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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT REMEMBRANCES 2011 MEMORIAL DAY – FATHER’S DAY

Summer has finally arrived. Unfortunately it has also brought a series of natural disasters across the United States in the form of devastating tornadoes. Our hearts go out to all the victims.

While Memorial Day occurred this past May 30th it has brought to mind questions of the origin and heritage of Memorial Day.

It's difficult to prove conclusively the origin of the day. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed in 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.. After World War I the day changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honor Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated as part of the National Holiday Act which was passed by Congress in 1971.

Many of us have memories of past Memorial Days and the wide-spread custom of wearing red poppies (relating to the poppy fields of Flanders in France during World War I). In 1924 the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) began selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans, which they still do today in many areas.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. Many view this day as only an extended weekend, the Indy 500, or time to work in the garden. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead not just those fallen in service to our country.

I hope that you and your family while enjoying the extended Memorial Day weekend also remembered those men and women who have died for our country; and also those who have suffered serious disabilities that continue to affect their lives.

During 2011 and 2012 prior to Memorial Day May 2012 we will be asking our Members to honor their family members who served or serve in the military, especially those who gave their lives. Watch for more information in the Jednota later.

Father's Day 2011 is near. While remembering and honoring our Fathers should be more than a once a year event, it is appropriate for them to have a special day. For Fathers past and present, we encourage you to remember them and pray for those deceased and appreciate those living. Many times we take for granted the love and sacrifice our Fathers make for us. Men generally don't express emotions as openly as women and can sometimes appear to be cold or indifferent. But those of us who are Fathers know that inside we love our children and families even though we may have difficulty in expressing it because of society norms. We see this often in Slovak families because of the history of persecution and very hard lives of our ancestors. This Father's Day show your Father love and at-

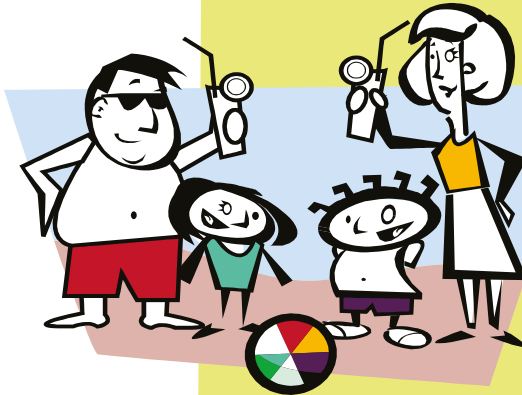


Andrew M. Rajec

**FREE ADMISSION
FOR ALL FCSU MEMBERS,
FAMILY AND GUESTS**

National Picnic

Sunday, August 14, 2011



Wiegand's Lake Park
9390 Kinsman Road
Novelty, OH 44072

With clean, beautiful grounds, there is plenty to do for everyone. You can enjoy paddle boats, playgrounds, softball, horseshoes, swimming, as well as lots of great food served all day long.

Music and Entertainment will also be provided.

10:00 AM:	Registration Opens
11:00 AM:	Mass
12-6 PM:	Food is served
1-4 PM:	Soccer Workshop**
7 PM:	Picnic Closes

Picnic Registration: 1 800 JEDNOTA

Register for the picnic and soccer workshop by asking for Karen Davis (extension 110)

Register early! Your name will be placed in a drawing every Friday before the picnic for a prize at the picnic. The more Fridays before the picnic you are registered, the more chances you have to win!

Deadline for Registration: August 1, 2011

** Soccer Workshop will be led by the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO).

All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and all ages, 6 to 14, are welcome.

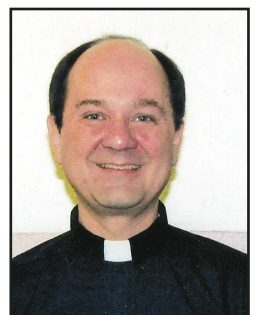
Message from The National Chaplain

Dear Friends,

In the seventh year of his pontificate, Blessed John Paul II wrote *Slavorum Apostoli*, an encyclical to commemorate the eleventh centenary of the evangelizing work of Saints Cyril and Methodius. As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost at this time, let us take a look at *Slavorum Apostoli* and see how and where the Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit influenced Saints Cyril and Methodius in their lives and apostolic work.

Knowledge

For the purposes of evangelization, the two holy brothers – as their biographies indicate – undertook the difficult task of translating the texts of the Sacred Scriptures, which they knew in Greek, into the language of the Slav population which had settled along the borders of their own region and native city. Making use of their own Greek language and culture for this arduous and unusual enterprise, they set themselves to understanding and penetrating the language,



Rev. Thomas Nasta

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

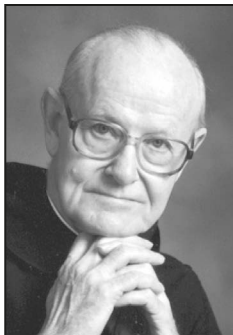
July 3, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 11: 25-30

Gospel Summary

This Sunday's gospel is brief but exceedingly rich in meaning. It has two distinct, though related, parts. In the first, Jesus expresses profound gratitude to the Father, source of all being and goodness, because he has freely chosen to



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

take note of the little ones. He has done so by giving them a share in his divine wisdom, while withholding it from the "wise and learned." This certainly does not mean that God despises learning but rather that the learned are too often tempted to pride, and thus closed to God's gift.

When Jesus says that "these things" are revealed only to the humble and unassuming, he is referring to the revelation that he received from the Father and now offers to all of us. This revelation is nothing less than a message about the real meaning and purpose of our lives. And since it concerns how we love and serve and forgive, it is hidden from those who want to control life by means of their human knowledge, rather than to subordinate that knowledge to the higher wisdom of love and generosity. It is only in this way that one can come to know Jesus as the one who reveals the wisdom and the gift of the Father.

In the second segment, Jesus reminds us that accepting his wisdom of loving service will indeed mean submitting to the yoke of discipline and sacrifice. But it will be a sweet yoke, first of all because we bear it with Jesus, and then because it is a burden that has meaning since it is carried with love.

Life Implications

Those who devote their lives to scholarship have often taken a dim view of religion and in many cases have rejected faith altogether. They see religion as an enemy of real learning and useful only for those who have not yet been "liberated" by knowledge. Too often the children of deeply religious parents, when sent to secular universities, end up with no faith at all. Today's gospel speaks directly to this issue. Jesus is not condemning human learning, even at the highest level, but he is saying that human wisdom will always be trumped in the long run by divine wisdom. This is not a defeat for human wisdom because it was never meant to have the last word.

Jesus heard this "last word" from his Father, creator of all the things that scholars study. He has passed it on to us, by word and by deed, and it tells us that we are called to freedom and then to loving service. Human learning can co-exist quite easily with this wisdom; in fact, it will be greatly enhanced by discovering how much is beyond its comprehension, for this too is an important part of learning. For that reason, all colleges and universities should include a strong religious element in their curriculum. And it is for that reason also that Catholic institutions of higher learning should be supported because it is there that the claims of divine wisdom can be discussed at the graduate level and without prejudice.

And so the "little ones" in today's gospel are not those who are ignorant, much less anti-

intellectual. Rather, they are those who are learned enough to know that human beings are not divine and therefore need to be open to the gift of God's wisdom. This liberation from a false ideal of knowledge without limits will help all of us to lighten our yoke when life turns mysterious and the gift of God is all that really matters.

July 10, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:1-23

Gospel Summary

This parable about the sower of seeds is the first of seven parables that Matthew placed in the center of his gospel. Each of the parables adds a specific dimension to the reality that Matthew has described in the previous two chapters: although there are disciples who have begun to believe in him, Jesus is experiencing much rejection.

In the parable, the sower goes out and sows a great amount of seed. For various reasons much of the seed does not come to fruition. However, some of the seed that fell on rich soil produces an extraordinary amount of fruit.

The disciples then ask Jesus why he speaks in parables. Jesus, quoting a prophecy of Isaiah, enigmatically replies that parables both reveal and conceal the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Many, even though they hear the words of a parable, refuse to recognize the voice of divine wisdom calling them to conversion of heart and to healing.

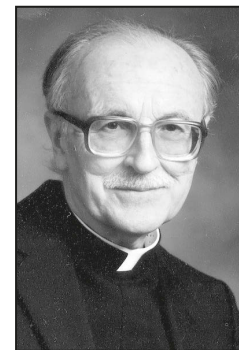
Matthew concludes this section by having Jesus amplify the parable of the sower by transforming the meaning of the seed from the word which initiates life in the kingdom, to the person who is called to life in the kingdom. Some persons hear the word without understanding its deeper meaning; some receive it, but fall away when tribulation comes; some hear it, but worldly anxiety and greed choke off the life it gives; some hear the word, understand it, and bear an extraordinary amount of fruit.

Life Implications

Jesus tells us the good news that the seeds of God's kingdom have been abundantly sown everywhere in the world. Despite all the violence and despair that threaten us, we can live in hope. God's kingdom has already come, will continue to grow, and will ultimately triumph. Henry David Thoreau remarked: "Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders."

The human-divine mystery of God's kingdom means that we cannot grasp its meaning as we do the realities of this world. It is only in the humble attitude of prayer that we may receive the gift of faith's understanding and conversion of heart. "... although you [Father] have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike" (Mt 11:25).

Jesus warns us that even if we have heard his word, worldly anxiety or greed can destroy our Christian life. Today, in our celebration of the Eucharist we pray that the Spirit will grant us faithful perseverance in living according to Christ's word so that God's kingdom will flourish beyond measure.



Campion P. Gavalier,
O.S.B.

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Message from the President

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tention and give him a "big thank you" if you can.

On a business level, I am pleased to report that the Society as of the first quarter, March 31, 2011 again reached another new high in surplus at \$18,050,070; net gain from operations in the first quarter of 2011 also slightly exceeded net gain from operations for the first quarter of 2010.

Our net income was still impacted by the losses we had to take for bonds such as General Motors that were purchased in the 1990's. However, we are finally behind that and are now actively managing our investment portfolio with the aid of our investment advisor AQS Asset Management.

We appreciate the confidence you have expressed in us and will continue our best efforts to earn that confidence.

Tell your family and friends about our success and encourage them to invest in our various insurance and annuity products.

I would like to meet you at our National Picnic to be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at Wiegand's Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio about 30 miles east of our Home Office. We are planning a fun day for all ages. Watch the Jednota for more information.

Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
President



Message from The National Chaplain

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customs and traditions of the Slav peoples, faithfully interpreting the aspirations and human values which were present and expressed therein.

Wisdom

The effort to learn the language and to understand the mentality of the new peoples to whom they wished to bring the faith was truly worthy of the missionary spirit. Exemplary too was their determination to assimilate and identify themselves with all the needs and expectations of the Slav peoples.

Understanding

In order to translate the truths of the Gospel into a new language, they had to make an effort to gain a good grasp of the interior world of those to whom they intended to proclaim the word of God in images and concepts that would sound familiar to them. They realized that an essential condition of the success of their missionary activity was to transpose correctly Biblical notions and Greek theological concepts into a very different context of thought and historical experience. It was a question of a new method of catechesis.

Fortitude

They undertook among these peoples that mission to which both of them devoted the rest of their lives, spent amidst journeys, privations, sufferings, hostility and persecution, which for Methodius included even a period of cruel imprisonment. All of this they bore with strong faith and indomitable hope in God.

Piety

[B]oth the Brothers were ... not afraid to use the Slavonic language in the liturgy and to make it into an effective instrument for bringing the divine truths to those who spoke it. This they did without any spirit of superiority or domination, but out of love of justice and with a clear apostolic zeal for peoples then developing.

Fear of the Lord

Thanks to the missionary efforts of both Saints, the Slav peoples were able for the first time to realize their own vocation to share in the eternal design of the Most Holy Trinity, in the universal plan for the salvation of the world. At the same time, they also recognized their role at the service of the whole history of the humanity created by God the Father, redeemed by the Son our Savior and enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

Counsel

Thus it seems in no way anachronistic to see Saints Cyril and Methodius as the authentic precursors of ecumenism, inasmuch as they wished to eliminate effectively or to reduce any divisions, real or only apparent, between individual communities belonging to the same Church.

What John Paul wrote about the life of Saints Cyril and Methodius is significant for us, not only as Slovaks, but for all Catholic Christians. May the Spirit that guided work of our patron saints inspire each of us to be heralds of the gospel everywhere we go.

Fraternally,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

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LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Jerry Costello, The Christophers

Volunteers Provide a Measure of Hope

Years ago when people were first urged to start changing the world through The Christophers, a few influential professions loomed as career paths--communications, education and the like. But over time it became apparent that many other fields offer the same world-changing opportunities, and for at least a decade, a Maryland surgeon has been proving that medicine takes a back seat to none of them.

With military-style precision, Dr. Michael Murphy leads a team of health professionals that journeys to the Dominican Republic for seven days each April and November, delivering not only free medical care but bringing with them a measure of hope for all the people they're able to see. Dr. Murphy, who has volunteered his services for more than 10 years, is following a tradition established before him: his former partner, Dr. E.F. Shaw Wilgis, got the program going 20 years ago, and it shows no signs of stopping now.

"As long as I'm able to, I will go," Dr. Murphy told an interviewer--with one condition. "You have to be able to come back," Dr. Murphy continued. "They have to trust that you're coming back, and then they'll wait six months for you."

The physician, affiliated with Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists in the Baltimore suburb of Lutherville, has been the subject of two recent profiles--one by Lisa Harlow of the Catholic Review, Baltimore's archdiocesan newspaper; the other by Mary Gail Hare of The Baltimore Sun. Both made clear that a lot of planning goes into the program, right down to the instructions for follow-up care that Dr. Murphy sees to for every patient who's undergone surgery. He learned enough Spanish to write them out--in indelible ink--on their casts, so that local doctors will know what to do until he returns.

Here's the way the system works: Dominican doctors pre-screen every patient; about 40 of those most in need benefit from the surgeries performed by Dr. Murphy and his associates. That takes up the first five days of the twice-a-year visits; the last two are reserved for follow-up checks and consultations. A local hotel puts up the Murphy team, and air travel is taken care of by a fund at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore.

There's almost no end to the volunteerism that makes possible the medical visits. That begins with the doctors, nurses and other health professionals who accompany Dr. Murphy. All volunteer for the assignment, with some of them using up vacation time as they do. Some of the staff members at Dr. Murphy's Lutherville center spend days before the trips organizing and sterilizing the surgical equipment that will be needed. The center's suppliers donate other surgery-related items: draperies, gowns, medical instruments of every type. And, for the younger patients, everything from baseball caps to coloring books. None of it, Dr. Murphy knows, will be wasted.

Almost all of the patients, young and old, come from impoverished communities--and yet despite that, he said, they're good-hearted people, appreciative of all the visitors can do.

Dr. Murphy's visits may be six months apart, but a hefty amount of coordination goes into each--and so the day that one trip ends, planning begins for the next one. You might be changing the world, true, but it gets done the old-fashioned way--one day at a time.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Maximum deposit is \$25,000.00	
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Fraternally, Kenneth A. Arendt

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ASSETS

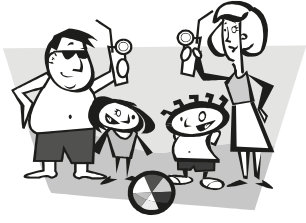
	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	242,424,039		242,424,039	239,151,083
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....	5,841,227		5,841,227	5,834,427
2.2 Common stocks.....	2,731,729		2,731,729	2,899,496
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	1,847,482		1,847,482	1,883,937
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	1,114,448		1,114,448	1,127,831
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	873,743		873,743	813,172
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	562,675		562,675	633,223
5. Cash (\$.....9,349,021), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0).....	9,349,021		9,349,021	8,982,617
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	920,504	103	920,401	911,063
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	11,109,900		11,109,900	4,981,249
9. Receivables for securities.....			0	1,885,447
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	276,774,768	103	276,774,665	269,103,545
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	3,335,816		3,335,816	3,171,829
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	20,603		20,603	14,601
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums.....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	27,440	27,440	0	
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	29,627	29,627	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	280,188,254	57,170	280,131,084	272,289,975
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	280,188,254	57,170	280,131,084	272,289,975

Statement as of March 31, 2011 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	226,556,000	226,806,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	23,171,789	15,213,178
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	320,745	290,189
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	1,572,952	1,578,788
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	12,374	12,374
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	180,125	204,528
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	22,963	22,962
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	6,398,443	6,763,991
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	10,000	10,000
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,733,676	2,766,154
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....		
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	401,947	401,947
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	262,081,014	254,770,111
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	262,081,014	254,770,111
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	18,050,070	17,519,864
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	18,050,070	17,519,864
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	280,131,084	272,289,975

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	4,406,989	9,737,028	33,635,663
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	3,499,634	3,749,976	14,325,256
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	58,000	41,000	177,563
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	6,534	28,385	52,559
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	7,971,157	13,556,389	48,191,041
10. Death benefits.....	756,549	704,182	2,563,521
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	5,901,206	1,929,202	9,367,755
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0.....			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	117,661	88,476	501,109
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	71,323	73,119	291,108
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	(250,000)	9,285,000	29,951,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	6,596,739	12,079,979	42,674,493
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	41,673	86,411	308,970
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	662,163	886,134	2,699,457
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	42,438	39,398	77,121
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	42,069	(111,162)	167,156
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	7,385,082	12,980,759	45,927,197
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	586,075	575,629	2,263,845
28. Refunds to members.....	61,605	65,984	402,047
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	524,470	509,645	1,861,798
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....	(657,406)	127,213	(855,477)
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	(132,936)	636,858	1,006,321
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	17,519,864	13,169,012	13,169,012
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	(132,936)	636,858	1,006,321
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0.....	661,382	1,496,156	3,646,259
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	2,352	977	(22,415)
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	32,478	(293,664)	(252,033)
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	(33,070)	(189)	(27,280)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	530,206	1,840,138	4,350,852
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	18,050,070	15,009,151	17,519,864



Accent on Activities



National Picnic

Summer 2011

*In the good old summertime, in the good old summertime.
Strolling through the shady lanes with your baby mine.
You hold her hand, and she holds yours,
and that's a very good sign.
That she's your tootsie-wootsie,
in the good old summertime.*



There will be plenty of opportunities to stroll through the shady lanes at this year's National Picnic at on **Sunday, August 14**. With over 75 years experience, **Wiegand's Lake Park** provides a private retreat in a pleasing, unspoiled setting. Wiegand's is surrounded by 103 acres of natural beauty featuring a spring-fed lake.

A remarkable and continuing evolution of an abandoned farm bought by Wilfred and Ella Wiegand in 1932, Wiegand's Lake Park is a family owned/operated business that represents three generations working together for over 75 years. In 1987, the third generation assumed management responsibility for the Park.

The Jednota will have the entire park for the entire day. The Picnic will feature lots of entertainment for the kids and Wiegand's homemade, all-you-can-eat menu. Famous for their homemade chicken and potato salad, even their simplest menu offers over 20 choices, served all day long!

Food at Wiegand's Lake Park is freshly prepared by their chef all day in their on-site kitchen.

Starting at noon, hot dogs, hamburgers, oven fried chicken, and kielbasa will be ready to eat. To accompany your meal, corn on the cob, baked beans, fresh tossed salad, potato salad, iced watermelon slices, and white cake and chocolate brownies will also be served. The food will be served until 6 PM and is all-you-can-eat.

Fresh hot popcorn, soft-serve ice cream, slush drinks, fudge bars, popsicles, ice cream bars and sandwiches are served all day long along with coffee, lemonade, fruit punch, iced tea, soft drinks, and bottled water.

Guests will enjoy paddleboating and swimming, as well as playing softball, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes and cornhole. There are extensive playgrounds, a large bi-level dance hall, handicapped-accessible restrooms, and a covered pavilion.

The lake is great for swimming, boating, and paddleboats. There's also a wading pool for the little kids. A lifeguard will be on duty to supervise swimming and boating activities.

In addition to all of these activities, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) will be holding a **Soccer Workshop** for kids ages 6 to 14 at all skill levels.



The AYSO was established in the Los Angeles area in 1964 with nine teams. It was the dream of a group of devoted soccer enthusiasts who started the organization in a garage. Today, AYSO has more than 50,000 teams and more than 600,000 players. It also employs 50 people at the AYSO National Office in Torrance, Calif.

Over the years, AYSO has created many valuable programs and concepts. Most notably, AYSO revolutionized youth sports with its "Everyone Plays®" and "Balanced Teams" philosophies. Since its establishment, AYSO has continued to grow and offer its membership relevant programs.

When you register for the picnic, be sure to mention your interest in the Soccer Workshop. Don't forget to wear sunscreen and wear the proper footwear!

A Picnic Coloring Contest will also take place during the day for children 12 and under.

Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will also be provided, along with Bingo. A schedule of events is listed below.

So register today to enjoy the "Good Old Summertime" with your fellow Jednotars at the National Picnic on Sunday, August 14.

See the front page of this issue for registration details.



Check out the redesigned
FCSU website @ www.fcsu.com.

Same great resource –
now with a great new look!

Let us know what you think.
We want to hear from you.

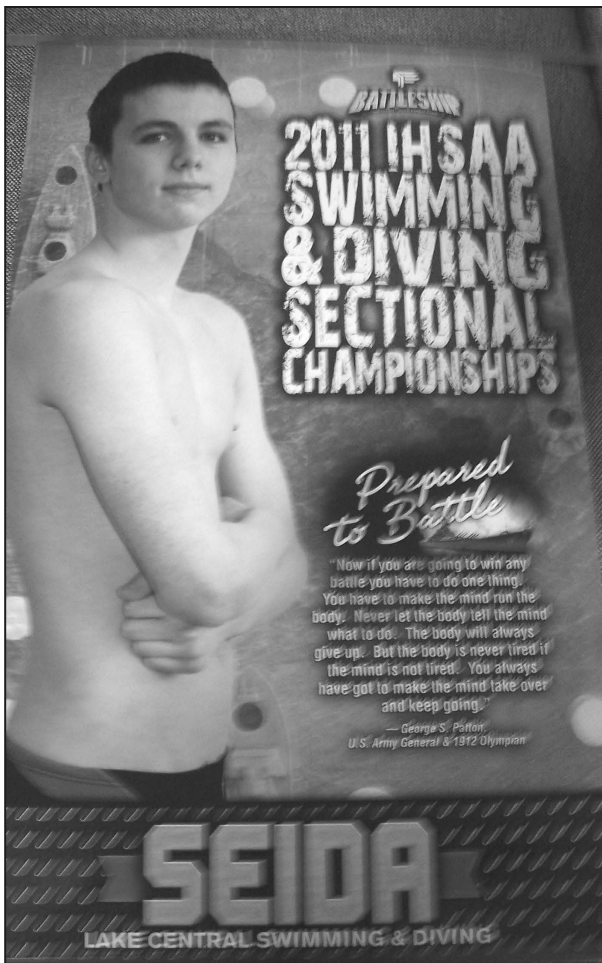
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YOUTH ROUND-UP



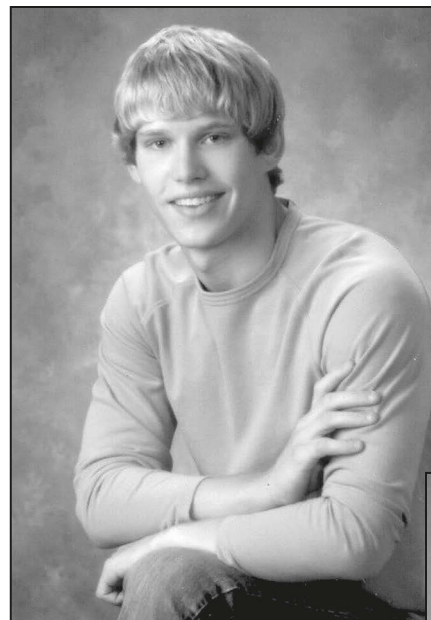
AJ Seida, age 16, grandson of Art and Barb Fayta, is a member of Branch 706. He swims on the Lake Central High School swim team. He has swum many meets throughout the season. He swims the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke. AJ placed 8th in the D.A.C. Meet in the 200 Individual Medley. He has been swimming competitively for nine years.

Julian Seida, age 10, is a member of Branch 706. His proud grandparents are Art and Barb Fayta. He is a member of the Lake Central Barracudas Swim Team. He swam at numerous swim meets throughout this past year. He placed 4th at the Divisional Meet for the 200 Free Style. He qualified to swim at the state swim meet in Indianapolis in March. He swam the 50 yard freestyle for two relays. Freestyle is his favorite stroke.



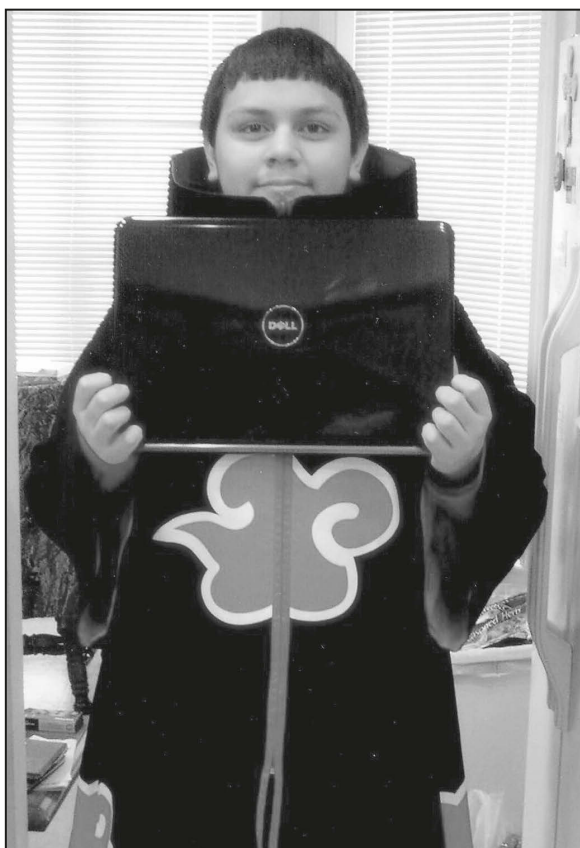
Anna Bobby has completed her sophomore year at John Carroll University having achieved Dean's list status all four semesters. Anna recently received the Terri Ann Goodman Scholarship for English majors and was initiated into Eta Sigma Phi, the national classics honor society. She is also an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. A graduate of Poland Seminary High School, she is the daughter of David and Kate Bobby. A lifetime member of Branch 731, Youngstown, Ohio, Anna was also a past recipient of the FCSU Scholarship award.

Andrew and Lauren are past recipients of FCSU Scholarships. They are the children of Richard and Linda Slivosky of Mars, PA. All are members of Branch 169 in Johnstown, PA, where their grandparents, Joseph and Betty Slivosky, are officers.

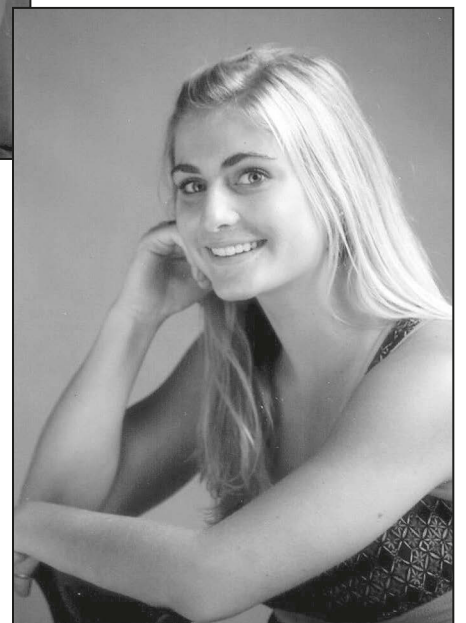


Andrew Slivosky is currently serving a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps in Busolwe, Uganda. He is teaching science at the local middle school. Andrew is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in chemistry.

John Emmanuel Munoz of Whiting, IN, recently celebrated his 16th birthday with his mom, cousin, and godfather Robert Tapak Magruder at a restaurant in Chicago's Chinatown neighborhood. After dining, the party visited interesting shops nearby. They then drove up to Chicago's north side, to visit his sister Raquel and his nephew Jack. The outing ended with a stop at an ice cream parlor. John, his mom, his five siblings, and his nephew are all members of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493, Chicago. Pictured here, John (an anime fan) wears his ninja cloak as he holds his new laptop computer.



Lauren Slivosky is finishing her freshman year at Ohio University in Athens, OH. She is a dance major and will be studying and performing with Dance New Amsterdam in New York City this summer.



88th Annual Slovak Day in July at Kennywood



The annual Slovak Day Festival will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA.

Program highlights include:

- 12:30PM – children’s games and treats
- 1:00PM – Slovak kitchen opens
- 2:00PM – children’s folk dancing
- 3:00PM – introduction of guests
- 4:00PM – Catholic Mass
- 5:00PM – Slovak folk entertainment
- 6:00PM – Music for dancing

For ticket information, call Dolly at (412) 243-0438.

Slovak League of America to offer 12 scholarship grants in 2011

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland in 1907, will offer college scholarship grants to students of Slovak ancestry in 2011. A total of 12 grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded to students currently enrolled as a full-time student at a college, university or professional school. These scholarship grants are available to both students on the undergraduate or graduate level of study.

This year’s grants are made possible through the generous support of Mrs. Mimi Danihel of Calabasas, California. The grants are given in memory of her late husband, Leo J. Danihel, a prominent member of the American Slovak community. Mr. Danihel was a well-known cultural and business leader and a former president of the Slovak World Congress. Ms. Danihel serves as the vice president of the Slovak League of America for the state of California. The 2011 grants will be designated as the Leo J. Danihel Memorial Scholarship Grants.

Applicants are asked to prepare a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written double-spaced pages. Through the preparation of this paper, the applicant enjoys a learning experience hopefully acquiring a better appreciation of his/her rich Slovak heritage. The completed application along with the study paper is to be returned by the deadline date of October 15, 2011. The scholarship grants will be paid directly to the individual student in December 2011.

For an application, write: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055, tel. daily Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (973) 472-8993. Applications must be requested by July 30, 2011.

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1972 to assist American students of Slovak ancestry in their quest for a good education. To date more than 150 students have received scholarship grants from this fund. Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make checks payable to: Slovak League Scholarship Fund and sent to the address listed above. We encourage students of Slovak ancestry to make application for this year’s scholarship grants.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2011
SPONSORED BY THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC
FEDERATION
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011
SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBEY, LATROBE, PA

SCHEDULE of the DAY

11:00am	Arrival of Pilgrims – welcome by SCF National President Fr. Philip Altavilla; and Archabbot Douglas, OSB Rosary led by representatives of the Conference of Slovak Religious
12:00noon – 1:00pm	Lunch at Fred Rogers Center. \$10.00 per person includes Pear half with Shredded Cheddar and Dried Cranberry; hand-tossed Caesar Salad; Chicken Marsala; Whipped Potatoes with gravy; Green Bean Casserole; Pasta Asiago; Raisin Bundt Cake.
1:00pm to 3:00pm	Campus tours available including the following: Saint Vincent Archabbey, Saint Vincent Crypt, Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve, Fred M. Rogers Center, McCarl Coverlet Collection, Saint Vincent Art Gallery, Archabbey Studios.
3:00pm	Confessions
4:00pm	Pontifical Mass in the Archabbey Crypt Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, D.D. Celebrant and Homilist (* This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.*)

DEADLINE FOR PILGRIMS!

* All those wishing to attend this Pilgrimage of Faith, either by bus (the bus leader informs Dolores) or if traveling as an individual/ family by car, MUST call Dolores Evanko (570) 454-5547 or email: jje@intergrafix.net no later than AUGUST 22nd with the number of those attending.

Sts Cyril & Methodius Slovak Church
and
Jednota, Monsignor Shuba District
cordially invite you to their annual

SLOVAK FAMILY DAY



On Sunday, August 14, 2011

Mass at the grounds starting at 12 noon

Lunch to be served after the Mass

Schnitzel \$8.00

Gulash \$6.00

Hot Dogs \$1.00

BBQ at 4pm

At Creditvale Park
On Barbertown Rd, Mississauga
Admission \$7.00 for adults
Children under 12 is Free

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011

HOME OFFICE

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer
Joseph Minarovich, Regional Director (telephonically)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT:

The Treasurer presented a verbal report and answered the Committee's questions. The President led a discussion concerning our current annuity interest rates. The Executive Committee, after extensive review, decided not to change the annuity rates at this time but will review them again at the May 2011 meeting.

SALES AND MARKETING:

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

Executive Secretary Arendt stated that our illustration software has been updated to include all necessary forms.

Vice President Harcar updated the Executive Committee on the upcoming Membership Meet. He stated we are in the process of obtaining additional information from our travel agent on cost, dates, and destinations.

AQS MANAGEMENT INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., gave his monthly presentation via web-ex and telephone. After his review Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions and discussed current annuity rates.

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

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

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of March 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 March.

Disbursements for the month of March 2011:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 262,618.42
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 43,674.61
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

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

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

A discussion was led concerning the FCSU National Picnic. It has been decided the picnic will be held August 14, 2011 at Wiegand's Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio. As more information becomes available to us from the Fraternal Activities Director it will be posted on our website and sent to the branches.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

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

ADJOURN:

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

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

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



Saint Cyril Catholic Church in Bannister, MI, Celebrates 100th Anniversary in July



The Roman Catholic Church of St. Cyril in Bannister, MI, will be celebrating its one hundred year anniversary.

The celebration will be held the weekend of July 16 – 17, 2011. There will be a special Holy Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated on Sunday, July 17th. Bishop Joseph Adamec, who formerly attended St. Cyril with his family, is anticipated to attend.

Other numerous activities and events are planned during the weekend.

The parish was founded in 1911 by Slovak and Czech immigrants who endured much hardship and perseverance so as to have their own parish church in which to worship. Their faith was their lifeline. We, as the Parish Church of St. Cyril, are greatly indebted to them.

Joseph Beno, Branch 741



Dad's Special Place

Anonymous

Mother is all that is noble and fine;
And all that is right and good.
She richly deserves every sonnet sung
To her glorious motherhood.

And when Mother receives some acclaim
The whole wide world is glad;
But away down deep in every heart
There's a place that is just for Dad.

We may not shower him with praise
Nor mention his name in song;
And sometimes it seems that we forget
The joy he spreads as he goes along,

But it doesn't mean that we don't know
The wonderful role that he has had.
And away down deep in every heart
There's a place that is just for Dad.



(L – R) Member of the SCF Executive Board and FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec, a Director at Large of the Slovak Federation and FCSU Branch 493 Financial Secretary Robert Ľapák Magruder, Member of the SCF Executive Board and FCSU National Chaplain Fr. Thomas A. Nasta, FCSU Branch 419 President Marie Gryczko, Member of the SCF Executive Board and FCSU Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt, and Anne Altavilla.



(L – R) Anna Biros, Mrs. Ida Rajec, and Member of the SCF Executive Board and FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec

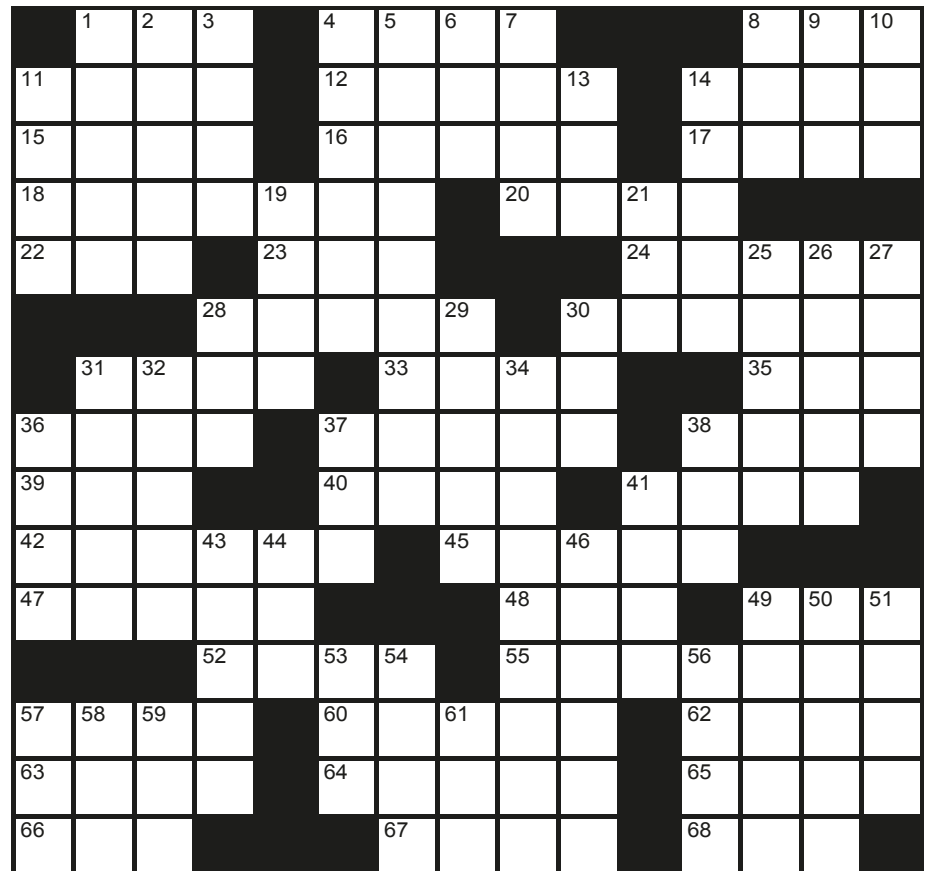
100th Anniversary of Slovak Catholic Federation Celebrated in May

The Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) held the 100th Anniversary of its founding on Sunday, May 15, 2011, with a Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 2:30 p.m., in the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, Scranton, Pennsylvania, the Mother Church of the Diocese in which the Federation was founded in 1911. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, was the Main Celebrant, along with the Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation served as homilist.

Following the Liturgy, a Centennial Banquet was held at the Clarion Hotel in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), which holds seats on the Federation's Executive Board, was in attendance, including National President Andrew M. Rajec, Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt, and National Chaplain Fr. Thomas A. Nasta.

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

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Cut off
- 4 Aeneid
- 8 To and ____
- 11 Roof
- 12 ____ B. Toklas
- 14 Appeal
- 15 Dill seed
- 16 Jamborees
- 17 Expel
- 18 Majestically
- 20 Hateful
- 22 Age
- 23 Affirmative vote
- 24 Egg holders
- 28 Retrieve
- 30 Mollusk
- 31 Gazelles
- 33 Adolescent
- 35 Macaw
- 36 Fuse together
- 37 Dig
- 38 Shade trees
- 39 Goal
- 40 Brink
- 41 Porters
- 42 Locomotive type
- 45 Saddle horses
- 47 Disease controller
- 48 Wildebeest
- 49 Watering hole
- 52 Tern
- 55 Revolves
- 57 Thought
- 60 Transported, as gas
- 62 Workspace
- 63 Perjurer
- 64 Fling
- 65 General knowledge studies
- 66 Allow

- 67 Not daughters
- 68 My (Fr.)

Down

- 1 Hermit
- 2 Gr. letter
- 3 Conservation org.
- 4 Young bird
- 5 Performed on stage
- 6 Cooking additive
- 7 Swindle
- 8 Grippe
- 9 Thing, in law
- 10 Cereal grain
- 11 Challenge
- 13 Compass point
- 14 Cornbreads
- 19 Caustics
- 21 Some
- 25 Moth-eaten
- 26 Conditions
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- 29 Wife of Hagar the Horrible
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- 36 Espouses
- 37 E. state (Abbr.)
- 38 Golfer Ernie
- 41 Meet
- 43 Sweetener
- 44 Ostrich relative
- 46 Electrodes
- 49 Cubic meter
- 50 Blighters
- 51 Queries
- 53 Old records (Abbr.)
- 54 Mouth parts
- 56 Garden man
- 57 Sick
- 58 Expire
- 59 Consume
- 61 In favor of

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVE - DEPART</u>
Mon.	Miami, Florida	5:00 pm
Tue.	Grand Bahama Island	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Wed.	Nassau, Bahamas	8:00am- 6:00 pm
Thu.	Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas Norwegian's Private Island	8:00 am- 5:00pm
Fri.	Miami, Florida	7:00am

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Happy Father's Day

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

Thank you for keeping the tradition alive.

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta.....Chaplain
 Andrew M. Rajec.....President
 Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.....Vice-President
 Kenneth A. Arendt..... Executive Secretary
 George F. Matta.....Treasurer

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Male - age 15 \$5000 for \$480 \$10000 for \$960	Female - age 15 \$5000 for \$405 \$10000 for \$810
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The Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum
invites you to attend

5th Anniversary Celebration Benefit Fundraiser

Purchase of a Building to House Permanent Museum

Sunday, June 12th 2011 at 12.30 pm
St. Cyril & Methodius Church Hall
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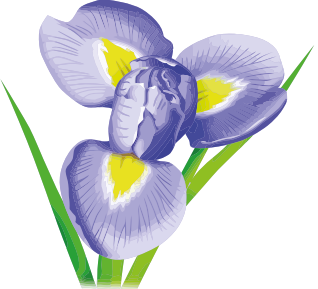
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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 6 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephens Society, Branch 06KJ, will hold a meeting and activity event on July 3, 2011, at the four corners restaurant in Streator, IL. All members of Branch 6 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Any inquiries and updating information should be directed to Paul Chismar at 815-822-8851. The meeting starts at 1:00PM with lunch provided for all in attendance. Bring

the children, who are members, for a fun-filled activity.

Thank you.

Paul Chismar, Secretary

BRANCH 10 – OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, First Catholic Slovak Union of Olyphant, Pennsylvania invites all Branch 10 members, and their families, to attend the annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 26, 2011. The 8 a.m. Mass, at Holy Cross Parish at St. Patrick's Church, Olyphant, will be celebrated for all living and deceased members of Branch 10, FCSU. Immediately following the Mass, a complimentary breakfast for members and their families will be held at the Regal Room, 212-218 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant, PA. Reservations are requested, and may be made by phoning (570) 489-9819 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. no later

than Friday, June 17.

Church directions: holycrossolyphant.org

Restaurant directions: regalroom.com

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Andrew Svorad Branch 24 encourages you to attend two upcoming summer events. The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will hold their annual picnic on Sunday June 19; The American Slovak Zemplin Club's picnic will be held on Sunday July 17. Both will be at St Sava's Picnic Grove at 2151 Wallings Rd, Broadview Hts., OH, from 12 to 8PM.

Why not join your fellow Branch members for some delicious Slovak food, music and dancing and help support our fine Slovak organizations?

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 41 - YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41KJ, will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2011, in the Rectory of Most Holy Trinity, 18 Trinity Plaza, Yonkers, NY, at 6:00PM, after the 5:00PM Mass. On the agenda will be our financial reports and suggestions will be discussed. We urge all members of Branch 41KJ to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41KJ, is sponsoring our Annual Communion Breakfast/Brunch on Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011, following the 10:15AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It will be held at our Parish Hall, Trinity & Walnut Street, Yonkers, NY. The menu will consist of: juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, rolls, donuts, sugar-free cake, coffee, tea, and soda; cold cuts, roast beef, ham, salami, turkey, American and Swiss cheese, salads (potato, macaroni and coleslaw).

An outdoor procession, through the local streets, will precede the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:45AM.

Tickets are available for this parish event by contacting any of our Branch Officers: President Emeritus John Fialkovich at 914/965-7546; President Paul Fialkovich at 914/375-1650; Vice President and Recording Secretary Robert Lutz at 914/337-2026; Financial Secretary and Treasurer Albert Figura at 914/963-8229; and Auditor Robert Figura. Reservations and checks (payable to Jednota Branch 41 KJ) can be mailed to: Albert Figura, 92 Wicks Ave., Yonkers, NY, 10701.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of 10. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, June 16, 2011. Latecomers pay \$20.00 at the door.

Reserve this date – June 19, 2011, Trinity Sunday – for this parish event sponsored by Branch 41 KJ. See you there.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Lutz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 55 – PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

A special meeting of Branch 55 K.J. is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the home of President Helena T. Gaydos, 137 Cypress Drive, Philadelphia, PA. A short business meeting will be conducted and to discuss plans for attending the Annual Dedication of Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC; and any other business that will come up. Refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please bring non-perishable food for Aid to the Church in Need. Please call the President at (610) 356-7956 for directions.

Fraternally yours,

Helena T. Gaydos, President

BRANCH 112 – MAHANOEY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

A picnic meeting for Branch 112 will be held at Knoebles Grove in Elysburg, PA on Thursday, June 23 at 12PM. If you are interested in attending please call 570-544-6694 before June 10.

Drinks and picnic snacks will be provided.

Karen Sterling

BRANCH 132 - WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Branch 132 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2011, at 2:00PM at The home of the Branch President Susan Salko, Whippany, NJ. All members are invited to attend.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, will hold its mid-year meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the home of President John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL. All members are invited to attend. There will be a fraternal luncheon following the meeting.

Please remember in your prayers the following members who have passed on to their eternal rest:

Lawrence Ogarek	Jacob Pavlik
Edward Koval	Adolph Rulak
Karol Capiak	Fred Uhrík

The officers of Branch 153 wish all Fathers a Happy and Peaceful Father's Day.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold its annual family picnic at Mammoth Park on Sunday, June 26th at Pavilion #14. As in the past, there will be haluski, halpuki, rigatoni, chicken, and drinks provided by the branch. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish with some extra to share with guests. There will be chances to win door prizes. There also will be games and prizes for the children. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon with fellow members and friends. Entertainment will be by the Pittsburgh Slovaks. A meeting will be held after the picnic.

Gerry Kovacina, Secretary

BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will meet on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at 1:00PM at Chumps Restaurant, Main Street, Norvelt, PA. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you.

Barbara Patula, Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed, and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Any inquiries and updating information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 169 – JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Society, Branch 169P, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7PM at the home of Joseph Slivosky, 1510 Emmett Drive, Johnstown, PA. Call us for your insurance and annuity investments.

Betty Slivosky, Secretary

BRANCH 213 – RENFREW, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael Branch 213 will hold a semi-annual meeting on Sunday June 12, 2011. It will be held at 3061 Kensington Court, Renfrew, PA, at 1:30PM. All members are asked to attend.

Joseph W. Belechak, Secretary

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

St. Matthews Branch 260 will hold their semi-annual meeting Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Bedford Trails at 1:30PM. The meeting was re-

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District Annual Fathers Day Brunch will be held Sunday, June 19, at Holy Trinity Parish in West Mifflin. The event will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9:30 and wrap up by 1:00. There will also be a short business meeting to discuss the possibilities for district participation in local cultural events. Reservations are required. Branches should have received a notice from Host Branch 2 regarding prices for the brunch and ad booklet.

Branches are encouraged to look for ways to increase attendance. Possibilities are putting a notice in your church bulletin, offering to pay for the children's meals, etc. The deadline for reservations is June 10. If you need additional information, please contact Branch 2 at smosr@verizon.net

Branch 35 will host the Fall meeting on a date to be determined later following publication of the Steelers Fall schedule.

The district is collecting e-mail addresses from each branch in order to facilitate communications. If we don't already have your e-mail, please contact the district secretary at manasta@verizon.net

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary
Pittsburgh District

DISTRICT 9 – FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting at 1PM on June 12, 2011, at the Hampton Inn located at 698 West Main Street, Uniontown PA 15401. The First Catholic Slovak Union Officers will do a presentation regarding insurance and annuities (see p 15 of this issue for more details). District activities and insurance programs will be discussed.

Fraternally,

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 19 - MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT- TORONTO

Semi Annual meeting to be held on Thursday June 16, 2011 at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church hall in Mississauga. Meeting to start at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available.

President Mike Kapitan

DISTRICT 20 -PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT - MONTREAL

The Prince Rastislav District - Montreal will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday June 12th after Mass at Sts Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec, immediately following the Church Banquet. Branches 784 and 810 are urged to send representatives.

Alexander Dobrik, President

DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold a meeting on Father's Day, Sunday June 19, 2011. The celebration begins at 11:00 AM with a Concelebrated Slovak Mass by Father Pestun and Father Sochulak at St. John Bosco Chapel at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Boulevard, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Father Sochulak is a Slovak missionary who is coming from San Bernardino and Father Pestun is coming from San Francisco.

The meeting will follow in the cafeteria. After the meeting will be a period of fraternal fellowship and a gourmet lunch; dessert and refreshments also will be served. All members are invited and all branches in our area are encouraged to send delegates to the meeting.

On the agenda will be: First Catholic Slovak Union Insurance program information, promotion and schedule of District fraternal activities.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

Reminder For All Branches

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

14.01 General Rules

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

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scheduled due to Father's Day. Members are urged to attend and participate in the discussion pertaining to important business that the Society will act upon. The viability of our Branch and Society depends on membership interest and also on members being more active. We have to improve our sales and increase our membership in order to survive. Hoping for a good attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 292 –

WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, FCSU, Branch 292 K.J. will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting and celebrate the feast of their patron. This event will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011, 12:30 p.m. at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA. A buffet dinner will follow the meeting. A Mass will be celebrated at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 604 Graham Avenue, Windber, Pa. at 8:00 a.m. on June 24, 2011. All members are asked to attend both events.

Edward T. Surkosky, F.I.C., President

BRANCH 320 –

BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of Ss. Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, June 19, 2011, at NOON at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, PA. Since lunch will be prepared, please call Fran (724) 929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 484 –

CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

The semi-annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Society, Branch 484 will be held Sunday June 12, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the home of the Financial Secretary Joseph E. Rura, 43 Rugh Road, Coral, Pa. All members are welcome especially former members of Branches 421, 549 and 563.

Thank you.

Joseph E. Rura

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, July 23rd, 2011. 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 Meeting starting at 2:00 pm; Family-style dinner follows.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Ľapák Magruder at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956 by July 20th. Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

Robert Ľapák Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 581 –

PORTER, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will hold its regular luncheon-meeting at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 East Old Ridge Rd., Hobart, IN. Anyone interested in insurance for their children, grandchildren should call Ann, 219-947-2793 or George, 219-926-2410, as the branch will pay the first years premium. RSVP for luncheon-meeting Ann.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 587 –

ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 587 Will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 1:00PM at the home of Albert Valo, 1835 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA. On the agenda will be the discussion of all policies and annuities. All members are welcome to attend.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 595 –

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Branch 595 in Muskegon Heights, MI would like to announce our monthly pork and kraut dinners being served at the club. They will be held on the second Sunday of each month. This is a complete traditional dinner including dessert. Only \$6 for adults and children under 12 pay only \$4. We will be serving from noon until 3 p.m.

Our monthly breakfast is held the fourth Sunday of each month. We serve from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We serve a wide variety of breakfast items. The cost remains at \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

We are located at the corner of Sixth Street and Sherman Boulevard in Muskegon Heights. Our phone number is 231 733 7525. Please contact us if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Donna Stone, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 686 –

HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Branch 686 will hold its Semi-Annual meeting on June 12, 2011, at the home of its Financial Secretary, Rudolph D. Glogovsky, 12946 Bull Ridge Drive, Huntley, IL at 1:30 P.M. The meeting site can easily be found just north of the I 90 interchange and north on Hwy 47. The important issue of membership and involvement thereof will be discussed along with insurance and annuity programs.

Congratulations to Len Jenels, and Ronald J. Glogovsky on being awarded their

50-year membership. Other membership 50 year pin awards will also be announced at the meeting. Those attending needing more information on the meeting site can phone 847-659-1580.

Fraternally,

**Rudolph D. Glogovsky,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 738 –

MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael's Branch 738 will be holding a meeting Tuesday 7/19/11 at 6:30PM at the VFW Post 6673 Whitaker Way, Munhall, PA. This meeting is being held for planning of the bi-annual membership dinner to be held in October 2011. The final date, location and cost will be decided. Suggestions will be welcomed. All members are invited, and we hope to see you there.

Pat Guidish, Secretary

BRANCH 746 –

EDISON, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 10:30 AM in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. The agenda will include discussion and planning the summer picnic and fall dinner-dance. Please bring your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 785 –

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Semi Annual meeting to be held on Thursday June 16, 2011 at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church hall in Mississauga. Meeting to start at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Recording Secretary , Anne Mltro

BRANCH 844 -

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold their Annual Father's Day Mass on Sunday, June 19, 2011 at St. John Bosco High School located on 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. Mass will begin at 11:00AM. A delicious authentic Slovak lunch will be served after Mass. Come and join us in celebrating the Slovak Spirit of Father's Day.

Also, following the festivities, Branch 844 members will hold a meeting to review officer reports and discuss branch activities.

We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special and safe Father's Day.

Fraternally yours,

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 853 –

CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 853 will hold a meeting of all members at the McDonald Restaurant on McKean Avenue, in Charleroi, Pennsylvania on Saturday July 2. The meeting will begin at 10:00am. Due to seating, please leave a message with Branch President Monica Rodacy-Boone at 412-341-1577 if you are planning on attending. Information regarding the FCSU national picnic will be discussed. Members are urged to attend.

Monica Rodacy Boone, President

BRANCH 857 –

LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 in Levittown, PA will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2011. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

Fraternally,

Damian D Nasta, Recording Secretary



Branch 382 Members: Your Help Is Needed

Branch 382 is trying to update their member list and addresses. If you have move or know a relative or another member that has moved, please send the new information to:

John J. Slovenkai, Sr.
Financial Secretary
FCSU Branch 382
318 Fourteenth Avenue
Scranton, PA 18504-2512



Slovak Picnic in Cleveland, OH Sunday, July 17, 2011

The American Slovak Zemplin Club will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, July 17, 2011. The picnic will be held at the ST. SAVA Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Road, which is located between State and Broadview Roads in Broadview Hts., OH.

Festivities begin at 12 noon and continue until 8PM. Admission: \$4.00 per person at the gate.

Traditional Slovak specialties as well as American picnic favorites will be featured throughout the day. Home baked pastries/kolace will be available for sale. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by the popular Johnny Pastirik Band. The popular Slovak beer, Zlaty Bazant, also will be available. There will be 50/50 raffle boards and other activities to please everyone.

The committee cordially invites all Jednotars and Jednotarky. We are looking forward to seeing you. Come with your family and friends. Help us preserve our Slovak culture and heritage. For additional information, call (440) 885-5702.



Attention Members: Branch 743 Needs Your Help

As Financial Secretary of Branch 743, I have been unable to contact certain members of the Branch. It may be that the person is deceased and the beneficiaries are entitled to life insurance proceeds, or they are not receiving life insurance policy updates.

Your Branch needs a current address or telephone number for any of the named individuals listed below.

Any assistance provided will be greatly appreciated.

Joseph C. Rimarcik
President/ Financial Secretary
42909 Sussex Park Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087
586-254-0225

**Branch 743 Missing Address
As of May 19, 2011**

Name	Year Born
Anderson, Shirley S	1936
Atkinson, Frances	1917
Batchik, Mary E	1962
Cassar, Louis	1947
Cassar, Kami L	1975
Gordon, Josephine	1913
Greslikova, Natalia	1974
Korpak, John	1914
Maas, Pauline	1919
Madar, Judith	1940
Schulte, Dennis	1969



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	James A Mondak	112K	Albert A Wargo	380K	Gilbert D Yurus	615K	Stephen J Bayus
002K	Albert J Hanasik	166K	Joseph S Mizenko	381K	Ernest A Tessaro	623K	Helen K Fornari
002K	Edmund P Kisko	166K	Dorothy Tokos	382K	August Brodowsky	623K	John T Petruney
006K	Daniel J Retoff	181K	Harry E Miller	382K	Helen M Sankner	628K	Margaret Timko
007K	Patricia Andrako	200K	Stanley E Fox	388K	Michael F Susa	628K	Irene C Uhren
019K	Anna F Giba	200K	Paul John Humenik	393K	Andrew W Gower	633K	Frank J Skolnik
024K	Helen A Massie	200K	Ludwig J Labutka	404K	David A Boileau	652K	Anna M Neylan
024K	Elizabeth Spisak	238K	Edward J Olechna	410K	Gary J Brumley	706K	Sylvester A Uram
035K	Theodore Galbraith	259K	Stephen Repasky	410K	Frank J Savona	714K	Deborah L Plsek
038K	Cooper Douglas Knight	260K	Catherine Cvengros	414K	Paul J Ballish	743K	Mary Ethel Petrovich
038K	Margaret Mozeik	260K	Edward J Kresovsky	425K	Joseph A Pilat	746K	John Anthony Bajger
040K	Beverly J Hoag	260K	George M Muskal	461K	Mary I Northcliffe	746K	Eleanor Paul
040K	Clarence M Klachko	278K	Joseph M Biro	484K	Irene Marie Bacha	764K	Mary C Pasternak
041K	Olga Gregory	293K	Elizabeth T Pisha	484K	William J Drosky	830K	Joseph M Fancovic
053K	Ethel E Baltrushes	293K	Jennie Yantosik	484K	John Oravetz	831K	John P Durci
060K	Victoria J Hudak	313K	August A Korienek	493K	Joan M Hepner	831K	Claudette L Husar
060K	Michael J Warcola	315K	Richard Olenak	553K	Barbara Jean Pinson	831K	Rose Ann Krivak
075K	Albert F Knovic	319K	Robert V Meyer	567K	Elizabeth H Molchan	831K	Denise A Mcguire
075K	Louise M Reidinger	321P	Frank Homola	584K	Louis Tokar	855K	Dolores E Cabala
089K	Joseph S Kebis	362K	Agnes Dare	587K	Carole Shamy	855K	Barbara Lou Dolan
112K	Francis John Macus	367K	Fred C Baranek	587K	Rose Marie Vedro	856K	David N Lyons
112K	Lynn Rusnock Sides	367K	Mary Louise Thomas	600K	Frank S Krafick		

* Processed in the month of May 2011

Slovak Heritage Association Program in June

"Slovaks and Rusyns: Similarities and Differences" is the title of a program to be presented by John Righetti at the June meeting of the Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands (SHALH) on Sunday, June 26, from 3 to 5 PM at the First Catholic Slovak Band Hall, 716 Broad St., Cambria City, Johnstown, PA 15906.

Mr. Righetti has been active in Carpatho-Rusyn cultural affairs for over 36 years, studying history and language at the University of Pittsburgh and song, dance, costuming, and culture in the Transcarpathian oblast of Ukraine. He is the president and a founding member of the national Carpatho-Rusyn Society and North American representative to the World Council of Rusyns based in Presov, Slovakia. He is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker who has lectured extensively throughout the nation including at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC.

The program is open to the public; a modest \$2 admission fee will be charged. Ethnic food and Rusyn books and materials will be available for purchase.



- Participants in a recent SHALH workshop in April display the mini-Morena dolls they made.

Part of SHALH's Fašiangy celebration in February included a costumed procession through the village, or in this case, a hall.



Cleveland Slovak Radio Club Picnic in June

The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club invites everyone to its annual picnic at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 W. Wallings Rd. (between Broadview Rd. and State Rd.) in Broadview Hts., on Sunday, June 19, 2011, from 12 Noon to 8 PM. Enjoy homemade Slovak food and pastries and music provided by the John Pastirik Band. Admission: \$4.00 per person at the gate. For more information call: (440) 885-1994.

The First Catholic Slovak Union is now accepting
VISA, Mastercard and Discover credit cards
 as newspaper subscription payments.

Contact the Home Office for details: 1-800-JEDNOTA or fcsu@aol.com.

2011 Jednota Handicap Golf Tournament



July 16 and 17, 2011

Tam O'Shanter and Oak Tree Golf Courses

Sharon, PA

Registration Forms postmarked after May 27, 2011 will NOT be accepted.

1. Golfer Name

My Personal Information is the same as 2010** (check the box)

Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
 Branch Number _____
 Certificate Number _____

2. Golfer Name

My Personal Information is the same as 2010** (check the box)

Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____
 Branch Number _____
 Certificate Number _____

** If you participated in the 2010 tournament and your personal information has not changed, you do not need to complete the rest of the information.

Notes: Golfers aged 62 and over will be placed into their appropriate flights based on handicap, then will tee off from the senior tees.

Handicap calculations will not include the 2010 results. The handicap allowed will be 75% of the average strokes over par for the last 8 years. 100% of the average strokes over par for the last 8 years will be used to divide into flights.

Those who have not participated in 2 tournaments in the last 8 years will be placed in the Callaway Division.

Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Those who provide email addresses will be notified of the schedule via email.

Golfers must be members in good standing of the FCSU.

Any Golfer who acts in an un-sportsmanlike manner will be disqualified from the tournament.

Fees (per person):

Full Golf Package*	2 rounds of golf with cart 2 nights lodging Friday night hospitality Sat. and Sun. breakfast Radisson drink coupon	Package Fee: \$ 245.00 Prize Fee: \$ 12.00 Tournament Fee: \$ 8.00 TOTAL DUE: \$ 265.00
Golf Only Package	2 rounds of golf with cart Friday night hospitality	Package Fee: \$ 100.00 Prize Fee: \$ 12.00 Tournament Fee: \$ 8.00 TOTAL DUE: \$ 120.00
Non-Golf Package*	2 nights lodging Friday night hospitality Sat. and Sun. breakfast Radisson drink coupon	Package Fee: \$ 140.00 TOTAL DUE: \$ 140.00
Saturday Night Dinner		\$25.00
Sunday Awards Barbecue		\$15.00

*Also indicate:

Roommate Name: _____ Room Type: 2 Double Beds / 1 King Bed
Smoking / Non-Smoking

Please make checks payable to "FCSU Activities" and mail this registration form with check to:

Susan Ondrejco
234 Iliion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Saturday Night

(at Radisson Hotel, Sharon)

Meal includes:

Salad, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Marsala,
Marinara Pasta, Green Beans Almondine, Herb
Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Dessert

Cash Bar

Cost: FCSU Members \$25
Guests \$40

Sunday Afternoon

(at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course)

Meal includes:

Roasted half chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Buttered
Corn, Italian bread and butter, Soft Drinks

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2011 Golf Tournament Info Sheet

Friday, July 15

◆ Hospitality Room, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6 PM - 10 PM

Saturday, July 16

- ◆ Registration begins at 9 am. Tee times start at 9:32 am*.
- ◆ Oak Tree Country Club Golf Course
- ◆ Mass begins at 5:30pm at the Radisson Hotel, Sharon.
- ◆ Banquet begins at 6:30pm at the Radisson Hotel, Sharon.

Sunday, July 17

- ◆ Golf starts at 8:30 am, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
- ◆ Awards Barbeque to begin at conclusion of tournament

*Tee times on Saturday will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seniors (ages 62+) will play from the senior tees, in their appropriate flight, based on handicap.

The round on Sunday is a shotgun start.

Your rooming information (if using the full golf package) will be completed by the Fraternal Activities Director. **You do not need to call the hotel.** It is very important to have your forms in on time since the rooming list is due to the hotel June 1.

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News From Slovakia

Slovakia Calls for Gaddafi to Surrender

Bratislava, May 19 (TASR) – Slovakia calls for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to immediately cease his armed resistance and surrender power in order to end the civil war in the country, TASR was told by Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Lubos Schwarzbacher on this date.

The Slovak ministry further appealed for Gaddafi to withdraw his forces immediately, and allow the inflow of foreign humanitarian aid into the country. Schwarzbacher said that Slovakia's policies vis-a-vis Libya are based on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973, which was adopted on March 17, and decisions of the NATO and European Union.

Slovakia, as a NATO-member country, supports NATO operations aimed at maintaining the no-fly zone over Libya and protecting civilians from the attacks of Libyan forces; even though Slovakia isn't actively involved in the military campaign, said the spokesman.

Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Mikulas Dzurinda in the past, several times, stressed the need to look for a transparent political solution to the situation in Libya.

"It's about time for the international community to help the Libyan people begin a political dialogue in the country, so that all those who feel responsibility and want to have a say on the administration of their country can have their opportunity. Debate is better than arms," Dzurinda told TASR in late March. At that time the minister further indicated Slovakia's readiness to help Libya with its experience in the transition to democracy following the fall of Communism in Central Europe in 1989.

Poll: One in Four Employees Ready to Move Abroad for Work Today

Bratislava, May 19 (TASR) – The opening of labor markets in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein at the beginning of May will have a very negative effect on the Slovak labor market, said general director of the HR company, Trenkwalder Lubos Sirota, at a press conference on this date.

"One quarter of Slovaks is ready to pack up and move abroad," said Sirota, adding that a further almost 60 percent are thinking about moving abroad for work. He pointed to a poll carried out for the company on a sample of 6,600 people from Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

According to the poll, higher earnings are the biggest motivation for Slovak employees to move away - 88.5 percent of them expect more money. Better career opportunities are the driving force for 32.5 percent, wider range of job opportunities lure 34.3 percent of Slovaks and 36.5 percent believe that working experience gained abroad will help them to develop their future careers.

Sirota stressed that one in five Slovak respondents state that they want to stay abroad forever. Exactly 33.3 percent want to stay longer than five years. Some 7.4 percent of Slovaks received job offers in EU countries in April. The biggest tendency to move abroad because of work is seen among computer programmers, IT specialists and craftsmen.

The opening of labor markets in Germany and Austria – following the seven-year transition period that began when Slovakia entered the EU – may be the last nail in the coffin for the Slovak labor market, Sirota says. Apart from this, there are other things that worsen the situation in Slovakia considerably: high levy (payroll deduction) burden, the structure of the unemployed or the education system, which doesn't reflect the needs of the Slovak labor market.

Survey: Software Piracy on Decline in Slovakia for Third Year in Row

Bratislava, May 22 (TASR) - Software piracy has been on the decline in Slovakia for the third year in a row, spokesperson of the Business Software Alliance (BSA) Slavka Sikurova has told TASR.

Around 42 percent of all software installed in computers in Slovakia last year was illegal, which is a 1-percentage-point reduction year-on-year. This level represents the world-wide average, while the EU average is 7 percentage points lower.

A study co-authored by BSA revealed that even though the number of people preferring legal software in Slovakia has been on the rise, many still aren't able to distinguish legal software from pirate products.

"The software sector has been making gains in their struggle against software piracy in Slovakia, although this hasn't been so decisive nor on all fronts. We've been successful mainly in tidying up the business sector, with entrepreneurs realizing the importance of using safe legal software, not to mention the fact that a reduction in software piracy is beneficial for the Slovak economy as a whole," said the BSA spokesperson.

The EU leader in suppressing software piracy is Luxembourg with the ratio of illegal software at only 20 percent; while the other extreme is Bulgaria (65 percent). In the Czech Republic, the rate of pirate software stood at 36 percent last year.

One in Three Company Owners in Slovakia is Female

Bratislava, May 23 (TASR) - One-third of company owners in Slovakia are female, with 12 percent of men and 4 percent of women working as entrepreneurs, Margita Barosova from the Labor and Family Research Institute said on this date at a presentation of statistics concerning male and female company owners in Slovakia and the EU.

"Women generally prefer employee status to that of an entrepreneur," said Barosova, who added, however, that women are beginning to become more involved in owning businesses at last.

"Finally, an equal number of female and male entrepreneurs launched new businesses in 2009," she said.

That year also saw the biggest number of female company owners, as 27 percent of entrepreneurs were women. However, Slovakia still lags behind other EU countries, where the average figure is 30.4 percent.

Barosova attributes this to the fact that men began to launch their own companies in Slovakia much earlier than women, as 57.4 percent of male owners but only 46.6 percent of female ones founded companies with employees before 2000.

As for entrepreneurs without employees, 65 percent of male and 69.9 percent of female owners launched their businesses after 2000, with women preferring the services sector (92.1 percent), industry (5.1 percent) and agriculture (2.7 percent), and men going for industry (55 percent), services (40.2 percent) and agriculture (4.8 percent).



Food donation to SS Mary & Joseph, Newton Falls, OH (L to R -Fred Brunetti, Joy Brunetti, Linda Yuricek, Bill H Hrusovsky, and seated George Yuricek)

March Breakfast Meeting of FCSU Branches 764 & 759

Branches 764, SS Cyril & Methodius, Warren, and 759 St. Joseph & St. Mary, Newton Falls, OH held a breakfast meeting at 9:00AM, March 6, 2011 at St. Joseph Social Hall in Newton Falls. A delicious brunch of cheese strata, sausage, potatoes, pastry and fruit cup served with coffee and milk was served to the parishioners. The 8:00AM Mass intention was for the living and deceased members of Branch #759.

Guests were encouraged to visit with VP Fred Brunetti who answered a variety of questions on Insurance and Annuities. Addresses were updated on missing members of Branch #759 and new insurance policies and annuities were opened.

President Bill Hrusovsky conducted a short business meeting with reports from Secretary Joy Brunetti and Treasurer George Yuricek. Fred Brunetti gave an update on the donation that the Branch made to the Bella Pregnancy Center toward a bottle-less drinking water dispenser. The installation is complete and is very much appreciated.

A non-perishable food donation was given to SS Joseph & Mary Food Pantry by Branch #764. Assorted FCSU hand-outs were given to all attendees by the committee.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

Bottle-Less water dispenser at Bella Pregnancy Center, Warren, OH



Focus on Fraternalism



(L – R) Adam Check and his grandfather Dr. Thomas Check laying the ceremonial first layer of concrete block on a new addition of the St. John Bosco dormitory.

Editor's Note: Fraternalism extends beyond our Society to members doing good work throughout the world, such as that done by Dr. Thomas M. Check, Branch 173, among disadvantaged youth in Jamaica. In honor of Father's Day, Jednota is running this account of a grandfather's dedication to help orphaned, abandoned and abused children regain dental health – and the profound effect it has had on his grandson who tells the tale from his own perspective.

Observations of the Work My Grandfather Has Been Doing In Jamaica

By Adam Check

For most people, Jamaica induces thoughts of luxury and relaxation. However, if you peer beyond the well-manicured coast, the reality is quite different. Although I had know this for years, as I was always aware of the yearly trips with my grandfather, Dr. Thomas Check, made to the island, I only truly realized it five years ago. That year, my senior year in high school, I had the opportunity to accompany him to the small island in the Caribbean, where he has travelled every year since 1964 to care for the teeth of orphaned, abandoned, and abused children.

Those who know Dr. Check know that he is deeply motivated, highly spiritual, and extremely focused. His dedication to his community is admirable, yet it is no surprise to them that he has extended his service beyond the confines of his own community, establishing a dental clinic at Alpha Boys School in Kingston, Jamaica in 1964, and another at St. John Bosco in Mandeville, Jamaica in 1983. It is also no surprise to them that he has returned to Jamaica for 46 consecutive years to monitor the progress made, and to administer dental care to underprivileged children who live there.

Dr. Check has always wanted to use his skills to help others, but only after he was in the correct position to do so. When he was 37, with an established dental practice, a stable income, and a wife who shared his commitment to charity, he decided that it was time to act upon his desires. At roughly the same time, in 1962, Jamaica has won its independence from Britain, and an opportunity for service presented itself, as a request was made by the Alpha Boys School in Kingston to the U.S. Catholic Mission Board for a dentist who would provide both dental care and a program to "save the children's teeth." After seeing this request, Dr. Check knew that he had found his outlet.

At that time, Dr. Check and a fellow dentist, Dr. Hugh Day, a Public Health Dentist based in Philadelphia, researched the literature for a program that would meet the request to "save the children's teeth." After much research and deliberation, they decided to institute a program based on the U.N. World Health Organization's "Incremental Care Program," which had been found to be very effective in both communities in the United States and Brazil.

This program involves a DMF study, which measures the number of Decayed and Missing and Filled teeth in each of the children. After arriving at Alpha orphanage in Kingston in 1964 to institute the program, Dr. Day set up the clinic with a barber's chair, and overhead light, and basic instruments in an empty farm shed. He spent two months starting the Incremental Care Program before returning to the United States. Dr. Check arrived the next year, and with his wife, Elizabeth, pointing a flashlight into the mouths of his patients, continued the implementation of the Incremental Care Program.

What they found was staggering. During the initial examination, they found only one filling in the 600+ children, with many decayed and missing teeth. The local habit of chewing raw sugar cane and the lack of access to care, with the exception of extraction, had led to an average of 10 teeth lost per child by the time they left the orphanage at age 18.

After their initial findings, Dr. Check and Dr. Day decided to write a paper about their experiences and their programs for caring for the teeth of the children in developing countries,

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Answer to Puzzle

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A Super Auction will feature prizes with various themes on display each day, with the drawing on Saturday night. Pre-sale auction tickets are available (we suggest you bring name labels with your telephone number to place on tickets you purchase, for your convenience). "Bingo Under the Stars" with cash prizes will take place on Thursday night; doors open at 6:00PM and bingo starts at 7:00PM.

Dinner will be served each evening with food to satisfy everyone's taste:

- Thursday: Chicken Planks and Fries Dinner – Meatball Sandwiches
- Friday: Fish Dinner, Fries & Slaw – Shrimp Dinner, Fries & Slaw
- Saturday: Shredded Beef Dinner – Chicken Planks

In addition, there will be homemade donuts, haluski, klobassi, hot sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, funnel cakes, and much more ...

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Annual July Pierogi Fest in Whiting IN



THE WHITING PIEROGI FEST is a three-day "street festival" in Whiting, Indiana, located about 20 minutes from Chicago, IL. It is presented by the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce and draws almost 200,000 visitors each year. The Pierogi Fest is held the last full weekend in July, which means this year it runs July 29-31, 2011, from 11am to 10pm on Friday and Saturday and from 11am to 5pm on Sunday.

Jam packed with street vendors selling food, drinks and fun novelty items like t-shirts, the fest also features events like the Polka Dance Off, judged by Mr. Pierogi

and Ms. Paczki. Friday night is the annual International Polka Parade, with its special Precision Lawn-mower Drill team, the Twirling Babushka Brigade, the Marching MBA's, the World's Original Lazy Boy float, high school band, the Pierogi Queen and her court, and the "Beer-o-gies." The parade salutes Eastern European heritage with a little tongue in cheek. It's like no other parade you'll ever see!

At Pierogi Fest 2011 not only can you tap your toes to the live and pulsating music of polka bands each day, but you can sit and watch the beautifully costumed young men and women from four different Slovak dance troupes – Lucinka Children's Slovak Folk Ensemble from Cleveland, OH; Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble from Detroit, MI; Veselica Slovak Folk Ensemble from Chicago, IL; and the Vychodna Slovak Dancers from Mississauga, Ontario – many of whom are FCSU members. Sarisan is directed by Milan Straka, Branch 743 while Lucinka's honorary director Tom Ivanec is a member of Branch 24 and Vychodna's Executive Vice President of Cultural Events Dusan Dorich is a member of Branch 785.

The dancers perform from 2 – 4PM on Saturday and noon – 2PM on Sunday.

For more information, visit the official Pierogi Fest

website: www.pierogifest.net or call toll free 1-800-659-0292

Work in Jamaica

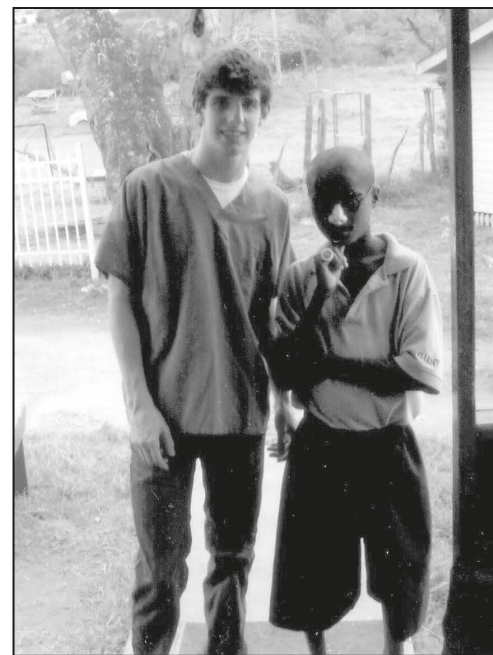
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which was subsequently published in the Journal of the American Dental Association in 1965.

In years to come, Dr. Check began to see drastic improvements in the children's dental health. His results earned him recognition, and in 1977, with donations flowing in, construction of a new two-operator dental clinic became possible. Later, in 1983, he was able to expand his program to include the children at St. John Bosco, an orphanage about two hours outside of Kingston. By 2009, there was only one tooth lost for every 10 children, a significant improvement in the children's dental health.

At this point, Dr. Check has been to Jamaica for 45 consecutive years. While the response from the local population, especially the boys whose teeth he has been saving, has been overwhelmingly positive, visiting the newly independent island has not always been easy. Despite brief periods of political turmoil, Dr. Check has remained devoted to his clinics and to his original mission, and has returned to the island every single year. He firmly believes that continuing to return to his clinics each year has been the best way to make a difference, because by doing so he has ensured that the children's teeth have continued being saved.

Finally, both he and I feel that making the journey is a win-win situation as the children get the dental care they need, and we are deeply immersed in a culture that relatively few Americans get to experience. Sure, relaxing on the beaches of Jamaica at American owned resorts is fun, but travelling beyond the coast is certainly a much more rewarding experience. So rewarding, in fact, that I will be accompanying my grandfather again this year, my sixth consecutive trip to the small island in the Caribbean.



Adam Check and one of the boys from St. John Bosco.



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Medzinárodná konferencia

Mierové zbory USA a Slovensko: partneri v demokratickej transformácii

Zastupiteľský úrad SR vo Washingtone, Mierové zbory USA (Peace Corps) a nezisková organizácia Priatelia Slovenska (Friends of Slovakia) pripravili 23. mája 2011 medzinárodnú konferenciu „Mierové zbory USA a Slovensko: partneri v demokratickej transformácii“.

Cieľom podujatia bolo na pozadí pripomenutia 50. výročia založenia Mierových zborov a ich pôsobenia v Slovenskej republike (1990 - 2002) predovšetkým ilustrovať americkému publiku úspešný transformačný príbeh Slovenska, dôležitú úlohu aktívnej občianskej spoločnosti v procese transformácie a skutočnosť, že SR, jej vládny i mimovládny sektor sa o skúsenosti z tohto procesu aktívne delia s mnohými krajinami v Európe i mimo nej. Hovorilo sa aj o poučeniach z transformácie SR a možnostiach ich využitia v severnej Afrike a na Blízkom východe, ktoré sa dnes nachádzajú na prahu zásadných zmien.

Za slovenskú stranu na konferencii vystúpili riaditeľka nadácie Pontis Lenka Surotchak a dlhoročný občiansky aktivista, jeden z hlavných autorov projektu „Hodina deťom“ a dnes splnomocnenec vlády SR pre občiansku spoločnosť Filip Vagač. Tí reprezentovali súčasný vládny i mimovládny sektor SR a zároveň aj slovenských partnerov niekdajších amerických dobrovoľníkov Mierových zborov, ktorí pôsobili na Slovensku v deväťdesiatych rokoch minulého storočia. „Dvojdómá identita“ oboch slovenských účastníkov zároveň názorne ilustrovala, že investície USA do podpory demokracie a občianskej spoločnosti v postkomunistických krajinách v 90. rokoch boli dobrou investíciou so „samoudržateľným“ pokračovaním.

Na konferencii sa zúčastnili za americkú stranu osobitný poradca ministerky zahraničných vecí Hillary Clinton pre občiansku spoločnosť a rodiace sa demokracie Tomica Tillmann, Rodger Potocki z Národnej nadácie pre demokraciu (National Endowment for Democracy) a Wendy Luers, zakladateľka a prezidentka Nadácie pre občiansku spoločnosť (Foundation for Civil Society). Niekdajších dobrovoľníkov Mierových zborov, ktorí pôsobili v SR v kľúčových transformačných rokoch, reprezentovali Michael Hochleutner, ktorého aktivity boli zamerané na oblasť podpory malého a stredného podnikania a neskôr občianskej angažovanosti, a Igor Naumovski, ktorý pracoval na východnom Slovensku s rómskou komunitou. Organizácia Priatelia Slovenska udelila čestnú medailu najstaršej dobrovoľníčke Mierových zborov Alice Gingold. Alice Gingold ako 71-ročná vycestovala do SR, kde v 2. polovici deväťdesiatych rokov pôsobila na radnici mesta Zvolen ako poradkyňa pre komunitné projekty. Veľvyslanec SR v USA Peter Burian zároveň otvoril výstavu fotografií Andreja Bána a Martina Bandžáka „Slováci pomáhajú svetu“, ktorá názorne ilustrovala angažovanosť slovenských mimovládnych organizácií a dobrovoľníkov na pomoc ľuďom v mnohých krajinách sveta.

Mierové zbory boli založené v marci 1961 z iniciatívy prezidenta USA Johna F. Kennedyho. Za 50 rokov ich existencie pôsobilo v 139 krajinách sveta bez nároku na honorár viac ako 200 tisíc Američanov s cieľom podporovať mier a vzájomné porozumenie ako aj pestovať ducha dobrovoľníctva a občianskej angažovanosti. Na Slovensku v rokoch 1990 - 2002 pôsobilo viac ako 320 dobrovoľníkov Mierových zborov, a to najmä v troch oblastiach – podpora malého a stredného podnikania, obnova životného prostredia a vzdelávania.

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Viac ako štvrtina Slovákov je pripravená odísť za prácou do zahraničia

Bratislava (TASR) - Otvorenie pracovného trhu v Rakúsku, Nemecku, Švajčiarsku a Lichtenštajnsku od začiatku mája tohto roka bude mať na slovenský trh negatívny dosah. „Štvrtina Slovákov je pripravená sa zbalit' a odcestovať do zahraničia,“ podotkol na tlačovej konferencii generálny riaditeľ Trenkwalderu Luboš Sirota.

Ďalších takmer 60 % ľudí o vycestovaní za prácou uvažuje. Spoločnosti Trenkwalder poskytujúcej personálne služby to potvrdili výsledky prieskumu, ktorý si dala urobiť v apríli tohto roka na vzorke viac ako 6,600 respondentov zo Slovenska, Slovinska, Česka a Maďarska.

Najväčšou motiváciou pre odchod za prácou je podľa prieskumu mzda, vyššiu výplatu očakáva až 88,5 % slovenských respondentov. Lepšie kariérne príležitosti predpokladá 32,5 %, lepši výber pracovných miest 34,3 % a 36,5 % z opýtaných očakáva, že pracovné skúsenosti zo zahraničia im pomôžu v budovaní ďalšej kariéry.

Ako vyzdvihol Sirota, každý desiaty respondent uviedol, že chce zostať žiť v zahraničí natrvalo. Presne 33,3 % tam chce zostať viac ako päť rokov. Dôležitým ukazovateľom je podľa neho aj fakt, že v apríli už 7,4 % Slovákov dostalo pracovné ponuky z európskych krajín. Najväčší záujem o vycestovanie majú programátori, IT špecialisti i remeselníci.

Májové otvorenie pracovných trhov je podľa Sirotu iba prítomným ďalším klincom do truhly slovenského pracovného trhu. Okrem tohto klinca, už truhlu zbíja vysoké odvodové zaťaženie, štruktúra nezamestnaných a nereflektujúce školstvo na podmienky a potreby pracovného trhu. Vysoké školy sú totiž platené od toho, aby mali čo najväčší počet študentov, a tak sa na tieto školy dostanú aj ľudia, ktorí by sa tam za iných okolností nedostali. „Odborné školstvo je v troskách, tam kde priemyslovky ešte existujú, tak ich spájajú pre istotu s obchodnými akadémiami,“ zdôraznil šéf Trenkwalderu.



Východoslovenskú metropolu navštívilo počas svetového hokejového šampionátu niekoľko tisíc zahraničných turistov

Košice (TASR) - Priebeh hokejových majstrovstiev sveta, ktoré sa okrem Bratislavy konali aj v Košiciach, zhodnotilo po ich skončení pozitívne vedenie košického magistrátu, ale aj zástupcovia viacerých hotelových zariadení na území mesta. Východoslovenskú metropolu navštívilo počas svetového šampionátu niekoľko tisíc zahraničných turistov.

Podľa hovorkyne magistrátu Martiny Viktorínovej sa podľa prvých odhadov hovorí o 5,000 zahraničných turistoch, ktorí zavítali do Košíc počas hokejových majstrovstiev sveta. „Obsadenosť ubytovacích zariadení v meste dosiahla približne 95 percent, pričom najviac turistov prišlo do 4. mája zo Švajčiarska a Rakúska, po tomto termíne to boli Švédovia,“ konkretizovala Viktorínová.

Ako dodala, množstvo turistov sa počas šampionátu zapájalo v meste do sprievodných akcií a prejavilo záujem aj o jednodňové výlety do okolia zamerané na pamiatky UNESCO či návštevu tokajskej vinohradníckej oblasti.

„Najväčší prínos z hľadiska mesta považujeme to, že viac ako 600 miliónov ľudí videlo vo svete na svojich televíznych obrazovkách Košice. Berieme to ako výbornú príležitosť ich zviditeľnenia pred kľúčovým rokom 2013, kedy budú Košice Európskym hlavným mestom kultúry,“ zhodnotila Viktorínová. Východoslovenské mesto žilo hokejom okrem štadiónu Steel arény aj vo dvoch city fun zónach na Hlavnej ulici či v priestoroch amfiteátra v košickej mestskej časti Sever. Podľa slov hovorkyne sa tam počas zápasov slovenského mužstva stretlo viac ako 10,000 fanúšikov.

Hokej-MS11: Troják je ďalším Slovákom v Sieni slávy IIHF

Bratislava (TASR) Šiestym Slovákom v Sieni slávy Medzinárodnej hokejovej federácie IIHF sa stal in memoriam Ladislav Troják. Slávnostne ho do nej uviedli v neďelu 15. mája 2011 v Bratislave. Okrem neho sa medzi legendy navždy zapísali bývalí hráči Švéd Tord Lundström, Čech Bohumil Modrý, Rumun Doru Tureanu a Američanka Karyn Byeová. Do trénerskej Siene slávy uviedli Fína Kalevi Numminen. Špeciálnu Cenu Paula Loicqa za prínos svetovému hokeju prevzal Rus Jurij Koroľov. Okrem Trojáka sú zo Slovákov v Sieni slávy IIHF aj Vladimír Dzurilla (od roku 1998), Jozef Golonka (1998), Ladislav Horský (2004), Ján Starší (1999) a Peter Šťastný (2000).

Plaketu a pamätnú medailu si za Trojáka, ktorý zahynul v novembri 1948 pri leteckom nešťastí nad kanálom La Manche, prevzala jeho dcéra Jana Alexanderová. Troják bol vôbec prvým Slovákom reprezentujúcim Československo a zároveň sa stal prvým Slovákom, ktorý získal zlato na majstrovstvách sveta. Stalo sa tak v roku 1947 v Prahe. Skvelý útočník Troják bol známy svojimi korčuľarskými schopnosťami i výbornou defenzívnou prácou. Československo reprezentoval už na olympiáde v roku 1936 v Garmisch-Partenkirchene a neskôr na piatich svetových šampionátoch. Na ZOH 1948 v St. Moritz vybojoval so spoluhráčmi strieborné medaily.



Reverend Dušan Tóth z Kanady sa stal členom zboru poradcov

Predseda Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí (ÚSZ) Milan Vetrák vymenoval evanjelického kazateľa, kultúrno-spoločenského organizátora, režiséra a publicistu Dušana Tótha z Kanady za člena zboru poradcov ÚSZ v oblasti vedy, výskumu, záchrany, ochrany a využívania kultúrneho dedičstva Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí.

V osobnosti D. Tótha (narodený v roku 1938 v Modre) vníma krajské spoločenstvo ako aj verejnosť na Slovensku významného organizátora spoločensko-kultúrno-náboženského života slovenskej komunity v Kanade a zároveň brilantného kazateľa, skúseného farára a kultivovaného intelektuála. Dokumentuje to jeho duchovná, organizátorská i publicistická činnosť, dominantou ktorej je príklon k humanizmu, občianskej spravodlivosti a vlasteneckej horlivosti. Tieto dispozície však D. Tóth mohol naplniť až potom, čo sa vstúpil do vojska Varšavskej zmluvy do vtedajšieho Československa rozhodol v novembri 1968 spoločne s manželkou Máriou Valériou emigrovať.

Najskôr pôsobil dva roky v slovenskom evanjelickom Kostole Svätej Trojice v East Chicagu v štáte Indiana v USA a od júla 1971 v kanadskom Toronte, kde ako aktívny kňaz slúžil 19 rokov v slovenskom evanjelickom Kostole sv. Pavla a od roku 1992 v luteránskom Kostole sv. Lukáša, kde doteraz pôsobí ako kňaz slovenskej časti zboru. K intenzívnemu životnému tempu D. Tótha patrí rad svetských činností a dobrovoľné poslanie. Od príchodu do emigrácie bol spolupracovníkom rozhlasových staníc Hlas Ameriky, Slobodná Európa a Radio Canada International, v rozmedzí rokov 1971 - 1990 sa aktivizoval v krajskej politike, keď zastával post generálneho tajomníka Svetového kongresu Slovákov.

V rokoch 1993 - 2003 pracoval D. Tóth ako koordinátor Medzinárodnej luteránskej laickej ligy pre Strednú a Východnú Európu, významne prispel k zriadeniu nových pôsobísk, okrem iných aj v Bratislave. V Toronte založil Kanadsko-Slovenskú spoločnosť na pomoc emigrantom, bol členom riaditeľskej rady Ontarijskej multikulturálnej divadelnej asociácie, bol predsedom Kanadského Slovenského podporného spolku, niekoľko rokov viedol slovenské televízne vysielanie v Toronte. Koncom roku 1989 patril medzi prvé osobnosti slovenského krajského života, ktoré oficiálne navštívili Slovensko v čase rúcania komunistickej ideológie. V rámci nastoľovania novej kvality vzťahov Slovenskej republiky voči krajanom vnesol D. Tóth svoj vklad na ustanovujúcej Stálej konferencii Slovenská republika a Slováci žijúci v zahraničí 1999, rovnako patril k zakladajúcim členom Svetového združenia Slovákov v zahraničí, v ktorom do roku 2009 pôsobil ako jeho podpredseda.

K stálej záľube D. Tótha patrí divadelníctvo, ktoré ho sprevádza ešte z čias, keď okrem Slovenskej bohosloveckej fakulty ukončil v roku 1967 aj štúdium herectva na VŠMU v Bratislave, kde bol žiakom Ladislava Chudíka. V Kanade sa prejavil 12 rokov ako režisér Nového divadla v Toronte a súčasne bol členom Divadla poézie a malých javiskových foriem. V roku 1977 založil Kanadskú základňu pre umenie a divadlo a neskôr Torontské slovenské divadlo, v ktorom režíruje a účinkuje dodnes.

ÚSZ



Policajný kaplán z Košíc má relikviu Jána Pavla II. pre policajnú kaplnku

Bratislava (TASR) - Policajný kaplán Ordinariátu Ozbrojených síl (OS) a Ozbrojených zborov (OZ) SR kpt. Marcel Gábor, ktorý pôsobí na Strednej odbornej škole Policajného zboru v Košiciach, zastupoval ordinára OS a OZ SR Mons. Františka Rábeka na blahorečení blahoslaveného pápeža Jána Pavla II. v Ríme. Práve on zriadil v policajnej škole kaplnku, ktorá čaká na svoje otvorenie a požehnanie, pričom bude zasvätená blahoslavenému pápežovi Jánovi Pavlovi II., zrejme ako prvá na Slovensku.

Kaplán Gábor priniesol z Ríma pre novú kaplnku certifikovanú druhotnú relikviu z liturgického odevu pápeža Jána Pavla II., uloženú v pozlátenom relikviári. Po získaní súhlasu od Svätej stolice bude v najbližšom období kaplnka policajnej školy v Košiciach zasvätená novému blahoslavenému pápežovi Jánovi Pavlovi II., informoval nedávno kancelár a hovorca Ordinariátu OS a OZ SR Tibor Ujlacký.

Spolu s ďalšími slovenskými kňazmi pôsobiacimi v Ríme sa kaplán Gábor zapojil aj do prípravy a organizácie liturgického programu blahorečenia vďaka dobrým vzťahom, ktoré si v tomto meste vytvoril počas svojho pôsobenia vo funkcii policajného kaplána talianskej štátnej polície. Po skončení slávnosti mal možnosť uctiť si rakvu s ostatkami nového blahoslaveného v Bazilike sv. Petra spolu s pápežským sakristiánom Pavlom Benedikom, augustiniánom slovenského pôvodu, ktorý pôsobí ako správca pápežskej sakristie.

Páter Benedik sa spolu s talianskymi umelcami, bratmi Alexandrom a Massimom Piraniovcami podieľal aj na návrhu a zhotovení relikviára, v ktorom je v ampulke uložená krv blahoslaveného pápeža Jána Pavla II., uviedol Ujlacký.

Oznámenia o pripravovaných podujatiach spolkov

Schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu v Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Okres Princa Pribinu pripravuje schôdzu v nedeľu 19. júna 2011. Oslava začne slovenskou koncelebrovanou svätou omšou o 11:00 hodine ráno, ktorú odslúžia otec Alojzios zo San Franciska a otec Pavol Sochuľak zo San Bernardina, v kaplnke sv. Jána Boscu pri St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Boulevard, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.

Po svätej omši sa bude podávať chutný obed so zákuskom a občerstvením. Pozývame všetkých našich členov ako aj delegátov jednotlivých spolkov nášho Okresu Princa Pribinu, aby sa zúčastnili tejto schôdze, ktorá bude pokračovať po obede v jedálni.

Na programe schôdze je príprava plánu aktivít na ďalšie obdobie a informácie o poist'ovacom programe Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

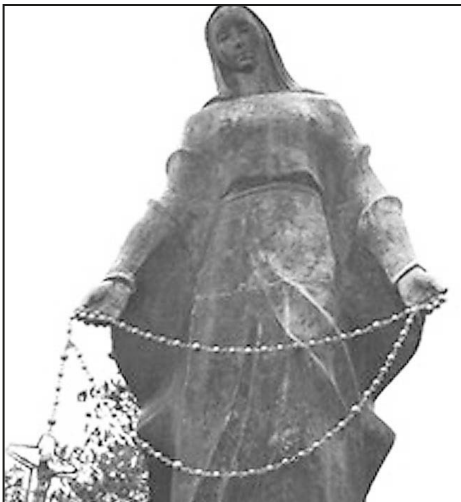
Pavol Skubeň, predseda

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 uskutoční v nedeľu 14. augusta 2011 v Marian Shrine, saleziánov Don Boska, vo West Haverstraw, New York, 10993. Pred svätou omšou budú mať pútnici možnosť sa vyspovedať. Svätá omša začne o 11:00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed sa začne o 12:30 hodine odpolednia a Ružencová procesia začne o 2:30 hodine odpolednia.

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„Prečo chcem poznať a zachovať si svoje slovenské dedičstvo“

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Ziadať o štipendium doručí do 30. augusta 2011 na Slovak American Center, 1690 Placentia Ave., Suite A, Fullerton, CA 92831, essay a žiadosť s osobnými údajmi: Meno a priezvisko, vek a dátum narodenia, College of Under Graduate Studies, ktorú navštevuje, alebo bude navštevovať v roku 2011/2012, adresa bydliska.

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Essay vyhodnotí Fr. Pavol Sochuľak a odovzdanie cien sa uskutoční na vianočnom stretnutí krajanov a priateľov Slovenska v City of Bellflower, CA.

Prajem vám veľa úspechov vo vašich štúdiách.

Pavol Skubeň, predseda

Spomienka na otca

Pamätám na to dávnodávne aprílové ráno,
na otcov mocný stisk mojej mladej ruky,
keď ma privinul k svojej hrudi a povedal:
Nežiaľ synku, veď ja sa vrátim v piatom roku,
buď dobrý, poslúchaj svoju starostlivú mamku.
Sadnul na vlak, bolestne zavolať zbohom
a odišiel do Nového sveta za mákšim chlebom
a slzy rosili starú zem pod slovenským nebom.

Päť rokov minuli i ďalšie k nim pribudli,
otec sa nevrátil, len domov odkázal:
Nie ja tam, ale vy tu žíte v pokoji a mieri,
pokiaľ svet neohlúši Európa horí.

Vítajte! Ženo, deti v dobrej zemi slobody,
snáď dá Boh, že sa ešte domov vrátíme,
keď minie zloba a za stôl nová nádej sadne.

Matka po domove túžila, návratu sa nedožila,
svojeť, dom a úrodné polia viac nespatriła,
mrcha choroba jej nádejný život skrátila.
Otec odišiel, do lona rodiny viac sa nevrátil,
tam v jeho domovine osud život mu skrátil.
Hľa, aká to života nevyspytateľná irónia,
matka tu a otec tam už dlhé roky prachnivia.

Krajan môj, pohľadni na otcov hrobný pomník
a pod ním na symbol s javorovým listom,
bo tam odpočívá v tvrdej zemi rodnej hrudy
tvoj navrátený rodný brat z ďalekej Kanady.

Štefan Hreha

Bude ešte Kongres Slovenskej ligy?

Posledný kongres sa konal v apríli 2006 v Scranton, Pa. Od toho času uplynulo už viac ako 5 rokov a dosiaľ nevieme kedy a kde bude budúci kongres. Čas uteká a zdá sa, že kongres sa nebude konať ani tohto roku.

Podľa stanov, kongres má byť zvolaný každé 3 roky. Ak to nie je možné pre vážnu príčinu, vedenie ligy určí iný dátum. Patrí sa, aby organizátori kongresu nechali členstvu vedieť, čo je príčinou, že sa kongres nemôže konať.

Hovorí sa, že liga už skončila svoje historické poslanie. Mimo toho, že nemá program, činnosť upadla a nevychovala si nástupcov. Preto sú obavy, či sa nájdu ľudia, ktorí by sa ujali vedenia ligy, aby ona mohla aj naďalej jestvovať. Toto je smutná skutočnosť.

Slovenská liga v Amerike bola snom a ideálom slovenského národa pod Tatrami. Stála vždy pri bolestiach a radoostiach slovenského národa. Treba nám priznať a vyznať, že slovenský národ pod Tatrami a Slovenská liga v Amerike tvorili spoločnú, pritom vzájomnej lásky slovenskú rodinu. Toto bola skutočnosť, na ktorej ani záviť, ani nenávisť nič nezmenili. Sú isté vznešené ideály v srdci národa, zakorenené tak hlboko, isté svetlo vnútorné, ktoré vie zhasiť iba smrť. Týmto vnútorným svetlom bolo nevykoreniteľné presvedčenie, že slovenský národ bol tiež Bohom stvorený a má prirodzené a Bohom mu dané právo, aby sa slobodne vyžíval na Božiu slávu a svojou kultúrou a vyspelosťou prispieval do spoločného bohatstva celej ľudskej rodiny.

Tak tomu bolo dlhé roky. Ale časy sa zmenili a teraz budúcemu kongresu pripadá úloha rozhodnúť, či Slovenská liga v Amerike bude alebo nebude existovať.

Je dôležité, aby sa kongres konal a to čím prv. Delegáti musia vedieť dopredu miesto a dátum kongresu aby sa mohli pripraviť. Nezabúdajme, že žijeme vo vážnej hospodárskej kríze. Tí, ktorí majú per diem, tí majú veľkú výhodu. Nemusia sa starať, kto zaplatí výdavky. Ale bežní delegáti budú hľadať finančnú pomoc u miestnych spolkoch a organizáciách. Napriek tomu, dúfam, že na kongres príde pekný počet delegátov i hostí.

Želám budúcemu kongresu živý ale pritom zmierlivý priebeh, plodnú diskusiu a mnoho želateľných úspechov.

Rudo Greguš



Výročná schôdza Spolku slovenského dedičstva vo Wilkes Barre, Pa

Dňa 16. mája 2011 sa konala výročná schôdza Spolku slovenského dedičstva (NEPA) vo Wilkes Barre, Pa., ktorú viedol prof. Filip Tuhý. Nebohý Jozef Biroš, ktorý sa odobral do večnosti 29. marca 2011 v Middletown, Pa., bol od založenia Spolku slovenského dedičstva veľmi aktívnym členom. Na jeho pamiatku, na tomto stretnutí členovia spolku pripravili pre jeho manželku, Annu Birošovú, prekvapenie v podobe výstavného panelu, na ktorom boli fotografie zo života jej manžela Jozefa Biroša, ako aj ich spoločného života.

Vďaka patrí zvlášť Betke Pimnick, Magdalen Benish a Bernadet Jenča, za prípravu tohto vkusného panelu, ktorý jej na konci schôdze venovali.

S láskou a s vďačnosťou tiež vyjadruje vďaka všetkým členom Spolku slovenského dedičstva, ktorí jej vyjadrili úprimnú sústrasť nad stratou jej manžela. Nebohý nech zostane v ich modlitbách.

Anna Birošová

Členka Spolku slovenského dedičstva



Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Desať** nemeckých investorov pôsobiacich na Slovensku nedávno na pôde Žilinskej univerzity (ŽU) informovalo o možnostiach získania zamestnania v rámci pracovnej burzy Odštartuj kariéru v nemeckej firme. Veľvyslanec Spolkovej republiky Nemecko Axel Hartmann uviedol, že pracovná burza mala zároveň upozorniť na existenciu vyše 400 nemeckých firiem pôsobiacich na Slovensku a na otvorenie nemeckého pracovného trhu od 1. mája 2011. Nemecká ekonomika je štvrtá najväčšia na svete a má veľmi málo mladých ľudí a málo kvalifikovanej pracovnej sily. Preto treba hľadať aj v iných krajinách. A keďže táto možnosť existuje už aj pre SR, hľadajú aj na Slovensku. Momentálne pracuje v Nemecku okolo 80,000 Slovákov. Voľné pracovné miesta sú technického zamerania. Chýbajú im inžinieri, odborní pracovníci vo fabrikách.

• **Lekárske** odborové združenie (LOZ) plánuje podľa vzoru českých kolegov vyzvať slovenských lekárov na podanie hromadných výpovedí. Ako ozrejmil predseda združenia Michal Polician, na zapojenie sa do tejto iniciatívy budú oslovení všetci lekári, nie iba členovia LOZ. Odbory majú v súčasnosti asi 2,000 členov, celkovo je na Slovensku približne 18,000 lekárov. Lekárski odborári žiadajú dodržiavanie Zákonníka práce, zrealizovanie platieb za výkony či zastavenie transformácie nemocníc. Odborári požadujú i garanciu postupného navýšenia základných plátov lekárov tak, aby najneskôr od roku 2013 dosiahli 1.5 až trojnásobok priemernej mzdy v závislosti od dosiahnutého vzdelania a práce.

• **Slovensko** patrí v medzinárodnom porovnaní medzi krajiny s najmenšou inovačnou výkonnosťou, pričom dosahuje slabý priemer krajín Európskej únie (EÚ). Konštatuje to Ministerstvo hospodárstva (MH) SR v návrhu Inovačnej politiky na roky 2011 až 2013, ktorý mala na svojom rokovaní v máji prerokovať a schváliť vláda SR. Spomedzi 27 krajín EÚ Slovensko je až na 23. mieste z hľadiska inovačnej výkonnosti a patrí do skupiny takzvaných dobiehajúcich krajín, konštatoval v správe rezort hospodárstva, odvolávajú sa na výsledky Európskeho inovačného hodnotenia (European Innovation Scoreboard, EIS 2010). Toto zaostávanie má niekoľko príčin, okrem iných aj nízke výdavky verejného i súkromného sektora na výskum a vývoj a podobne.

• **Prvé** zábavno-vzdelávacie centrum na Slovensku otvorili v Leviciach pod názvom Atlantis Science Center. Zaujímavosťou sa na ploche 1,200 metrov štvorcových pomocou 85 interaktívnych hier a pomôcok môžu oboznámiť s rôznymi fyzikálnymi javmi, matematickými úlohami či prírodnými zvláštnosťami. Návštevníci môžu nazrieť do tajov mechaniky, optiky, akustiky, archeológie či logiky. Môžu napríklad postaviť most Leonarda da Vinciho, vyvolať zemetrasenie či dokázať Newtonove, Bernoulliho či Pytagorove zákony. Podobný inštitút sa nachádza najbližšie v Budapešti a Plzni.

• Slovenská katolícka charita (SKCH) ukončila trojmesačnú výstavbu štyroch tried materskej školy v Cazeau na Haiti, ktorú spravuje miestna kongregácia malých sestier sv. Terezy. Po vyše roku strávenom v provizórnych podmienkach, kedy vyučovanie prebiehalo v stanoch na dvore, sa tak žiaci môžu opäť učiť v dôstojnejších podmienkach.

• **Slovenský** fotograf Martin Vrabko získal ocenenie Leadership Award, ktoré udeľuje mimovládna nezisková organizácia Medzinárodná fotografická rada (IPC) so sídlom v New Yorku, pracujúca pod záštitou OSN. Na ocenenie nominovala Vrabka Európska federácia profesionálnych fotografov (FEP) so sídlom v Bruseli. S návrhom FEP súhlasila IPC a prestížnu cenu odovzdala 5. mája Martinovi Vrabkovi v budove OSN v New Yorku. Za najväčšiu inšpiráciu pre svoju tvorbu Vrabko označil silu a magickosť svetla. "Naučil som sa vnímať skutočný význam slova fotografia ako kreslenie svetlom. Od počiatku tohto vnútorného objavu, som videl a vidím svetlo všade."

• Na Slovensku je voľných iba necelých 9,000 pracovných miest. Ako vyplýva zo štatistik Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny (ÚPSVaR) SR, ku koncu marca 2011 ich bolo 8,760, pričom najviac ich zaznamenal Trnavský kraj (1,899). Po ňom nasledovali Bratislavský (1,446), Prešovský (1,151), Trenčiansky (1,012), Nitriansky (987) a Žilinský kraj (940). Posledné priečky obsadili kraje s vysokými mierami nezamestnanosti, a to Banskobystrický (744) a Košický (581). V treťom mesiaci tohto roka pribudlo v SR celkovo 1,713 voľných pracovných pozícií, odtok predstavoval 4,762. Potreba pracovných miest je však viac ako 390,000, toľko ľudí sa totiž nachádza v evidencii úradov práce. Na jedno miesto tak pripadá takmer 45 uchádzačov o zamestnanie.

• **Podvodníkom**, ktorí cestovali v tatranských električkách zadarmo, už odzvonilo. Po palcoch im už čoskoro klepnú sprievodcovia. Pre čiernych pasažierov majú kompetentní pripravené masné pokuty. Železničná spoločnosť sa k tomuto opatreniu chce vrátiť z finančných dôvodov. Po tom, čo sprievodcov spoločnosť pred rokmi stiahla z električiek, zaznamenala veľké úniky na tržbách. „Nie je možné presne vyčíslieť, o koľko financií sme takto prišli. Existujú len hrubé odhady. Je to niekoľko desiatok tisíc eur ročne, asi 70- až 80-tisíc,“ povedal hovorca Železničnej spoločnosti Slovensko (ZSSK) Alexander Buzinkay.

• **Občania** môžu svoje podozrenia z korupcie v ktorejkoľvek oblasti nahlásiť aj na Úrad vlády SR. Ten sa rozhodol zriadiť od stredy 18. mája antikorupčnú telefonicкую linku. Jej číslo je 0850 111 001 a ľudia, ktorí oznámia nejaký podnet, môžu zostať v anonymite. Jej zriadenie je jedným z mnohých krokov vlády v boji proti korupcii. "Má tiež pôsobiť v oblasti zvyšovania právneho povedomia občanov a prekonávania ľahostajnosti či tichého tolerovania korupcie," vysvetľuje Tlačový a informačný odbor Úradu vlády SR. Kabinet týmto spôsobom podporuje iniciatívy na vytvorenie európskej antikorupčnej siete a zároveň tak plní svoje záväzky vyplývajúce z programového vyhlásenia. Boj proti korupcii totiž zaradil medzi svoje priority a zaviazal sa posilniť vzájomné vzťahy medzi políciou, prokuratúrou a súdmi. Linka 0850 111 001 je čiastočne sponzorovaná, volajúci z ktoréhokoľvek mesta či obce na Slovensku platí ako za miestny hovor. K dispozícii bude v pracovných dňoch od 8.00 do 15.00 hodiny.

• **Slovenskí** študenti majú možnosť študovať v USA vďaka vládnemu programu Work and Travel USA, ktorý na Slovensku funguje už 14 rokov. Iba minulý rok využilo túto možnosť, ísť počas vysokoškolského štúdia na letnú brigádu do USA 1,800 mladých ľudí. Pre takmer 150 študentov pripravilo Veľvyslanectvo USA pred odchodom pohostenie. "Študentom by sme radi priblížili našu kultúru. Chceme im ukázať, že Američania sú pohostinný národ", uviedol veľvyslanec Spojených štátov amerických na Slovensku Theodore Sedgwick, ktorý vítal mladých hotdogmi a kolou. Pre amerických zamestnávateľov sú slovenskí študenti prínosom. "Majú perfektnú angličtinu, sú inteligentní, rozhodli sa prísť do USA a my ich chceme", zhodnotil veľvyslanec Slovákov.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

92. výročie tragického úmrtia Milana Rastislava Štefánika

Milan Rastislav Štefánik

P.O. Hviezdoslav

Tu orlom z hniezda vyletel

na krídlach ducha po oblohu

v hniezd svetoch hľadajúc si cieľ.

Tam však, keď poklonil sa Bohu

v obdive Jeho slávnych diel,

Nim hnutý k zemi zvrátil let,

keď našiel cieľ, čo česť i zdar má:

svoj národ vyslobodiť z jarma,

v ňomž upel prez tisícku liet.

To zmôžuc v sláve vzletel späť.



FOTO: Ivan Reguli

Pri príležitosti 92. výročia tragickej smrti generála M. R. Štefánika bola vystavená z iniciatívy Muzeálnej spoločnosti slovenského vystáhovalectva v priestoroch Úradu vlády Slovenskej republiky v Bratislave po prvý raz jeho posmrtná fotografia. Pri fotografii si v tichej spomienke postáli členovia vlády a bola sprístupnená aj verejnosti. V tunajšej Kaplnke Nepoškvrneného počatia Panny Márie sa uskutočnili služby Božie venované i pamiatke M. R. Štefánika, ktorý bol synom evanjelického farára pôsobiaceho na fare v jeho rodných Košariskách.

Milana Rastislava Štefánika po tragickom nešťastí v Ivanke pri Dunaji previezli spolu s tromi talianskymi pilotmi do vojenskej nemocnice v bývalom letnom arcibiskupskom paláci, ktorý je v súčasnosti sídlom Úradu vlády SR. V paláci boli telesné pozostatky umiestnené 5 dní až do pohrebu. Na nádvorí sa vtedy uskutočnili aj vojenské počty tragicky zosnulému M. R. Štefánikovi.



Americkí ambasádori hudby zahrli aj v Banskej Bystrici

Banská Bystrica (TASR) - Kapela Amerického vojenského letectva v Európe (USAFE) navštívila v rámci tohoročného turné aj Banskú Bystricu. V priestoroch Športovej haly Dukla vystúpili v sobotu 7. mája 2011. Americkí ambasádori hudby sa predstavili v piatich slovenských mestách, informovala Elena Bianchi z Veľvyslanectva USA v Bratislave.

45-členný big band hrá skladby rôznych hudobných štýlov. Do ich repertoáru patrí výber toho najlepšieho z americkej hudby z Broadway, Hollywoodu až po zvuky dixielandu z New Orleansu a big band jazzu, rovnako ako aj tradičné dychové skladby, pochody a vystúpenia vynikajúcich vokálnych a inštrumentálnych sólistov.

Kapela USAFE je jedným z najstarších hudobných zoskupení Amerického vojenského letectva a je to zároveň jediné hudobné teleso vojenského letectva v Európe. Americkí ambasádori hudby sídlia v Sembach Kaserne v Nemecku a vystupujú už viac ako 60 rokov. Zabávajú vojenskú a civilnú publikum tak v Európe, ako aj v juhozápadnej Ázii a v Afrike. Kapela, okrem živých koncertov pre viac ako 1.2 milióna divákov ročne, účinkuje aj v mnohých rozhlasových a televíznych vysielaniach.

Vyhlásenie predsedu Matice slovenskej k sčítaniu obyvateľstva

V súvislosti s tým, že sa objavuje čoraz viac výziev proti účasti na sčítaní obyvateľstva k 20. máju t.r., ktoré sa končí 6. júna, obraciam sa na slovenskú verejnosť s prosbou, aby si ich nevšímala. V dnešnej „informačnej dobe“ existujú predsa tisíce spôsobov, ako získať „intímne“ informácie o nás všetkých, existuje však len jeden oficiálny prameň, ako zistiť národnostnú či konfesnú príslušnosť obyvateľov, so značným dopadom na kvantitu práv národnostných menšín ale aj cirkví – a tou je práve sčítanie obyvateľstva. Zdá sa teda, že môže ísť o organizovanú kampaň s cieľom oslabiť počty Slovákov či napríklad kresťanov. Veľa napovedá aj fakt, že v iných štátoch, napríklad aj v susednom Česku sa podobné kampane neorganizovali. Preto v mene Matice slovenskej odporúčam občanom Slovenska, aby sa prebiehajúceho sčítania obyvateľstva zúčastnili a pravdivo vyplnili príslušné rubriky.

Marián Tkáč Predseda Matice slovenskej



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

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Náš zakladateľ

ÚRADNÝ ORGÁN PRVEJ KATOLÍCKEJ SLOVENSKEJ JEDNOTY V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH A V KANADE

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Na Slovensko prídu zahraniční vojenský experti NATO

Bratislava (TASR) - Na Slovensku bude pôsobiť 24 expertov, profesionálnych vojakov, ktorí sa budú spolupodieľať na plnení úloh v Centre výnimočnosti pre oblasť odstraňovania výbušných prostriedkov (EOD COE) v Trenčíne. Prítomnosť príslušníkov zahraničných ozbrojených síl na území SR nedávno odobrili poslanci Národnej rady SR. Pre Slovensko z toho nevyplývajú žiadne finančné náklady, keďže tie budú znášať vysielajúce krajiny, prípadne NATO.

Boj proti terorizmu predstavuje v súčasnosti jednu z hlavných priorit Severoatlantickej aliancie. Počas Konferencie národných riaditeľov pre vyzbrojovanie v roku 2004 bol potvrdený Program práce pre boj s terorizmom. Ten pozostáva z jedenástich oblastí, medzi ktorými sa nachádza aj oblasť odstraňovania výbušných prostriedkov.

Slovenská republika sa v uvedenom dokumente zaviazala k posilneniu aktivít NATO v oblasti vývoja technológií, techniky, metód a postupov používaných pri odstraňovaní výbušných prostriedkov, a to prevzatím záväzku vedúcej krajiny pre oblasť EOD a manažment následkov. V rámci toho mala vytvoriť Centrum výnimočnosti pre oblasť odstraňovania výbušných prostriedkov.

Počas zasadnutia Vojenského výboru NATO v máji minulého roka podpísali náčelníci Generálnych štábov ozbrojených síl participujúcich krajín (Slovensko, Česko, Francúzsko, Maďarsko a Rumunsko) a zástupca Spojeneckého veliteľstva pre transformáciu dve memorandá týkajúce sa tohto centra. Participáciu v ňom v súčasnosti zvažujú tiež Poľsko a USA. V predmetných memorandách sa participujúce štáty zaviazali vyslať svojich expertov, profesionálnych vojakov, ktorí sa budú spolupodieľať na plnení úloh EOD COE v Trenčíne.

Poslaním tohto centra je podporiť a prehĺbiť transformáciu NATO a vykonávať úlohy v oblasti odstraňovania výbušných prostriedkov zamerané najmä na zber a analýzu informácií, výcvik a vzdelávanie, vypracovanie koncepcií a doktrín. Jeho úlohou je taktiež účinne čeliť budúcim výzvam v súvislosti s použitím výbušných prostriedkov.

Rastislav Káčer viceprezidentom Asociácie atlantickej zmluvy

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovensko získalo ďalší významný post. Prezident Slovenskej atlantickej komisie (SAC) Rastislav Káčer sa stal viceprezidentom Asociácie atlantickej zmluvy (ATA). Jednomyseľnú podporu získal 20. mája 2011 na valnom zhromaždení ATA v Bruseli.

Jeho kandidatúru podporil aj prezident Parlamentného zhromaždenia NATO a poslanec nemeckého zákonodarného zboru Karl Lamers. Ten vysoko ocenil úlohu a aktivity SAC a označil ju za jednu z najaktívnejších a najvplyvnejších členov v rámci celého združenia.

“Rastislav Káčer ako štátny tajomník rezortu obrany a neskôr veľvyslanec SR v Spojených štátoch zohral inštrumentálnu úlohu v prístupových rokovaniach Slovenska do NATO, a preto si zaslúži našu plnú dôveru,” poznamenala v tejto súvislosti viceprezidentka Atlantickej rady USA Frances Burwell.

Zvolenie slovenského predstaviteľa za viceprezidenta v rámci siete európskych, severoamerických a ázijských atlantickej klubov predstavuje podľa Káčera dôstojné ocenenie práce tímu SAC za posledné roky. Rovnako to považuje za prejav dôvery, ktorú do tejto mimovládnej organizácie a Slovenska vkladá medzinárodná bezpečnostná komunita.

Asociácia atlantickej zmluvy je prestížna medzinárodná mimovládna organizácia, ktorá už viac ako päťdesiat rokov spája organizácie z členských krajín NATO a jeho partnerov. Jej cieľom je motivovať politických lídrov, akademikov a diplomatov k diskusiám a podpore hodnôt, ktoré Severoatlantická aliancia zastáva. Informovalo o tom PR oddelenie Slovenskej atlantickej komisie.



Rastislav Káčer



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Jarná púť na horu Živčáková.

On Sunday, May 28, 2011, Bishop Tomas Galis of Zilina celebrated Mass during the pilgrimage at Živčák. During the Mass the bishop blessed the cross, crown and bell which will be placed in the new chapel at the pilgrimage site.

Jarná púť na horu Živčák

V nedeľu 29. mája v rámci Jarnej púte na horu Živčák celebroid slávnostnú svätú omšu Mons. Tomáš Galis, žilinský diecézny biskup. Vo svojej homílii pútnikom viackrát pripomenul, že viera nie je povinnosť, ale láska. Láska, ktorá spája ľudí do rodín a vytvára zdravú spoločnosť.

Po svätej omši biskup požehnal kríž, korunu a zvon, ktoré budú umiestnené na veži nového pútnického chrámu na Živčákovvej. Do nového kríža bolo umiestnené púzdre, v ktorom sú uložené české a slovenské mince, slovenské eurá, dekréty o vyhlásení za pútnické miesto, dekrét o povolení stavby chrámu a iné pamätné predmety zo súčasnosti.

Jesenná púť sa bude konať 15. - 16. októbra 2011. Pútnické miesto Živčáková ponúka pre pútnikov sv. omše vo všedné dni o 11:00 a v nedele o 10:00 hodine.

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Relikvia krvi bl. Jána Pavla II. pre Spišskú diecézu

V sobotu 4. júna 2011 pri príležitosti slávania životného jubilea spišského diecézneho biskupa Mons. Františka Tondru bola pri svätej omši slávnostne predstavená relikvia krvi blahoslaveného pápeža Jána Pavla II., ktorú pre Katedrálu v Spišskej Kapitule daroval krakovský arcibiskup kardinál Stanislav Dziwisz. Relikvia bude uložená v kaplnke Zápoľských na mieste, kde sa Ján Pavol II. 3. júla 1995 pred bohostánkom modlil. Veriaci si tak budú môcť v Katedrále sv. Martina v Spišskej Kapitule uctiť tohto veľkého pápeža slovanského pôvodu prostredníctvom relikvie jeho krvi.

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Majstrovstvá sveta v ľadovom hokeji

Bratislava – Košice – Slovakia

Nie, nie sme Majstrami sveta. Veď už sme raz boli.

V roku 2002, naši zlatí chlapi – svet prekonali.

Aj teraz sme vyhrali. Vyhrali sme najkrajšiu cenu na Majstrovstvách sveta v ľadovom hokeji v Bratislave - Košiciach. Vyhrali sme priazeň a obdiv celého sveta.

Milióny, najmä mladých ľudí videlo na TV obrazovkách, malý slovenský národ, Slovenskú republiku v srdci Európy. Schopný usporiadať, Majstrovstvá sveta v ľadovom hokeji, ukázať svetu, krásu našich Tatier, hradov a krásu modrého Dunaja a hlavne vyspelosť, malej Slovenskej republiky.

Vyhrali sme! Celý svet videl našu slovenskú, bielo-modrú-červenú zástavu, tri modré vrchy a náš biely, dvojitý kríž.

On, je naša pýcha, naša slovenská, kresťanská prestíž !!!

Jozef Smák