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Members of the FCSU Home Office Staff aboard the Tuesday, August 17, evening cruise during the 49th Quadrennial Convention, in Cleveland, OH. For details about the home office staff, go to pp 12 – 13 of this issue. To access all photos of the convention, go to www.fcsu.com and click on the link.

An FCSU Special Feature: Meet the Home Office Staff

Technology can be great, and help us all be more efficient. But it also can be too impersonal. Two recent events at the First Catholic Slovak Union illustrate the happy occasion when technology can be both a boon to our efficiency and also offered with a personal touch: the installation of a new phone system at the FCSU Home Office and the hosting of the 49th Quadrennial Convention geographically near the FCSU corporate offices.

Shortly before convention this year, the FCSU installed a new phone system. Designed to expedite calls – and get you to the FCSU expert you need to reach as efficiently as possible – the phone system at FCSU headquarters allows you to dial directly into any extension you need, be it billing, branch transfers, address changes for the newspaper, or policy claims. As a result of the convention in Cleveland, the people behind those extensions – aka our hardworking staff – had the good fortune to meet and greet members, and speak in person to those whom they have corresponded over the phone and through written correspondence. Likewise, FCSU members who were delegates this August were able to put a face to each name from the home office.

Jednota would like to take this opportunity to make sure every member of our Society has the same opportunity to “meet” the hardworking staff at the FCSU, and give you an overview of each person’s extension as well as a brief description of what each staff member does.

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Our Lady of Lourdes appearing at Lourdes with Rosary beads.

October: Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary (from the Latin rosarium, meaning “rose garden” or “garland of roses”) denotes the prayer beads used to count the series of prayers that make up the rosary. Part of the Church’s veneration of Mary, the rosary has been promoted by numerous popes. Most recently, in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime: “It is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother.”

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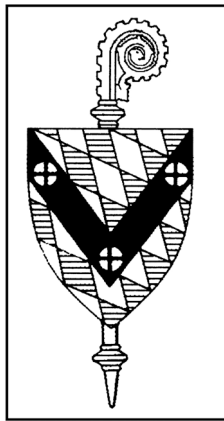
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Insights and Viewpoints



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

October 17, 2010

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18: 1-8

Gospel Summary

The classic way to stay in touch with God is prayer. Small wonder then that Luke writes so insistently about prayer when he shows us how to accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. Although the ideal prayer for Christians is praise and thanks-

giving, there is also a place for prayers of petition, as today's gospel parable makes quite clear.

The story-line of the parable is clear and compelling. In ancient Israel, widows were often listed among the more vulnerable members of society. And it appears that the widow of the parable has in fact been defrauded of her property by unscrupulous persons. Her only recourse is the local judge. But he has long since abandoned his covenant morality and is swayed only by bribes--something that the destitute widow cannot provide.

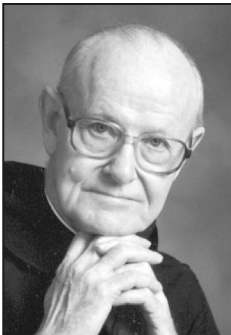
This unprincipled judge is proud of his freedom from the demands of true religion. Moreover, he is happy to proclaim this false freedom on every occasion. (He may remind us of the agnostic physician in Bernanos' *Diary of a Country Priest*). However, the persistence of the widow gradually wears him down and finally causes him to grant her justice. The lesson drawn by Jesus is crystal clear: How much more likely is God, the most just of all judges, ready to grant our requests for justice when we are treated unfairly!

Life Implications

The point of this parable is probably more subtle than we may at first surmise. Jesus is not just telling us that we must doggedly persevere in prayer even when no answer seems to be provided. That is true, no doubt, but the real point here concerns our attitude toward God. For many of us, God seems so remote and so insensitive to our pleas that we may feel that he is not that different from the judge in the parable. As a matter of experience, our God does not always seem ready to give us the justice that we seek.

The deeper lesson of the parable is concerned, therefore, with our experience of the reality and presence of God in our lives. It is faith alone that enables us to experience God as One who is exceedingly good and who loves us very much. We will want to persist in our prayers to him, not just because we need his help, but primarily because we want simply to stay in touch with this wonderful Person, who loves us unconditionally. In the long run, this loving God will give us all that we need...and much more.

Our relationship with God is not unlike that of children who expect their parents to respond positively to every request they have. But good and loving parents know that these requests are not always in the best interest of their children. I suspect that many children would quit school or eat only junk food if their parents would allow it. The important thing for all concerned is to maintain a loving and trusting contact, in spite of occasional bumps in the road. Today's parable reminds us that this is even more true of our relationship with God.



**Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.**

October 24, 2010

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18:9-14

Gospel Summary

Luke introduces the parable about a Pharisee and a tax collector with the statement that it is addressed "to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." Two men go up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee, standing in a prominent place, thanks God that he is not like the rest of humanity—or even like the tax collector he had noticed. He also reminds God that he fasts twice a week, and pays tithes on his whole income. The tax collector, standing at a distance, beats his breast and prays, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus then remarks that the tax collector who humbled himself before God went home justified, not the Pharisee who had exalted himself.

Life Implications

Jesus chose to make the Pharisee a principal character of his parable because Pharisees were the most highly respected religious group in the community. Pharisees were intensely committed to the religious traditions of the people. They refused any collaboration with the occupying Roman military power. They kept the commandments, voluntarily fasted beyond the obligatory annual day of fasting, and even cut down on their standard of living to support the needs of the temple.

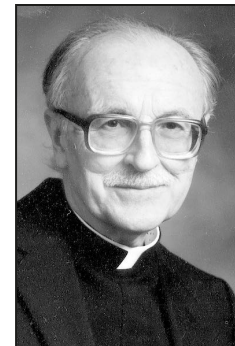
Jesus chose a tax collector as the opposite principal character because tax collectors were generally held in contempt by the people. They were not only collaborators with the hated Roman oppressors, but by collecting funds to support a corrupt imperial system, made it impossible for many people to fulfill their financial obligations to the temple. These petty government officials were adept at defrauding people by various strong-arm methods, and were regarded as no better than robbers.

The Pharisee of the parable had every good reason to thank God for the worthiness of his own life, and to despise the tax collector as one who was a threat not only to the temple, but to everything that was worthwhile and holy. When Jesus at the conclusion of his parable remarked that the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee, it must have seemed like a shockingly unfair conclusion. He had taken the risk of pressing the parable to the edge of unfairness in order to teach something essential about the way we stand with God.

Jesus in his parable obviously is not advocating collaboration with an oppressive military power, cheating people, moral relativism, or much less, forbidding evaluation of evil behavior or false teaching. The Pharisee is condemned because he assumed God's role in judging the spiritual worth of a fellow human being. He exalted himself above the rest of humanity, and despised another through the comparisons he fashioned in his prayer.

It is incidental whether the Pharisee or the tax collector is the one who exalts himself to in the sight of God. In today's culture, Jesus would probably have someone like the tax collector exalt himself and despise others in his prayer: "God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—do-gooders and church-going Pharisees. I may be greedy, dishonest, and adulterous, but I am grateful not to be a hypocrite like them." The desire to exalt oneself can always find a reason—even one's humility.

Today at our Eucharist we ask to be freed from illusions that we have fashioned about ourselves, and pray for the grace of sharing in Christ's humility. Through his authentic humility, we will be able to stand before God in our own unique truth, and thus make it possible to receive divine mercy and go home justified



**Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.**

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L – R, front row: Rev. Gabriel Yablonsky, Rev. George Franko, Rev. Nicholas Kraynak, Rev. William Kraynak. L – R, back row: Rev. David Misbrenner, Rev. David Shortt.

Blessed Mother Venerated As Patroness of Slovakia in Youngstown, Ohio

The Blessed Virgin Mary was venerated as the Patroness of Slovakia in Youngstown, OH. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon was the site of a pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows Sunday, September 12, 2010, with priests leading devout pilgrims in prayer and worship. The Anointing of the Sick opened the devotions and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary was chanted according to traditional Slovak melodies.

Rev. George M. Franko was the principal celebrant of a Slovak Mass with Fathers Nicholas Kraynak, William Kraynak, David Misbrenner, David Shortt, and Gabriel Yablonsky concelebrating. Fr. David Shortt, the homilist, explained the place of Our Lady of Sorrows in Catholic devotional life. A mixed choir composed of Holy Name and St. Matthias parishioners led the congregation in singing Slovak hymns.

Pilgrims enjoyed dinner served in the Shrine's Cedars Hall afterward. It was a glorious day for Slovaks of the Mahoning Valley. The weather was beautiful and the devotion of the pilgrim's most inspiring.

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Gerald M. Costello, The Christophers

Light and Life within the Earth

Theologically speaking, they say, it wasn't a miracle. Ah...really? Just don't tell that to the 33 trapped miners in Chile. Don't tell it to their families and friends, and don't tell it to the millions upon millions of people around the world who were stunned to find out the miners were all alive and well. For most of us, their survival was miracle enough. The next one will come when they're freed from their underground prison, able to see loved ones again and to walk once more in the light. It might not have been a theological miracle, but it'll do until one comes along.

You know the basic story. When a section of the mine caved in on Aug. 5, it trapped the 33 men, and hope faded quickly for their safety. After 10 days, it all but vanished. And then, 17 full days after the cave-in, the miracle – or, if you will, the unbelievable – took place. All 33 had not only survived; they were in relatively good shape, and, a half-mile below the surface of the earth, were able to communicate with the outside world through a four-inch tube formed by a drill. The same tube brings them news, notes from their families, food and water.

Now comes the hard part. There's the wait, for one thing; engineers reported that it might take three or four months before the miners can be safely extracted from their trap. Beyond that is the work they'll be forced to do. In order for their rescue shaft to be drilled successfully, they'll have to move all the debris caused by the bore – a 24-hour-a-day task that will call on the strength and endurance of six working crews.

What they have done so far to make all this happen, and to ensure their wellbeing while it does, is another miracle in the making. The miniature society that they have formed has begun to find its structure, and in marked contrast to so much of today's culture – which flouts established standards and abandons traditions that have nourished humankind since time began – it depends on discipline, a clear idea of right and wrong, and old-fashioned spiritual values.

An in-depth report by Alexei Barrionuevo in The New York Times explains how all this happened. The leader is Luis Urzua, 54, who organizes work assignments, helps to map the path of the rescue hole, and, in the words of the Times, "even insists that the miners wait until everyone gets food through the narrow borehole to the surface before anyone can eat." Yonny Barrios, who took a six-month nursing course 15 years ago, administers medicinal shots and conducts tests for wellness.

And then there is Mario Gomiz. At 62 the oldest of the group and the survivor of a previous confinement – as a stowaway in the hold of a ship – he has become its spiritual guide. He has organized a small underground chapel and helps psychologists on the surface deal with individual problems below. As a man who once found consolation in the words of the Bible, he encourages the others to pray along with him.

"They are completely organized," says Chile's health minister. "It is a matter of life and death for them."

God willing, they will all be safe, and all will walk in the light again. It sounds as if that process has already begun, a half-mile below the surface of the earth.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ~ HOLIDAY HOURS

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on the following days during the holidays:

Thanksgiving Holidays
November 25 & 26, 2010

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
December 23 & 24, 2010

New Years Day
December 31, 2010

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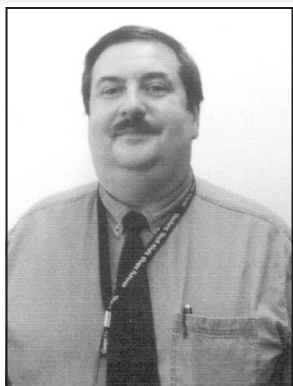
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The Best of the Best!

Top Guns Thru Sept 2010



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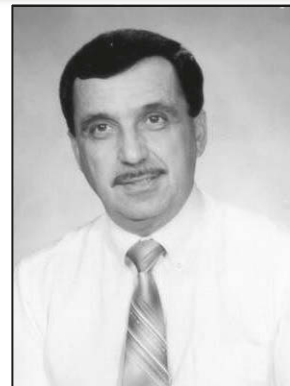
Michael J. Slovenkai
Second Place



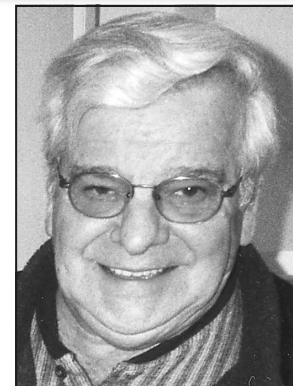
James R. Marmol
Third Place



Joseph T. Scavina
First Place



Cluey Sandy
Second Place



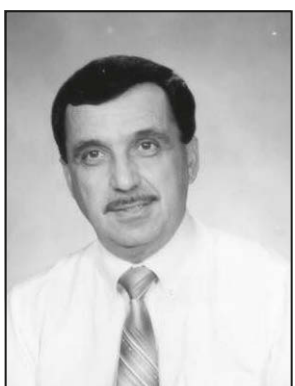
George Sprock
Third Place

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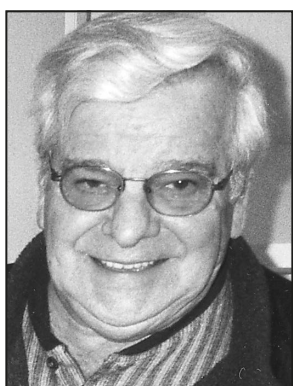
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Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	285,000
Slovenkai, Michael J., Scranton, PA	382	185,000
Marmol, James R., Uniontown, PA	162	185,000
Yuros, Joseph J., Pittsburgh, PA	35	125,000
Petrus, Dorothy J., Donora, PA	670	120,000
Trifiletti-Palos, Lisa Ann, Lorain, OH	228	110,000
Tarquino, Frances, Belle Vernon, PA	320	105,000
Persun, Kathleen, Tartentum, PA	831	95,000
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	90,000
Barnes, Karianne R., Pittsburgh, PA	628	55,000

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

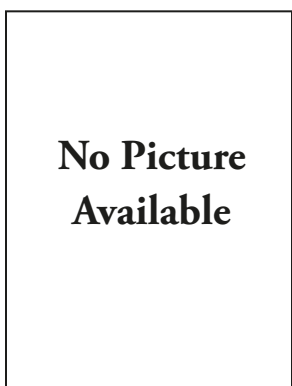
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Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	699
Sandy, Cluey, DuBois, IL	322	609
Sprock, George A., LaTrobe, PA	181	556
Deliman, Rosemary, Philipsburg, PA	417	442
Harcar, Andrew R., Streator, IL	40	408
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	369
Nicholas, Mary E., Brandon, FL	731	295
Zelenak, Edward M., Lincoln Park, MI	584	280
Buchheit, Geraldine, Hibbs, PA	584	280
Jurcenko, John A., Chicago, IL	410	262



Cluey Sandy
First Place



George Sprock
Second Place



Rosemary Deliman
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES/IRA SOLD

Name	Branch	Annuities
Sandy, Cluey, DuBois, IL	322	610,514.06
Sprock, George A., Latrobe, PA	181	533,349.64
Deliman, Rosemary, Philipsburg, PA	417	426,256.06
Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	417,111.65
Harcar, Andrew R., Streator, IL	40	401,833.49
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	316,727.12
Jurcenko, John A., Chicago, IL	410	238,450.00
Kopco, Robert J., Independence, OH	24	221,702.54
Buchheit, Geraldine, Hibbs, PA	584	219,763.44
Gregus, Rudolph L., Edgewater, NJ	716	140,000.00



Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle in November

On November 7, 2010, Transfiguration Parish is sponsoring a Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle from 12:30PM to 4:00PM in the Parish Hall at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

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50th Anniversary Celebrated



William Fayta and Marion Bomba were married on July 39, 1960, at St. Simons Church in Chicago, Illinois. William and Marion have resided in Schererville, Indiana for the past four years. Previously, they lived in South Holland, Illinois where they raised four children: Marianne, John, Donna and James. They are blessed with four grandchildren: Jacob and Rachel Rossman, and Mary and Jonathan Fayta.

William is a retired radio and television repairman. He also is a veteran of World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater in the Amphibious Tractors Division in the Philippines. Marion worked as a consular and teller at the First National Bank in South Holland, Illinois.

Both are members of the FCSU: William is a member of Branch 706, and Marion is in Branch 153. All of their grandchildren are in Branch 706.

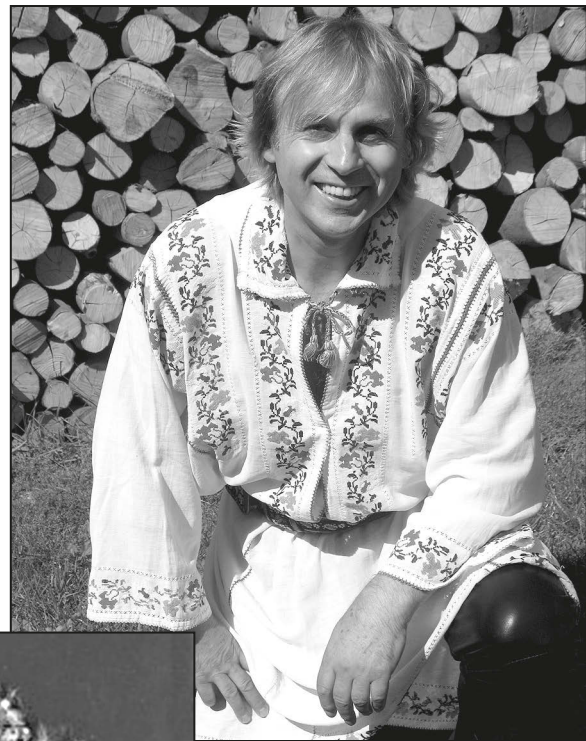
They renewed their vows at the Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary, Indiana, with a special Mass for couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Their anniversary luncheon was celebrated in the banquet hall of St. Michael's Church in Griffith, Indiana.

William's father, Arnold, was a very active member in Branch 706 as Treasurer, as was Marian's father, John Bomba, in Branch 736 which has now merged with Branch 153.

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Jozef Ivasha will share some of his vast repertoire of songs dear to the hearts of Slovaks at the Slovak Treasures will be held on Friday, November 5th.



Helene Baine Cincebeaux will share some of her vast experience with Slovak history, culture, and folk arts at the November program sponsored by The Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands.

Slovak Treasures Program in November

The Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands is sponsoring a unique evening devoted to Slovak heritage: "Slovak Treasures: Culture and Music." The event will feature world renowned experts Helene Baine Cincebeaux and Jozef Ivasha. In her informal slide talk, Helene will share some of her vast experience with Slovak history, culture, and folk arts, and Jozef will share some of his vast repertoire of songs dear to the hearts of Slovaks old and new, in this country and in Slovakia. Items of traditional Slovak dress (kroje) will be on display, and Helene will be happy to help identify or discuss your Slovak family treasures.

Slovak Treasures will be held on Friday, November 5th, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Am-Slo Club, 85 Lenhart St., Johnstown, PA 15901. Tickets are \$5 at the door; food and beverages will be available for purchase.

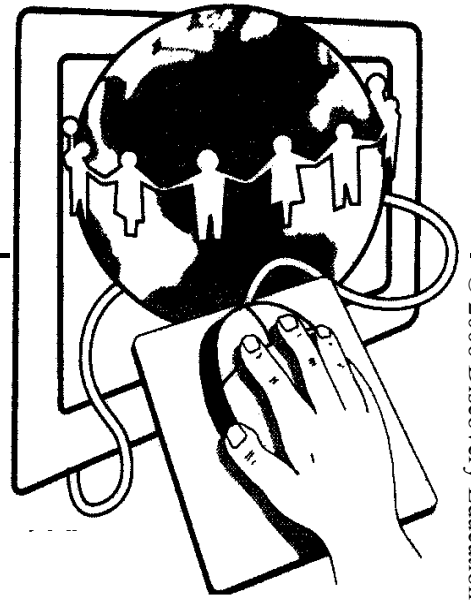
Helene Cincebeaux is known throughout the world as an ethnographer, author, photographer, speaker, tour director, and all-around expert on things Slovak. She is co-owner, with her mother Helen Zemek Baine, of the Baine-Cincebeaux Collection of Slovak Folk Dress and Folk Art with over 5,000 pieces; it has been exhibited all over the U. S. and the world. She has given countless talks and workshops on Slovak textiles and was consultant to and featured in the PBS special, "Threads to the Past." She is co-founder of the Slovak Heritage Society International with 1,500 members and editor of its quarterly publication, "Slovakia," and its "Slovak Pride Data Base" of some 28,900 listings of surnames and villages. She has lead 70 tours to Slovakia during the past 21 years, unique tours that include visits in crafts persons' homes and that help Americans re-connect with their Slovak families. She had written many articles and three books; her revised edition of Slovakia! Traditions Old and New will be celebrated in Washington, DC the day before she arrives in Johnstown. In it she distills 40 years of experience traveling in and studying the Slovak Republic.

Jozef Ivasha began singing when he was quite young, but despite being top in his class at the Bratislava Conservatory, had a difficult time getting his musical career off the ground because he was not a communist. He won a national song competition in Slovakia in 1985 for his original composition, "My Own Face (Vlastna Tvar)," which was immediately banned by the communist government. Others of his original songs became popular in Slovakia, but were also banned as protest songs. He left Slovakia to sing in the Vienna Opera and then in the Baden Metropolitan Operetta Theater for 20 years. In recent years he has traveled the globe judging singing competitions, teaching master classes, and performing a wide variety of genres from Slovak folk songs to rock, pop, jazz, blues, as well as his own compositions. His new CD, entitled Man of a Thousand Songs, is a reprise of songs he's sung throughout his career, and he too will be honored in Washington before his visit here. Johnstownners are very fortunate to be able to welcome these two wonderful ambassadors of Slovak culture.



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In the 19th century, the month of October was dedicated to the devotion of the rosary in Roman Catholic countries.

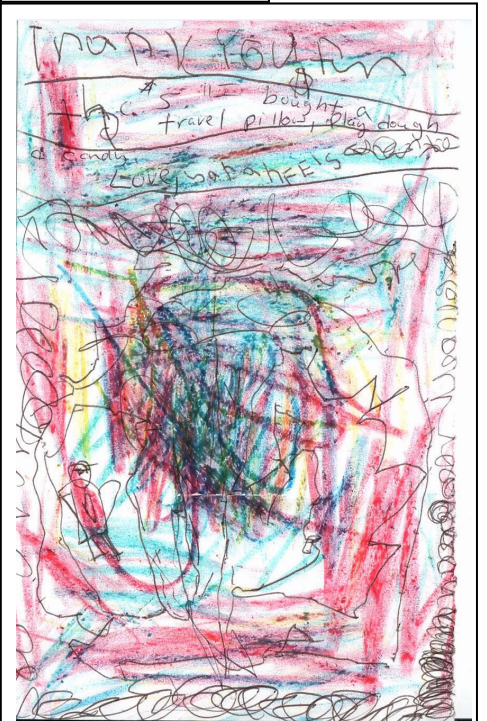
The Rosary (from Latin *rosarium*, meaning "rose garden") or "garland of roses" is a popular and traditional Catholic devotion. The praying of each decade is accompanied by meditation on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, which are events in the lives of Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The traditional 15 Mysteries of the Rosary were standardized, based on the long-standing custom, by Pope St. Pius V in the 16th century. The mysteries are grouped into three sets: the joyful mysteries, the sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious mysteries. In 2002, Pope John Paul II announced five new optional mysteries, the luminous mysteries, bringing the total number of mysteries to 20.

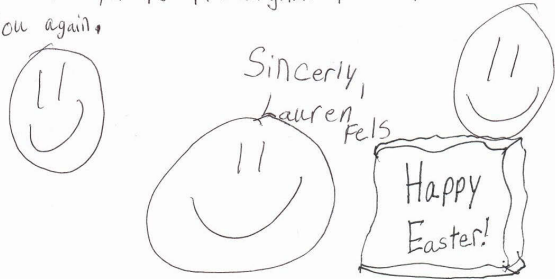
The rosary is part of the Catholic worship of Mary, which has been promoted by numerous popes, especially Leo XIII, known as "The Rosary Pope". Pope Pius V introduced the rosary into the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7. Most recently, on May 3, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime: "It is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother."



Mail Space



Dear Susan Ondrejco,
Thank you for the \$5. I appreciate it. With the \$5 dollars I got a travel pillow, jolly rancher gummies, and hair accessories. Thank you again!



Sincerely,
Lauren Fels

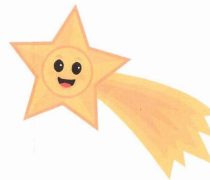
Dear Ms. Ondrejco,

Thank you for the hoodie and the \$25.00. Also, thank you for the certificate. I was very excited when I found out that I won first place. I can't wait to wear the hoodie. I enjoyed coloring the picture of the Holy Family for the Jednota coloring contest!

Thank you very much.

From your first place coloring contest winner.

Faith J.
Faith Jurastowski



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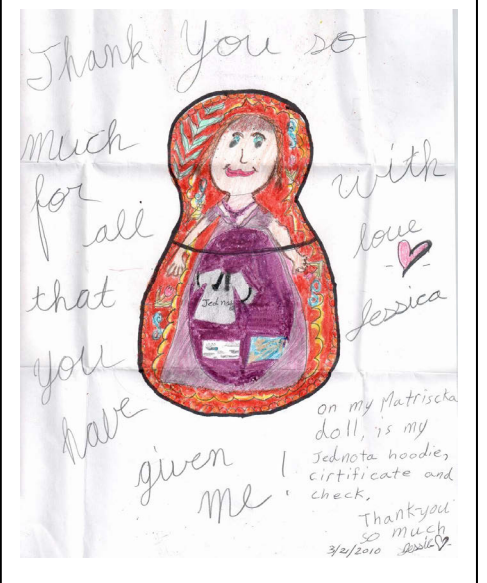
Jozef Tiso (13 October 1887 – 18 April 1947) was a Slovak politician of the Slovak People's Party and priest, who became the president of the Slovak State, existing between 1939 and 1945. Tiso was born in Nagybecse, (today's Bytča) to Slovak parents in Austria-Hungary. The Bishop of Nitra, Imre Bende, offered Tiso a chance to study for the priesthood, and, in 1911, Tiso graduated from the prestigious Pázmáneum in Vienna. Tiso was also active at this time as a school teacher and journalist.

With the collapse of Austria-Hungary and the creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918, Tiso suddenly embraced politics as a career, at the same time declaring himself in public as a Slovak. Within a few weeks, he had joined the Slovak People's Party. In 1924, Tiso left Nitra to become parish priest and then dean of Bánovce nad Bebravou. His dedication to this parish would become legendary, and he would remain its very active priest even during his presidency.

Adolf Hitler's Germany annexed the Sudetenland (the German part of Czechoslovakia) and the Czechoslovak president Edvard Beneš fled the country in October 1938. During the chaos which resulted, the Slovaks declared their autonomy within Czechoslovakia and Tiso, as leader of the Slovak People's Party, became the premier of the Slovak region. On March 14, 1939, the Slovak parliament unanimously declared the independence of Slovakia, and on March 15, Germany invaded the Czech lands.

Tiso served as the Prime Minister of independent Slovakia from March 14, 1939 until October 26, 1939. On October 26, he became President of Slovakia. On October 1, 1939, he officially became the president of the Slovak People's Party. Tiso lost all power when the Soviet Army conquered the last parts of western Slovakia in April 1945.

District 11 of the FCSU is named after this Slovak leader.



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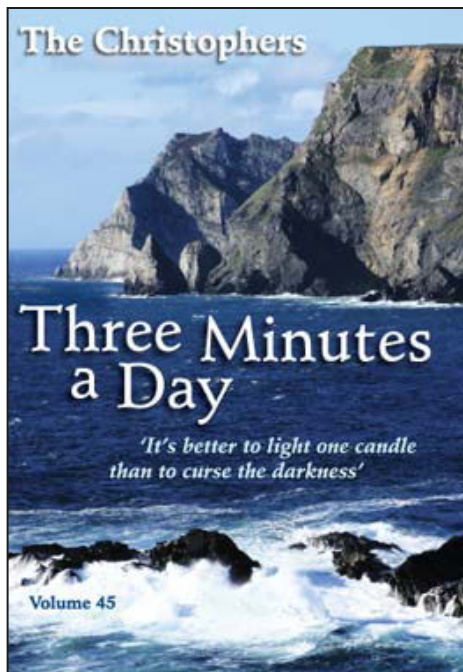
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Life of English-Slovak Dictionary Author, Dr. Jan Simko, Chronicled in New Photo Diary

Biographer Marcia L. Boyd creates a Biographical Legacy Photo Book of the life journey of Dr. Jan Simko, author of the English-Slovak Dictionary.

Today, as we recognize the education crisis in the United States, we look back on the contribution of Dr. Jan Simko, one of several dedicated Slovakian pioneers that affected the education of thousands of Slovakian people by making the English language accessible. His story, told in a new biographical legacy diary, uncovers his private side and honors his professional body of work.

Biographer Marcia L. Boyd of “It’s All About Family,” recently conducted an extensive interview with Dr. Jan Simko over a period of several weeks. From his sharing how he and his friend barricaded themselves in an attic as the Nazi military went door-to-door, to his years of traveling around Europe as a visiting professor, the story behind over 73 restored pictures will give you a glimpse into the life and philosophy of this Slovakian and American patriot.



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— Laetitia Combrinck, friend of Dr. Simko

In this Legacy Book of Dr. Jan Simko, he writes “... I will still have strength to give thanks to Marcia Boyd, who has accompanied me on my last steps and gives me courage to hold out and still help the memory of Slovakia ...”

Copies of this book may be obtained by e-mailing “It’s All About Family” at info@iaafamily.com. You also can see a portion of Marcia Boyd’s videotaped interviews with Dr. Jan Simko at <http://www.iaafamily.com/Samples.html>

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Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey Benefit in November

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will present their Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 7, 2010. “Come Follow Me” ~ Dedicated Commitment in Service to the Lord, is this year’s theme. The benefit will celebrate the ordination anniversaries of Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB, 35 years; Rev. Gerard Gonda, OSB, 30 years; Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB, 25 years and the profession anniversaries of Rev. Michael Brunovsky, OSB, 25 years; Br. Mario Parisi, OSB, 10 years.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 PM at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio, 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

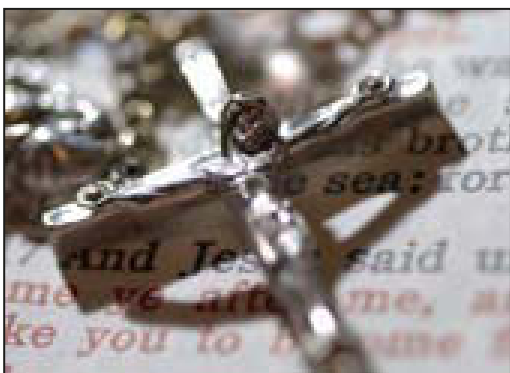
Rt. Rev. Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB will be the main speaker for the banquet.

Your support of our Annual Benefit is a very important part of the monks’ present and future ministry. Please join in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you can not attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated

Entertainment will be provided by Damion Fontaine and Scott Brotherton with their program entitled: “Frank, Dean and Then Some.” Catering will be provided by Bill Hricovec, of Tom’s Country Place. Center piece flowers donated by Orban’s Flowers. A silent Slovak auction will be held. The event concludes about 4:00 PM with the Monks singing the “Benedictine Anthem” -- The Ultima.

Ticket price is \$65.00. Additional sponsorships, including \$100.00 “Honor-a-Monk” contributions, are available. For reservations and additional information please contact Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB at 216-721-5300 ext. 209, Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179, or Rose Stifter at 216-721-5300 ext. 0. Please make reservations by October 25, 2010

Whole health: Finding balance in our lives through faith



Faith healing is a religious concept that has endured for centuries, encouraging followers to be healed through their faith in God. The practice of faith healing focuses on physical restoration as a result of prayer and devotion, but doesn’t answer the question: After we are healed, how do we remain healthy? An emerging “whole health” approach draws on Jesus’ biblical teachings and ministry to offer an answer: By cultivating spiritual health, the health of the mind and body also will be brought into balance.

The distinction between healing and health may seem slight, but Dr. Liam Chapman, author of *Health for Life: The pathway to biblical health and wholeness*, says this distinction helps us better understand the whole health benefits of a strong spiritual relationship with God.

“Health is about not only being free from disease, but it’s about living your life to the maximum potential for which you were created,” Dr. Chapman says. “Healing is about setting people free, but health is about helping people to stay free and live free and be the people they were actually created to be: spirit, soul and body.”

Dr. Chapman, who is both a medical practitioner and Christian minister, has dedicated his life to illuminating the link between whole health and religious faith. The connection between the two has been examined by religious scholars throughout history, but Dr. Chapman believes that Christians have a unique opportunity to achieve spiritual health through their faith.

“Historically, any other religion says, God is up there, we are down here...but we can never fully know Him personally,” Dr. Chapman says. “The challenge that Jesus brought by coming to earth and being a man was that we can know Him. He opened the door for a personal relationship.”

The first step on the journey to this relationship is, on its surface, not terribly difficult. What Dr. Chapman suggests, and what his book invites readers to do, is simply to ask the fundamental questions: where did we come from, why are we here and where are we going? The challenge lies in being unafraid to learn the answers.

“We may not like the answer or we may not want the answer we discover and I think therefore we tend to avoid the question,” Dr. Chapman says.

If you have additional questions about *Whole Health* or you wish to purchase a copy of Dr. Chapman’s book, you are welcome to contact him at pimchapman@aol.com at pimchapman@aol.com

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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE USA AND CANADA SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010 HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

Saturday morning, June 19, 2010

OPEN MEETING

President Andrew Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. via teleconference and asked Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, Chaplain, to offer the opening prayer. The President asked Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Director, to lead the Board in singing the Anthems of the United States, Canada, and Slovakia.

ROLL CALL

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary, read the roll call with the following members present at the Home Office:

Andrew M. Rajec, National President;
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary and
George F. Matta, National Treasurer.

The following were present by telephone:

Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain;
Karen M. Hunka, Chairman of Auditors;
Susan M. Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director;
Gary J. Matta, General Counsel;
Joseph F. Minarovich, Regional Director, Region 1;
Damian Nasta, Regional Director, Region 2;
Carl Ungvarsky, Regional Director, Region 3;
George Sprock, Regional Director, Region 4;
Regis P. Brekosky, Regional Director, Region 5;
Henry Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6;
Rudolph Glogovsky, Regional Director, Region 7;
Milos Mitro, Regional Director, Regions 8 & 9; and
Mr. Larry J. White, Asset Manager, representing AQS, by the invitation of the President.

READING OF THE CALL

The Executive Secretary then read the Call to the Quarterly Meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 20 - 21, 2010

A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by Joseph Minarovich to accept the minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

President Rajec presented the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting which had previously been sent to all the Board members and asked for its acceptance. A motion was made by Damian Nasta and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to accept the agenda and allow the President to change the order of the agenda, if necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

AQS, ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White, representing AQS, Asset Management Company, LLC., at the invitation of the President, presented his report to the Board of Directors. Mr. White led a discussion concerning our investments portfolio, including our investments in the Victory Asset Management, ARC Fund.

Mr. White gave his report to the Board of Directors with the following agenda:

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

During and after his presentation, Mr. White answered the questions of the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 1ST QUARTER 2010

Executive Secretary's Report

Kenneth A. Arendt presented the summary of the Financial Report from the 1ST Quarter of 2010 and answered the Board Members' questions. The 1st Quarter results included an increase in assets to \$250,623,136, an operating gain of \$509,645, and an increase in surplus of \$1,840,138 to \$15,009,151. The level of surplus and assets at March 31, 2010 is the highest in the history of the Society. The Executive Secretary stated that his Financial Report will be published in the Jednota newspaper.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors which gave a complete update of the investments in the Victory Capital Management (a subsidiary of Key Bank) ARC Fund and updated the Board of Directors on all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

The President led a discussion concerning the possibility of reducing our investments in

the ARC Fund by withdrawing of some of our profits. After conferring with Mr. Larry White, our Asset Manager, the Board determined that since other investment options were limited by current market conditions, such withdrawals should possibly be delayed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer George F. Matta presented his report and answered all of the Board's questions. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

At this time, Larry White left the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jednota Estates

The President led a discussion regarding the substantial maintenance work done at the Printery in Middletown, PA. He stated that all the maintenance work was up-to-date. The President further stated that he received a call from our leasing agent regarding an inquiry of the possibility of leasing the Printery building. He will update the Board as soon as more information becomes available.

Interest Rates

The President updated the Board on current annuity rates. He stated that the rates are reviewed on a monthly basis, adjustments are made if necessary, and all rates are published in the Jednota newspaper and on-line, as well as written notifications.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

The Vice President reviewed the sales production by Districts and also by General Agents and answered the Board's questions.

The Vice President also updated the Board on seminars to be held in the remaining months of 2010. A motion was made by Carl Ungvarsky and seconded by George Matta to accept the Vice President's report as presented. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the Executive Committee Meetings. He stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the Executive Committee meets monthly and whenever else it is necessary to take care of the business of the Society.

Investments were made in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and with the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. All investments are approved by a vote of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Scholarship Committee

The Executive Secretary stated that he received the list of FCSU 2010 Scholarship winners from the Scholarship Committee. He stated that all the individual winners and their schools have been notified in writing. The list of winners and their pictures will be published in Jednota newspaper.

SUBSIDIARIES REPORT

Jednota, Inc. The President of Jednota, Inc., George Matta, gave his report to the Board of Directors and, after answering the Board's questions, he turned the meeting over to the President of Jednota Properties, Inc., Regis Brekosky, who presented his report to the Board.

The reports of Jednota Inc. and Jednota Properties are informational in nature.

DIRECTOR OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Director of Fraternal Activities Susan Ondrejco presented a report on the Bowling tournament and Photo contest. She informed the Board about the upcoming Golfing tournament to be held on July 24 – 25, 2010 at Cedarbrook Golf Course in Belle Vernon, PA. She further updated the Board about the possibility of joint events with the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 2011. The entire Board of Directors agreed that we should continue with joint events. The President asked the Susan Ondrejco to contact the Director of Fraternal Activities of Slovak Catholic Sokol to set up the dates for joint events for 2011.

CHAIRMAN OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman of Auditors, Karen Hunka, presented the Auditor's Report and answered the Board's questions. The Chairman stated that the Internal Auditors conducted a thorough audit and everything was in order.

MISCELLANEOUS

The President continued with his report reviewing his recent letter to the Board of Directors regarding several complaints received from Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky and Mr. Michael Kristofik. The President had sent a package to each Director and Board member containing all pertinent information and documents including correspondence from Rudolph Glogovsky and Michael Kristofik. The Board members had each received a very considerable amount of correspondence from Mr. Kristofik.

1. The President reviewed his written response to Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky regarding Mr. Glogovsky's complaints regarding his late submission of his candidacy announcement and the submission of scholarship application. After the President's review and a discussion by the Board of Directors, Regional Director Rudolph Glogovsky stated that he did not want to continue this matter and thanked the President for the Jednota Benevolent Scholarship information. The President said it was end of discussion on this subject and continued with his report.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

RENAISSANCE HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO

OPEN

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. and asked Vice President Harcar to lead the prayer.

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer
Henry G. Hassay, Regional Director, Region 6,
by the invitation of the President

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

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

The President led a discussion regarding our current interest rates. It was decided to further review them after the Convention at the September Executive Committee Meeting.

FHLB – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments with Key Bank Corporation and updated the Executive Committee on any transactions with the FHLB.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

SALES AND MARKETING

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

CONVENTION 2010

The President and the Executive Secretary led a discussion reviewing the events at the 49th Quadrennial Convention which will open up with registration on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

COMPLAINTS

The President led a discussion regarding complaints filed by Mr. Michael Kristofik against Mr. Victor Jiomkowski and Mr. Joseph Rimarcik. The President stated that the Supreme Court unanimously voted to deny the complaints for removal of Mr. Jiomkowski and Mr. Rimarcik as delegates to the 49th Quadrennial Convention. It was determined that both Mr. Jiomkowski and Mr. Rimarcik are entitled to remain as District and Branch delegates respectively.

The President further led a discussion regarding complaints addressed to the Supreme Court by Mr. Michael Kristofik against him (President Andrew Rajec) and against Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt. The President stated that the Supreme Court unanimously voted to deny all allegations by Michael Kristofik against the President and found no Bylaw violations by the President.

The President further stated the Supreme Court also unanimously voted to deny all allegations by Michael Kristofik against the Executive Secretary and found only one minor infraction by the Executive Secretary, that he failed to meet the deadline for publishing the list of Branches not qualifying for the stipend. The Supreme Court asked the Executive Secretary to comply with the Bylaw requirement.

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

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

Disbursements for the month of July 2010:		
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	137,758.69
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	43,641.42
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.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

The President stated that the requests will be reviewed at the Board of Directors Meeting to be held on Friday, September 24, 2010 and acted upon.

ADJOURN

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

Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

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QUARTERLY MEETING

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2. The President stated that a complaint was received regarding By-Law 8.02 (c) – Convention Nomination Procedures. After a lengthy discussion with the Board of Directors regarding the request by some potential candidates for late publication in the Jednota of their candidacy, Regional Director Henry Hassay made a motion, seconded by Regional Director Carl Ungvarsky, not to make any changes to the By-Laws and leave the current By-Law 8.02 (c) regarding Nomination Procedures as it stands. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. The President read the next complaint addressed to the Board by Michael Kristofik against Mr. Victor Jiomkowski. After discussion, a motion was made by Joseph Minarovich and seconded by Henry Hassay to deny the appeal from Mr. Michael Kristofik to remove Mr. Victor Jiomkowski as a District delegate to the 49th Convention. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors. With no further deliberation the Board of Directors determined that Mr. Victor Jiomkowski was duly elected by his District and is entitled to remain as the District delegate to the 49th Quadrennial Convention.

4. President Andrew Rajec read the next complaint addressed to the Board of Directors from Mr. Michael Kristofik against Mr. Joseph Rimarcik, President of Branch 743, Detroit, Michigan. According to Mr. Kristofik's complaint, Mr. Joseph Rimarcik knew about Mr. Jiomkowski selling insurance for another fraternal organization but failed to inform the Home Office. Mr. Kristofik wants Mr. Rimarcik's credentials as a Branch Delegate to our 49th Convention taken away. After discussion by the Board, Regional Director Henry Hassay made a motion, seconded by Regional Director Joe Minarovich, to deny the complaint for removal of Mr. Rimarcik as delegate to the Convention and have him remain as a Branch delegate to the Convention. A roll call vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

5. The President then addressed the complaint from Mr. Michael Kristofik made to the FCSU Supreme Court against President Andrew M. Rajec and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt. The President explained to the Board of Directors Mr. Kristofik's allegations, that Mr. Arendt "seized" Branch 615 and Mr. Rajec was negligent in not punishing him. Mr. Kristofik reasoned that Mr. Arendt should immediately be removed from his office as Executive Secretary and be prohibited to run for re-election. Mr. Kristofik made referrals to By-Laws sections 17.01 and 14.01. Mr. Rajec explained the situation with Branch 615 (Mr. Kristofik's branch in which he has not been active for many years). A motion was made by Henry Hassay, seconded by Joseph Minarovich, to recommend to the Supreme Court to deny all allegations by Michael Kristofik against Mr. Rajec and Mr. Arendt as ridiculous and frivolous complaints. A roll call vote was taken. The Board voted unanimously to send such a recommendation to the Supreme Court.

6. The President updated the Board of Directors about the Land Leasing Contract we signed with a local farmer in Middletown, PA. He further informed the Board that the farmer signed papers releasing the FCSU from any liability. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Father Nasta updated the Board on the clergy attending our 49th Convention.

The President reviewed the request from the Ohio Department of Insurance concerning clarification of investments. The President will inform the Board of Directors when a reply will be received from the Ohio Department of Insurance.

A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt, seconded by Henry Hassay, to present a recommendation to the Convention that George Sprock be given emeritus status. Mr. Sprock is retiring as a Regional Director. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Henry Hassay and seconded by Carl Ungvarsky adjourn. Motion carried.

Father Thomas Nasta closed the meeting with a prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Slovak Cooking Lesson at Chicago Folklore Festival

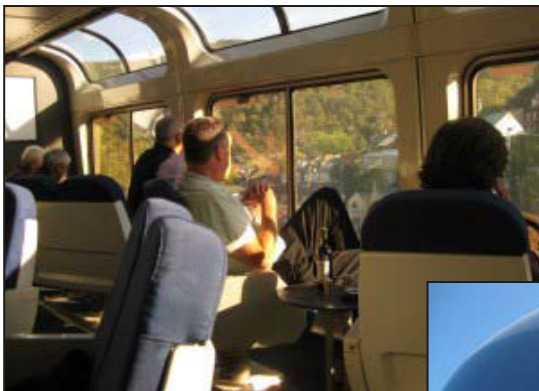
By Lubos Brieda

The second Saturday of September 2010 marked the first presentation of the Slovak Folklore Festival Chicago. The festival was put together by my friend Igor Mikoláška with financial support from the Office for Slovaks Living Abroad, USZZ. Igor organizes events for Chicago-area Slovaks through Slovak USA Chicago. The festival featured a bunch of talented folklore groups, live music, dancing, food, and... the drum roll please ... a Slovak cooking lesson by me.

The train to Chicago

This was my first visit to Chicago in over 15 years. I got there Friday morning, in time for a little sightseeing, and in a somewhat unusual way: by taking the train. I had always wanted to take Amtrak somewhere, but there was never a good opportunity – until now. Unlike in my native Slovakia, trains are not the most convenient way to travel in the USA. There are only a few routes available, the trains run just once a day, and just about everywhere you want to go requires you to pass through Chicago. Which in this case, worked out great. The train is also painfully slow, with the trip from D.C. to Chicago taking 17 hours. That's only 40 mph on average! But it has one thing going for it; it's the best way to actually experience the journey. I love taking trains. Few years back, my friend and I traveled from Munich to Ulan Baatar almost completely by train. It was an amazing experience.

The ride to Chicago was very enjoyable, and I spent most of the time in the sunny observation car.



In the observation car just as we were passing Harpers Ferry, WV, and also a shot by Chicago's famous "bean" in the Millennium Park.



In the Windy City

I stayed with Igor. Drahoš Daloš, the famous Slovak musician and instrument maker, and Marek "Markuss" Adamec, DJ on Slovakia's Radio G3, also stayed with him. I had never met either of these guys before, but they were a great bunch. Drahoš brought along several of his handmade instruments, including *pišťalka* (whistle), *koncovka* (a longer version), and *fujara*, the traditional Slovak long shepherds pipe. You can see photos of his handiwork at fujaradd.sk. Drahoš also brought along *gajdy* (bagpipes) and *drumbľa* (mouth harp), and played for us while we sat on the porch sipping wine.

The next morning, the festival activities kicked into full swing. Drahoš and Igor left early to prepare the festival hall, while I went about shopping for ingredients for the cooking lesson. As I knew I wouldn't have access to a full kitchen, I settled on dishes that could be prepared easily without much equipment, outside of boiling water. I also wanted to showcase the diversity of Slovak food by offering an appetizer, main dish, and sweet after meal treat.

The festival started at 4pm. Marek moderated the event, and after a short introductory remark by Igor, introduced the first performers to the stage, Limbora folk group from New York. Next came Om-ladina, a Moravian dance group from Chicago. They were followed by dancers from Chicago's Veselica folklore ensemble, and their children's group, Veselička. Drahoš then took the stage and played the *fujara*, the traditional shepherd's long pipe. This instrument requires several years to make, as it



Igor receiving the traditional Slovak fujara instrument hand crafted by Drahoš Daloš. Also Marek "Markuss" Adamec introducing the performers.



takes at least two years for the wood to dry up. Drahoš was followed by Siumni Polish Dancers and Balkanske Igre, also from Chicago. Limbora and Veselica took another turn, and closed the event. After a short break, Pajtáši took the stage and provided music for dancing.

Other participants

My booth was located right next to one of Toni Brendel, famous author of Slovak-American Touches. On the other side of me were the Gapas, founders of the Internet radio for Slovaks and Czechs living abroad RadioSlovakiaUSA, which will broadcast January 2011. Many people stopped by, including the winner of Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant, Stefania Vocasek.

Attending were also few groups dedicated to genealogy, as well as Paľo Dzačko and Rišo Stilicha from Canada.sk and Slovak House Toronto. These two organizations are dedicated to providing cultural and social activities for Slovaks in Canada. One of their latest events was Miss Czech & Slovak



Toni Brendel's booth with Radio Slovakia USA's table in the background.

Paľo and Rišo, founders of Canada.sk, along with the contestants in Miss Slovakia Canada, Sarah and Adriána.



Canada. The winner Adriána Kamenická and Sarah Banks, one of the runner ups, also came along.

Slovak cooking lesson

The cooking lesson started as soon as the folk performers finished their routines. I originally planned on doing all the cooking myself, with whoever wanted to watch just observing from across the table. But my good friends Mike and Allie came down from Wisconsin. Having them here presented itself as a great opportunity to teach somebody new how to make Slovak food. Neither Mike nor Allie has ever been to Slovakia, but Mike traces his roots back there. They also brought down the camping stove which saved the day, as the kitchen providing the catering did not have a burner which could be moved to the exhibition hall.

We started the lesson by preparing **bryndza spread**, or as known in my hometown of Banská Bystrica, *šmirkáš*. Chicagoans are lucky in that their city is dotted with Polish grocery stores which carry real Slovak *bryndza*. However, I wanted to show the folks that you can get the right flavor even if you don't have such a specialty gourmet store in your neighborhood. We ended up using the Israeli-Feta from Trader Joe's, which I very much like as a substitute.

Next came **bryndzové halušky**, the National dish of Slovakia. Mike and Allie took their turns tossing the dumplings, and they both did a great job. They received compliments from several festival attendees saying that these were some of the best halušky they've had in a long time! We finished the



The halušky turned out great, and Allie and Mike received several compliments from people attending the festival. We also made *šmirkáš* and rum balls.



cooking lesson with the sweet, no baking required rum balls.

Next Slovak cooking lesson

What if you missed this festival? No big deal, I'll be at the 20th Heritage Festival at University of Pittsburgh on November 7th to give a talk and a hands-on cooking lesson. See you there!

About the author

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For a free Slovak recipe book go to www.slovakcooking.com/brochure

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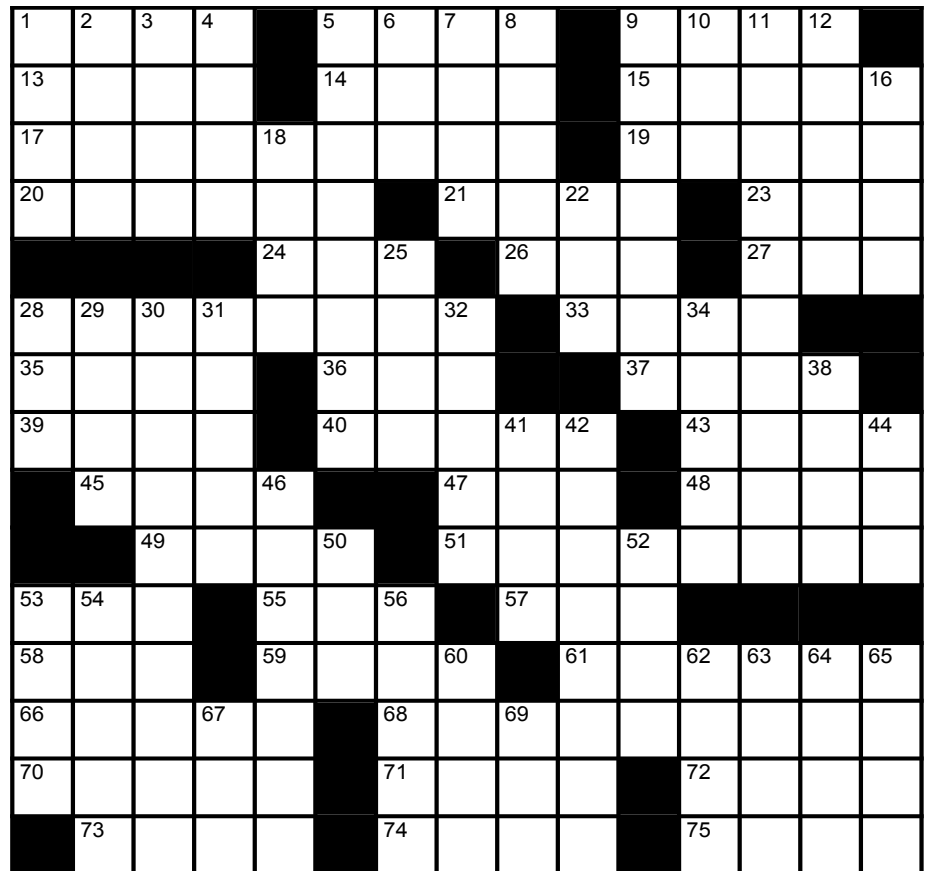
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Across

- 1 Decree
- 5 Psyches
- 9 Auricles
- 13 Wander
- 14 Thaw
- 15 Coral reef
- 17 Forever
- 19 Bind again
- 20 Macadam
- 21 Actor Arkin
- 23 Behave
- 24 By way of
- 26 Optic
- 27 Thing, in law
- 28 Property part
- 33 Spot
- 35 Eng. river
- 36 Sp. uncle
- 37 Short nail
- 39 Religious ceremony
- 40 Gremlins
- 43 Polish lancer
- 45 Let it stand!
- 47 A Gabor
- 48 Entice
- 49 Bread spread
- 51 Nondisposable
- 53 Devotee
- 55 Genetic material (Abbr.)
- 57 Greatest degree
- 58 Adherent (Suffix)
- 59 Dried-up
- 61 Less complicated
- 66 Contour
- 68 Coming forth
- 70 Inheritors
- 71 Prayer word
- 72 Pain
- 73 Position

- 74 Store event
- 75 Wearing shoes

Down

- 1 Worry
- 2 Scintilla
- 3 Swear
- 4 Academic sessio
- 5 Waste away
- 6 Mousse
- 7 Talipot palm
- 8 Fashion
- 9 Sincere
- 10 Dined
- 11 Service org.
- 12 Golf stroke, at times
- 16 Leases
- 18 Dark blue
- 22 Affirmative
- 25 Seed covering
- 28 Soap measure
- 29 Bird (Lat.)
- 30 Rabbit
- 31 Genuflect
- 32 Capital of Delaware
- 34 Abdul or Zahn
- 38 Wallenda or Malden
- 41 Level
- 42 White wine
- 44 Born
- 46 Most laconic
- 50 Singleton
- 52 Rug type
- 53 Anchovy
- 54 Fire leftovers
- 56 Regions
- 60 Eng. actress Samms
- 62 Oceans
- 63 Linear unit
- 64 Resound
- 65 Woodwind
- 67 Expert
- 69 Moray



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Who's Who At the FCSU?

The home office staff was delighted with the opportunity to meet so many members who were delegates to this year's convention, held at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, OH. Jednota wants to give all of our members the opportunity likewise to "meet" the hardworking staff.

The following is a listing of "Who's Who" at the First Catholic Slovak Union, so all of our members can easily key in extensions when prompted by our telephone system – and easily know who to call when you need assistance.



ROSANNE (x126)
Annuities Department: Annuities,
Medicals/Resinsurance, Commissions



KAREN (x 110)
Administrative Assistant to
Executive Secretary Kenneth
A. Arendt, Jednota Benevolent
Foundation Scholarships



MARGE (x 117)
Life Insurance & Billing
Departments: New insurance
quotes, conversions, endowments,
matured certificates, premium
notices, lapsed policies, delinquent
premiums, paid-up policies,
and dividends.



BARBARA (x 122)
Claims Department: death
claims and cash surrenders



JULIE (x125)
Member Service Department:
beneficiary/ownership/address
changes, lost policies,
newspaper requests



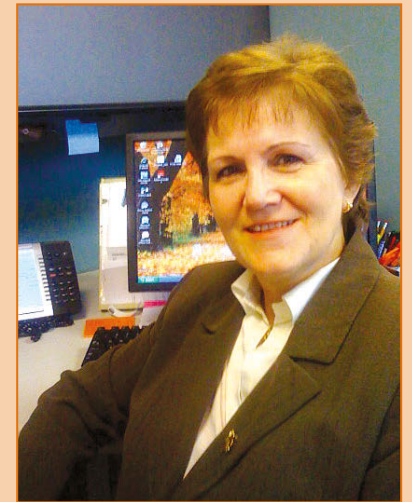
ADRIANA (x 121)
IT Department: computer
programming, cash value
and medical assistance
information



AMBER (x 128)
Loan Department: loans,
mortgages, accounts payable



BOB (x 116)
Branch Coordinator: branch
and district information, branch
transfers, and insurance agents



PIROSKA (x114)
Administrative Assistant to
President Andrew M. Rajec,
Scholarships (FCSU)



JOSEPH (x 111)
Accounting Department



TERESA (x112)
Jednota Editor



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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary



DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT - DISTRICT 2

The Rev John J. Spitkovsky District II will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, Illinois. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments starting at 1:30 pm.

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

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

Robert Tapak Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. RURA DISTRICT – NEW JERSEY

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich @ 732-469-5256 by November 7th with the number of delegates who will be attending.

Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at St. Patrick's Ryan Church Hall in Merrill, MI. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11:30AM; the business meeting will begin at 1:00PM. The church hall is located at 4708 South Meridian Road (M30). Branch 774 will be hosting; please notify Katherine Stevens at (989) 835-9895 by October 18th with the number of delegates that will be attending from your branch.

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

Anna Magusin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Local Branch 60 will host the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh District of the F.C.S.U. on Sunday, December 5, 2010. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the St Barnabas Parish Hall, Swisvale, PA. All branches are expected send representatives. The Steelers don't play till evening so that's not an excuse. The meeting will include officers' reports and discussion of F.C.S.U. national and district business. In particular, branch hosts for 2011 events will be selected. District officers for 2011 will be elected at this meeting.

The Pittsburgh District would like to take this opportunity to extend thanks to all of its members who served as delegates at the 49th Convention this August in Cleveland, OH.

The District Christmas Party will follow the business meeting. The officers of the Pittsburgh District wish all members a happy and holy Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT

The Rev. John Martvon District – Blair, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, and Bedford Counties, PA – will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at St. Michael's Church Hall, St. Michaels, PA, beginning at 2:00PM. Note this is the third Sunday in October. The host will be St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, Beavertdale. Holy Mass will be offered earlier in the day for the living and deceased members of the district.

On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2011 and a discussion of the recent convention. Branches are reminded that to receive their annual stipend from the home office their dues must be current and they must attend one district meeting annually.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT - DISTRICT 9

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District of Uniontown, PA will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the K-2 Engineering Building at 234 Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA.

Branch Officers and delegates that attended the convention are requested to attend this meeting.

Geraldine Buchheit

DISTRICT 10 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

Rev. Stephen Furdek, District 10, will be meeting at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311. This meeting is being held to update members on convention data and election of officers for the 2011 year.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Linda Hanko @ 330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Linda Hanko @330.706.0151 or via email at lhanko@neo.rr.com so that we may have a proper head count for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 11 - MSGR. JOSEF TISO DISTRICT, FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District will be on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 PM.

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

This notice is also a reminder to Branches that representation at District meetings and up-to-date payment of District dues are requirements for eligibility for your annual membership reimbursements from Headquarters and to send delegates to the quadrennial FCSU Convention.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

DISTRICT 12 – ANDREW HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 1:00PM, a meeting of the Andrew Hlinka District will be held at King's Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. In addition to general business, there will be an election of officers. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

Frances Tarquinio, Secretary

DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold its Meeting on Sunday October 31, 2010. Celebration begins with a Slovak Holy Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John Bosco Chapel at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Boulevard, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak from San Bernardino. We will pray for All Saints and all beloved departed Souls.

The Meeting will follow in the cafeteria. There will be a period of fraternal fellowship directly after the meeting, and coffee and donuts will be served. All members are invited and all branches in our area are encouraged to send delegates to the meeting.

On the agenda: Information about the FCSU Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 14-18, 2010, and the promotion and scheduling of District fraternal activities as well as information about the First Catholic Slovak Union Insurance program.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHAN KRASULA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Stephan Krasula District 16, NYC, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, Most Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY.

On the agenda will be a financial report and a discussion of activities and election of officers for the coming year.

We urge all District Branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU – not just delegates – are welcome.

Refreshments will be served by branch St. Stephen Society, Branch 716, NY, after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 -

CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood Ohio. We will have our election of officers. Our annual Christmas party will take place after the conclusion of the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179

Marie A. Goliias, Secretary

BRANCH 19 –

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010. A Mass will be offered by Msgr. Joseph Pekar for our members at 8:30AM in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. Following the Mass, members are invited to return to the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall in the lower level of the church for our regular meeting and breakfast.

At this meeting, the John A. Zahor Scholarship will be awarded to the following college freshmen: Lauren Bruchansky, Daniel Kowalski, Nicholas Kuruc, Meredith Lorys, Elise Kapitancek, Stephanie Johnson, and Lisa Quadgliarol. This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years John A. Zahor served as president of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to the education of its members.

Also, the Andrew J. Imbro Grant will be given to the following college juniors for their college expenses: Stephen Dolan, Jessica Johnson, Alia Elnabas, Peter Kapitancek, Matthew Minese, Amanda Nelson, and Johnathan Solek. The grant was established in honor of Andrew Imbro and his years as financial secretary of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to its young members.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at 9:30AM in SS Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of officers also will take place at this meeting.

We cordially invite our members to attend these meetings and enjoy seeing their friends.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 19 –

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold a breakfast meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010, in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall.

Our members are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55 –

BROOMALL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of Branch 55 K.J. is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the home of the Vice-President, 188 Di-Marco Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Officers will be elected and regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served. Please bring non-perishable food for Aid For Friends. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the President at (610) 356-7956 or Secretary at (215) 637-6530 for directions.

Fraternally yours,

Josephine E. Gerba Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 75 –

SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 10:00AM, at the residence of President and Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA. The fiscal end of the year reports and financial statements will be presented. The auditor's report will be submitted and the nomination of officers for the coming year will take place. The delegates to the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will present their reports. The merger of Branch 18K, Kulpmont, PA into Branch 75, Shamokin, PA, and how the combined branches will be affected by the jointure, will be discussed. All members are requested to attend this semi-annual.

Ronald M. Anderson, President/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 112 -

MAHANAY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 112, Mahanoy City, PA, will hold their annual meeting and holiday party on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 1PM. The meeting will be held at 86 Spring Street, Pottsville, PA.

The agenda will include election of officers, a report on the convention and ideas for gaining membership.

Please call 570-544-6694 for directions.

Thank you.

Karen Sterling

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Saint Peter and Paul Society Branch 132 will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at the home of the president. Lunch will be served from 12:30PM – 1:30PM, with a meeting to follow. All members are urged to attend this important meeting. If a member needs directions to the president's home, please call 973-906-1145.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Stephen Society, Branch 153, will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 12:00 noon at the home of President John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. On the agenda will be officers' reports, election of officers for 2011, and a discussion on charitable donations.

All members are invited to attend this annual meeting. There will be a fraternal luncheon after the meeting.

Please remember in your prayers all of our deceased members, especially those who have passed away during the past six months: Helen Kersjes, Frank Juraska, and Joseph Cuma.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 1:15 P.M. at the Old Country Buffet, Town Square Mall, Vestal Parkway, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be a discussion of the District Picnic, District Meeting, Branch business, and the FCSU Convention, held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 14- 18, 2010. Voting for officers of the Branch will also be held. Members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8043 or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 28 to reserve a place at the dinner. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 290 - RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Branch 290 will hold a meeting on October 20, 2010, at 7:30PM. Please call Joe at (732) 469-5256 for the location of the meeting after 6PM. Try to attend. Reports will be made on the convention.

Joe Minarovich, President

BRANCH 320 -

The officers of SS Peter & Paul Society, Branch 320, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting and Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 18, at noon at Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. There will be no cost to members; however, there will a \$10.00 charge for non-members. In addition to conducting general business, there will be an election of officers. Please make your reservation by calling Fran at (724) 929-9788 before December 12 and let her know if you will be attending.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 380 – CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Ignatius, Branch 380, will hold its annual meeting Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Wendy's, Canonsburg, PA, at 2:00PM.

Margaret Graytok

BRANCH 382 - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 382, Scranton, PA, will hold its Annual Fall Meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at Noon in the VFW Hall, 110 Chestnut Street, Dun-

more, Pennsylvania.

On the agenda will be officer reports, branch activities and donations, correspondence, and insurance programs.

Reports of the 2010 F.C.S.U. Convention in Cleveland and District 17 activities will be presented.

Election of officers for 2011 will also take place.

Refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend.

BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Oct.14, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. at Meloni's, 105 W.Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Geri Buchheit,

Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 419 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Stephen the Martyr, Branch 419, will hold its semi-annual meeting, November 14, 2010, at 1:00PM at Norm's Pizza located on Sherman Street. On the agenda will be reports of convention, as well as the election of officers. Any inquiries and reservations should be directed to Marie Gryczko at 824-4125 no later than November 6, 2010. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Marie Gryczko, President

BRANCH 425 – BARBERTON, OHIO

A semi-annual meeting for Branch 425 Barberton, OH will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 1:00PM at the Slovak Society of Barberton, 887 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton, OH. All members welcome.

Jeannette M. Willis,

Recording Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 450- CLEVELAND, OH

St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold a meeting at the home of Jozef Valencik on Friday, October 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The address is 13501 Park Drive, Brook Park, OH. All members are encouraged to attend. We plan to discuss the results of the 49th Quadrennial Convention, which was held this past August. Please contact Jozef or Margaret Valencik at 216-676-0497 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Margaret Valencik

BRANCH 510 – KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

St. Anthony Society, Branch 510, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 5:30PM at Casa Capri in Kenosha, WI. On the agenda will be the officers' reports, a discussion on future events, and updates on insurance and annuity products, including the good rates the FCSU offers for insurance and investment products to protect your assets. Also, we can discuss the scholarship applications for Catholic schools and college programs. They are available. Following business, an open discussion will be held on convention results.

After the meeting, there will be a light lunch available. For reservations, call Joseph Scuglik at 262-654-7364.

Joseph Scuglik, President

BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567KJ, will hold a bake sale of nut and poppy seed rolls on Thursday, October 21, 2010, between 3:00PM – 5:00PM, in the Social hall of St. John the Baptist Church, 924 N. Front St., Allentown, PA.

The branch will have a regular meeting at St. John the Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 1:00PM in the church social hall. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Rosalie Favere, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at 2:00PM at Alexander's Restaurant, 720 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA. The election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. For reservations, call 1-724-375-2287 by November 1, 2010.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 670 – DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, November 14, at noon at King's Restaurant, located in Bentleyville, PA. In addition to general business, there will an election of officers. Members are urged to attend.

Dorothy Petrus, President

BRANCH 706 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Anthony of Padua, Branch 706, will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, October 22, 2010, at the home of Vice President, Barbara Fayta, 1544 Rokosz Lane, Dyer, IN. Election of officers for the year 2011, insurance, selling new policies and yearly audit are on the agenda. Also discussion on the recent Convention held in Cleveland. The meeting will start at 3pm. If you plan to attend, please call Barbara at 1-219-864-8251, so arrangements can be made.

Branch 706 wishes to "Congratulate" all of the newly elected National Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Sincerely,

Barbara Fayta, Vice President

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NY

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, NYC.

On the agenda will be financial and officers' reports, election of officers for 2011, and discussion of plans for the coming year.

All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary

BRANCH 746 - EDISON, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2010 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 of the Christmas get-together, as well as other events for the upcoming year. Please bring your ideas. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 796 – EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 796, will hold its annual meeting Sunday Nov. 14, 2010 at 1pm in the church basement of Holy Trinity Egypt, Pa. The selection of delegates for the district meeting will take place as well as discussion of new members. All members of Branch 796 are cordially invited to attend. Food and drink will be served following the meeting. God Bless All.

Jerry Lloyd, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 844 – LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold its All Saints and All Souls Mass on Sunday October 31, 2010 at St. John Bosco High School located on 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. Mass will begin at 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served after Mass in cafeteria.

Also, following fraternal fellowship, Branch 844 members will hold a meeting to discuss branch activities and discuss outcome of 49th FCSU Convention in Cleveland.

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its semi-annual branch officers meeting on October 17, 2010, at 1:00PM at the home of Mary Kolesar, President. We will be discussing our annual meeting for this year. The information for this meeting will be published shortly.

Fraternally,

Linda L Kolesar, Secretary/Treasurer

Useful Websites

www.skonline.sk
www.travelguide.sk
kosice.region.sk
www.slovakia.org
www.vtetry.sk
www.tatry.net
www.hotel-net.sk
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 Slovak cultural calendar
 Slovak National Museum
 Slovak Academy of Sciences
 Government of the Slovak Republic
 Slovak National Theater
 Slovak Television
 National Bank of Slovakia



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	John F Hunady	162K	Betty Yuhaniak	358K	Shirley A Martineau	636K	Agnes Opial
001P	Mary Ann Gombeda	162K	Robert Zebula	368K	Phyllis Macwilliams	659K	Anthony J Lisicky
002K	Daryl T Kuban	163K	Clara A Domanic	369K	Margaret J Furick	670K	John A Bly
002K	Thomas Spisak	163K	Robert J Kosciak	382K	Margaret A Shestok	670K	Bernard Hornak
006K	Mary J Yusko	164K	Helen Meso	408K	Clara Janek	682K	Robert S Gelonese
007K	Elizabeth Zakutney	166K	Marlene Armstrong	425K	Andrew Maxim	701K	Anne Turner
010K	George M Greskovic	166K	Ronald P Buza	425K	John J Tkacik Jr	731K	Julianna M Hanisko
016P	Thomas J Ancin Jr	166K	Martin Evanick	450K	Paul Wrsansky	733K	Anna Pastva
016P	Anton Gabriesheski	166K	Joseph Sheredy	484K	Anna Hunt	738K	David Joseph Ruscak
016P	Thomas L Rabb	173K	Frank A Smolko	484K	Joseph P Sedlock	743K	Anne M Gensor
016P	Mary Yemzow	200K	Margaret A Bordick	505K	Vincent G Toth	743K	Marlene R Sipes
023K	Helen E Mcdowell	200K	Helen E Metro	512K	Matthew Kozak	746K	Mark H Baker Jr
032K	Harry Siplak	201K	Theresa Plisko	512K	Frank John Yench	746K	Joseph S Borkes
035K	George A Hornak	211K	Kathryn C Pustay	512K	Edward A Zruno	746K	Josephine A Winnicki
038K	Eleanor D Zolcak	228K	Edward P Hobor	514K	Paul Jankovich	756K	Albert P Harcek
040P	August V Saksa	228K	Frank A Pittak	514K	Anne Zanzalari	762K	Mary Elizabeth Mamrila
060K	Patricia G Davis	240P	Joseph J Vojtas	553K	James Dennis	764K	Frank Liptak
089K	Edward C Budjac	260K	Michael S Puskar	553K	Salvador Gage	764K	Edward T Pasternak
090K	Rose Kubasko	270K	Veronica Rosalie Bandzi	553K	Ralph H Speck Sr	764K	Joseph Victor Sivon
114K	Beatrice R Rudzinski	270K	Sophie A Snyder	567K	Dolores A Eisenhard	777K	Edwin Joseph Kucharski
122K	George E Matija	278K	Albert Puskar	580K	Mary Jane Davies	831K	Elizabeth J Kulik
152K	Andrew G Seman	308K	Thomas R Setz	580K	Nancy Jane Jackson	831K	Peter Mazak
156K	John J Kacmar	313K	Theresa A Bugel	581K	Mary E Trocheck	855K	Marion Piszczor
162K	Eugene Bartock	320K	Joseph T Puskar	615K	Tatiana M Durisinova-paszko	855K	Dorothy Warholc
162K	Herman H Hribar	321K	Mary C Slatt	618K	Mary V Dechmerowski	890K	Catherine Mary Irzyk
162K	John J Meosky	322K	Dr Albert L Varacallo Jr	624K	Ann M Luljak		
162K	Rosalie Marie Sheba	356P	Theresa Stvartak	628K	Stephen G Gress		
162K	Thomas J Swenglish						

* Processed in the month of September 2010

OBITUARIES

Dr. Francis J. Hertzog – Branch 75 Shamokin, Pennsylvania

Dr. Francis J. Hertzog, 75, of Canonsburg, died Saturday, September 25, 2010, in Mon Valley Hospital. He was born February 15, 1935, in Shamokin, a son of Francis T. and Stella Cwalina Hertzog.

Dr. Hertzog was a graduate of St. Edwards High School, Shamokin, and St. Vincent College, Latrobe. He received his doctorate from Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia. Dr. Hertzog began his medical career as an intern in the Geisinger Hospital, Danville, and completed his residency in Presbyterian Hospital, now part of UPMC, Pittsburgh. Following his residency, Dr. Hertzog was a surgeon and emergency room physician for South Side Hospital, where he would later become emergency room director. He worked as emergency room physician in Conemaugh Valley Hospital, Johnstown, and Washington Hospital. In addition to South Side Hospital, he had been emergency room director for St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon, and McKeesport Hospital. Dr. Hertzog was at the time of his death on staff, working as an emergency room physician at Mon Valley Hospital.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He enjoyed the theater, opera, Shakespeare and classical music, as well as boating and gardening.

He had served as a physician with the U.S. Army for several years.

On January 8, 1983, he married Jennie Wilds, who survives.

Also surviving are five children, Christian Hertzog (Susan) of San Diego, Calif., Mimi Hershenson (Paul) of Los Angeles, Calif., Francis P. "Jivan" Hertzog (Victoria "Tewa") of

India and Valerie Hertzog and Eric Hertzog, both of Hawaii; five grandchildren; a brother, Norman Hertzog of Shamokin; and a sister, Patricia Carroll (William) of Reading.

Friends were received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on the following Tuesday in McIlvaine-Speakman Funeral Home Ltd., Houston, PA, where a blessing service was held at 10 a.m. the next day, Wednesday, September 29. Interment was private.

Submitted by Ronald M. Anderson,
Branch 75 President/Financial Secretary

Anthony F. (Tony) Kupec

Anthony Francis Kupec, of Kirtland, Ohio, passed away September 13th, 2010 at Lake West Hospital in Willoughby, Ohio. He was 82. Tony was born in Cleveland and graduated from Benedictine High School in 1946. He was the last surviving child of John Andrew Kupec and Anna Cecilia Hross, whose families came from Bretejovce and Brezovica, Slovakia, respectively. Tony was married to the late Jeanne Kupec (née Erxleben). He was the first in his family to go to college; he graduated from Ohio State University with an Industrial Engineering degree. He worked for General Electric for many years, where he held various positions in Cleveland, and where he retired as the Plant Facilities Manager of the Tungsten Wire Facility in Euclid, Ohio. Tony Kupec was an avid golfer and bowler, but golf became his passion. He played courses across the United States, as well as numerous courses in Canada, and a number of famous courses in Scotland. Anthony Francis Kupec is survived by his four sons: John William, Adam Charles (Branch 024K), Anthony Paul, and Christopher Robert. He is also survived by five grandsons: Edison, Peter, Dana, Willem, and Reuben.

Slovak Heritage Society Enjoys Old-fashioned Picnic

Members and guests of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic at the Grove of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church located in Nuangola, PA. Society Chair Philip R. Tuhy, Wilkes-Barre, is shown seated center.

Various Slovak dishes highlighted the "buffet menu" ... from Goulash to several recipes of Holupki, prepared pickles and salads, two kinds of Haluski, various homemade cookies and rolls ... concluding with corn-on-the-cob.

Special Slovak prizes were part of the afternoon raffle, plus "guessing games" of dessert treats and surprise boxes. Singing of Slovak tunes filled the air with the sounds of joyful expressions by all. John Simkovich from Hazelton provided keyboard accompaniment.

A female foursome of the Society Board provided a very special entertainment, singing the well-known number "Katarina," complete with choreographed expressions!

The foursome including (L-R), Membership Chair Mary Migatulski, Wilkes-Barre; Corresponding Secretary Bernadette Yencha, Wilkes-Barre; Financial Advisor Magdalen M. Benish, Plains; and Recording Secretary Anna M. Hudock, Plains.

The afternoon concluded with door prizes and prayers of thanks and the hopes of a safe return home.



Learning Slovak – The SAS way

By Tichomir Miko

From lofty Kriváň Peak in the Carpathians to the regal rolling Danube River - from Bratislava to Košice - from the dizzying heights of the Tatra Mountains to the chilling depths of the Ice Caves of Belian - been there....done that!

I listened to lectures on age-old Slovak dialects one day, and then attended a lecture on the use of modern slang spoken by Slovak youth the next. I clapped and sang along with folk groups like Lúčnica and Ekonóm, only to do the same with modern artists like Janais on subsequent evenings. I watched puppet plays and films; I was treated to traditional Slovak cuisine that would delight the palate of any gastronome; I listened to lectures on history, geography, economy, demography, and flora and fauna unique to Slovakia.

I have barely scratched the surface, but I will stop now, because it already sounds like I am boasting (which I am).

How did I get to do all this and much more?

I took part in the 46th summer language program Studia Academica Slovaca (SAS), offered by the Arts Department of Comenius University in Bratislava in conjunction with the Ministry of Education (Ministerstvo Školstva) for Slovakia. The oldest Slovak language summer school in Slovakia, it has been attracting students of Slovak and specialists in Slavic Studies from around the world for forty-six years. Despite its very somber and academic appellation, it is a most enjoyable experience, tailored to fit the needs of any student of the Slovak Language - from absolute beginner to fluent speaker to doctoral student.

In her opening welcome address, Doc. Jana Pekarovičová, director of SAS, informed the nervous students sitting in the hallowed 'Aula' of Comenius University, that the SAS program is a holistic approach to language learning; it incorporates activities and experiences designed to facilitate language learning. She stressed that language must be experienced beyond the classroom - we learn better and more if we sing and eat like Slovaks, and visit the countryside that helped shape the Slovak language over the centuries. She also stated that learning a language must be an enjoyable experience.

On the first day of classes, students wrote a brief test which aided in placing them at the appropriate level of language learning (beginner, intermediate, advanced, etc). The test alone did not necessarily determine a student's placement - any student who wished to be placed at a lower or higher level was accommodated after further discussions with teachers and lecturers.

Beginning students had language classes in the mornings and then continued to practice their skills in discussion groups in the afternoon. Throughout the course, I often heard laughter emanating from the beginners' classes, indicating they were enjoying their sessions immensely.

Advanced students chose from one of several streams (literature, linguistics, translation, pedagogy) within which to further acquire proficiency in the Slovak language in the morning sessions; in the afternoon, these same students attended lectures in Slovak by visiting professors on a variety of fascinating topics. I list only a few of the many that I enjoyed: "Ethno-cultural stereotypes in the Slovak language" by Doc. Pekarovičová of Comenius University, "Current use and role of Slovak dialects" by Dr. Marianna Sedláková of Šafárik University, "Ethno-cultural foundations of language employed by Slovak youth" (i.e. modern Slovak slang) by Doc. Zuzana Kákošová of Comenius University. There were lectures on Martin Kukučín, modern Slovak poets, Slovaks in the Hapsburg Army, politics of Slovakia following the recent election, and many other interesting topics, dealing with both historical and current issues.

In the late afternoon, occasional workshops were held that included all students, beginner to advanced, dealing with Slovak folk songs one day, and modern Slovak tunes on another day. The learning of these songs not only served to enhance the learning of the language and to provide students with some insight into Slovak culture, but also served to create a spirit of togetherness. During bus trips, students often spontaneously broke out into these songs which had now become part of their collective consciousness. I was truly startled by this, since the participants came from thirty-eight different countries and the vast majority were not even of Slovak descent. To see and hear students from such places as China, Peru, Finland, Egypt lustily singing "Tancuj tancuj vykrúcaj" was something to behold.

Born in Canada of Slovak parents, I grew up under the naive impression that only Slovaks spoke Slovak. In the world of my youth, people learned French, Spanish, and English but no one ever studied Slovak, a language spoken by the populace of a small country in central Europe. Yet here I observed people of different nationalities using Slovak to communicate - I listened and watched, fascinated, as a citizen of Taiwan struggled to speak with a Finn in Slovak, or a student from Italy asking a Bulgarian for the time of day. Slovak, as well as English, were the "linguae francae". It was a thrill for me to discover that Slovak is as dynamic and exciting a language as any of the main languages spoken throughout the world today.

Introduction to modern Slovak literature also made me aware of the dynamics of the living language. From the older Slovaks in Canada, I had heard a bit about the great writers of the past who blazed the trail for Slovak literature to follow - Hviezdoslav, Hollý, Chalupka, and of course, Kukučín. My introduction to modern Slovak literature was yet another epiphany: through my very capable and enthusiastic seminar leader, Dr. Karol Csiba, I discovered searing social satire, feminist literature, poetry, on par with any writing anywhere in the world. There is a wealth of modern Slovak literature yet to be discovered by non-Slovaks, and much more on the way. As in the past, the writing reflects the current society and its trials and tribulations. Right now Slovakia is in a time warp of social and political changes; adaptations to globalization and technology are shaking the society, affecting the lives of individuals, the structure of the family, and the collective consciousness of the nation. The years of restricted artistic expression following the Second World War have given way to a spirit celebrating the freedom of speech and opinion; there is much to write about and Slovak authors have taken up the pen with a quasi vengeance.

Many of the participants were students working on different aspects of Slavic Studies in their home countries: for example, Stefan Gherke was a Ph.D. student from Humboldt University in Berlin, while Ilaria Masini was from the University of Bologna in Italy. Others had more practical purposes for learning the language: Virpi from Finland translates texts from Russian and now hopes to expand her source languages with Slovak while Patricia from Spain works in dubbing for the film and TV industry. And there were a few of us of Slovak heritage, like Anne Magusin from Edmonton, who had come to learn more about our Slovak roots and improve our ability to speak the language of our fathers.

Regardless of the country of origin, and reason for attending, every participant I met was an interesting individual with a great story. Many had talents that they readily shared with the rest of the student body: Bill from North Carolina brought his ukulele and on several evenings initiated impromptu



Beginners' language class

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Director Dr. Pekarovicova and SAS staff



Arts and Crafts creative workshop

music jams that turned into mini-Woodstock festivals - he was often joined by Fabian from Germany on the guitar, and Judit from Hungary who played a mean violin as well as Katarina from Russia on Celtic harp and tin whistle. Thibaud from France, who played the mouth organ, also performed pyrotechnical acrobatics and fire breathing demonstrations, dazzling his fellow 'SASians'.

A very special evening of magic of another kind was provided by a visit from Slovak author/artist/musician/teacher Daniel Hevier. Italy may have Italo Calvino and Paolo Conte, and Canada Leonard Cohen, but Slovakia has Daniel Hevier. A veritable polymath, and pioneer in the field of creative writing in Slovakia, he has worked with theatre ensembles, musical groups, including rock and rap, painted pictures and written books of poetry. He has also released his first novel, *Kniha ktorá sa stane*, the first of a planned series. During the course of the evening, Daniel entertained the participants with fascinating anecdotes, original songs, and readings from his book of sonnets, *Sedemnástic Smiesnych Sonetov*.

During the last week of classes, students also attended a 'creative workshop' of their choosing. The choices offered were Slovak handicrafts, film, photography, modern dance, folk dance, singing, and creative writing. At week's end, the whole student body traipsed down to a local auditorium and performed the fruits of their labour before their peers. Again, the talent displayed was outstanding, due in no small part to the very competent instructors of the workshops, like Mgr. Ivica Ondrušová in my singing workshop.

A student, young or old, cannot get very far without adequate sustenance. In North America, cafeteria food is usually synonymous with bland, tasteless food. But the SAS cafeteria provided very tasty food, with vegetarian options; I loved the soups - nothing served here came out of cans. On a few occasions, special meals were prepared that featured traditional Slovak cuisine. This year, SAS took over the *Institut pre Verejnú Spravu*, (Institute for Public Administration) for the month of August. It proved to be an excellent venue, complete with computer rooms, lecture halls, and student accommodations. Set into the side of a hill, it provided a delightful panoramic view of the wooded hills around Bratislava, yet was only minutes away by streetcar or bus from the city centre. The smooth running of the support services (cafeteria, accommodation, etc.) was due to Ing. Milada Jurna, vice-director of the Institute for Public Administration.

To better comprehend the land that shaped the Slovak language, a three day outing by bus was organized. Participants could choose from four different itineraries. My itinerary took me to the towns of Trnava, Kremnica, the village of Jaseňová, birthplace of the author Kukučín, the castle/fortress of Orava, the reconstructed heritage village in Zuberec, the ice caves of Belian and finally Žilina. At each site, highly qualified guides met us and led us on informative tours of the environs; for those who still struggled with Slovak, English guides were provided. When English guides were not available, our own teachers, like Mgr. Adela Gabriková, provided accurate translation.

The course turned out to be everything director Doc. Pekarovičová had described at the outset and much more. Many new and rich friendships were born - all through the experience of learning Slovak, the SAS way. Obviously busy with the running of the program, Doc. Pekarovičová, was still very visible and readily approachable daily - she relished her conversations with any and all students, always concerned about their welfare. When thanking lecturers at the conclusion of their presentations, she would also turn to the listeners and expressed her thanks to them as well - she could not hide the pride she felt for her brood of 'young ones', some of whom were older than her.

Kudos to Doc. Pekarovičová and vice-director Doc. Miroslav Vojtech and secretary Mgr. Adela Gabriková and the many lecturers and assistants for providing a truly wonderful learning life-experience for the 161 students from 38 countries who took part in this summer's Studia Academica Slovaca. None of the participants will ever forget the summer of 2010.

Historical, Psychological, and Cultural Influences upon the Sport Success of Czecho-Slovakian Athletes – Part IIIb

Outstanding Sports Figures of Czech-Slovak Heritage

By **Christopher M. Keshock, Ph.D.**
University of South Alabama

Given the numerous athletes attaining championship and world class status over the years in both old and new world venues; it is not possible to list all of them. However, more major figures whose accomplishments have been characterized by the term “hard work” are shared in this final article in the series.

Football

One of the founders of the National Football League (NFL), George Halas (1895-1983) was an outstanding player for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and played in the 1919 Rose Bowl. Known as “Papa Bear”, he served 40 years as the Chicago Bears owner and coach leading the team to 7 NFL Championships. He won more games (325) in the NFL until another Slav, Don Shula, became the winningest coach with the Miami Dolphins. A little known fact is that he played outfield for the New York Yankees early in his career- a major leaguer in two professional sports.

George Blanda, a quarterback and place kicker, played more seasons in the NFL (26 years) than any player. He holds many records to include games played (312), lifetime points (1842), lifetime field goals (311) and nine championship game records. His career with the Chicago Bears, Houston Oilers, and Oakland Raiders culminated in his selection for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Another Pro Football Hall of Famer, Chuck Bednarik, the last of the NFL’s full-time two-way players as a center and linebacker, played for the Philadelphia Eagles for 14 seasons (NFL Champions in 1960). As a player at the University of Pennsylvania, he was a consensus All-American in 1947 and 1948 and won the 1948 Maxwell Award as the outstanding college player of the year.

Still another Hall of Famer, Jack Ham, was an All-American linebacker at Penn State University before joining the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL. He was an All-Pro linebacker for the Steelers who won four Super Bowl Championships in the 1970’s under coach Chuck Noll.

Jay Novacek was an All-American receiver at the University of Wyoming in addition to starring in track and field. He played for the St. Louis Cardinals of the NFL before joining the Dallas Cowboys in 1990. As a tight end, he helped lead the Cowboys to the 1993 and 1994 Super Bowl while gaining All-Pro and All-Conference honors.

As a freshman, Bernie Kosar quarterbacked the Miami Hurricanes to the NCAA national championship in football. He played 12 seasons for the Cleveland Browns of the NFL leading them to four conference championships in the 1980’s.

Frank Filchock, a quarterback from Indiana University, played for the New York Giants of the NFL in the late 1940’s and early 1950’s leading that team to an NFL Championship.

In 1933, Joe “Mugsy” Skladany, an end at the University of Pittsburg, became the first Slovak American to achieve All-American honors. John Rokisky of Duquesne University repeated that feat in 1941. Will Svitek, born in Prague in 1982, played at Stanford University as a tackle before being taken in the 2005 NFL Draft. He played at offensive tackle for the Kansas City Chiefs for a number of years.

Baseball

While a number of players with Czech and Slovak roots have played in Major League Baseball, the best known player and Hall of Famer is Stanislaus Musial. With a Polish father and Czechoslovakian mother, Mary Lancos, poor immigrants raising 6 children, Stan was encouraged to pursue a career in professional baseball. In 1941, at age 20, he became a major leaguer, beginning his outstanding career as a St. Louis Cardinal. He is still considered one of the greatest hitters in the history of baseball.

As an outfielder and first baseman, “Stan the Man”, as he was called, won a record seven National League batting titles and led his team to the World Series four times, in 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1946. He was named Sporting News Major League Player of the Year in 1946 and 1951, Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year in 1957, and Sporting News Sportsman of the Decade from 1946 to 1956. In 1954, he became the first player ever to hit five home runs in one day (in a double header). He had a .331 lifetime batting average, and his 3,630 career hits placed him fourth in the history of the major leagues. Upon his retirement, he held 17 major league, 29 National League, and nine All-Star game records (Baldwin, 2001).

Another Hall of Fame baseball player was Joe “Ducky” Medwick (1911-75) who had many successful years as a hitter and outfielder for the pennant winning St. Louis Cardinal of the National League.

The earliest Czech American baseball player was Edward Konetchy who began playing first base for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1907 and later joined the Pirates and Dodgers. Batting over .300 four times in his 15 year major league career, Konetchy compiled 100 or more hits in 14 consecutive seasons.

Kent Hrbek (born 1960) was an All-Star first baseman for the Minnesota Twins in his 14 major league seasons. He was second to Cal Ripken Jr. in 1982 and the Twins MVP in 1984. As a hard-hitting, left handed batter, he produced a .282 average with 1,749 hits, 293 home runs, and 1,086 RBI’s. He played in the 1982 All-Star Game, two American League Championship Series and the World Series.

Elmer Valo, born in Ribnik, Czechoslovakia, was a hustling right fielder who played in the major leagues for 20 years. A line drive hitter, he hit .300 or better five times with a career high .364 in 1955. He spent most of his playing time with the Philadelphia and Kansas City

Athletics, but also played for the Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers and Washington Senators. He became an outstanding pinch-hitter late in his career using his strike zone judgment to post an on base percentage over .400 in eight of his last ten seasons.

Another old-timer was Joe Vosmik (born 1910) of Cleveland, Ohio considered by baseball experts as the best hitter to come out of that ethnically diverse city as evidenced by a .307 batting average in a long major league career. His greatest season came in 1935 as a Cleveland Indian with a batting average of .348, leading the American League with 216 base hits, doubles (47), triples (20), and driving in 119 runs. He also played for Boston, Brooklyn Dodgers and Washington Senators before a managing career in the minor leagues and scouting for the Cleveland Indians.

Bob Cerv (born 1926) played outfield for the New York Yankees and in 1951 hit .344 with 28 home runs and 108 runs batted in (RBI’s). In a career that included playing for the Yankees, Kansas City Athletics, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Houston Astros, he produced a .276 batting average, 105 home runs, and played in the 1958 All-Star Game for the American League.

An All-Star outfielder and third baseman, Andy Pafko (Mr. Cub), had a 17 year major league career which took him to the World Series four times- with the 1945 Chicago Cubs, the 1952 Brooklyn Dodgers, and the 1957 and 1958 Milwaukee Braves. He posted a lifetime batting average of .285, with 213 home runs, and 976 RBI’s.

As mentioned previously, George “Shotgun” Shuba was a left-handed hitting outfielder for the Brooklyn Dodger (1948-1955), Champions of the National League and World Series Champions in 1955. He was the first player to hit a pinch hit homerun in a World Series game.

Dave Dravecky, joined the San Francisco Giants of the National League as a left-handed pitcher in the 1980’s. He achieved immediate success meriting being the starting pitcher in the 1983 All-Star Game. His left hand had to be amputated following a bout with cancer ending a most promising major league career. He has become a much sought after, inspirational speaker working with church and youth groups.

Other players in the major leagues having a Czecho-Slovakian heritage included the following: Andy Kosco, an outfielder who played for the Minnesota Twins, LA Dodgers, and Cincinnati Reds in the 1960’s; Tony Kubek, New York Yankees shortstop and member of the World Series Champions, later, a very successful television broadcaster and baseball analyst; Jack Kralick, pitcher for the Cleveland Indians and other major league teams; Steve Ridzik (born 1929) successful pitcher for the Chicago White Sox; Andy Seminick (born 1920), a catcher for the Philadelphia Phillies who competed in the 1950 World Series against the New York Yankees; Joe Orsulak, an outfielder for the New York Mets, Baltimore Orioles, and Florida Marlins; Al Pilarcik and Al Kozar, major league outfielders.

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News From Slovakia

Radicova: Savings to Be Piecemeal Due to Poor State of Public Finances

Bratislava, September 22 (TASR) - If the Government set about completely resolving the poor state in which public finances have found themselves by the end of 2011, the country and its people wouldn't be able to endure it, Prime Minister Iveta Radicova (SDKU-DS) told a press briefing on this date.

"The poor state of public finances in Slovakia is attested to by the fact that we've had to spread the saving measures over three years. This is because if we were to resolve it within a year no country including Slovakia and its inhabitants could withstand it," said the premier, speaking ahead of Wednesday's Government session.

Representatives of the coalition parties - SDKU-DS, Freedom and Solidarity (SaS), the Christian Democrats (KDH) and Most-Hid - agreed on Tuesday that the planned 2.5-percent consolidation of public finances in 2011 will reach €980 million, or 1.4 percent of GDP, in expenditure savings, while €770 million, or 1.1 percent of GDP, will be made up of higher incomes for the state.

"The budget is ready, and it was among the toughest decisions. As far as savings measures go, we'll manage to save a percentage of public finances in 2011 that will enable us to achieve a deficit of 4.5 percent of GDP. What matters, though, is that the savings won't be enough in the first year. Consolidation will have to be followed through afterwards as well," said Radicova.

Despite cuts in numerous areas, the Coalition has decided to raise funds for, for example, motorway construction, social matters, anti-flood measures and education.

"We've managed not only to agree on cutting the deficit below 3 percent in a piecemeal fashion, but we'll be saving in a manner that will allow us to create enough resources for key priorities," said Radicova on Tuesday night.

The €980-million savings in public expenditures will mainly embrace cuts in state's expenditures on salaries, cuts in the operating costs of state authorities and a halt to "the squandering of public funds via state orders". The savings will be carried out in a manner that will minimise the impact on the most socially vulnerable groups of people.

"The chief measures concern the state's common and capital expenditures. As regards savings, we're cutting down on the salaries of the state's top officials and officials working in public administration," said Radicova.

"Benefits in family policy won't be affected. On the contrary, more funds have been earmarked for this area. We've also raised funding for employment support, as its growth is among the Government's priorities," she added.

Miklos: Despite Bad Legacy in Finance We Produced a Good Budget

Bratislava, September 23 (TASR) - Despite the difficult situation which the current Government inherited from the previous government of Robert Fico (Smer-SD), the Government has succeeded in preparing a good budget proposal for 2011 on time, said Slovak finance Minister Ivan Miklos (SDKU-DS) at a press conference in Bratislava on this date.

"A good (budget) because it ushers in the stabilization of public finances, solution of the current bad situation and at the same time it offers preconditions for economic growth, more jobs and a higher standard of living," explained Miklos.

He said that the legacy of the former government in terms of public finances was dismal, when the deficit represented 8 percent of GDP in 2009, and it will be almost 8 percent this year too. "The preparation of the budget was made more difficult because former finance minister Jan Pociatek covered up and concealed the numbers, and no budget draft (for 2011) existed," said Miklos.

We therefore consider it to be impudent when the former premier Robert Fico criticizes the current consolidation measures of the new Government. "The huge amount of waste and corruption did not emerge from us, but from Fico's government," he stated, adding that Fico utters statements without context when he claims that the prepared austerity package will slow down the growth of the Slovak economy.

Based on the current prognosis of the Finance Ministry, economic growth for next year will be slowed down from the original estimates of 3.8 percent to 3.3 percent. Miklos thinks this is just a temporary phenomenon. "If this consolidation wouldn't be carried out, economic growth would slow down significantly in the upcoming years," he stated.

NBS: Economy Should Grow by 4.3 Percent in 2010 but Slow Down in '11

Bratislava, September 28 (TASR) - The Slovak central bank (NBS) is more optimistic concerning the development of the Slovak economy for this year than it was three months ago, NBS governor Jozef Makuch told a press conference on this date in Bratislava.

According to the current NBS prognosis, the Slovak economy should grow by 4.3 percent this year, while the original expectation was for 3.7 percent. The new-found optimism stems especially from revived foreign demand, specified Makuch.

The economy should decelerate next year again, however, due to the Government's measures aimed at consolidation of public finances. Thus, NBS significantly reduced its estimate of growth for 2011 from the original 4.3 percent to 3 percent.

While this-year's inflation measured by the common European methodology should not exceed 1 percent, the growth of prices in 2011 should accelerate to 3.8 percent, especially due to the VAT increase from 19 to 20 percent and the raising of some excise taxes. NBS estimated in June that this figure would only reach 2.7 percent next year.

The regular quarterly revision of the NBS's medium-term prediction came shortly after the Finance Ministry also revised its figures. It raised the original expectation of this-year's growth from 3.2 to 4

percent. According to the ministry, 2011 should see a temporary deceleration of the economy back to 3.3 percent. The deceleration, they says, will be attributable to the aforementioned package of austerity measures.

Svatopluk Equestrian Statue to Remain in Place

Bratislava, September 22 (TASR) - Parliamentary Chairman Richard

Sulik, who earlier this year initiated a commission to judge the wisdom of having the 'King' Svatopluk equestrian statue in the courtyard of Bratislava Castle, announced his decision on this date to leave the statue in place.

Sulik said that the statue will remain in place at least until the completion of the castle's ongoing refurbishment - a process which could be set back by the commission-recommended transfer of the statue to another site on the castle's grounds, plus the statue could be harmed while being moved.

"For the time being, I don't see any point in moving the statue," said Sulik, adding that he expects the heated debate over the equestrian statue to die down even though his decision will not be universally accepted.

The statue will be left in place on the condition that the double-cross on the ruler's shield (reminiscent of the fascist wartime Hlinka Guard) will be altered by sculptor Jan Kulich to adhere to the Slovak double-cross (also appearing on the Slovak flag, and the text that Svatopluk was a ruler of ancient Slovaks will be replaced with 'Svatopluk' and the years of his reign.

[Svatopluk is described as a Slovak ruler, when in fact a separate Slovak identity didn't emerge until around two centuries after his death. - ed. note]

Dusan Jarjabek, Smer-SD MP instrumental in seeing the Svatopluk statue installed at Bratislava Castle, expressed his pleasure that the statue simply remains in place. "Other things are a matter of copyrights and historians, which I do not want to meddle into," he said.

He noted however that ancient Slovaks clearly did exist and had their own king. It is therefore a shame that somebody takes exception to the inscription in the statue's pedestal mentioning ancient Slovaks. "Not only us, but also our children were taught about them in one way or another," he said.

TASR to Present Slovak Towns and Villages via New Project

Bratislava, September 24 (TASR) - One of the new products in the autumn range of products offered by the News Agency of the Slovak Republic (TASR) is a series called 'Slovakia's Towns and Villages', with a launch on Saturday, September 25.

The goal of the new product is to boost regional news coverage as well as bring a profile of a Slovak town or village every day. The settlement will be presented from various points of view - current problems, history and economic state along with local trivia and curiosities, such as the usual topics in the local pub, typical recipes, special dialect expressions and local legends. The profile will always be accompanied by audio files, along with video footage and photographs.

Thanks to 'Slovakia's Towns and Villages' feature, lesser-known but also interesting places in Slovakia should come under the spotlight.

Ice-Hockey: Reconstruction Work on Ondrej Nepela Arena on Schedule

Bratislava, September 22 (TASR) - The major reconstruction of the Ondrej Nepela Arena, which will be one of the venues for the 2011 Ice-Hockey World Championships, and construction of two nearby training halls in Bratislava is on schedule, mayor of Bratislava Andrej Durkovsky said after viewing the site on Wednesday.

"The facade of the arena is being completed at the moment. Bratislavans will soon have the opportunity to see the final external appearance of the stadium," said Durkovsky, adding that the instalment of cooling pipes and cables is also nearing its end.

The arena is expected to be completed at the end of November.

Jan Kovacik Elected New Head of the Slovak Football Association

Senec, September 25 (TASR) - Entrepreneur and owner of premier league football club Dukla Banska Bystrica Jan Kovacik was elected Slovak Football Association president in Senec (Bratislava region) on this date.

Kovacik received an overwhelming 126 out of 153 votes, and will thus replace Frantisek Laurinec, who has been at the head of Slovak football since 1999 and didn't run this time.

In the vote, Kovacik steamrollered erstwhile national coach and former Smer-SD MP Dusan Galis (23 votes) and former national team striker Lubomir Luhovy (4 votes), who is as a favourite of the media for his talkative nature.

"I didn't expect such a number even in my most optimistic visions," said Kovacik.

Before the vote, Kovacik said that he will put accent on communication within the SFZ, and with the media and the public. "A further important point is bolstering infrastructure; we need a regular stadium in Bratislava and in other towns to be ready for the possible Czech-Slovak league," he said.

Kovacik is the owner of the Forza production company, which produces such events as Miss Slovakia and the Slavik song award show.

Czecho-Slovakian Athletes

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Basketball

Joe Lapchick became one of the great Slovak American basketball stars during the 1920's and 1930's. At 6'5", tall for that time, he starred for the "Original Celtics" the first professional basketball team to issue season contracts. The Celtics dominated the American Basketball League (ABL) as did the Cleveland Rosenblums, another of his professional teams. After many seasons as an outstanding player, Joe became a very successful college and NBA coach.

John Havlicek, the best known Czech American basketball player, was an All-American at Ohio State in 1962. He and teammate Jerry Lucas led Ohio State to three straight National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament finals winning in 1960. Beginning a professional career with the Boston Celtics in the 1962-63 season, he played for six NBA championship teams in the first seven years. Starring as a "sixth man" he later played for two more championship teams before retiring in 1978. He was the first NBA player to score 1,000 or more points for sixteen consecutive seasons. An NBA All-Star thirteen times in his sixteen seasons, Havlicek was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984.

Dave Twardzik starred at Old Dominion University as a point guard before joining the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA. He was the playmaker on the NBA championship team led by the great Bill Walton- a team considered by many as one of the NBA's very best. Later, Twardzik moved into management with the Trailblazers as the General Manager.

Some recent players with continental ties include: George Zidek, born in Zlin, who was a member of the UCLA NCAA championship team in 1995 and later played professionally for the Charlotte Hornets, Denver Nuggets, and Seattle Super Sonics; Rich Petruska, born in Levice, played college basketball at UCLA and professionally for the Rockets during the 1993-94 NBA season; and Jiri Welsch of Pardubice, Czechoslovakia. Drafted by the Golden State Warriors in the 2002 NBA draft, he later played for the Dallas Mavericks, Boston Celtics, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Milwaukee Bucks in 2007.

Kamila Vodichkova, who has been a dominant player in the Czech circuit and for the Dynamo in Russian super league (2005), led the Seattle Storm to the championships of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) before moving on to the Phoenix Mercury in the 2005-06 season.

Pat Riley (Slovak mother) starred for the Kentucky University Wildcats under the legendary coach Adolph Rupp. A prolific scorer, he later played in the NBA for a number of seasons before becoming a successful NBA coach.

Boxing

Kelly Pavlik, current Middleweight Champion of the World (2007-08).

Pete Latzo (1902-68), World Welterweight Boxing Champion from 1926-28.

Perennial heavyweight boxing contender Johnny Risko (1902-53).

Jack Root (Janus Ruthaly, born 1976) became the Champion of the new Light Heavyweight Division created in 1903. A good boxer and a good hitter, he was ranked number 5 All-Time Light Heavyweight by ring expert Nat Fleischer. He was elected to the Ring Boxing Hall of Fame in 1961.

A number of Slovak American boxers included Jimmy Vaughn (Paul Cvecka), Joe Bannovic, Steve Hamas ("the Slovak Hurricane"), Steve Oswald, and in the 1940's, Joe Baksi from Kulpmont, Pa. who sought the heavyweight title before losing to Jersey Joe Walcott, the eventual champion. All of the pugilists ignited both local and ethnic Slovak pride.

Concluding Remarks

With such national crises as the Munich Agreement of 1938 and takeover by the Nazis, the establishment of a communist regime in 1948, and the false hopes of a Prague Spring in 1968, the Czechoslovakian people have maintained a national identity based in part on the sports successes of its athletes. This legacy, grounded in a strong work ethic going back over 1,000 years, has been perpetuated by Czech-Slovakian competitors in Europe, North America and other parts of the world. Of note is the fact that three of the most prestigious figures in the history of psychology- Freud, Erikson, and Selye- have studied the impact of work in the context of the Czechoslovakian experience and how its acceptance as a life theme can motivate individuals, such as sports figures, to attain outstanding success. Lastly, the emergence and continuation of the Sokol Movement in that culture has encouraged participants to be physically fit, mentally alert, and spiritually sound- very much in line with the ideals of the Olympian movement of ancient as well as modern times.

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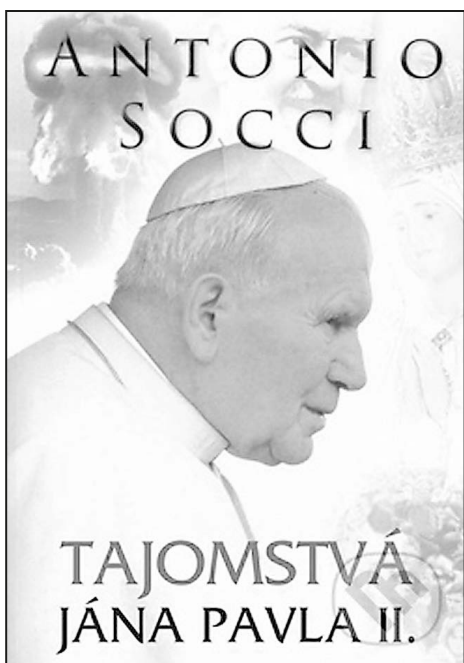
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V septembri a októbri sa chystá najznámejší slovenský ultrabežec Jozef Rajchl prebehnúť krížom cez Spojené štáty – 5 300 kilometrovú trať chce prebehnúť za 45 dní a vytvoriť tak svetový a Guinnessov rekord v kategórii Najrýchlejšie prebehnutie zo San Francisca do Washingtonu.

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On Tuesday,
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V utorok 5. októbra 2010 sa uskutočnil slávnostný obed predsedníčky vlády SR Ivety Radíčovovej s predstaviteľmi cirkví a náboženských spoločností na Slovensku.

Slovenská premiérka uvítala iniciatívu KBS pozvať na Slovensko pápeža Benedikta XVI.

Bratislava (TASR) - Predsedníčka vlády SR Iveta Radíčovová a predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský sa zhodli na tom, že otázky spojené s novou úpravou financovania cirkví momentálne nie sú absolútnou prioritou. Vláda je však pripravená otvoriť diskusiu k tejto téme, ak ju Katolícka cirkev iniciuje. Vyplýva to zo stretnutia premiérky a predsedu KBS na Urade vlády SR.

Mons. Zvolenský požiadal predsedníčku vlády o podporu v oblasti cirkevných inštitúcií sociálnych služieb a navrhol riešenie v podobe spoločnej pracovnej skupiny odborníkov k novelizácii zákona o sociálnych službách. Obaja sa dotkli aj problematiky financovania školských zariadení. Po prechode kompetencií v tejto oblasti na VÚC sa vytvorila nerovnováha pri financovaní neštátnych školských zariadení. Premiérka prisľúbila prerokovanie týchto otázok v súčinnosti s Ministerstvom školstva SR.

Radíčovová uvítala iniciatívu KBS pozvať na Slovensko v roku 2013 pápeža Benedikta XVI. pri príležitosti jubilea príchodu Cyrila a Metoda na naše územie. Ako povedala, tieto kroky majú plnú podporu vlády a návšteva pápeža v SR by bola veľkou čťou.

Premiérka poďakovala Zvolenskému za odslúženie svätej omše za obete nedávnej strelby v bratislavskej Devínskej Novej Vsi. Predstavila mu novoootvorenú kaplnku v budove Uradu vlády SR, kde sa začala tradícia pravidelných ekumenických bohoslužieb. Zvažuje tiež možnosť, že by sa kaplnka otvorila širšej verejnosti. Mons. Zvolenský ocenil otvorenosť premiérky pre duchovné hodnoty.



M. Martikána uviedli do Medzinárodnej siene slávy športov v Gaithersburg, Maryland

V meste Gaithersburg v štáte Maryland 25. septembra 2010 slávnostne uviedli popredného slovenského športovca Michala Martikána do Medzinárodnej siene slávy športov na divokej vode (International Whitewater Hall of Fame). Toto prestížne medzinárodné ocenenie mu udelili ako výraz uznania jeho výnimočných športových úspechov a celkového prínosu pre rozvoj a propagáciu tohto športu.

M. Martikána do Medzinárodnej siene slávy športov na divokej vode pre rok 2010 vybrali a uviedli ako jednu z piatich svetových športových osobností. Na slávnostnej ceremónii sa zúčastnilo približne 200 hostí, medzi ktorými bolo prítomných viacero olympionikov a viacnásobných účastníkov majstrovstiev sveta z USA i ďalších krajín sveta. M. Martikán sa hosťom prihovril a za ocenenie poďakoval prostredníctvom videoprihovoru.

Na slávnosti sa zúčastnil a po dohode so Slovenským zväzom kanoistiky na divokej vode cenu pre M. Martikána prevzal zástupca Veľvyslanectva SR vo Washingtonu Andrej Droba.

MZV SR



V pápežskej komisii pre historické vedy je aj Slovenka

Vatikán (TASR) - Pápež Benedikt XVI. potvrdil slovenskú historičku Emíliu Hrabovcovú za členku pápežskej komisii pre historické vedy, uviedla to nedávno katolícka tlač. Aprobáciu oznámil odborníčke na slovensko-vatikánske vzťahy štátny tajomník Vatikánu, kardinál Tarcisio Bertone, spolu s blahoželaním sekretára pápežskej rady otca Bernarda Arduru.

Emília Hrabovcová sa narodila v roku 1964 v Bratislave. Po emigrácii z politických dôvodov pokračovala v štúdiu histórie od roku 1985 vo Freiburgu, Mníchove a Bazileji. V roku 1994 promovovala na univerzite vo Viedni, kde v roku 2001 aj habilitovala. Do roku 2005 vyučovala v Inštitúte východoeurópskych dejín na Viedenskej univerzite, kde pôsobí ako mimoriadna profesorka. Je tiež dekanou Filozofickej fakulty Trnavskej univerzity.

Hrabovcová sa venuje najmä postaveniu slovenského katolicizmu v Uhorsku a po vyhlásení Československej republiky v roku 1918. Za monografiu "Svätá Stolica a Slovensko 1918-1922 v kontexte medzinárodných vzťahov" jej udelila Rakúska akadémia vied vedeckú cenu Richarda Georga Plaschku.



Prezident Ivan Gašparovič je vynikajúci fujarista a má aj vlastný detviansky kroj. Fujara patrí k slovenskému kultúrnemu dedičstvu rovnako ako slovenský čuvač.

Slovak Cuvac Dog Club Vice President Christina together with her son Tisco and a female Cuvac dog met with Slovak President Dr. Ivan Gasparovic at the president's Palace Garden in Bratislava on September 14, 2010.

Pozdrav chovateľom slovenských čuvačov v Amerike

Pred dvomi rokmi, keď sa novinári pýtali slovenského prezidenta Ivana Gašparoviča, aký dar by dal prezidentovi Georgovi Bushovi, pri príležitosti jeho stretnutia s ruským prezidentom Vladimírom Putinom v Bratislave, zo žartu povedal, že slovenského čuvača, ktorý je takmer dvakrát väčší ako jeho pes.

Slovenský čuvač je tradičný slovenský pastiersky pes, je súčasťou slovenského kultúrneho dedičstva. Je priateľský k ľuďom, dobrý ochranca majetku a poslušný pomocník pastierov oviec, ktorý zaženie vlka i medveďa.

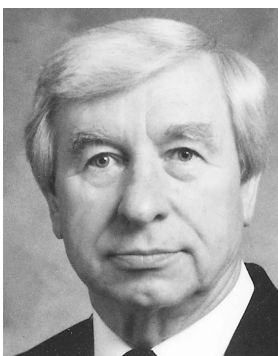
Keď sme s pani Kristínou Dunlopovou, novou viceprezidentkou Klubu slovenských čuvačov v Amerike, požiadali Kanceláriu prezidenta SR o fototermin s prezidentom a americkou reprezentantkou slovenských čuvačov Astrou, dostali sme súhlas prezidenta takmer okamžite. Aj on má dvoch štvornohých priateľov, poľovních psov, a tak mal pre našu žiadosť porozumenie. Astra bola prvá spomedzi psov, ktorá mala tú česť vstúpiť do Prezidentského paláca. Stretli sme sa v záhrade za palácom. Prítomný bol aj syn pani Dunlopovej, Tichomír. Narodil sa síce v Rakúsku, otca má Angličana a mama je slovensko-slovenská Američanka, ale päťročný Tiško hovorí, že je Slováčik aj Američan. Astra vycítila, že prezident psom rozumie, bola priateľská, ochotná pózovať pred kamerami. Pani Dunlopová informovala prezidenta o druhom šampionáte slovenských čuvačov v Texase, ktorý sa mal konať 9. októbra t. r. Predpokladala, že sa ho zúčastní viac než sto amerických chovateľov tohto slovenského plemena a vyberú spomedzi nich najkrajších, ako sa to už na podobných výstavách robí.

Ivan Reguli

Festival slovenského dedičstva v Pittsburghu, PA

University of Pittsburgh, Pitt Student Slovak Club v spolupráci so Slovak Studies Foundation usporiadajú 20. Festival slovenského dedičstva v nedeľu 7. novembra. Bude sa konať v Cathedral of Learning Commons Room na University of Pittsburgh v Oakland section v Pittsburghu, PA. Začiatok bude o 1.00 hodine a trvať bude do 5.00 hodiny popoludní. Prítomní si budú mať možnosť prezrieť výstavu o Slovensku. Otvorené budú predajné stánky s výrobkami dovezenými zo Slovenska. Na predaj budú aj slovenské jedlá. V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia slovenské folklórne tanečné a spevácke súbory. Bližšie informácie: Christine Metil; tel.č. (412) 624-5906.

Zomrel, dlhoročný prispievateľ do Jednoty, Ján J. Karch Ph.D



Ján J. Karch, Ph.D

V utorok dňa 7. septembra 2010 sa odobral na večný odpočinok pán Ján J. Karch, Ph.D, z Falls Church, štátu Virginia v USA. Nebohý brat Ján zanecháva za sebou svoju milujúcu manželku Lorretu R. Karch; svojho syna Paula J. Karcha s manželkou Susan; svoju dcéru Annu Marie Wujick s manželom Davidom; milujúce vnúčatá: Rachel, Helena, John, Paul Jr., Andrew, Cassandra a Natalie.

Pohrebná svätá omša za nebohého Jána Karcha sa konala v utorok 14. septembra 2010 sa o 10.30 hodine doobeda v kostole St. James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA. Pohrebné obrady so všetkými vojenskými poctami za zosnulého sa budú konať 22. decembra 2010 o 11.00 hodine doobeda na Arlington National Cemetery.

Príspevky na pamiatku zosnulého Jána J. Karcha zasielajte do Catholic War Veterans of United States of America, National Headquarters, 441 N. Lee St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2301. Dr. Karch bol doživotným členom Post 1652-VA.

Nech náš dobrotivý Pán dá ľahké odpočívanie, jeho nesmrteľnej duši! Nech je mu Pán večnou odmenou! Česť jeho pamiatke!

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu, Spolku č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 24. októbra 2010 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola Najsvätejšej Trojice v Yonkers, New York.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní.

Na programe bude podanie finančnej správy, voľba nových úradníkov na rok 2011 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie.

Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v New York City

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 31. októbra 2010 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia sa uskutoční výročná členská schôdza v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

Na programe schôdze bude finančná správa, prevedenie volieb nových úradníkov na rok 2011 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie. Vyzývame všetkých členov, aby sa na tejto dôležitej schôdzi zúčastnili. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

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Schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu IKSJ v Los Angeles

Okres Princa Pribinu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Los Angeles bude mať svoju schôdzu v nedeľu 31. októbra 2010. Oslava začne slovenskou svätou omšou o 15.00 hodine v kaplnke sv. Jána Bosku pri St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower, Bl. Bellflower, CA 90706. Svätú omšu bude slúžiť otec Pavol Sochuľak, ktorý je kňazom v San Bernardino. Prípomienime si v modlitbách pamiatku Všetkých svätých a milovaných zosnulých. Po svätej omši bude schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu a za tým bude nasledovať spoločné posedenie s priateľmi pri káve a šiškách. Všetky obvody v okolí sú pozvané na zasadnutie okresu. Na programe budú postrehy a informácie z 49. Konvencii IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio a aktivity okresu a poistenie cestou Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

Paul Skuben, predseda

100 rokov slovenského novinárstva v Kanade

Pred 100 rokmi, konkrétne koncom roka 1910, začala sa písať prvá etapa slovenského novinárstva na západe Kanady. Banické mesto Blairmore v provincii Alberta, kde už bol skoncentrovaný značný počet slovenských prisťahovalcov, v prevažnej väčšine z USA (Ameriky), ktorí sa tam zamestnali v dolovaní uhlia a lesnícko-drevárskom priemysle, bolo rodiskom prvých slovenských novín v Kanade, ktoré tam začali vychádzať pod vhodným menom – Slovenské Slovo. Vychádzali na 12 stranách v malom, formáte, dosť nepravidelne, patrioticky usmernené proti hungariánskej nadvlády na Slovensku.

O tom ako vznikli, ich potrebe, ich skromnom začiatku a ich predčasnom zániku, zmienil sa ich spoluvorca-redaktor Juraj Kleskeň, v svojich spomienkach uverejnených vo zvláštnom čísle amerických novín Jednota s dátumom 30. júna 1937, venované Sestrám a bratom v Kanade. V svojom dokumentárnom príspevku Slovenské novinárstvo v Kanade túto historickú udalosť sprítomnil nasledovne:

Do roku 1910 Slováci v Kanade nemali slovenské časopisy. Sem prichádzali noviny zväčša zo Spojených štátov a málo bolo tých, ktorí by boli čítali a odberali časopisy zo starej vlasti.

V tom čase účinkoval v Mitchell, B.C. istý Ondrej Lukča, zaoberajúci sa myšlienkou vydávania slovenských novín v Kanade, ktorú aj uskutočnil, keď v októbri 1910 jeho nákladom vyšli prvé slovenské noviny v Kanade, pod názvom Slovenské Slovo. Ich redaktorom bol Juraj Kleskeň, ktorý za tým účelom prišiel z Chicaga do Kanady. Noviny dlhý život nemali. Podľa Kleskeňa boli by sa snáď udržali, lenže vydavateľ volil nevhodný čas k ich vydávaniu. V nasledujúcom roku (1911) vypukla v 18. distrikte lesnícka stávka, ktorá trvala deväť mesiacov a keďže vydavateľ bol hmotne vyčerpaný a vydávanie novín nemohol ďalej financovať, Slovenské Slovo, po jednom roku svojej existencie, v novembri 1911, prestalo vychádzať.

Takto sa skončila prvá etapa vydávania slovenských novín v Kanade. Štatistika udáva, že v tom čase v Kanade bolo menej ako tri tisíc prisťahovalcov zo Slovenska.

V časovom odstupu 30 rokov, Kleskeň obnovil pod starým menom vydávanie Slovenského Slova v pevnom národno-slovenskom duchu za štátnu suverenitu slovenského národa. Toto jeho politické krédo pobúrilo čechoslovakov a ich slovenských prívržencov do neznesiteľnej miery. Očiernili ho pred úradmi, pohrozili sa mu súdnym zákrokom, dokonca aj koncentračným táborm. Bola vojna. Udávanie Slovákov za „nepriateľských cudzincov“ a všelijakých iných, bolo na dennom poriadku. Aby sa vyhnul súdnym výdavkom a možnej perzekúcii zo strany falošne informovaných kanadských úradov, prvé číslo obnoveného Slovenského Slova s dátumom 25. júna 1940 bolo aj posledné. Ač práve v tom čase nebola núdza o slovenské noviny v Kanade. V Montreale vychádzali celokanadské slovenské (patriotické) noviny Slovenské Bratstvo (redaktor Štefan Hreha), československá (protislovenská) Nová Vlasť (redaktor Martin Dudák) a v Toronte pokrokové (komunistické) Ľudové Zvesti (redaktor Cyprián Slimák). Kleskeň zdieľal názor, že tvorivá slovenská spoločnosť v západnej Kanade, vzdialená od východnej okolo tri tisíc míľ, potrebovala svoje vlastné reprezentatívne regionálne noviny.

Kleskeň medzi prvým a obnoveným vydávaním Slovenského Slova redigoval slovenskú časť novín Kanadský Čechoslovak (1920-21), vlastenecké noviny Hlas Národa (1932-34) a spolkový bulletin Úvahy (1934-34). Bohužiaľ ani jedné dlhý život nemali. Podarilo sa mi zachrániť niekoľko prvých čísiel týchto novín, ktoré som dal do archívnych fondov University of Ottawa.

Storočná sága slovenského novinárstva v Kanade má za sebou navyš 46 titulov rôznych novín, periodík a revuí každého odvaru, politickej orientácie, náboženskej konfesie a novinárskeho charakteru. Azda menej bolo by viac.

Posledné noviny, ktoré v Kanade pred niekoľko rokmi prestali vychádzať bolo Naše Slovensko. Najstarším časopisom, ktorý tu neprestajne vychádza už 68 rokov je Kanadský Slováčik s prívlastkom jediný slovenský týždenník na americkom kontinente.

Juraj Kleskeň s prímiením Maloveský, povoláním tlačiar, narodil sa 7. marca 1883 v obci Malá Vieska v Turci (od nej prímie Maloveský). Na začiatku predminulého storočia odišiel do USA do Chicaga a odtiaľ do Kanady, kde sa osvedčil ako podnikavý novinár, agilný národný, spolkársky a cirkevný činiteľ. Narodný evanjelik, nadvicoval katolícky kostolný spevokol začo ho ľavičiarstva tlač nazvala „farizejom“. Zomrel 23. apríla 1959 v Bellevue, Alberta vo veku 76 rokov.

Juraj Kleskeň-Maloveský neodateľne radí sa medzi prvých priekopníkov slovenského novinárstva v Kanade a jeho meno navždy zostane spojené s vydávaním prvých slovenských novín v Kanade.

Štefan Hreha,
Montréal, QC.

Krátké správy zo Slovenska

• **Španielska** polícia zatkla v rámci zásahu proti drogovému gangu na ostrove Ibiza 25 osôb vrátane jedného slovenského občana. Informovali o tom nedávno španielske úrady. Medzi zadržanými je 20 Britov, dvaja Íri a po jednom občanovi zo Slovenska, z Českej republiky a zo Španielska. Podľa vyšetrovania týchto 14 mužov a 11 žien tvorilo rozsiahlu drogovú sieť, ktorá sa zameriavala na predaj omamných látok v nočných kluboch na turistami obľúbenom ostrove. Medzi obvinenými je aj viacero študentov.

• **Slovensko** sa v hodnotení konkurencieschopnosti prepadlo oproti minulému roku o 13 miest a skončilo v poradí 60. zo 139 krajín. Vyplýva to zo Správy o globálnej konkurencieschopnosti 2010-2011, ktorú nedávno zverejnilo Svetové ekonomické fórum. Ide o historicky najhoršie umiestnenie Slovenska od jeho zaradenia do tohto prestížneho medzinárodného porovnania. Najkonkurencieschopnejšou krajinou sveta je Švajčiarsko, ktoré obsadilo 1. miesto aj minulý rok. Nasledujú Švédsko a Singapur. Spojené štáty americké sa prepadli o dve miesta a obsadili 4. priečku. V top 10 naďalej prevažujú európske ekonomiky, keď ďalšie miesta obsadili Nemecko (5.), Fínsko (7.), Holandsko (8.) a Dánsko (9.). Česká republika si medziročne pohoršila o 5 miest a z minuloročnej 31. priečky zostúpila na 36. priečku v tomto roku. Konkurencieschopnosť Poľska naďalej intenzívne rastie, keď sa rovnako ako minulý rok posunulo o 7 miest vyššie a obsadilo 39. priečku. Maďarsko sa v hodnotení taktiež posunulo nahor, a to z minuloročného 58. miesta na súčasné 52.

• **V júli 2010** dosiahol celkový vývoz tovaru zo Slovenska hodnotu 3.8 miliardy eur a pri medziročnom porovnaní tak vzrástol o 22.8 %. Celkový dovoz tovaru do krajiny sa v siedmom mesiaci tohto roka zvýšil o 27.1 % na 3.9 miliardy eur. Saldo zahraničného obchodu bolo pasívne v objeme 93.8 milióna eur. Za sedem mesiacov sa v porovnaní s rovnakým obdobím minulého roka zvýšil celkový vývoz tovaru o 22.4 % na 26.5 miliardy eur a celkový dovoz o 21.2 % na 25.9 miliardy eur. Saldo zahraničného obchodu bolo aktívne v objeme 575.3 milióna eur.

• **Kým 23. apríla 2011** zaplatili turisti v bratislavskom Carltone za noc 120 eur, o týždeň neskôr rovné tri stovky. Dôvod? Majstrovstvá sveta v hokeji, ktoré sa uskutočnia v Bratislave a Košiciach. Napriek tomu, že do začiatku šampionátu ostáva ešte niekoľko mesiacov, mnohé hotely sú už teraz plné. Aj vďaka tomu vzrástli ceny ubytovania v priemere o 20 percent. Organizátori majstrovstiev chcú predať 340-tisíc vstupeniek. Nápor fanúšikov sa očakávajú najmä z Ruska a Škandinávie.

• **Po ročnej prestávke** bude znovu spájať Bratislavu a Prahu rýchlovlak Pendolino. Po prechode na nový grafikon, teda od 12. decembra tohto roka začne každé ráno okolo šiestej hodiny z hlavného mesta Slovenska vyrážať rýchlovlak Pendolino. Za necelé štyri hodiny dovezie cestujúcich do Prahy. Z hlavného mesta Česka vyrazí späť do Bratislavy okolo 18. hodiny. Pendolino je nielen rýchlejší, ale aj pohodlnejší než bežné vlaky. O presnej cene cestovného lístka české a slovenské železnice rokujú. Mala by však byť rovnaká ako pri iných spojoch. Minulosťou by mal byť príplatok vo výške 7 eur, ktorý cestujúci platili za špeciálnu miestenku, čo cestu v Pendoline predražovalo.

• **Jazdecká** socha Svätopluka ostáva na Bratislavskom hrade. Na tlačovej konferencii to nedávno oznámil predseda Národnej rady SR Richard Sulík (SaS) s tým, že dvojkríž na štíte pripomínajúci znak Hlinkovej gardy zmení autor sochy Ján Kulich na vlastné náklady na slovenský dvojkríž. Nahradí sa aj nápis na podstavci, a to jednoduchým textom s menom panovníka a rokmi, kedy vládol.

• **Žiaci** sa na základných školách budú učiť od septembra 2011 povinne anglický jazyk. Vláda 22. septembra schválila návrh novely školského zákona z dielne ministra školstva Eugena Jurzycu. Zatiaľ nie je jasné, ktorý ročník začne s povinnou výučbou. Ako vyplývalo z vyjadrenia šéfa rezortu, táto povinnosť by sa mala týkať tretiačkov. Pôvodný zámer počítal s prvákmi.

• **Jedným** z nových produktov v rámci jesennej ponuky TASR je cyklus Mestá a obce Slovenska, ktorý sa začína v sobotu 25. septembra. Jeho cieľom je posilniť regionálne správy a každý týždeň priniesť spravodajsko-publicistický profil jedného mesta alebo obce. Obec či mesto pritom "rozobrat" z rôznych uhlov pohľadu od aktuálnych problémových tém cez históriu, ekonomické zázemie obce až po miestne kuriozity, ako sú typické témy v miestnej krčme, typické recepty, špeciálne nárečové výrazy či miestne humorné legendy. Profil mesta alebo obce bude vždy obohatený o zvukové záznamy, videoreportáže a fotoreportáže.

• **Podnikateľ** Ivan Kmotrík nie je jediný, kto by chcel postaviť štadión na Tehelnom poli v Bratislave. Záujem o výstavbu Národného futbalového štadiónu prejavila aj švajčiarska firma Hidber Consultants. Tá ešte v júli 2010 poslala ponuku ministerstvu financií Ivanovi Miklošovi (SDKÚ-DS) a primátorovi Bratislavy Andrejovi Ďurkovskému (KDH). Firma postavila a prevádzkuje štadióny v Bazileji a Berne, kde sa hrali aj Majstrovstvá Európy 2008.

• **Odchádzajúci** manažéri na železničiaroch za strany Smer-SD, SNS a ĽS-HZDS si dali vyplatiť nadštandardné odchodné. Bývalý šéf nákladného dopravcu - spoločnosti Cargo Slovakia Matej Augustín (nominant Smeru-SD) si po odchode z podniku prilapil o odstupné 154,000 eur. Ide o sumu, ktorá sa rovná jeho 14 platom. Iný člen predstavenstva Jozef Pavúk (nominant ĽS-HZDS) odišiel z funkcie s odstupným v sume takmer 130,000 eur a v uplynulých voľbách pritom za stranu kandidoval za poslanca. Bývalý šéf osobného dopravcu - Železničnej spoločnosti Slovensko Milan Čupek (nominant SNS) si zase vzal so sebou odstupné v sume šiestich platom. A k tomu ešte aj náhrady za odmeny. Nominanti si dali vyplatiť "zlaté padáky" ako ich predchodcovia, ktorí v roku 2006 odchádzali ako nominanti SDKÚ. Podľa odborníkov je však také odstupné neprijateľné.

• **So zlatou a striebornou medailou** sa v týchto dňoch vrátili zo 4. Medzinárodnej olympiády astronómie a astrofyziky (IOAA) v Pekingu mladí slovenskí astronómia. Vedomosti v oblasti astronómie a astrofyziky si v Číne zmeralo celkovo 107 študentov zo štyroch kontinentov sústredených do 24 národných tímov z 22 štátov sveta. Slovensko zastupovali víťazi národného finále astronomickej olympiády v SR - Miroslav Jagelka z Gymnázia J. Lettricha v Martine, ktorý práve začína študovať astrofyziku na Masarykovej univerzite v Brne, Peter Kosec z Gymnázia L. Štúra v Trenčíne a Jakub Dolinský z Gymnázia v Topoľčanoch. Po štyroch rokoch sa tak slovenská astronómia môže znova pochváliť zlatou medailou. Prvú získal na premiérovej astroolympiáde v Thajsku v roku 2007 Košičan Robert Barsa.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Kto zachráni Maticu slovenskú?



Jozef Markuš
Predseda MS,

Matica slovenská počas svojej 147-ročnej histórie prekonala obdobia rozkvetu i krízy. Neraz bola trňom v oku tých, čo nepriali Slovákom ich národný rozvoj. Pokúšali sa ju zlikvidovať, rozkrádať, alebo aspoň obmedziť v činnosti. Doteraz to bolo vždy predovšetkým zásahom vonkajších nepriateľov. Dnes však stojí Matica slovenská pred vážnym problémom, ktorého korene sú v samotnej Matici. Po štyroch rokoch hojnosti a priazne zo strany vlády prichádza rana, ktorú spôsobil gambler na jej čele. Kto má veľa, chce ešte viac. Keď hráč v kasíne vidí, že prehráva nie aby prestal, ale vkladá ďalšie a ďalšie peniaze až prehrá všetko.

Prvé informácie o tom, že nie je všetko v poriadku prichádzali od investorov Maticného fondu a Podielového družstva slovenské investície (PDSI). Oba subjekty vložili svoje nemalé prostriedky do rúk obchodníka s cennými papiermi Capital Investu a ten do aktivít, ktoré sľubovali vysoké zhodnotenie, ako viaceré nebankové subjekty, čo pripravili sporiteľov o všetky peniaze. Ľudia sú však nepoučiteľní. Vidina vysokých výnosov im zatemňuje zdravý úsudok. Teraz je to o to horšie, že na čele všetkých ohrozených inštitúcií stojí Ing. Jozef Markuš, predseda Matice slovenskej. Prostriedky vlastnej Matice, ktoré sú aj pod kontrolou štátu, vraj zatiaľ nie sú ohrozené. Otáznik visí nad Maticným fondom a PDSI, ale peniaze sa niekde „stratili“ aj z Nadácie Matice slovenskej a kto vie kde sú prostriedky Národného pokladu, ktorý spravuje Matica slovenská. Nie je jasné to, ako Matica spravuje svoju Neografu, ktorá mala zabezpečiť chod Matice i v časoch menej priaznivých.

Niekoľko by si povedal, že Markuš si zobral toho na pleciah príliš veľa, že sa spoliehal na svojich poradcov a zástupcov. Nuž, je to tak, že za všetky svoje funkcie bol veľmi dobre platený, ale o mnohých aktivitách neinformoval ani svojich podpredsedov ani správcu a tak za zlé investovanie nesie plnú zodpovednosť najmä on!

Onedlho bude Valné zhromaždenie Matice slovenskej rozhodovať o tom, kto bude v ďalšom období na jej čele. Dnes už je jasné, že Markuš by to nemal byť. Horúcim kandidátom je Ing. Marián Tkáč, o ktorom sme nedávno písali v Jednote v súvislosti s recenziou jeho najnovšej knihy *Pravdivý slovenský príbeh*. Ing. Marián Tkáč bol zakladateľom Národnej banky Slovenska a dodnes v nej pracuje ako vedúci archívu.

O funkciu predsedu Matice slovenskej prejavil záujem spolu s viacerými kandidátmi. Stanovy Matice slovenskej sú však dosť prísne. Návrh musí odporučiť najmenej 18 miestnych organizácií. Kandidát musí mať dôveru členov a voliteľov už pri podaní návrhu. Markuš si vždy vedel zabezpečiť medzi voliteľmi väčšinu. Teraz však čelí problémom, za ktoré nesie osobnú zodpovednosť a tak je otázne, či niekto vôbec za neho zdvihne ruku. Svojím konaním pripravil o peniaze tisíce maticných investorov a priaznivcov. Sú medzi nimi aj Slováci zo zahraničia. Aj tí sa musia uchádzať o vrátenie peňazí, ak budú dobytne, alebo sa s nimi navždy rozlúčiť. Súčasná slovenská vláda musí šetriť a celkom sa jej hodí, že vinu za nehospodárnosť svojich predchodcov môže hodiť aj na Maticu slovenskú.



Dr. Ludovít Pavlo (left), Honorary President of the Slovak League of America, donated 3,228,122 Slovak crowns to the Matica slovenska in 2005. With him are Ing. Marián Tkáč, candidate for president of the Slovenska Matica and his wife Tatiana.

Na obrázku (zľava) Dr. Ludovít Pavlo, čestný predseda Slovenskej ligy v Amerike, ktorý daroval v roku 2005 Nadácii Matice slovenskej 3 228 122.- Sk., spolu s novým kandidátom na predsedu Matice slovenskej, Ing. Mariánom Tkáčom, PhD a jeho manželkou Tatianou.

J. Florek

M. Dzurinda hľadal v New Yorku investorov pre Slovensko

Harvardská univerzita priťahla včera prostredníctvom Globálneho investičného sympózia pozornosť business sféry z celého sveta. Predstavitelia investičných fondov, bánk, firiem, ale aj analytických spoločností sa stretli v New Yorku, aby si vypočuli argumenty politikov, prečo je dobré investovať v ich krajine. Slovensko zastupoval minister zahraničných vecí SR Mikuláš Dzurinda. Vo svojom vystúpení zhrnul, prečo je Slovensko stále atraktívnou krajinou pre zahraničných investorov. Finančníkov zaujímali aj okolnosti, ako sa darí Slovensku dostať sa z krízy. O pozornosť investorov sa medzi inými usilovali aj zástupcovia Saudskej Arábie, Holandska, Srbska, či Peru. Prestížne podujatie otvoril uznávaný americký ekonóm Paul A. Volcker, v súčasnosti aj ekonomický poradca prezidenta USA B. Obamu. Na sympóziu vystúpil napr. Maurice Greenberg, bývalý šéf AIG a New York Stock Exchange, ako aj profesor Harvard Business School John Quelch.

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Katarínska zábava v New York City

Spolok sv. Štefana, č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty a I. Zbor Slovenskej ligy v NYC srdečne pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na „Katarínsku zábavu“, ktorá sa bude konať v sobotu dňa 13. novembra 2010 o 7:00 hodine večer v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East, 66th Street. Do tanca Vám bude hrať známa hudobno-spevácka skupina KONTAKTY. Vstupné za osobu je \$25.00 v čom je započítaná aj večera.

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Hlavní úradníci Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty počas 49. Konvencie, ktorá sa konala nedávno, v Clevelande, Ohio.

Officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union at the 49th Convention in Cleveland in August 2010.

Po 49. Konvencii IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio, USA

Po výbornom a veľmi úspešnom ukončení 49. konvencie IKSJ v Clevelande, USA, kongratulácia patrí hlavne znovuzvolenému predsedovi Andrejovi M. Rajecovi, ako aj znovuzvolenému výboru Hlavného úradu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

Vďaka Ti Pane Bože, ktorý už 120 rokov riadiš a žehnáš našu organizáciu IKSJ. Daj Pane a žehnaj ju aj v budúcnosti. Daj, prosíme, aby novozvolený Hlavný úrad, ju viedol po správnych, kresťansko-katolíckych a slovenských cestách, aby naša Jednota rástla a mohutnela duchovne, ako aj finančne.

My, členovia Jednoty prosíme o pomoc aj patrónku Slovenska, Sedembolestnú Pannu Máriu, aby aj Ona prijala našu Jednotu pod svoj plášť a orodovala u Jej Syna, aby vetve slovenského národa, žijúceho v cudzine žehnal a prijal ju pod Jeho ochranu. Nech, naše modlitby tu v USA a Kanade, ako aj na Slovensku sú vypočuté, pre dobro našej Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty.

Jozef Smák

(Bývalý predseda Spolku č. 278 IKSJ v Middletowne, PA)



Slovenskí a americkí experti si vymieňali skúsenosti v boji s korupciou

Pezinok (TASR) - Efektívny boj s korupciou bol na programe workshopu konanom v septembri na pôde Justičnej akadémie v Pezinku. Zúčastnili sa na ňom poprední experti na potlačanie korupcie z USA a Slovenska.

Odhaľovanie korupcie má veľký význam pri upevňovaní dôvery vo vzťahu k verejnosti, ústavným orgánom a ich činiteľom, ako aj voči medzinárodnému podnikateľskému prostrediu. Ako uviedol pri otvorení workshopu veľvyslanec USA v SR Theodore Sedgwick, "je potešiteľné, že súčasná vláda venuje zvýšenú pozornosť boju proti korupcii. Nestačí však len spoločensky konštatovať mieru korupcie, ale tiež vytvoriť podmienky na jej potlačanie. USA tak ako Slovensko má tiež problémy s korupciou vo sfére verejných činiteľov, ale účinné legislatívne nástroje a opatrenia spôsobili, že USA sú v počte odhalených a potrestaných trestných činov korupcie lídrom vo svete".

Na slovensko-americkom workshope sa stretli odborníci z radov polície, justície a prokuratúry. "Boj proti korupcii je bez spolupráce a podpory verejnosti mimoriadne sťažený. Pripravíme preto návrh zákona o ochrane oznamovateľov korupcie a závažnej finančnej kriminality, ktorý by mal znemožniť akty odplaty voči oznamovateľom. Tiež pripravíme pre ministerstvo spravodlivosti podklady na zmenu právnej úpravy inštitútu spolupracujúcej osoby využívaného pri objasňovaní korupcie a usvedčovaní jej páchatel'a," dodal Žilinka.

Niektoré súčasné kroky v boji s korupciou a klientelizmom načrtla štátna tajomníčka Ministerstva spravodlivosti SR Mária Kolíková. Zdôraznila úsilie rezortu, aby všetky obchodné zmluvy týkajúce sa verejného obstarávania boli zverejnené a občanom dostupné na internetovej sieti. Rovnako by mali byť dostupné aj všetky rozhodnutia súdov. Ministerstvo na súdoch pripravuje call linku, ktorá bude prednostne slúžiť oznamovateľom korupcie a finančnej kriminality.

Počas workshopu poskytnú zástupcovia Úradu špeciálnej prokuratúry a Úradu boja proti korupcii Prezídia PZ prehľad o situácii na Slovensku v boji s úplatkárstvom. Lektori z USA ponúkli metódy, nástroje a techniky odhaľovania a dokumentovania korupcie vo verejných obstarávaníach. Tieto efektívne praktiky demonštrovali na konkrétnom príklade korupčného škandálu exkongresmana Randyho "Duke" Cunninghama.

Prezident SR Gašparovič na zasadnutí VZ OSN v New Yorku

Bratislava (TASR) - Prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič sa 27. septembra vrátil z USA, kde sa zúčastnil na 65. zasadnutí Valného zhromaždenia Organizácie Spojených národov (VZ OSN) v New Yorku.

Gašparovič vo svojom prejave v pléne v stredu 22. septembra okrem iného uviedol, že Slovensko prikladá veľký význam plneniu miléniových rozvojových cieľov, ktoré podľa neho odrážajú najcitlivejšie problémy súčasného globálneho sveta. Bez plnenia týchto cieľov by podľa Gašparoviča nebolo možné dosiahnuť dlhodobu udržateľnú bezpečnosť, sociálno-ekonomickú stabilitu a kvalitu životného prostredia na našej planéte.

Vo všeobecnej rozprave vystúpil s príspevkom v piatok 24. septembra, v ktorom vyjadril podporu hlavnej téme zasadnutia - Potvrdenie ústredného postavenia OSN v riadení na globálnej úrovni. Svetová finančná a hospodárska kríza podľa neho poukázala na slabiny existujúcich štruktúr svetového ekonomického poriadku. Aj v tejto finančno-ekonomickej dimenzii na globálnej úrovni musí byť potvrdená kľúčová úloha OSN a jej členských štátov, uviedol Gašparovič.

Na pôde OSN sa okrem iného stretol aj so svojim srbským partnerom Borisom Tadićom, ktorému zopakoval, že pozícia SR vo vzťahu ku Kosovu sa nezmenila. SR trvá na dodržiavaní medzinárodného práva a rezolúcie Bezpečnostnej rady OSN, a preto nezávislosť srbskej provincie Kosovo neuznáva. Hlavy štátov sa zhodli na tom, že slovensko-srbské vzťahy by mali pokračovať v intenzívnejšej miere najmä v oblasti hospodárstva a obchodu a hovorili aj o menšinovej otázke.

Cestou do USA prezident SR absolvoval aj historicky prvú oficiálnu návštevu Islandskej republiky, kde sa stretol s prezidentom Ólafurom Ragnarom Grímssonom, predsedníčkou najstaršieho európskeho parlamentu Ástou Raghneidur Jóhannesdóttir a predsedníčkou vlády Jóhannou Sigurdardóttir. Hlavnou témou rozhovorov boli integračné snahy Islandu



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Prezidenta SR 25.septembra 2010 prijal generálny tajomník OSN p. Ban Ki-moon, New York.

General Secretary of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon met with Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic in New York on September 25, 2010.

Jeseň

V jeseni, keď je vzduch čistý ako kryštál, ani jedna maľba „Známých Majstrov“ sa nemôže porovnávať s krásou ranného slnečného svetla. Každý strom akoby postriekaný farbou, ktorú nevytvoril ľudský štetec. Veď ktože by bol schopný vyčariť také kúzlo alebo pôvab?

Špicatý kôl, bledomodré pozadie oblohy, moje okno je rámom ... volá sa „Majstrovský Zážrak“ – listie meniace farbu do ružova.

S každým obláčkom dymu a hvizdajúceho vetra sa hromadí listie po údolí a horskej ceste. Šuchoce cez oslneňé drevo, krúti sa smerom na hradskú a široká vlna jemného vetríka ho zháňa dolu chodníkom. Má oblek jantárový, zelený, hnedý a zlatý. Listie, to je jesenný poklad – trblietajúce šperky.

Je čas poznášať úrodu z polí v širokých košoch. Upletené sú piesňami vtákov a rôznofarebných motýľov. Naplnené sú vôňou divých kvetov, ktoré Boh zasial. Naložené sú ovocím, zrnom a dužinami z malých borievok pre mňa a pre teba.

Človek žasne nad farbami jesene a nad veľkosťou usmiatej vrchov, ktoré nasycujú náš pohľad dookola škoda, že dni jesene netrvajú dlho. Sú len požičané na krátky čas, aby po obdivuhodnom predstavení nechali miesto mäkkému snehu a zimným radovánkam – čas tichého premýšľania.



Rudo L. Greguš