo zo srdca milujú. Pre všetkých, čo sa stretli v Detve, je to ľudový tanec, spev a hudba.

A preto my, domáci, namiesto privítania chlebom a soľou sme si tento rok uctili krajanov z rôznych kútov sveta symbolickým odovzdaním kúska našej, ale tým aj spoločnej slovenskej ľudovej kultúry. Ako? Nuž, Roman Malatinec ako moderátor a predtanečníci medzi jednotlivými choreografiami predstavili, ako učia krajanov na rôzne melódie krátke variácie tancov z celého Slovenska. Tieto variácie si v záverečnej veľkej choreografii spolu zatancovali všetci naši krajanovia.

V programe vystúpilo 278 účinkujúcich z 11 krajín (Austrália, Česká republika, Francúzsko, Chorvátsko, Írsko, Kanada, Maďarsko, Rumunsko, Spojené štáty americké, Srbsko, Ukrajina).

Krajské súbory privítali aj predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Vilma Prívarová, primátor mesta Detva Ján Šufliarský a ďalší významní hostia.

Slovenské ľudové zvyky, tradície sa odzrkadľujú v kultúre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, sú opornými piliermi ich národnostného života a bytia. Počas existencie Folklórnych slávností pod Poľanou v Detve vystúpili stovky účinkujúcich a súborov zo sveta. Ale jediným súborom Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorý bol na Detve 35-krát, je folklórny súbor Nádeje z Paríža. Vedúci súboru Daniel Compagnon so svojim tímom pri tejto príležitosti pripravil dokumentárnu výstavu. Výstava priblížila návštevníkom účinkovanie folklórneho súboru Nádeje na folklórnych slávnostiach na 20 paneloch, ktoré boli obohatené dokumentmi a spomienkami na nezabudnuteľné chvíle pod vysokými detvianskymi májkami.



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Rodný dom M. R. Štefánika zaradený do Európskeho dedičstva

Košariská (TASR) - Rodný dom generála Milana Rastislava Štefánika sa stal ďalším objektom zaradeným do Európskeho dedičstva. Tabuľku informujúcu o zaradení budovy dnešného Múzea Milana Rastislava Štefánika medzi prestížne objekty európskeho významu 21. júla pri príležitosti 130. výročia Štefánikovho narodenia odhalila štátna tajomníčka Ministerstva kultúry SR Natália Cehláriková.

"Štefánik ešte ani dnes nie je celkom docenený. Bol to prvý Európan, prvý kozmopolita, ktorý už v časech prvej svetovej vojny zmyšľal európsky. Svojím zmyšľaním predstihol nielen svojich súčasníkov, ale aj mnohých dnešných politikov. To, že sa jeho rodný dom podarilo zaradiť do Európskeho dedičstva je pre Slovensko významným dňom," povedala Cehláriková s tým, že predchádzajúce vlády nevenovali jeho významu takú pozornosť, akú by si zaslúžil.

Ako dodala, mnoho dnešných politikov nevnímajú dostatočne postavenie Slovenska v európskom kontexte i keď sme súčasťou Európskej únie.

Začlenenie Štefánikovho rodného domu do Európskeho dedičstva zaraďuje podľa generálneho riaditeľa Slovenského národného múzea Rastislava Púdelku múzeum medzi špičku múzejníctva.

"Sme veľmi radi, že Štefánikov rodný dom je po Červenom Kameni druhým pracoviskom Slovenského národného múzea zaradeným do Európskeho dedičstva. Týmto chceme celému svetu deklarovat', že naozaj máme európske pamiatky, ktoré si zaslúžia obnovu a ochranu," povedal Púdelka s tým, že štatút Európskeho dedičstva je zároveň záväzkom, z ktorého vyplýva väčšia starostlivosť a dopĺňanie exponátov v Štefánikovom múzeu.

Presne pred rokom sa súčasťou Európskeho dedičstva stala Mohyla M. R. Štefánika na Bradle. Generálna riaditeľka Pamiatkového úradu SR Katarína Kosová si nemyslí, že nový objekt zaradený do Európskeho dedičstva, ktorý je vzdialený len niekoľko stoviek metrov od mohyly, je prílišnou koncentráciou značky Európskeho dedičstva.

"Známa Európskeho dedičstva začína mať v Európskej komisii viacnásťinštitucionalizované kontúry. Tam sa hovorí o tematických nomináciách a myslíme si, že je správne, ak sme tematickovo zaradili Štefánika do viacerých objektov," zdôraznila Kosová.

Oslavy 130. výročia narodenia Milana Rastislava Štefánika pokračovali celou plejádou kultúrnych, spoločenských, športových i duchovných podujatí.



generál Milan Rastislav Štefánik



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The annual Levoca pilgrimage culminated in the celebration of Mass on Sunday, July 4, at 10 a.m. by the Bratislava Archbishop and Metropolitan, and President of the Conference of Slovak Bishops J.E. Mons. Stanislav Zvolensky.



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Celá Levočská púť vyvrcholila 4. júla Slávnostnou odpustovou svätou omšou o 10. hodine, ktorú celebraval bratislavský arcibiskup a metropolita, predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska J.E. Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský.

Levočská púť na Mariánskej hore

Levoča (TASR) – Na Mariánskej hore v Levoči sa 2. júla v roku kresťanskej rodiny začala Levočská púť. Trojdňový program odštartoval prednáškou práve o kresťanskej rodine, ktorú viedol Martin Kolejak. Prvú svätú omšu celebraval už o 10. hodine spišský diecézny biskup J.E. Mons. František Tondra. Po nej popoludní viedol svätú liturgiu východného obradu popradský dekan Miroslav Bartoš. Kruciata – svedectvá o 15. hodine viedol Roman Gažúr. Prvý deň Levočskej púte vyvrcholil svätou omšou, ktorú podvečer celebraval spišský pomocný biskup J.E. Mons. Andrej Imrich.

V sobotu 3. júla začal program Levočskej púte o 9. hodine Fatimskou sobotou, ktorú vedol Amantius Akimjak, po nej celebraval aj svätú omšu. Otváraciu odpustovú svätú omšu o 17. hodine celebraval levočský dekan Mons. František Dlugoš. Po nej nasledovala ďalšia bohoslužba, ktorú viedol ordinár Ozbrojených síl a zborov Slovenskej republiky

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The 45th Annual Detva Folklore Festival

V prírodnom amfiteátri v Detve sa už štyri desaťročia druhý júlový víkend stretávajú priaznivci tradičnej ľudovej kultúry na Folklórnych slávnostiach pod Poľanou v Detve. Každoročne zavítajú na toto podujatie okrem priaznivcov slovenského folklóru aj krajanské súbory Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorých programy patria medzi najobdivovanejšie. Výnimkou nebol ani tohtoročný 45. ročník.

V gescii Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí sa tradične v záverečnom dni podujatia predstavili krajanské folklórne súbory v programe DOMOV NA DETVIANSKE...

Stretnutie Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí na festivale v Detve sa už stalo vskutku symbolom stretnutia sa doma. Kam ideš? „Domov na Detvianske...“ Prísť „domov“, do Detvy, znamená stretnúť starých priateľov z predošlých slávností, stretnúť sa s novými, s ktorými ich viaže

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Nový americký veľvyslanec v SR čoskoro na Slovensku

Americký chargé d'affaires Keith Addins, počas osláv amerického štátneho sviatku Dňa nezávislosti, ktoré veľvyslanectvo USA v Bratislave usporiadalo 2. júla, oficiálne oznámil nástup nového amerického veľvyslanca v Slovenskej republike, Theodora Sedgwicka. Nový veľvyslanec by mal prísť na Slovensko v nasledujúcich týždňoch. Sedgwicka nedávno vo funkcii veľvyslanca potvrdil americký Senát.

Na recepcii v reštaurácii Bratislavského hradu zároveň Eddins uviedol svoju nástupkyňu, novú chargé d'affaires veľvyslanectva USA v Bratislave Marthu Patterson.

Eddins sa poďakoval za dobrú spoluprácu odchádzajúcemu kabinetu Roberta Fica a vyjadril nádej na úzku spoluprácu USA a SR aj v nastupujúcej vláde. Vyzdvihol vysokú úroveň slovensko-amerických vzťahov. „Sme spojencami v Severoatlantickej aliancii. Dobré a úzko spolupracujeme v množstve politických, ekonomických a bezpečnostných otázok,“ povedal Eddins. Ocenil tiež vzťahy s organizáciami, predstavujúcimi v SR občiansku spoločnosť, potrebu mimovládnych organizácií, ktoré sú v každej krajine „strážnym psom“ demokracie. Zdôraznil význam slobodnej tlače.

Podľa Eddinsa sú v súčasnosti vzájomné kontakty ľudí zo SR a USA jednoduchšie a častejšie ako predtým, aj vďaka bezvízovému programu a študijným i kultúrnym výmenným programom.

„A kde by bola NHL bez slovenských hráčov?“ ocenil diplomat slovenských športovcov. Dodal, že slovensko-americkí hráči sa presadili aj v bejzbale, ktorý je jeho obľúbeným športom.

Eddins, ktorý viedol americké veľvyslanectvo 18 mesiacov, sa so Slovenskom rozlúčil tradičným „na zdravie“.

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Na 21. cyrilometodských dňoch v Terchovej aj kardinál Jozef Tomko



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V dňoch 2. - 5. júla sa v Terchovej uskutočnil 21. ročník Cyrilometodských dní, ktorý bol venovaný Roku kresťanskej kultúry 2010. Ako každoročne aj v tomto roku sa konal bohatý kultúrny program vyvrcholením ktorého bola slávnostná svätá omša na vrchu Oravcove, ktorú celebraval J. E. Jozef kardinál Tomko spolu so žilinským biskupom Tomášom Galisom.

On July 5 the 21st annual Cyril and Methodius Days were celebrated in Terchova. As in previous years, there was a rich cultural program culminating in the celebration of a Mass on the top of Oravcove by Jozef Cardinal Tomko and Bishop Tomáš Galis of Žilina.