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September is Life Insurance Awareness Month: Insuring the Times of Your Life

By Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.

September is life insurance awareness month. That makes this month a once-a-year opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of life insurance can play in our lives, and the lives of our loved ones.

Life insurance presents a very simple answer to a very difficult question: How will my family manage financially when I die? It's a subject that no one really wants to talk about. But if someone depends on you financially, it's one you cannot avoid.

While there is no definite "rule of thumb" telling you how much life insurance to buy or when, September – Life Insurance Awareness Month – is a good time to review some of the specific life stages or life events that might trigger the need for life insurance.



Andrew Harcar
National V. P.

Married or Getting Married

Many families depend on two incomes to make ends meet. If you died suddenly would your spouse have enough money to cover your funeral costs, credit card balances, outstanding loans, and daily living expenses?

A Parent or About to Become One

Raising a child is one of the most rewarding things a person can do in life. But it's also one of the most expensive. If you died tomorrow, would your spouse have the wherewithal to provide your children with the opportunities you always dreamed they'd have? From diapers to diplomas, would there be enough income to pay for daycare, a college education and everything in between? Even parents who don't work outside the home need life insurance because they provide services that would be expensive to replace, such a childcare, transportation, and household chores. And what about single parents? They need life insurance more than anyone because their children rely on them for everything.

A Homeowner

If you're like most people, your home is your most significant financial asset. Life insurance can be used to pay down or retire the mortgage, sparing your family the need from moving to a less expensive place to live. Plus, it can provide the funds needed to help family members maintain the lifestyle to which they're accustomed.

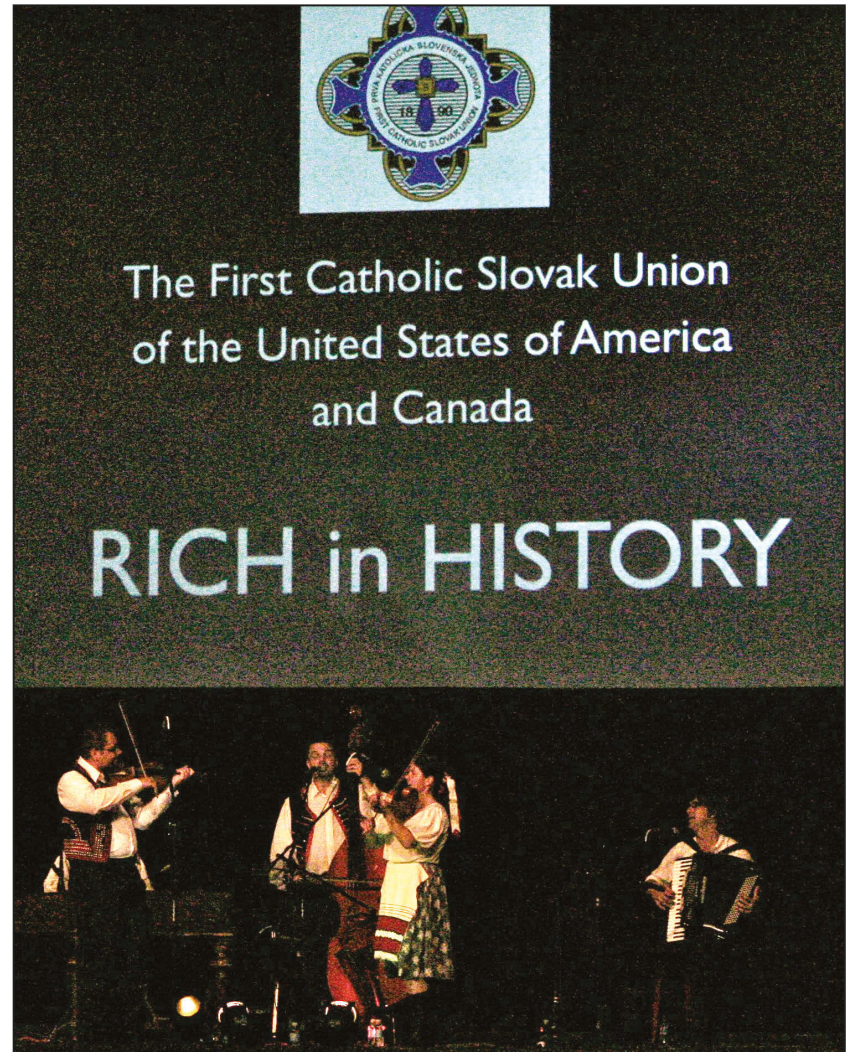
Changing Jobs

If you've recently been promoted or changed jobs, it's a good time to re-evaluate your life insurance coverage. Why? You may not realize it, but when your income rises, your spending tends to rise, too. Updating your life insurance coverage can help ensure that your family would be able to maintain its new and improved lifestyle if something were to happen to you.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. at the Embassy Suites Hotel – Pittsburgh International Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. – 5 P.M.

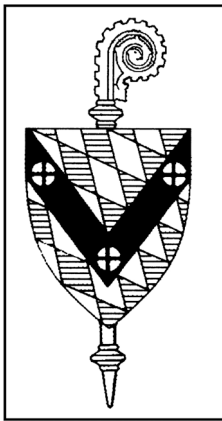
All correspondence relative to the Quarterly Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt, and should be sent for receipt at the Home Office prior to September 15, 2010.

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Executive Secretary

Insights and Viewpoints

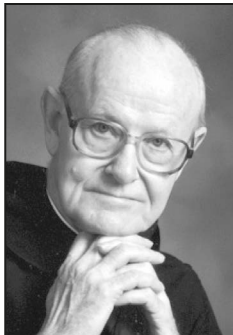


St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B., Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

September 19, 2010
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 16:1-13

Gospel Summary

In order to appreciate fully the import of today's gospel text, which gives us the parable of the Unjust Steward, we must remember that parables, unlike allegories, focus on only one element in the comparison. Thus, the lesson to be drawn from this



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

parable is that the followers of Jesus must also act prudently in regard to their own future prospects.

It should also be noted that this steward, though lacking in good management, was probably not as unjust as at first appears. In all likelihood, he was simply subtracting his own substantial commission from the debt owed to his master. This would be similar to the prudence of a small-market baseball team that trades away a good player because he is eligible for free agency and will be lost anyway!

The sayings that follow the parable sharpen its focus by making it clear that what Jesus has in mind is the attitude that his followers must adopt in regard to their earthly possessions, whether they be wealth or personal talents. If one allows these human and temporal things to monopolize one's attention, there is grave danger that the eternal treasure will be lost.

Life Implications

A distinctive feature of Luke's gospel is the deep concern he shows for the dangerous situation of wealthy or talented individuals who have become so engrossed in managing their riches that they are fatally distracted from the real purpose of human life. In this situation, they may very well be so distracted that they will discover, only when it is too late, that they have wasted the only ultimately significant opportunity in their lives. This same lesson is found in the situation of a strikingly beautiful person who has never needed to develop a mature and pleasing personality. This is what is meant when we speak of the "curse" of great talent.

This wisdom is also dramatically portrayed in Luke's parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31). It is important to notice that this rich man is never presented as a one who has acquired his wealth through crime or some other immoral strategy. He ends up in hell simply because he is so preoccupied in managing his wealth that he does not notice that a poor man is starving on his doorstep!

This sensitivity of Luke concerning the danger of earthy possessions derives in part from his observation of the effect of wealth on the inhabitants of his hometown of Antioch. This was a prosperous trading center where the extremes of wealth and poverty were clearly evident. Luke warns, therefore, that possessions can have, in a sense, a drugging effect on their owners. One sees this clearly in Luke's story of the rich farmer who is worrying about building bigger barns for his bountiful harvest whereas God is calling him to face final judgment (12:16-20).

Luke does not condemn wealth as such. What he does condemn is a preoccupation or obsession with riches that precludes one's need to place the awareness of others and of their needs at the top of one's list of responsibilities. When the gospel says that we must choose between God and mammon, it is asking us to declare where we finally put our trust. Wealth and talents can serve God's purposes, but they must never replace God as the center of our attention in life.

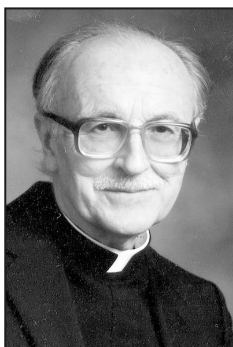


September 26, 2010
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 16:19-31

Gospel Summary

Today's gospel passage contains Jesus' story about a rich man who dined sumptuously each day and Lazarus, a poor man, who would gladly have eaten the scraps from the rich man's table. When the poor man died, angels carried him to the bosom of Abraham. When the rich man died, he found himself in the netherworld of torment. He was, however, able to see Abraham with Lazarus in a place of honor at his side. The rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus so that he might give him a drop of water to relieve his suffering. Abraham replied that this was no longer a possibility.

The rich man then asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his five brothers so that he might warn them, lest they suffer the same torment that had befallen him. Abraham replied; "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." The rich man said that his brothers would repent if someone from the dead warned them. Abraham responded that if they do not listen to



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

Moses and the prophets, they would not be persuaded even if someone should rise from the dead.

Life Implications

One of the striking things about parables is that they often overturn conventional ways of thinking. If we are able to hear them with grace, they can shock us out of the illusions that we are accustomed to live by, and enable us to see things with God's eyes. In regard to the scene of today's gospel, our way of looking at things is not much different from the way people of Jesus' culture looked at things. If we see a rich man and a poor man, our envy would be in the direction of the rich man. Further, we would have the feeling, perhaps unspoken, that the poor man's miserable condition was probably a consequence of his own laziness or irresponsible action. Yet, in this story the rich man is surely not the one to be envied. What's going on here?

At the end of the story, we feel bad that Lazarus is not able to warn the rich man's five brothers. But the parable tricks us. We, all of us, are the five brothers or the five sisters. And it is the rich man, himself, who is able to warn us. It isn't difficult to imagine the sort of things he wants to say.

This will be the rich man speaking. There is finality to life and to life's choices. Don't be in the illusion of imagining the end of your life to be something like the end of the cosmos—far in the distant future. God may say to you: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." The choices you are making now have everlasting consequences. You, as I once did, have the power to establish a chasm between yourself and the Lazarus lying at your door. After you die, that chasm is forever fixed; and you will no longer be able to cross it.

I want to warn you especially about riches, riches of all kinds—of money, intelligence, health, power, social or religious status. Though all good in themselves, these riches can lead you to forget about God and everyone else except yourself. That's what happened to me. And most people, including myself, thought I was a big success in life. Remember that God identifies with every Lazarus of the world—the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the unborn, even criminals in prison. One of them is lying at your door. If you establish a chasm between Lazarus and yourself, you are establishing a chasm between yourself and God.

That ends the rich man's warning to us. But after all, the rich man is only a fictional character in a story Jesus made up for simple folk of a pre-scientific age. Does it any longer have meaning for us? To decide that question will be the most important decision we will ever make. Do I trust that Jesus is alive and present among us to tell me how God sees things, or do I listen to other, much louder voices that promise me more money, more knowledge, more health, more power, higher social or religious status? This homily, like most others, must end with a prayer: Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief. You have the words of everlasting life.

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Insights and Viewpoints

New US Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Theodore Sedgwick, Honored At Farewell Dinner

After nearly 19 months without a US Ambassador to Slovakia, President Barack H. Obama nominated Theodore "Tod" Sedgwick, a business executive who resides in the Georgetown section of Washington, DC, to serve in Bratislava. Following the consent of the US Senate, Sedgwick was sworn in as US Ambassador in the Treaty Room of the State Department on July 28 by Michael Kennedy who represented Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Ambassador Sedgwick succeeds Ambassador Vincent Obsitnik, who appointed by President George W. Bush in 2007.

On the evening of Friday, July 30, Slovakia's Ambassador to the United States Peter Burian hosted a farewell dinner for Ambassador Sedgwick at his residence in McLean, VA. Four representatives of the American Slovak community were among the invited guests, along with family and friends of the new ambassador from the State Department. The first US Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Theodore Russell and his wife Sally were in attendance as well. Representing the American Slovak community were: National President of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada Andrew M. Rajec; Supreme Secretary of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.; President of the Slovak League Daniel F. Tanzone; and Secretary-Treasurer of the Slovak League Nina Holy. Other Slovak fraternal leaders were invited, but unable to attend due to previous commitments.

Throughout the evening, Ambassador Sedgwick had the opportunity to ask numerous questions related to the Slovak community in the United States and pledged to serve as a bridge between Americans of Slovak ancestry in their dealings with the government of Slovakia. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Ambassador extended an invitation to the American Slovak leaders to visit him in the Slovak capital. He and his wife Kate were scheduled to depart for Slovakia on August 1.

The United States has had an official presence in Bratislava since 1946 when the first Consul arrived in the person of the late Clairborne D. Pell who later became the longtime US senator of Rhode Island. With the advent of communism in Czechoslovakia in 1948, the US Consul departed; however, the US consulate remained. The United States recognized the Slovak Republic as an independent state and established relations with it on January 1, 1993. Embassy Bratislava was established on January 4, 1993 when Ambassador Theodore Russell took up residence. Other US Ambassadors who have served include: the Hon. Ralph Johnson, 1996-1999; the Hon. Carl Spielvogel, 1999-2001; the Hon. Ron Wiser, 2001-2005; the Hon. Rodolphe Valle, 2005-2007; and the Hon. Vincent Obsitnik, who was born in Slovakia, 2007-2009.

Ambassador Sedgwick, who grew up in Cleveland, OH, is a business executive with experience in the publishing and timber industries. He founded Pasha Publications, a specialty publisher, serving as its chief executive for 20 years. More recently, he founded Io Energy, an online energy information company covering the national gas, coal, and electricity industries. He was president of Red Hills Lumber Co., a producer of pine flooring. The ambassador serves on a number of private company boards, including Inside Higher Ed, Atlantic Information Services, and Washington Business Information, Inc. He has served on the boards of a number of cultural institutions including the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Shakespeare Theater Co., and the Gennadius Library in Athens, Greece. He also has served on the boards of a number of land preservation organizations, including the Civil War Preservation Trust, which he chaired in 2006-2009, and Wetlands America Trust, an affiliate



L – R: Daniel F. Tanzone, president of the Slovak League of America and editor of the Slovak Catholic Falcon; the Hon. Peter Burian, Slovak Ambassador to the United States; Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union; the new United States Ambassador to Slovakia the Hon. Theodore Sedgwick; and Supreme Secretary of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

of Ducks Unlimited. In addition, he is on the National Council of the Land Trust Alliance.

Ambassador Sedgwick is a member of the Chief Executives Organization, an organization of global business leaders. He graduated with honors, cum laude, from Harvard College where he majored in Ottoman history. He is married to Kate Watt Sedgwick, a public health specialist. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

The American Slovak community in general, and the members of the First Catholic Slovak Union in particular, extend best wishes to Ambassador Sedgwick for a successful tenure as the official representative of the United States in the land of our ancestors.

- Compiled with the inestimable assistance of Slovak Catholic Falcon Editor Daniel F. Tanzone

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION ANNUITY & IRA

INTEREST RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

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| Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA's | 3.90% (3.826% apr) |
| with the "Cash Interest" Option | 3.65% (3.585% apr) |
| Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA | 4.15% (4.066% apr) |
| New "Park 2 Annuity" | 3.00% (2.956% apr) |
| New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA—1st yr guarantee | 3.25% (3.198% apr) |
| New six-year fixed rate Deferred Annuity or IRA | 3.65% (3.585% apr) |
| New Settlement Options are based on an interest rate of | 3.40% (3.344% apr) |

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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

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ASSETS

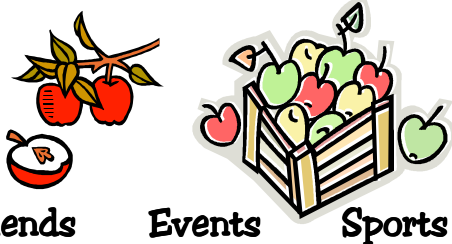
| | Current Statement Date | | | 4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| | 1 Assets | 2 Nonadmitted Assets | 3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2) | |
| 1. Bonds..... | 201,728,933 | | 201,728,933 | 192,755,317 |
| 2. Stocks: | | | | |
| 2.1 Preferred stocks..... | 6,762,702 | | 6,762,702 | 6,607,387 |
| 2.2 Common stocks..... | 2,785,527 | | 2,785,527 | 3,318,652 |
| 3. Mortgage loans on real estate: | | | | |
| 3.1 First liens..... | 1,955,513 | | 1,955,513 | 2,023,638 |
| 3.2 Other than first liens..... | | | 0 | |
| 4. Real estate: | | | | |
| 4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances)..... | 1,154,595 | | 1,154,595 | 1,181,360 |
| 4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances)..... | 903,676 | | 903,676 | 923,632 |
| 4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances)..... | 562,675 | | 562,675 | 562,675 |
| 5. Cash (\$.....14,795,038), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0)..... | 14,795,038 | | 14,795,038 | 4,417,205 |
| 6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes)..... | 909,050 | | 909,050 | 860,699 |
| 7. Derivatives..... | | | 0 | |
| 8. Other invested assets..... | 21,139,020 | | 21,139,020 | 19,342,441 |
| 9. Receivables for securities..... | | | 0 | 202,000 |
| 10. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 10)..... | 252,696,730 | 0 | 252,696,730 | 232,195,006 |
| 12. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only)..... | | | 0 | |
| 13. Investment income due and accrued..... | 2,787,637 | | 2,787,637 | 2,583,447 |
| 14. Premiums and considerations: | | | | |
| 14.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection..... | 19,809 | | 19,809 | 16,459 |
| 14.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums)..... | | | 0 | |
| 14.3 Accrued retrospective premiums..... | | | 0 | |
| 15. Reinsurance: | | | | |
| 15.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers..... | | | 0 | |
| 15.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies..... | | | 0 | |
| 15.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts..... | | | 0 | |
| 16. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans..... | | | 0 | |
| 17.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon..... | | | 0 | |
| 17.2 Net deferred tax asset..... | | | 0 | |
| 18. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit..... | | | 0 | |
| 19. Electronic data processing equipment and software..... | | | 0 | |
| 20. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0)..... | 34,807 | 34,807 | (0) | |
| 21. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates..... | | | 0 | |
| 22. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates..... | | | 0 | |
| 23. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable..... | | | 0 | |
| 24. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets..... | 29,627 | 29,627 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 11 through 24)..... | 255,568,610 | 64,434 | 255,504,176 | 234,794,912 |
| 26. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts..... | | | 0 | |
| 27. Total (Lines 25 and 26)..... | 255,568,610 | 64,434 | 255,504,176 | 234,794,912 |

Statement as of June 30, 2010 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

| | 1 Current Statement Date | 2 December 31 Prior Year |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve)..... | 212,457,000 | 196,855,000 |
| 2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve)..... | | |
| 3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve)..... | 12,279,998 | 12,370,600 |
| 4. Contract claims: | | |
| 4.1 Life..... | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| 4.2 Accident and health..... | | |
| 5. Refunds due and unpaid..... | | |
| 6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts: | | |
| 6.1 Apportioned for payment..... | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| 6.2 Not yet apportioned..... | | |
| 7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums..... | 306,552 | 299,760 |
| 8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere: | | |
| 8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts..... | | |
| 8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded..... | | |
| 8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR)..... | 1,502,262 | 1,399,339 |
| 9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0..... | 17,503 | 17,503 |
| 10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed..... | | |
| 11. General expenses due or accrued..... | 922,397 | 770,564 |
| 12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves)..... | | |
| 13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued..... | 22,843 | 22,843 |
| 14. Unearned investment income..... | | |
| 15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee..... | 6,879,670 | 6,262,860 |
| 16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances..... | | |
| 17. Remittances and items not allocated..... | | |
| 18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates..... | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| 19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above..... | | |
| 20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0..... | | |
| 21. Miscellaneous liabilities: | | |
| 21.1 Asset valuation reserve..... | 2,959,254 | 2,514,121 |
| 21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized companies..... | | |
| 21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized reinsurers..... | | |
| 21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates..... | | |
| 21.5 Drafts outstanding..... | | |
| 21.6 Funds held under coinsurance..... | | |
| 21.7 Derivatives..... | | |
| 21.8 Payable for securities..... | 1,463,117 | |
| 22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities..... | 401,947 | 403,310 |
| 23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22)..... | 239,922,543 | 221,625,900 |
| 24. From Separate Accounts Statement..... | | |
| 25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24)..... | 239,922,543 | 221,625,900 |
| 26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds..... | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Surplus notes..... | | |
| 28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds..... | 0 | 0 |
| 29. Unassigned funds..... | 15,581,633 | 13,169,012 |
| 30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement)..... | 15,581,633 | 13,169,012 |
| 31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30)..... | 255,504,176 | 234,794,912 |

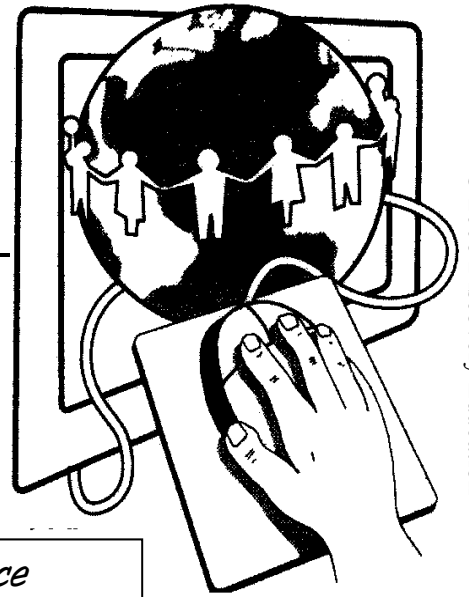
Statement as of June 30, 2010 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| | 1 Current Year To Date | 2 Prior Year To Date | 3 Prior Year Ended December 31 |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts..... | 16,018,269 | 5,689,566 | 17,676,121 |
| 2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies..... | | | |
| 3. Net investment income..... | 7,284,110 | 6,728,994 | 14,943,839 |
| 4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR)..... | 82,000 | 128,000 | 54,446 |
| 5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses..... | | | |
| 6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded..... | | | |
| 7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded..... | | | |
| 8. Miscellaneous income: | | | |
| 8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts..... | | | |
| 8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts..... | | | |
| 8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income..... | 143,619 | 12,069 | 16,665 |
| 9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3)..... | 23,527,998 | 12,558,629 | 32,691,071 |
| 10. Death benefits..... | 1,348,144 | 1,338,009 | 2,532,557 |
| 11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments)..... | | 1,581 | 2,659 |
| 12. Annuity benefits..... | 2,957,338 | 2,681,058 | 4,901,437 |
| 13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0 | | | |
| 14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts..... | 222,554 | 219,103 | 498,712 |
| 15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds..... | 146,421 | 140,516 | 283,795 |
| 16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies..... | | | |
| 17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts..... | 15,602,000 | 4,869,000 | 17,123,000 |
| 18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17)..... | 20,276,457 | 9,249,267 | 25,342,160 |
| 19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only)..... | 141,145 | 38,367 | 134,291 |
| 20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed..... | | | |
| 21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses..... | 1,649,912 | 1,468,264 | 2,569,964 |
| 22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees..... | 83,425 | 102,323 | 98,407 |
| 23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums..... | | | |
| 24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance..... | | | |
| 25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions..... | (134,562) | 164,123 | (122,552) |
| 26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25)..... | 22,016,377 | 11,022,344 | 28,022,269 |
| 27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26)..... | 1,511,621 | 1,536,285 | 4,668,802 |
| 28. Refunds to members..... | 123,683 | 111,883 | 359,336 |
| 29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28)..... | 1,387,938 | 1,424,402 | 4,309,466 |
| 30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR)..... | 230,388 | | |
| 31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30)..... | 1,618,326 | 1,424,402 | 4,309,466 |
| SURPLUS ACCOUNT | | | |
| 32. Surplus, December 31, prior year..... | 13,169,012 | 9,059,592 | 9,059,592 |
| 33. Net income from operations (Line 31)..... | 1,618,326 | 1,424,402 | 4,309,466 |
| 34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0 | 1,283,176 | 323,549 | 2,193,793 |
| 35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss)..... | | | |
| 36. Change in nonadmitted assets..... | (27,327) | 1,944 | 3,898 |
| 37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized companies..... | | | |
| 38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease..... | | | |
| 39. Change in asset valuation reserve..... | (445,133) | (506,500) | (2,278,782) |
| 40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period..... | | | |
| 41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement..... | | | |
| 42. Change in surplus notes..... | | | |
| 43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles..... | | | |
| 44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance..... | | | |
| 45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus..... | (16,421) | (4,148) | (118,954) |
| 46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45)..... | 2,412,621 | 1,239,247 | 4,109,421 |
| 47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46)..... | 15,581,633 | 10,298,839 | 13,169,012 |



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September 2010



Johnny Appleseed Day - September 26

Johnny Appleseed Day honors one of America's great legends. Johnny Appleseed was a real person. John Chapman was among the American settlers who were captivated by the movement west across the continent. As Johnny Appleseed travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree that was planted, the legend grew.

A Little About the Legend:

- John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed) was born on September 26, 1774.
- He was a nurseryman who started out planting trees in western New York and Pennsylvania.
- During the life of John Chapman, the "West" was places like Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.
- John Chapman was a deeply religious person. He was known to preach during his travels.
- According to legend, Johnny Appleseed led a simple life and wanted little. He rarely accepted money and often donated any money he received.
- It is believed that he died on March 11, 1845, from what was referred to as the "winter plague". The actual date of his death has been disputed.

There is a lot of "legend" in stories written about Johnny Appleseed. By it's definition, over the years, legends grow bigger than life. It also appears that there is some link between Johnny Appleseed and very early Arbor Day celebrations.

Celebrate the day with an apple rich menu. Include fresh apples for snacks, and some applesauce or apple pie for dessert. And, make plans to plant an apple tree.

Mail Space

Dear Ms. Ondrejco,

My name is Marianne Tassinari and I won an honorable mention for my coloring in the Christmas contest. Thank you for picking my picture! I worked really hard on it. With my Target gift card, I bought a Scooby Doo video that I could share with my sisters. My sissy won first place and she bought a Polly Pocket doll set with some of her money. Mommy put the rest into her college money.

Thank you very much for picking me! I can't wait until the next coloring contest!

Marianne Tassinari



To: mis. Ondrejco
 from Becky Pechmann.
 thank you for my hoodie
 I love it, thank you
 so much for all the
 money, I hope I win
 again next year.
 Sincerely
 Becky Pechmann

M i s
 O n d r e j c o ,

Thank-you very much
 for the money, sweatshirt,
 + gift certificate. I was
 very surprised + excited when
 I found out I won. I appreciate
 your kindness + I am glad that
 you liked my picture. Emma
 Graves

Emma Graves



Ms. Ondrejco,

This is Emmaline Lavoie's mom, Laura, writing to you. We wanted to let you know that Emmy used her Target gift card to purchase a kick board. Emmy joined the Healthworks Hurricanes swim team this summer and is using the kick board to practice her swimming in the pool. This is her first year of swim team, but she is doing very well in many of the events.

Thanks for the gift card and for offering the coloring contests.

Sincerely,
 Laura Lavoie

Send your ideas, letters etc. to: UR_Space.jrs
 234 Ilion St.
 Pgh., PA 15207
 sueo99@yahoo.com

Insuring the Times of Your Life

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Retired or Planning for Retirement

If your children are on their own and your mortgage is paid off, you might feel your need for life insurance has passed. But if you died today, your spouse could outlive you by 10, 20 or 30 years. Would your spouse have to make drastic lifestyle adjustments to make ends meet? Adequate life insurance coverage can help widows and widowers avoid financial struggles in retirement.

Single

Most single people don't have a pressing need for life insurance because no one depends on them financially. But there are exceptions. If you're providing financial support for aging parents or siblings, or if you're carrying significant debt you wouldn't want passed on to family members, you should consider life insurance.

The bottom line on life insurance: it pays cash to your family after you die, allowing loved ones to remain financially secure. Life insurance payments can be used to cover daily living expenses, mortgage payments, outstanding loans, college tuition, and other essential expenses. And, importantly, the death-benefit proceeds of a life insurance policy are almost never subject to federal income taxes.

If you've worked hard to establish a solid financial framework for your family – investments, home equity, a savings plan, retirement accounts – life insurance is the foundation upon which it all rests. The reality is that most of us need life insurance, and even those of us who already have it, need to update our coverage. Take the time now, during Life Insurance Awareness Month, to learn about your options and put together a life insurance program that's right for you.

As a first step, you can go to fcsu.com to access our online life insurance rates. Or contact your branch officer or the FCSU home office for help in conducting a thorough analysis of your insurance needs.

Editor's Note: Look for a follow-up article from Vice President Harcar in the Sept 29th Jednota on "How Much Insurance Do You Need?"

Commemoration of National Shrine's 45th Anniversary on September 19

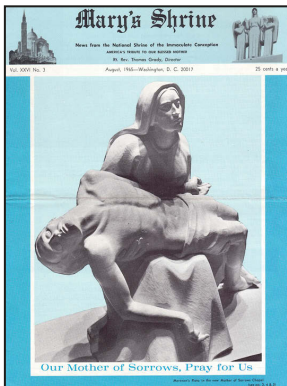
On September 5, 1965, thousands of Slovak Catholics crowded into the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC for the blessing of a chapel dedicated to their patroness, Our Mother of Sorrows.

The chapel was donated by the First Catholic Slovak Union, marking the 75th anniversary of its founding, and was blessed by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate in the United States.

Bishop Andrew G. Grutka of Gary, Indiana, offered the Mass of consecration in the Slovak vernacular after the blessing of the chapel. Bishop Paul Hnilica, S.J., from Rome, preached a sermon in Slovak and Coadjutor Bishop Joseph A. Durick of Nashville preached an English sermon.

The altar in the chapel was consecrated the day before, on Sept. 4 by Bishop Grutka, with the consecration Mass and sermon by Abbot Theodore Kojis, O.S.B. of St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio.

A Mass in honor of the 45th anniversary of that historic occasion will take place at the National Shrine on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 11:00AM in the Crypt Church. All are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Katherine Nowatkoski at 703-860-1693 or Steven Matula at 703-671-3013.



Slovak League of America Announces 2010 Scholarship Grants

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

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

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

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

About the Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund

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



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades or an official copy of applicant's high school transcript which indicates applicant's high school grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:
Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.

First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131
Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310
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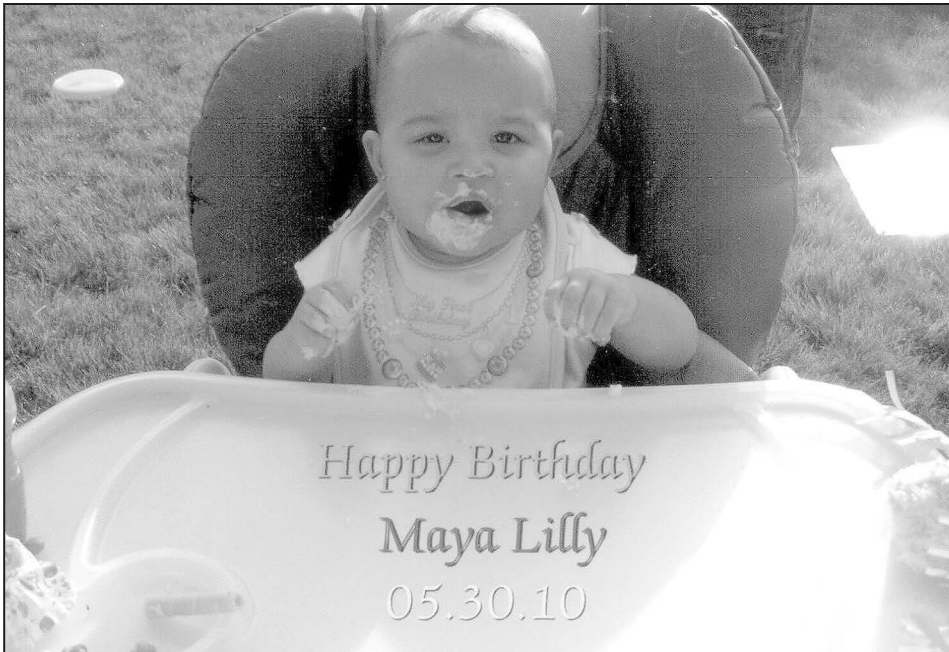
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010

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

Reminder...

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

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Happy First Birthday, Branch 493 Member Maya Lilly

Maya Lilly Bobo, a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, IL, recently celebrated her first birthday amongst her family and close friends. She had a cupcake-themed birthday party and even had her very own cupcake to blow out her first birthday wish.



Msgr. Josef Tiso District 11 Members May View "Vatican Splendors" in October

All members and guests of Branches in District 11, the Msgr. Josef Tiso District, Ford City, PA, are invited to share in a unique opportunity to see relics and art treasures of the Catholic Church. District 11 has confirmed reservation for a group tour of the "Vatican Splendors" Exhibition at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh at 10:30AM, Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

In addition, the day trip will include stops at two Pittsburgh churches to experience important spiritual and historical artifacts of the local diocese: St. Patrick Church in the Strip District, which is one of only six authorized sites in the world of the Holy Stairs (replicas of the climb Jesus made to appear before Pilate); and St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill, which houses the world's largest collection of authenticated relics outside the Vatican and awe-inspiring, life-sized Stations of the Cross.

Lunch and/or dinner (at personal expense) will be arranged at the preference of participants.

Cost for transportation is \$25. Please call Grace at (724) 763-1104 for reservations or information.



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.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Gerald M. Costello, The Christophers

Losing Much, Then Gaining More

"At least a marvel and at best a saint."

That's the way Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh summed up the life and ministry of one of his diocesan priests, Father Patrick Rager, who died July 20 at age 50. For almost 25 years, just a year or two after his ordination in 1985, Father Rager conducted a telephone ministry with the disabled – and how he could relate to the problems he listened to! He had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease – and he knew the hardships of his own life even as he counseled others.

"I've learned the most essential thing," he once told an interviewer. "You've got to be accepting. It teaches you great faith in God. If you can't accept your condition, you can't move on. That's my job, getting people with handicaps to accept their disabilities, then to get them to go on with their lives."

Grace Harding, who headed the diocesan Department of Persons With Disabilities and talked Father Rager into creating his telephone ministry in 1987, was amazed at the priest's determination. "Father Pat suffered, but he never ever complained about his situation," she said. "He always felt that this was what God wanted from him and he accepted this."

Father Rager, once a gifted athlete, began experiencing mysterious symptoms even as a 21-year-old seminarian, according to the obituary written by Patricia Bartos, senior staff writer for the Pittsburgh Catholic. His leg would go out without warning, for example, and he would crash to the ground. He was ordained despite the ALS diagnosis, but his condition worsened in his first parish assignment and soon he was using a wheelchair. As his situation became more dire he had to leave the parish and return home, and it was there that he wondered how he could continue his priestly life. Grace Harding provided the solution, and he answered her invitation with an enthusiastic "Yes!"

Father Rager began his outreach program that year with a list of 60 names. He soon expanded that to hundreds, began a newsletter, and wrote a column for the Pittsburgh Catholic. His friend, Father Walt Rydzon, explained why the ministry was so successful: "Pat knew the cross, and the suffering souls who sought his wisdom knew that also. That's why they listened and believed."

In his funeral homily, Father Kris Stubna, a classmate, recalled that Father Rager had "a passion for living, a great sense of humor." He continued: "I admired him tremendously for the choices he made. I believe he saw his suffering and infirmity as an integral part of his priestly ministry and an opportunity for grace for himself and for others. He chose to accept that his illness was part of God's will."

Bishop Zubik once wrote that "Father Rager's disease has robbed him of almost every aspect of what we would associate with a normal day: walking, running, eating, touching, speaking and, in Father Pat's case, some might even say 'priesting.'" Now, the bishop said, "His only means of communication are his eyes and his smile." He added: "His eyes reflect the depth of Christ in his life and in his soul. His story has so beautifully touched all of our hearts."

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



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St. Florian Parish Announces 100th Anniversary Event in October

St. Florian Parish located in United, PA is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. In observance of this milestone, the community is invited to a performance of Duquesne University's Tamburitzans on Saturday, October 9th at 7:00 PM. The show will be presented at the Science Hall Theater at Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood. Tickets are \$15 each and available at the parish office or by calling 724-423-4431.

The Tamburitzans have been presenting thousands of shows over 70 years of existence have achieved acclaim not only in the United States and Canada but also in countries from South America to Europe.

In a two-part presentation, The Tamburitzans captures the indomitable spirit of Eastern Europe and neighboring cultures. Language (a dozen or more are used) is no barrier, as these emotions strike a universal chord: joy at a wedding, sorrow over lost love, and pride in a plentiful harvest. Through music and movement, The Tamburitzans portrays the human experience with passion and believability.



First Annual Catholic Slovak Kacsanek Reunion

This year marked the first annual Catholic Slovak Kacsanek Reunion - something that some of our Jednota family members hope will become an annual tradition. Nearly 25 members of the Andrew Joseph Kacsanek, Jr. family gathered in Lake Norman, NC for a wonderful week of fun, food, and camaraderie. Andrew Kacsanek of Akron, Ohio celebrated his 85th birthday with his son, daughters, granddaughters, great-grandchildren and their rest of his extended family in July.

Located not far from Charlotte, NC, Lake Norman was the perfect spot for this family event. The beautiful lake provided the perfect backdrop to this week long event. Andrew and family spent much of their time fishing, boating, telling stories around the campfire and of course eating. They enjoyed traditional Slavic dishes as well as plenty of fresh fish and hometown goodies.

"I liked spending time with grandpa. He's a great fisherman and taught me lots of new things," says Samuel Lemerond, great-grandson. "This is a great family tradition," said Andrea Clay, granddaughter, "not only for the time we get to spend together, but for the reminder of the importance of family - the love, the loyalty...I sure hope this becomes an annual event for us!"

Andrew has been a member of Branch 553 for over 50 years - all of his children, as well as their families, are members. "The Slovak heritage is one we hope to instill in our family - and make sure it is never lost," says Michelle Lemerond, granddaughter. "My grandpa always tells us stories of the 'old country' and we all enjoy the Catholic/Slovak traditions we have come to know and love."

This year was Lake Norman....who knows where the "Second Annual Catholic Slovak Kacsanek Reunion" will be held next year ... but if this group has any say so, it is one event that will be sure to take place for many years to come!

Submitted by Linda M. Hanko

Sacred Heart Church, Phoenixville - 110th Anniversary Celebration

Sacred Heart Church will hold its 110th Anniversary Celebration on September 24, 2010, 6:30 PM at Franklin Commons, Phoenixville, PA.

Events, Silent, Live and Chinese Auctions. Music, dancing, dinner, \$35 per person. Cash bar.

INFO - SH Rectory 610-933-3830 or www.sacredheart-phoenixville.net.

Kathleen Moffa, Committee Member

Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar Coming in October

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629.

Mr. Ivan Kralik of the Slovak League of America will show two short videos: one about Slovak-American astronaut Eugene Cernan's trip to the moon, and the second about Slovakia. Afterwards he will answer questions.

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

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

Robert Tapak Magruder, Seminar Publicity Committee



Under the auspices of the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic
H.E. Peter Burian,

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library together with Slovakia Meetup Group, invite you to a special presentation:

"Recording Voices and Documenting Memories: The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's Oral History Project"

Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Embassy of the Slovak Republic
3523 International Court, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Project coordinator, Rosie Johnston, will show and discuss video footage being gathered by the NCSML as part of a major oral history project - now underway in Chicago, Cleveland and Washington D.C. Learn how the museum is preserving the memories of Slovak and Czech Americans, and bringing these stories to old and new audiences alike.

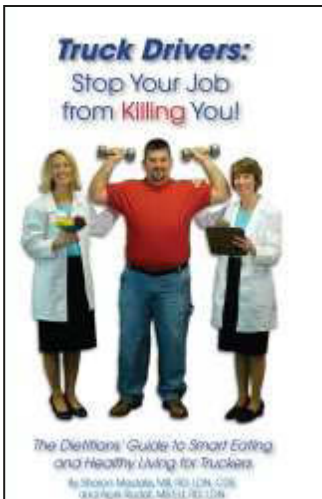
Please RSVP to: Ludmila Sujanova, ludisuska@yahoo.com.
For questions about the event, call Leah Wilson at 319-621-3009 or email LWilson@NCSML.org.





Book Corner

Local Dietitian & FCSU Member Publishes Book to Help Improve Health of Truckers



According to a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report, there were about 2.9 million truck drivers in America in 2006 and numbers are expected to climb exponentially. While about 65% of Americans are overweight, one 2007 study showed that 79% of truckers are overweight, which cascades into myriad weight-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. FCSU member April Rudat, MS Ed, RD, LDN and Sharon Madalis, MS, RD, LDN, CDE, have published a book entitled *Truck Drivers: Stop Your Job from Killing You! The Dietitians' Guide to Smart Eating and Healthy Living for Truckers* to address these kinds of job obstacles that can lead to weight problems and includes specific nutrition and lifestyle recommendations for improving health.

Madalis and Rudat are Registered Dietitians in north-eastern Pennsylvania. Madalis works in several outpatient clinics at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, and

Rudat is a private practice dietitian in Scranton, PA working with individuals and groups to achieve healthier weights. Rudat is also the author of another book, *Oh Yes You Can Breast-feed Twins*, published in 2007.

Truck Drivers: Stop Your Job from Killing You!

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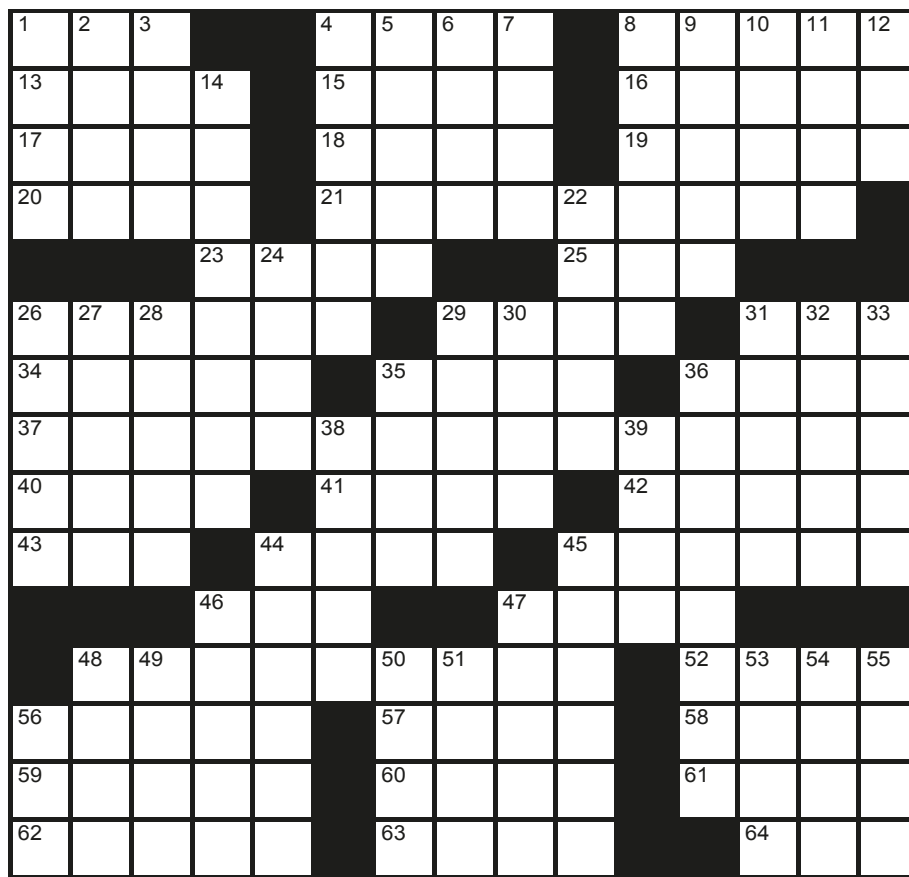
This is a can't-be-beat opportunity to earn extra interest on your long term annuity savings. Anyone who wants to take advantage of this opportunity to earn higher interest is eligible to participate.

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- 17 Skin defect
- 18 Jet name
- 19 Satellites
- 20 Coalition
- 21 Steak type
- 23 Genghis, for one
- 25 Fishcake ingredient
- 26 Tx. city
- 29 Hair style
- 31 Coach
- 34 Utopian
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Memories of the 49th Quadrennial Convention As Captured by Our Delegates

Jednota welcomes all pictures and memories of delegates to the 49th Quadrennial Convention, some of which are published here. Please send your pictures to Jednota, and we will do our best to publish them in an upcoming issue and/or post them on the fcsu website.

All photos taken by our convention photographer Bill Synk are available for easy access, viewing, download and or email by going to www.gallery.me.com/fcsu



Submitted by Rudy Bernath

L – R Newly elected Regional Director Rudy Bernath with FCSU President Andrew Rajec



Congratulations Supreme Pension Board Members

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L – R, Rosanne Krockner with Barbara Holly at the home office



Submitted by James Marmol

Mark Marmol with his top sales performance award in a hospitality room. Front row (l to r): Andy Harcar, Mark Marmol, President Andy Rajec, Karen Hunka and Ken Arendt. Back row (l to r): Andrew Marmol (Mark's father) and James Marmol (Mark's uncle).



Submitted by James Marmol

L – R, James Marmol dukes it out with Richard Mizikar for retiring George Sprock's Region IV directors position.



Submitted by James Marmol

L – R, Barbara Mizikar, Richard Mizikar and Geraldine Kovacina



Submitted by James Marmol

L – R, Mrs. Ida Rajec with Dolores Marmol in the Slovak Gardens



Robert Kopco of

Canadian Delegates at the 49th Quadrennial Convention

Canadian Delegates attending the 49th Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, came from both Toronto and Montreal, and were active during all sessions. All came home with the feeling that it was a fruitful and well run Convention.



submitted by Jerry Siman



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Home Court and Members

- onard Gruss, Ph.D. – Member
- seph Jurasi - Member
- seph. Jursa – Member
- ichael Kapitan – Member
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Submitted by James Marmol

The Marmol family, who were all delegates of the convention, aboard the Goodtime III Tuesday night cruise: front row (l to r), James Marmol, newly elected Region IV Regional Director, Patty Marmol and Joanne Marmol; back row, Frank Marmol, Mark Marmol (top insurance sales for 2009), Dolores Marmol, Suzanne Marmol and Andrew Marmol (By-Laws Committee).



submitted by Jerry Siman



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Submitted by James Marmol

the FCSU home office

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

GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT – DISTRICT 3, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 25, 2010 following the 5 PM Mass in the Formation Room at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. We hope for a good attendance as we have much to discuss: election of officers for 2011; results of the 49th International Convention; and plans for our upcoming Stedry Vecer. Refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 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 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

REV STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT - DISTRICT 8, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND, AND WASHINGTON, DC

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010 in St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA, 18102. There will be no Mass for this meeting due to Mass schedule changes. Dinner will be served at 12:00PM in the Social Hall and the meeting will start at 1:00PM. Donation for the dinner is \$17.00. Please make checks payable to Branch 567. All checks and credentials must be returned by Friday, October 1, 2010. Please be prompt! Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610-432-8350. Thank you.

Loretta Dashner, 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 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

REV. JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – DISTRICT 14

Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District will hold its meeting Tuesday September 21, 7:00 PM at St. Matthias Church rectory. On the agenda will be discussions of the Slovak Fest, the National Convention and activities planned for the rest of the year. All Branches are urged to attend.

Carlie Peshek, 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**

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT 17

SS. Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York, and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, will hold its annual fall meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Following 10:00 A.M. Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, delegates from the District 17 Branches will gather at 11:30 A.M. in the Keyser Valley Community Center, 101 Keyser Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On the agenda are the Officers Reports, a Convention Report, and Election of Officers for 2011. There will also be a sales seminar presented by the Home Office.

There will be a catered luncheon. It is important that you confirm your attendance by contacting District 17 President Michael J. Slovenkai at 570.342.7562 no later than Saturday, September 25, 2010.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Avenue NE & 2nd Street. The agenda will include a convention report, schedule of activities for 2011, and the election of officers. A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial 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 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 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed, officers' reports will be given, including the results of the National Convention in Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Any inquiries and updated information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

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

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 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 260 - CAMPELL, OHIO

St. Matthews Branch 260 will hold their quarterly meeting Sunday, Sept 19, 2010, at the Rev. Msgr. Cyril Adamko Hall, St. Elizabeth Church, Campbell, OH at 1:30PM. There will be important issues to discuss and activities planned for the remainder of the year. All members should attend.

Charles M. Terek, 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 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

On September 19, 2010, at 12:30 PM, Saint Joseph Branch 731 members will meet at Saint Matthias Church Rectory, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

The meeting will include information regarding the bylaw changes approved at the 49th Convention and dialogue about the convention in general. Also on the agenda is our Annual Mass for deceased members on December 19, 2010 at Saint Matthias Church. There also will be a meeting following the Liturgy.

Respectfully,

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

District 17 Annual Summer Picnic

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

The event will begin at 10:30 A.M. with a continental breakfast sponsored by Branch 382 of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Branch 166 of Binghamton, New York. A catered lunch featuring Slovak foods will be served at 12:45 P.M. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled to order in the afternoon. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon until the end of the picnic at dusk.

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Anne May Gensor BRANCH 743- Sterling Heights, Michigan

Anne May Gensor, age 82 a longtime resident of Warren, died Friday, July 30, 2010 at St. John Macomb Hospital Center in Warren. Anne was born September 25, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of the late Simon Krisak and the late Mary (nee: Smerek) Krisak.

Anne was raised in Detroit and during her earlier years worked as a keypunch operator for the railroad. She later became a wonderful mother raising her five children. When she was not busy or working she enjoyed spending her time with family and also was a devote parishioner of St. Edmund Catholic Church.

Mrs. Gensor was the beloved wife of the late Frank, and the dearest mother of David Gensor, Michael Gensor, Mary Therese (Michael) Chopp, Suzanne Gensor, and Renee Gensor. She is also the loving grandmother of Michael, Ann, Peter, Elizabeth, and great-grandmother of Tyler, and Evan. Also Anne was the sister of Emily Bylicki, Dorothy Stark, and the late Frank Krisak, John Krisak, Paul Krisak, Helen Krisak, Margaret Roman, Mary Krisak, Rose Senall, and Agnes Borys.

Anne attended St.Cyril and Methodius Slovak School in Detroit, Michigan. She later married her husband, Frank in the same church after high school.

Anne was proud of her Slovak heritage. She continued to pass on these traditions to her children. Anne was an excellent cook, and her Slovak recipes remained the family's favorites.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who will be missed by the family and friends that knew her.

Her funeral Mass was on Tuesday, August 3rd, at St. Edmund Catholic Church at 10:30 am. Celebrating the Funeral Liturgy will be

Rev. Fr. Robert Witkowski and her Great Nephew, Rev. Fr. Darrell Roman .

Stephanie Majher

Stephanie Majher of Bucks County, PA died peacefully on Friday, September 3, 2010, at Chandler Hall Hospice, Newtown, PA. She was 89.

She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Majher.

Born in Slovakia, she was the daughter of the late Stefan Jancovic and Anna (Bartlova) Jancovic.

Mrs. Majher was a resident of Bucks County for the past 21 years. Stephanie was a woman of great faith and a beautiful soul who loved gardening, cooking, traveling, animals and most of all her family. She was a member of St. Bede's Young at Heart Club, Good Shepard and Northampton Seniors Clubs. Stephanie enjoyed all of her Club outings especially the luncheons and Casino show trips. She will be remembered for her deep religious faith, honesty, sense of humor, and hard work ethics. She will be sadly missed as a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt.

She is survived by her four children, Mary Ann Korakis of Phoenix, Arizona, Richard Majher and his wife Delores, of Frankfort, IL, Teri Stanford and her husband Benjamin, of Houston, TX and Peggy Wenger and her husband, David, of Washington Crossing, PA. She is also survived by one sister, Frances Halada of Slovakia, 10 loving grandchildren, Jim, Christie Ann, Randy, Bradley, Peter, David, Michael J., Tracey, Michael D., David J., and 10 great grandchildren, Boan, Lilliana, Max, Gabe, Jack, Landon, Anthony, Vincent, Amanda, Greg and several nieces, nephews, and Cousins in the U.S. and Slovakia.

Funeral services and Christian Burial were held on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at St. Bede the Venerable Church, 1071 Holland Road, Holland, PA. Entombment was at Sunset Memorial Park, Feasterville, PA.



**6th ANNUAL
RUSYN DAY VATRA
CARPATHO-RUSYN PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010
RAIN OR SHINE (covered facilities)
Everyone is welcome.**

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
GENEALOGY AND SALES TABLES**

- **1:00 KITCHEN OPENS**
Pirohy, Stuffed Cabbage, Cabbage and Noodles, Kielbasi and Sauerkraut, and Bacon Fry
- **2:00-3:30 ENTERTAINMENT**
- **4:00 SLAVONIC LITURGY & PANACHIDA**
Memorial Service for Deceased Relatives
- **5:30-7:30 ENTERTAINMENT**
- **7:30 STORY-TELLING, MUSIC, DANCING**
around the Vatra/Bonfire

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Bonnie 440-729-2045, Diane 440-521-0346, Jim 330-544-0107**

Schedule of specific events for Saturday, September 18th.

- 1:00 Kitchen opens
- 2:00 Krakowiaki Polish Folk Circle, Youngstown
- 2:30 Russian Chorus with members of Cleveland area Orthodox Churches
- 2:45 Rusyn Sing Along with Jerry Jumba, McKees Rocks
- 3:15 Lučinka Children's Slovak Folk Ensemble, Cleveland
- 4:00 Slavonic Divine Liturgy
- 5:30 Jerry Jumba and Dana Holomshek-Leasure - Dinner Music with a Rusyn Accent
- 6:00 Living Traditions Folk Ensemble, Brecksville
- 6:30 Csardas Dance Company, Cleveland
- 7:00 Slavjane Folk Ensemble, McKees Rocks
- 8:00 Socializing, singing, dancing till midnight around the Vatra (bonfire), including singing songs learned at the Sing Along.

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

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Branch 553 – Scenes of A Successful 41st Kielbasa Open

St. John the Baptist, Branch 553, held their 41st Kielbasa Open at Rolling Greens Golf Course on June 26th, 2010.

Ninety-six golfers and over 20 volunteers made these years open a “raving” success. Branch Vice President and Golf Outing Chairperson Greg Petrasek sends special thanks to all of our generous sponsors and hard-working volunteers for their tireless dedication in making our outing the success that it was!

Mark your calendars for the 42nd Kielbasa Open to be held once again on the last Saturday of June, 2011. Don't get left out. This is the event of the year, and is always sold out!

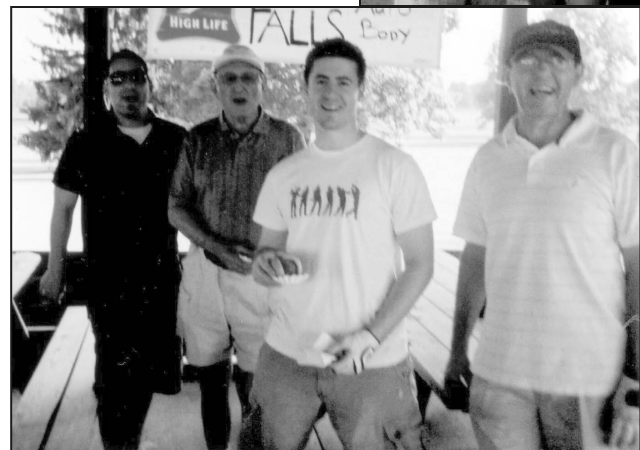
Linda Hanko, Recording Secretary

The winning ladies' team –Karen Bakita, Darlene Reeder, Tammy Gonsiewski, with Ruth Hathys being congratulated by Branch 553 President Joe Petrasek



L – R, Dan Vargo, John Vargo, Jack DeCheco, Nathan DeCheco

L – R, Ken Minrovich, Joe Lesho, Jim Barlow, Randy Carlson



A family affair – the Dishauzi Team



Father/daughter team on the serving line – Bianchi Petrasek serves the hungry masses at the 41st Kielbasa Open while Dad Greg Petrasek looks on

Kent-Salem Scholarship Honors Donna Sedzmac

Through the generosity of Joe Sedzmac, long time resident of Boardman, Ohio, to honor his late wife, the Donna J. Sedzmac Student Survivor and Caregiver Scholarship is available for a Kent State Salem student.

“Donna was a 24 year cancer survivor who always maintained a positive attitude on life,” said Joe Sedzmac. “She was a founding member of the American Cancer Society breast cancer support group FOCUS, (Friends Offering Compassion, Understanding and Support) and always believed that knowledge was a key component for success and happiness in life.”

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a \$1,000 dollar award, which may be used to help pay for tuition and fees for the following academic year. Preference will be given to Kent State Salem full-time students enrolled in both the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average and have suffered from cancer or served as caregiver for a family member who has. Students must complete the Donna J. Sedzmac Student Survivor and Caregiver Scholarship Application, which can be found online at www.sfa.kent.edu.

This scholarship was set up to commemorate the life of Donna, and to relieve some of the financial burden from a deserving student. The application must be received in the Financial Aid office by 5:00 p.m., August 23, 2011. For further information please contact Bill Bucey at 330-332-0361 or by e-mailing wbucejr@kent.edu.

Donna was a lifetime member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, St. Joseph Branch 731.

L – R, Dick Gleghorn, Jon Gazdacko, Jim Gazdacko, Bianchi Petrasek (background)



“And the winners are ...” Branch Vice President Greg Petrasek awards a door prize to Andy Kacsanek; seated and looking on is Branch 553 President Joe Petrasek.

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THINK ABOUT IT!**

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

Part II

By **Christopher M. Keshock, Ph.D.**

University of South Alabama

In Part I of this article series, printed in the Sept 1 edition of Jednota, Dr. Keshock examined the historical influences on the sport success of Czecho-Slovakian athletes. Here, he discusses possible psychological factors and cultural influences on these notable athletes.

Psychological Factors Driving Athletes Having Czecho-Slovakian Roots

In the investigation of psychological factors contributing to the performances of outstanding athletes, the findings and theories of three of the most respected and influential psychologists of the twentieth century, Sigmund Freud, Erik Erikson, and Hans Selye, all with profound Czecho-Slovakian life experiences, warrant close scrutiny. Their famed approaches, which are acclaimed and honored in the history of psychology, continue to have a significant impact upon the attributions of the Czecho-Slovakian psyche and its relationship to world class and outstanding sports performances. So ingrained was the importance of work in the life histories of adults that Freud, and later his protégé Erikson, made themes of Love and Work central to successful life adjustments (Santrock, 1997).

Sigmund Freud of Czech Jewish heritage, the famous psychoanalytic practitioner and prodigious writer of psychodynamic treatises, was born on May 6, 1856, in the small town of Freiberg, now known as Pribor in the new Czech Republic. The town's surroundings included stretches of fertile farmlands, tilled by farmers still contending with aspect of de facto serfdom; dense woods and gentle hills; with the Carpathian Mountains rising in the distance (Bettelheim, 1983). Although the family moved to Vienna in 1860, Freud returned to the town of his birth on many occasions to vacation and renew old ties with childhood friends and their families. When honored in Pribor at the age of 75 for his lifetime of contributions to the field of psychology, he described receiving his first indelible impressions "from this air, from this soil" (Gay, 1988, p. 9).

With poor parents and being harshly uprooted from childhood conditions in Pribor, which included sensing some of the grim realities of post 1848 serfdom, Freud sought to explain the impact of work during his adult writings. It was a bleak psychoanalysis of culture. In his clinical practice in Vienna, which is about 25 miles away from Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, he had ample exposure to the Slovakian work ethic developed over hundreds of years under the aegis of serfdom. As described by Gay (1988), he argued that "human beings are unhappy: our bodies sicken and decay, external nature threatens us with destruction, our relations to others are sources of misery. Yet we all do our desperate utmost to escape that unhappiness" (p. 545). He pointedly noted that the most successful of these most palliative devices is work, especially professional activity freely chosen. "No other technique for the conduct of life fits the individual so firmly to reality... at the very least, it ties him securely to a piece of reality, into the human community" (p. 546). In his own life, Freud treated work as an anodyne: medicine which allays pain (Gay, 1988, p. 563). Again, a very grim, pragmatic assessment of a lifetime theme co-existing with that of love.

Drawing upon one of the basic principles of human growth and development, that of the bi-potentiality of human experience, Czecho-Slovakian athletes have accepted the taxing dimensions of hard work; but, have also chosen to use this mind set to good advantage in competing with athletes from different parts of the world. Tenacity, perseverance, and

the American term of "stick-to-it-tiveness" are the benefits to be gained from a strong work ethic as contrasted to self-defeating, robot-like behaviors imposed by external forces. This is especially evident in the histories of American athletes of Czecho-Slovakian ancestry whose grandparents and parents toiled in steel mills, the coal mining towns of Pennsylvania, railroads, and heavy industry centers.

Erik Erikson, of Danish descent, traveled extensively throughout Europe as a young man to gather life experiences that proved to be of great importance in the formulation of his famous theory of life span growth and development. Born in 1902, he was able to observe the psychological importance of work as he lived and studied in the Austro-Hungarian Empire of Central and Eastern Europe prior to World War I and in the postwar period. He trained under Freud, a family friend, in Vienna coming into contact with nearby Czecho-Slovakian cultural influences regarding the importance of work-related factors upon psychodynamic development. Later, he emigrated to America in the 1930's and began a long and distinguished career as a child psychiatrist and writer. Also committed to the Freudian themes of Work and Love as integral parts of his own lifespan developmental theories, Erickson described psychological challenges in the eight stages of a person's lifetime with work-related roles serving positive ends in a number of life stages. This was a significant departure from his mentor's grim assessment of the world of work during the de facto days of serfdom in the last part of the nineteenth century (Craig & Kermis, 1995).

Erikson stressed the acquisition of ego identity which was believed to be accomplished differently from culture to culture. In this approach, self-image and self-concept are of major importance as one makes the journey into adulthood.

Erikson extended his mentor's theory to include psycho-social development which emphasized cultural or social influences on development. Each stage of life involves certain developmental tasks or crises as in the case of a child in elementary school who has to be industrious during that period of his or her life. Industriousness, consequently, is learned through the complex social interactions of school, family, and culture (Boeree, 2006). According to this stage theorist, one's sense of self is enriched by the realistic development of competencies and the taking on of different roles: the roles of student, friend, worker, or athlete. Thus, it is important to sort out and integrate these various roles into one consistent identity. For the Czecho-Slovakian athlete, this sought after identity has included the roles of worker, competitor, and when given the opportunity, that of coach or sports administrator.

Erikson's more positive approach in describing the determinants of human behavior was helped, in part, through exposure to better economic conditions in Central and Eastern Europe prior to World War I and the postwar period in which former serfs and their offspring could own property, benefit from their own work efforts, and carve out a personal rather than other-directed destiny. This freedom to excel proved to be an integral part of sport participation in the twentieth and now twenty-first century.

Hans Selye, known as "the father of stress" was born in 1907 in Vienna, Austria and grew up in Komarno, Republic of Slovakia where his father served as a military physician. Komarno served as a staging area for the troops of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. A graduate of the University of Prague in 1929, Selye later served at Johns Hopkins University in the United States before emigrating to Montreal, Canada for a distinguished teaching career and research described as "one of the 20th centuries greatest ideas" (Wikipedia, 2007). He was best known for his "stress-general adaptation syndrome (GAS)" which was an attempt to link stress and anxiety and their biochemical and physiological consequences to many modern challenges (Tache, 1985). In a pragmatic vein, he discovered and documented that stress is different from other physical responses in that it is stressful whether one receives good or bad feedback or whether the impulse is positive or negative. He described negative stress as distress and positive stress as eustress. Using the examples of muscular exercise, strength can be gained by tension-release while tension or relaxation by itself leads to wasting. This suggests a work ethic in which a person (or competitive athlete) should do everything to reduce stress which can then be an attribution or strength in the taking on of challenges (Tache, 1985).

Of note is the fact that an important dimension of Selye's model of stress, to include stress reduction, was based upon observations. This included observations of soldiers in Komarno, many of whom who destined to go off to war, and Czecho-Slovakian workers and participants in the Sokol movement founded in Prague. The Sokol slets (meets) provided research opportunities to observe hundreds of participants in track and field events, mass calisthenics, gymnastic competitions, and social events held in the first Czechoslovakian Republic (Gabriel, 2007). With the knowledge of the G.A.S., it was possible to begin gauging the roll of stress in a person's (competitor's) life. As appraised by Selye (1936), "It seems to us that more or less pronounced forms of this three-stage reaction represent the usual response of the organism to stimuli such as temperature changes, drugs, muscular exercise, etc., to which habituation or inurement can occur."

With inurement describing becoming accustomed to pain, trouble, etc., the athletic feats of Czecho-Slovakian competitors such as Florence Chadwick and Emil Zatopek lend support to Selye's theory. Florence Chadwick was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Emil Zatopek is the only athlete ever to win Olympic gold medals in the 5,000 meters, the 10,000 meters, and the 26-mile marathon, setting records in all the events at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

As described by Gabriel (2007), Selye moved easily into the role of well-being representative, and was just as likely to be asked to speak to a religious group as to a medical group during the 1970's; and later, his model of stress reduction and its relationship to taking on

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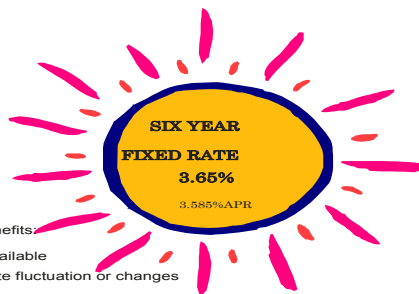
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challenges was applied to the business world and highly competitive field of sport by such institutions as St. Louis University Medical Centre and the National Football League (NFL) in America. He often spoke of the value of love, in the manner of Freud and Erikson, and of the essential importance in our own well-being of helping others as, for example, coaches are inclined to do.

In summary, it seems that the world famous psychological theories of Freud, Erikson, and Selye, grounded in Central and Eastern European experiences to include Czecho-Slovakian influences, have had profound influences upon competitors in the field of sport. The cumulative effect of this strong psychological legacy may help to account for the outstanding performances of athletes with a Czecho-Slovakian heritage. Since the "Velvet Revolution" of 1993, two separate republics have evolved; however, the pan-Slavic history of the past is still a viable, motivational, and proud history capable of driving outstanding sports competitors to new heights.

Cultural Influences Impacting Sport Performances

The multinational empire of the Habsburgs contained twenty more or less distinct nationalities which presented potential problems of nationalist revolution and agitation. This agitation of nationalities for special rights and outright independence threatened the empires very existence (Kann, 1950). The bureaucracy- the civilian army of the empire- was not above pitting one nationality against another to deflect these hopes and to diminish cultural pride within the various subgroups. In the middle of the 19th century, a movement originated in the lands of the Czechs and Slovaks that was to foster not only cultural pride but lay the groundwork for physical training so necessary for an athlete to excel in the demanding world of sports competition.

This major thrust motivating the performances of Czecho-Slovakian athletes was the Sokol movement, founded in Prague in 1862, by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fügner. Created as a gymnastics organization based on the ancient Roman Juvenal's ideal of "a sound mind in a sound body", the founders emphasized that the Czech people had to be physically fit, mentally alert, and culturally well developed to survive the oppressive conditions of the Habsburg rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Sokol, the name and symbol of the new movement, means "falcon- a bird known for its courage, defense of its domain, strength, and love of great heights" (Lebloch, 2006, p. 12). Sokol had political undertones preparing its members mentally and physically to fight some future, if yet undefined struggle for autonomy. As units were quickly established throughout Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and other Slavic nations, Sokol evolved into a Pan-Slavic movement opposed to Habsburg rule (p. 7).

The movement bolstered personal and national identity and self-confidence through the organization of major events, public sports training, and a distinctive uniform. Instantly popular, 20 Sokol chapters were formed in Bohemia in the first three years with similar growth to follow in Slovakia (Langel, 2006, p. 27). Sokol Slets were, and still are, regularly scheduled meets rallying hundreds of members for fitness demonstrations, athletic competition, and mass calisthenics. Groups of men and women performed calisthenics routines in unison demonstrating the group's discipline and shared vision- that of Czech/Slovak nationalism. As part of this vision, Sokol sought to cultivate spiritual and moral values on a national level (Dubovicky, 2004).

Soon after, the Sokol movement was eagerly accepted in the United States where the first Sokol unit was organized in St. Louis in 1865. The movement spread quickly throughout the country as evidenced by the creation of five Czech, four Slovak, and five other Slavic Sokol organizations in the United States. At the height of the Sokol movement, there were 125 units with 15,000 members and 6,500 gymnasts in America (Langel, 2006, p. 9). Many of the famous Czech and Slovak sports figures of the early 20th century had their first exposure to physical training and athletic competition as part of the Sokol movement. As individuals from the first American-born generation, who saw cultural and ethnic pride as crucial variables in the formation of a confident identity (in the manner of Erikson), they applied Sokol principles in their sports careers as well as benefiting from the participatory benefits of American sports.

In Europe, Sokol organizations were not allowed to function under Nazi rule during WWII, and were also banned under communism. The Czechoslovak communists regime attempted to replace the Slet tradition with a Spartakind, which was a mass exhibition of synchronized gymnastics sans moral or social connotations. When the "Velvet Revolution" took place in 1989 ending controversial politics, blatant censorship, daily shortages, rampant propaganda and relentless suspicion, the Sokol movement and Slets returned to the country (Naughton, J., 1996).

Next up: a discussion of "Outstanding Sports Figures of Czech-Slovak Heritage," when Dr. Keshock's article series concludes in the next Jednota.

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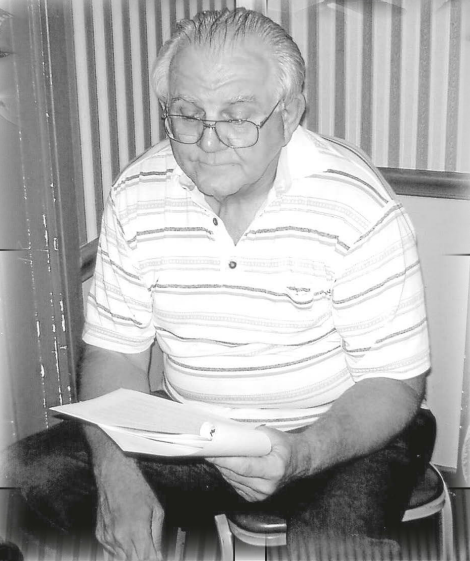
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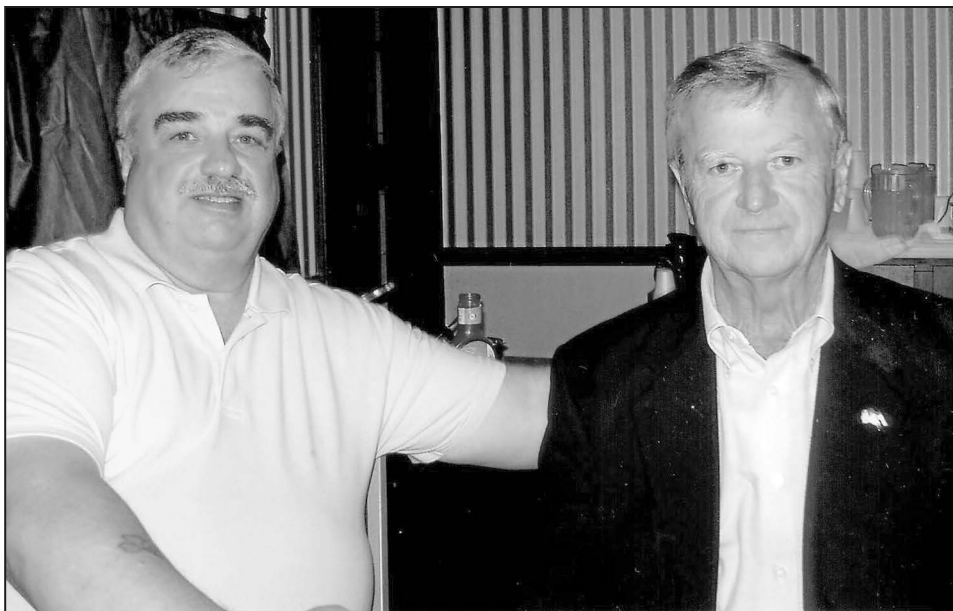
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100th Anniversary of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in October

Festival for Slovak St. Agnes-St. John 103rd Anniversary in October

The Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Yonkers, NY, is celebrating the observance of the 100th Anniversary of the present church's dedication on Saturday, October 16th, when Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan will celebrate the 5:00PM Mass.

A festive banquet will follow at the Polish Community Center. Those interested in attending may call the church rectory from 9:30AM to 1:30PM, Monday – Friday, at 914-963-0720 to make their reservation.

Marilyn Montemurro, Publicity Chairperson, MHT Parish Council

The Slovak Roman Catholic Church of St. Agnes-St. John invites everyone to the celebration of its 103rd Anniversary at our Annual Festival. The festival will be held on October 10, 2010, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at Fourth & Brown Streets in Philadelphia, PA. Entrance to the Hall is on Orianna Street.

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Banické mesto Handlová smúti Handlova si pripomenula výročie najväčšej banskej tragédie

Handlová (TASR) – Banické mesto Handlová si 10. augusta pripomenulo prvé výročie najväčšej banskej tragédie za vyše storočnú históriu tamojšej bane, kedy v podzemí Východnej šachty zahynulo 20 baníkov a banských záchranárov. Presne o 9.30 h sa rozozvučali zvony na veži Kostola svätej Kataríny. Presne v tom čase pred rokom sa dispečer Bane Handlová poslednýkrát telefonicky rozprával s veliteľom dvoch záchranárskych čiat, ktoré v jednej zo starších banských chodieb hasili požiar, vzniknutý oxidáciou uhlia. Krátko po tom sa spojenie so záchranárskou základňou prerušilo. V prvých minútach ešte nikto netušil, že to spôsobil mohutný výbuch banských plynov.

Keď začali zvony zvonieť, položili členovia vedenia akciovej spoločnosti Hornonitrianske bane Prievidza na čele s generálnym riaditeľom a predsedom správnej rady Petrom Čičmancom spomienkový veniec k pamätníku banských nešťastí na hornej Nitre. Na pamätník, ktorý vytvoril bývalý dlhoročný handlovský baník a ľudový umelec, rezbár Ján Procner, je do kameňa vyrytých 466 mien mužov, ktorí zahynuli pri plnení svojich pracovných povinností v podzemí. Sú na ňom aj mená posledných 20 obetí výbuchu.

Druhým pietnym miestom v Handlovej je bronzové súsošie dvoch baníkov, ktoré pred rokom premiestnili z bývalého Hladového námestia do centra Handlovej. Má pripomínať štrajk handlovských baníkov v roku 1917. Už od rána k nemu obyvatelia, príbuzní, ale aj priatelia a známi obetí, kládli kvety a zapalovali sviečky a kahance.

Pietna spomienka večer pokračovala banickou zádušnou omšou v spomínanom Kostole sv. Kataríny. Po nej sa pohol smerom k uvedenému bronzovému súsošiu sprievod účastníkov vládnej delegácie, pozostalých a verejnosti, aby vzdali úctu zomretým baníkom. Vedľa pamätníka zároveň odhalili pamätnú tabuľu, ktorá bude pripomínať banské nešťastie. Pietna spomienka vyvrcholila koncertom baníckej dychovky z Ostravy.



Edita Gruberová zažila triumfálny návrat na prestížny festival

Salzburg (TASR) - Obrovské ovácie postojacky pripravilo publikum na konci koncertného predvedenia Belliniho opery Norma v rámci Salzburških slávností v polovici augusta so skvele disponovanou Editou Gruberovou v titulnej úlohe. Medzi divákmi bolo mnoho prominentných hostí, vrátane nemeckej kancelárky Angely Merkelovej.

Slovenská operná diva svetového formátu mala levi podiel na reakciách prítomných, aj keď jej zdatne sekundovali mezzosopranistka Joyce DiDonato z USA, ktorá spievala part Adalgisy, taliansky tenorista Marcello Giordano ako Pollioso a jeho krajan, basista Ferruccio Furlanetto ako Oroveso. Gruberovej Norma nemá na súčasnej opernej scéne konkurenciu.

V Salzburgu, kde pred 36 rokmi debutovala ako Kráľovná noci v Mozarovej Čarovnej flaute pod taktovkou legendárneho Herberta von Karajana, slovenská koloratúrna sopranistka potvrdila, že čas neubral nič z jej výnimočného umenia, naopak. Kritici sa nadchýnali priezračnosťou jej hlasu, jeho rôznymi farbami a odtieňmi, ako aj tak charakteristickým legatom. Pri 90. ročníku tradičného festivalu v Salzburgu, na ktorom sa Gruberová predstavila po prvý raz od roku 1991, zažili diváci v auguste jej triumfálny comeback.

Mimochodom, koncertné predvedenie Normy s Editou Gruberovou v hlavnej úlohe sa postaralo vlani v Bratislave o skvostné otvorenie jubilejného 45. ročníka BHS. Vtedy čestnej prezidentke tohto festivalového podujatia sekundovali Carmen Oprisanu z Rumunska ako Adalgisa, Aquiles Machado z Venezuely ako Pollione a Peter Mikuláš ako Oroveso, ako aj orchester Slovenskej filharmónie a Maďarský filharmonický zbor pod taktovkou Olivera Dohnányiho.



Ako sa zmení financovanie cirkví na Slovensku, nie je ešte známe

Hoc minister kultúry Daniel Krajcer tvrdí, že niektoré cirkvi majú o odluku od štátu záujem, v prípade dvoch najväčších cirkví to neplatí. Rímskokatolícka cirkev už upozornila, že zmluva s Vatikánom to ani neumožňuje. Okrem toho je prakticky nepochopiteľná. Slovensko je jedinou krajinou na svete, ktorá zmluvu so Svätou stolicou prijala v takejto podobe.

„Katolícka cirkev nemá problém so zmenou jej financovania. Dôležité však je, aby zostala zachovaná zmluva medzi Slovenskou republikou a Svätou stolicou, povedal nedávno hovorca Konferencie biskupov Slovenska Jozef Kováčik.

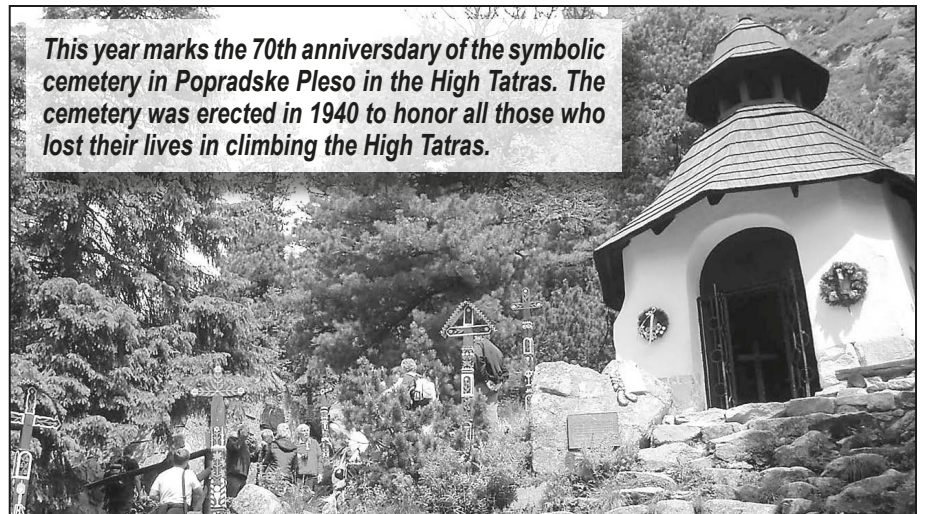
Dialóg o zmene financovania preto môže byť zdĺhavý a nemusí viesť k jasnemu záveru. Otázkou odluky cirkví od štátu otvorila SaS a prísľub otvorenia celospoločenskej diskusie o problematike financovania cirkví obsahuje aj programové vyhlásenie vlády. „Je to lepší spôsob fungovania cirkví aj z hľadiska ich postavenia,“ hovorí Krajcer.

Zmena financovania sa nepozdáva ani evanjelickej cirkvi ausburského vyznania. Jej generálny dozorca Pavel Delinga sa vyjadril: „Z hľadiska našej cirkvi v súčasnosti odluka cirkvi od štátu neprichádza do úvahy, hoci pripravujeme vlastnú reštrukturalizáciu cirkevnouorganizračných jednotiek.“ Po dlhšom procese, počas ktorého by štát pripravil nový model financovania cirkví, sú však ochotní viesť spoločný dialóg aj zástupcovia evanjelikov.

Ročne pritom vynakladá štát na financovanie cirkví nemalé prostriedky – v roku 2009 to bolo 37.19 milióna eur, z čoho až 21.27 milióna smerovalo do najväčšej – rímskokatolíckej cirkvi a 3.68 mil. do evanjelickej cirkvi. Zmena financovania by preto mohla vyhovovať skôr menším cirkvám.

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70.výročie symbolického cintorína obetí Vysokých Tatier



This year marks the 70th anniversary of the symbolic cemetery in Popradské Pleso in the High Tatras. The cemetery was erected in 1940 to honor all those who lost their lives in climbing the High Tatras.

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Pri Popradskom plese bol po slávnostnej omši 11. augusta 1940 otvorený a hneď bol sprístupnený verejnosti symbolický cintorín obetí Vysokých Tatier. Založenie cintorína sa datuje od roku 1936. Symbolický cintorín pri Popradskom plese pod strmou skalnou stenou Ostrvy je miestom, kde sú na pamiatku obetiam Vysokých Tatier umiestnené pamätne tabule s menami ľudí, ktorí zahynuli vo Vysokých Tatrách, ale kde nie je nikto pochovaný. Autorom myšlienky na vytvorenie centrálneho pamätníka tatranských obetí bol akademický maliar Otakar Štáfl z Prahy. Projekt kaplnky vypracoval Ing. Róbert Vosyka z Popradu. Prvé symbolické, ručne vyrezávané kríže sú od rezbára Jozefa Fekiača - Šumného z Detvy. Drevorezbu v interiéri kaplnky urobil Ladislav Tfirst. Od roku 1970 je symbolický cintorín zapísaný v zozname kultúrnych pamiatok. Na archívnej snímke príbuzní si uctili pamiatku obetí tragickej havárie vrtníka MI-8 počas záchrannej akcie v Mlynickej doline v roku 1979 pri pamätnej tabuli na Symbolickom cintoríne pri Popradskom plese 25. júna 2009.

Slovenská ekonomika v 2. štvrtroku pozitívne prekvapila

Bratislava (TASR) - Rast slovenskej ekonomiky v druhom štvrtroku, kedy si podľa rýchleho odhadu Štatistického úradu (ŠÚ) SR polepšila o 4,6 %, analytikov pozitívne prekvapil. Ich odhady sa totiž pohybovali na úrovniach do 4 %. Za rýchlym rastom je podľa nich predovšetkým zahraničný dopyt, ten domáci naopak naďalej zaostáva.

„Slovenskú ekonomiku v druhom štvrtroku potiahol podľa nás predovšetkým priemysel a zahraničný obchod. Príliš optimistickí nie sme a významnejšie nárasty neočakávame v prípade spotreby domácností,“ približuje analytička Poštovej banky Eva Sadovská. Výraznejší rast spotrebiteľského dopytu podľa nej brzdi stále pomerne vysoká nezamestnanosť. Detailnú štruktúru však štatistickí zverejnia až začiatkom septembra.

Lepší ako očakávaný výsledok slovenského hospodárstva analytička Slovenskej sporiteľne Mária Valachyová pripisuje silnému oživeniu v eurozóne, predovšetkým v Nemecku. Jeho ekonomika totiž podľa dnes zverejnených dát vzrástla medzikvartálne o 2,2 %, čo je najrýchlejší rast za posledných približne 20 rokov. Na nemecký trh pritom putuje až 20 % našich vývozov a Nemecko je tak našim hlavným obchodným partnerom.

Júlové zlepšenie nálady v slovenskom a nemeckom priemysle podľa analytika ING Bank Eduarda Hagaru naznačuje, že aj na začiatku tretieho štvrtroka je hlavným ťažňom rastu zahraničný dopyt. „Slabšie čísla zo Spojených štátov z posledného obdobia však signalizujú, že globálna ekonomika by mohla v druhom polroku čeliť spomaleniu rastu, čo by samozrejme zasiahlo aj slovenskú ekonomiku,“ avizuje.

Pozitívne vyhladky nemá naďalej domáci dopyt, upozorňujú analytici. „Stagnácia zamestnanosti v druhom kvartáli tohto roka, ale aj ohlasované škrtky mzdových výdavkov vo verejnej správe nedávajú veľké nádeje na to, že v najbližšom období uvidíme výrazne zvýšenie spotrebiteľského dopytu,“ vysvetľuje Hagara.



Nová webstránka uľahčí dedičské konania v rámci Európskej únie

Bratislava (TASR) - Občania Európskej únie (EÚ) majú od konca júna možnosť dostať sa k informáciám o dedičskom práve členských štátov vo svojom rodnom jazyku. Rada notárstiev Európskej únie (CNUE) s podporou Európskej komisie (EK) spustila novú internetovú stránku, ktorá ľuďom zodpovie najdôležitejšie otázky týkajúce sa dedičstiev vo všetkých 27 členských štátoch.

Počet ľudí, ktorí nadviažu pracovné alebo súkromné vzťahy s občanmi iného štátu EÚ, narastá. Podľa údajov EK sa v EÚ každoročne rieši takmer pol milióna prípadov dedičstiev s medzinárodným prvkom, ktoré celkovo predstavujú viac než 120 miliárd eur. „Vďaka novej stránke si občania môžu veľmi jednoducho zistiť aktuálne právne úpravy týkajúce sa dedenia v zahraničí. Dozvedia sa, ako postupovať a aké zákony budú na majetok poručiť uplatnené v inom členskom štáte únie,“ približil člen Prezídia Notárskej komory SR Rudolf Durdík. Zároveň dodal, že Notárska komora SR ako člen Rady notárstiev EÚ je hrdá na to, že môže byť súčasťou projektu, ktorý občanom uľahčí cezhraničné dedičské konania.

Na webovej stránke nájdu jej návštevníci odpovede na najdôležitejšie otázky, ktoré súvisia s dedením v 22 oficiálnych jazykoch EÚ a chorvátine.

Na stránku Dedičstvá v Európe sa možno dostať buď zo stránky Notárskej komory SR alebo priamo. Obsah stránky bude pravidelne aktualizovaný, aby bolo možné sledovať európske i vnútroštátne legislatívne zmeny. Právnym odborníkom je pre každý členský štát EÚ k dispozícii podrobný text v angličtine, nemčine a francúzštine. Informácie poskytol Peter Jančárik z agentúry Seesame.



Pohľad na jedno zo zasadnutí delegátov Spolkov a okresov počas 49. Konvencie Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Renaissance Hoteli v Clevelande, Ohio.

Session at the 49th Convention



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

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

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

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



Na podporu zahraničných Slovákov putovalo vlni vyše 1.9 milióna eur

Bratislava (TASR) - Na podporu aktivít Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí putovalo vlni vyše 1.9 milióna eur. Tieto prostriedky sa využili napríklad na pokračujúcu rekonštrukciu novopridelenej budovy pre 21. školu s vyučovacím jazykom slovenským a Slovenské kultúrne centrum v ukrajinskom Užhorode či rekonštrukciu Gymnázia Jána Kollára so študentským domovom v Báčskom Petrovci v Srbsku. Vyplýva to zo správy Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí.

Odhaduje sa, že v zahraničí žije v súčasnosti vo viac ako 50 krajinách vyše dva milióny osôb hlásiacich sa k slovenskému pôvodu. "Slováci pôsobia vo vyše 50 krajinách sveta, kde vyvíjajú aktívnu kultúrno-spoločenskú, prezentačnú, výchovno-vzdelávaciu, vydavateľskú, mediálnu a informačnú činnosť," uvádza sa v správe. Úrad vlni zaznamenal zvýšený záujem o zakladanie nových dokumentačných zbierkotvorných inštitúcií, ako aj záujem o spracovanie zbierok a digitalizáciu.

K vzniku menšín a komunit zahraničných Slovákov dochádza od konca 17. storočia. Najviac osôb so slovenským pôvodom žije podľa odhadov v USA. Status národnostných menšín prislúcha v súčasnosti Slovákom žijúcim v krajinách strednej a juhovýchodnej Európy (Česko, Srbsko, Rumunsko, Ukrajina, Chorvátsko, Maďarsko, Poľsko). Slovenské komunity existujú aj v západnej Európe a zámorí, ale už bez statusu menšiny. Tvoria ich potomkovia vystaňovalcov a emigrantov.

Naopak Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí so živými väzbami na domovinu predstavujú najmä príslušníci mladej a strednej generácie, absolventi slovenských stredných a vysokých škôl. Tí emigrovali po roku 1989 predovšetkým do krajín západnej Európy, ale i do netradičných zámorských destinácií.



85. narodeniny Prof. Milana S. Ďuricu

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

V rokoch 1988 – 1998 bol počas dvoch volebných období zvolený za predsedu Slovenského ústavu v Ríme, ustanovizne slovenských kultúrnych, najmä vedeckých pracovníkov v zahraničí.

Na Slovensku bol v roku 1990 Predsedníctvom Slovenskej národnej rady vymenovaný za zahraničného experta Komisie historikov na vypracovanie odborných štúdií k dejinám Slovenska 20. storočia. V roku 1991 ho minister kultúry vymenoval za prvého riaditeľa Slovenského historického ústavu v Ríme, zaslúžil sa o jeho založenie a uznanie vo Vatikáne. V roku 1993 založil Ústav dejín kresťanstva na Slovensku v Bratislave, ktorý doteraz vedie. V roku 1997 sa stal členom Vedeckej rady Ústavu pre vzťahy štátu a cirkvi Ministerstva kultúry SR, v roku 2002 členom akademického senátu Rímskokatolíckej cyrilometodskej bohosloveckej fakulty Univerzity Komenského a v roku 2006 riadnym členom Vedeckého kolégia Historického ústavu Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku.

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasul'u, Spolku č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 24. októbra 2010 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia 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 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 odpoľudnia 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

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

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.

Lístky na Katarínsku zábavu si môžete objednať u týchto osôb: Milan a Henrieta Dait tel. č. (201) 641 8922; Jozef Bilik tel. č. (718) 463 2084; Mária Božeková tel. č. (347) 612 1934.



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.



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Na snímke výstavba nových apartmánov v Tatranskej Lomnici 20. júla 2010.

The construction of a new apartment complex in Tatranska Lomnica.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Kým** v prvej polovici letnej sezóny 2010 Slováci na tuzemskej dovolenke dávali prednosť turistike, bicyklovaniu a kúpaliskám, od augusta skôr vyhľadávajú pamiatky, oddych v kúpeľoch alebo rôzne druhy športového vyžitia. Túto zmenu aktivít počas dovolenky zaznamenala Slovenská agentúra pre cestovný ruch (SACR) v ankete na svojej webovej stránke, ktorú pripravila v rámci propagačnej kampane na podporu domáceho turizmu. Kampaň pokračuje pod názvom Prázdniny na Slovensku. Hlasovaním mohli ľudia odpovedať na otázku: Ako by ste prežili svoje prázdniny na Slovensku? Obrat v rozhodovaní, ako prežiť tuzemskú dovolenku, dokazuje, že väčšina rodín a mladých ľudí má dovolenku už za sebou a tí, ktorí si ju tradične plánujú na chladnejšie dni leta, sú presne rozhodnutí, čo chcú vidieť a pre svoje zdravie urobiť. To sú okrem turistov každého veku predovšetkým rodiny s malými deťmi, manželské páry a seniori.

• **Od** tohto leta je novinkou Múzea mesta Bratislavy (MMB) raz za mesiac výnimočné otvorenie študijného depozitu skla, keramiky a porcelánu v Apponyiho paláci. Depozit sústreďuje bohaté zbierky exponátov z keramiky, skla a porcelánu, ktoré sa vytvárali v priebehu vyše 140 rokov existencie MMB v rámci fondov etnografie, histórie a umeleckých remesiel. Možno v ňom spoznať fajansu najmä ľudovú západoslovenskú, ale aj z Talianska a Nemecka. Najstaršie sú habánske práce, napríklad nádoba na vodu lavabo z roku 1657, väčšie súbory stupavskej a modranskej keramiky, nechýbajú ani diela slovenských majstrov Ferdiša Kostku a Ignáca Bizmayera. Sú tam tiež rôzne výrobky z hrnčiny a kameniny z Kremnice i Nemecka a Anglicka, porcelán z Viedne a iných miest. Zastúpené sú rozličné cechy, práce bratislavských maliarov na porceláne z prelomu 19. a 20. storočia, moderná keramika zo 60. a 80. rokov 20. storočia. Typologicky je v depozite prezentovaný úžitkový riad ako sú nádoby, stolovacie súpravy nápojové, kávové, čajové a obedové. Dekoratívne predmety, vázy, plastika, kachlice či umývacie súpravy.

• **V juhovýchodnej** časti Slovenska sa znižuje návštevnosť zahraničných turistov, najmä Poľakov. Jedným z dôvodov je aj euro. „V súčasnosti na Spiši a Gemeri zaznamenávame pokles návštevníkov,“ konštatoval Michal Bartoš, projektový koordinátor cezhraničnej spolupráce severomaďarskej Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén župy a slovenskej spiško-gemerskej oblasti. Rozvoj cestovného ruchu prostredníctvom spolupráce dvoch historicky spojených území má napomôcť zvýšiť počet turistov. Krajiny totiž od septembra tohto roka pripravili pre klientov ponukové balíčky na niekoľkodňovú dovolenku, počas ktorej navštívia oba štáty. Ide napríklad o gottickú cestu po kostoloch, hradoch a národných parkoch či železnú cestu po pamiatkach baníctva.

• **Direktoriát** Európskej komisie (EK) pre regionálnu politiku sa už zaoberá žiadosťou Slovenska o poskytnutie pomoci na odstránenie následkov škôd z povodní. Slovensko poslalo žiadosť o poskytnutie príspevku z Európskeho fondu solidarity 16. júla. Minister zahraničných vecí Mikuláš Dzurinda neďavno pripomenul, že pri rozhodovaní o prípadnej pomoci sa bude prihliadať aj na finančné možnosti európskeho rozpočtu. Podľa podmienok únie môže krajina žiadať o pomoc z Fondu solidarity EÚ, ak škody presiahnu 0.6 percenta hrubého národného dôchodku za posledný vykázaný rok. Hranica pre Slovensko je tak stanovená na úrovni 378. 21 milióna eur. Aktuálne škody po májových a júnových povodniach sa odhadujú na 695.1 milióna eur. Najvyššiu sumu nahlásil agrozort, konkrétne 575.86 milióna eur. Nie sú zatiaľ známe škody, ktoré prípadne vznikli Úradu vlády SR, rezortu kultúry, Úradu jadrového dozoru, normalizačnému úradu a tiež bývalému Ministerstvu výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja SR.

• **Poslanci** Národnej rady (NR) SR takmer jednohlasne vyslovili súhlas s pristúpením Slovenska k európskemu finančnému stabilizačnému mechanizmu (EFSF), tzv. eurovalu. Slovenská účasť na 750-miliardovom balíku záruk pre krajiny, ktoré sa v budúcnosti ocitnú v podobných finančných problémoch ako Grécko, predstavuje takmer 4.4 miliardy eur vo forme potenciálnych záruk. Zo 142 prítomných poslancov hlasovalo za účasť SR v eurovale 140 koalíčných aj opozičných zákonodarcov. Proti návrhu sa vyslovil iba Ondrej Dostál (Most-Híd), prvá podpredsedníčka SNS Anna Belousovová sa hlasovania zdržala. Schválením rámcovej zmluvy o pristúpení k ochrannému valu v parlamente sa celý proces nekončí a Slovensko sa ešte nestane jeho efektívnou súčasťou, upozornil minister financií Ivan Mikloš (SDKÚ-DS).

• **Slovensko** neposkytne Grécku bilaterálnu pôžičku, ktorá mala v priebehu nasledujúcich troch rokov dosiahnuť sumu 816 miliónov eur. Rozhodli o tom 11. augusta poslanci Národnej rady (NR) SR, ktorí sa stotožnili s odporúčaním novej vlády a nevyhlasili súhlas s medzinárodnou zmluvou o pôžičke. Záverečného hlasovania sa zúčastnilo iba 84 poslancov, z ktorých bolo 69 proti. Proti pôžičke Grécku sa vyslovili všetci členovia koalíčných strán SDKÚ-DS, SaS a Most-Híd. Väčšina klubu KDĽ sa hlasovania zdržala, Anton Marcinič a Mária Sabolová ako jediní dvaja zákonodarcovia hlasovali za poskytnutie pôžičky. Druhá menovaná však svoj postup neskôr označila za nedorozumenie. Hlasovania sa nezúčastnil celý poslanecký klub opozičného Smeru-SD a polovica SNS. Ostatní zástupcovia tejto strany hlasovali proti pomoci Grécku. Predstavitelia najsilnejšej opozičnej strany Smer-SD deklarovali, že nie sú proti pôžičke Grécku, pokiaľ si táto krajina splní všetky povinnosti vyplývajúce z ozdravného plánu schváleného medzinárodným spoločenstvom.

• **Tohtoročná** návštevnosť termálneho kúpaliska a wellness centra v Patinciach neďaleko Komárna sa v porovnaní s predchádzajúcim rokom mierne zvýšila. Podľa obchodného riaditeľa spoločnosti Wellnes, s.r.o. Miloša Dovičina v Patinciach už dlhšie sa zaznamenávajú nový trend v cestovnom ruchu na Slovensku. Klesli najmä ceny pobytových balíkov, ktoré na leto pripravujú predovšetkým pre rodiny. Nižšie sú aj ceny vstupov do areálu termálneho kúpaliska pre mimohotelových hostí. Zaujímavosťou je, že do Patince prichádzajú na rozdiel od okolitých termálnych kúpalísk každoročne najmä slovenskí návštevníci. Juh západného Slovenska je známy svojimi termálnymi kúpaliskami, väčšina návštevníkov, ktorá tu strávi viacdenný pobyt, však prichádza z Českej republiky, Maďarska či Poľska. Wellness centrum v areáli termálneho kúpaliska Patince je v prevádzke od júla 2006. Denná kapacita areálu je 800 návštevníkov. V roku 1953 patinský termálny prameň s okolím vyhlásili za chránenú oblasť.

• **Štátne** železničné spoločnosti sa do jednej spájať nebudú. Železnice Slovenskej republiky (ŽSR), Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko (ZSSK) a Železničná spoločnosť Cargo Slovakia (ZSSK Cargo) tak budú aj naďalej fungovať oddelene. Okrem faktu, že nie sú nikde vyčíslené ekonomické výhody takéhoto zlučovania, neodporúča ho ani Európska únia (EÚ). Krajiny, ktoré držia železničné spoločnosti v jednom celku, čelia nielen kritike, ale aj právnenému konaniu zo strany únie. Štát by tak mal napomáhať v rámci možnosti rozpočtu kryť fixné výdavky spoločností. Základom je aktuálne napomôcť Cargo ku konsolidácii, následne nájsť „stabilného, strategického partnera pre rozvoj vzťahov“. Téma vzťahov, partnera a podmienok je ďalšou etapou a samozrejme bude závisieť na jednej strane od našich schopností takúto konsolidáciu priniesť a na druhej strane aj od záujmu partnerov o konkrétny typ vzťahu. Podľa plánu bývalého vedenia rezortu dopravy sa mali tri štátne železničné spoločnosti postupne do roku 2012 spojiť do jednej firmy, Slovenské železnice, a. s. Momentálne je ZSSK železničnou spoločnosťou pôsobiaceou v osobnej doprave. ZSSK Cargo sa zameriava na nákladnú dopravu. ŽSR je správcou železničnej infraštruktúry.

• **Stavebná** spoločnosť Skanska SK, a.s., začne v najbližších dňoch stavať rýchlostnú cestu R4 medzi Košicami a Milhosťou. Cesta dlhá 14 kilometrov v hodnote 77.69 miliónov eur by mala byť hotová do konca roka 2012. Uviedol to neďavno na tlačovej konferencii po slávnostnom podpise zmluvy medzi Národnou diaľničnou spoločnosťou (NDS), a.s., a spoločnosťou Skanska SK, šéf rezortu dopravy Ján Figel'. Tento podpis je signálom pre ďalší rozvoj Slovenska. Som presvedčený, že doprava je strategická pre nasledujúci rozvoj krajiny. Figel' je presvedčený, že verejné obstarávanie na výstavbu rýchlostnej cesty R4 Košice-Milhosť vyhrala „férová“ a najlacnejšia ponuka. „Férová ponuka znamená, že sme začali efektívnejšie hospodáriť s verejnými financiami,“ doplnil minister. Rezort dopravy tiež v blízkej budúcnosti plánuje rokovať s maďarskými partnermi a nabádať ich k tomu, aby aj oni svoju cestnú sieť rozvíjali. Chýba spojenie na juh od Milhosti po Miškolc.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Vyhlásenie prezídia Matice slovenskej k verejným útokom na jazdeckú sochu kráľa Svätopluka

Vychádzajúc z preambuly Ústavy Slovenskej republiky: „My, národ slovenský, pamätajúc na politické a kultúrne dedičstvo svojich predkov...“ prezídium Matice slovenskej sa zhodlo na tomto vyhlásení.

Žiaľ, v tomto čase sa v našej slobodnej, demokratickej, samostatnej Slovenskej republike v hŕstke našej verejnosti vyskytujú viaceré rozporuplné, nekultúrne nehistorické prejavy, namiesto toho, aby sa hľadali historické pramene o živote našich predkov a ich vedúcich osobností.

Vznik a rozvoj cyrilo-metodskej tradície sa bytostne viaže k nášmu územiu. Je chrbtovou kosťou našej národno-duchovnej a kultúrno-literárnej identity. Má však širší celoslovenský ba celoeurópsky rozmer. Naši predkovia boli kresťanmi už pred príchodom solúnskym bratov a celá naša kultúra ostala západná. Je nerozumné stavať cyrilo-metodskú tradíciu proti svätoplukovskej, lebo obe tradície sa už v období národného obrodovania podarilo spojiť do jednotnej slovenskej národnej tradície. Prozápadná orientácia kráľa Svätopluka sa ukázala ako prirodzenejšia a z geopolitického hľadiska nevyhnutná.

Sochu kráľa Svätopluka nemožno považovať za úsilie skupiny ľudí presadiť svoje politické presvedčenie a ciele, ale ako oprávnené a dávno žiaduce stelesnenie štátotvornej svätoplukovskej tradície. Táto spolu s cyrilo-metodskou tradíciou tvorí jadro slovenskej národnej identity. Verejné útoky na neďavno odhalenú jazdeckú sochu kráľa Svätopluka na nádvorí bratislavského hradu a úvahy o jej možnom odstránení považujeme za prejav národného nihilizmu.

Slovenskí národovci spolu so širokými ľudovými vrstvami stáročia žili zo svätoplukovskej tradície a tým upevňovali svoju nádej, že raz sa opäť obnoví slobodný život Slovákov vo vlastnej države. Svoj zrak sme upierali na túto slávnú tradíciu počnúc Jánom Baltazárom Maginom, ktorý odrazil útoky neprajníkov na kráľa starých Slovákov, cez bernolákovcov, najmä slávneho Jána Hollého, ktorý vo svojom epose ospieval slávne činy veľkého panovníka a štúrovcov, čo na našej pamätihodnej histórii vytvorili slovenský národno-emancipačný program.

Uráža nás, že v mediálnej diskusii o soche kráľa Svätopluka prevažujú skresľujúce a neodborné stanoviská, čo svedčí o nezrelosti historického vedomia niektorých žurnalistov a politikov. Vytvorenie komisie na posúdenie tejto sochy považujeme za jednoznačný alibizmus, ktorým sa chcú iniciátori jej odstránenia zbaviť zodpovednosti za tento barbarský čin. Odstraňovanie sôch je pre kultúrny národ traumatizujúce a ponižujúce. Rovnako aj návrat k nekompetentným komisiám pripomína rozhodnutia mocných zo smutne známych päťdesiatych rokov 20. storočia.

Prezídium Matice slovenskej odmieta všetky nekultúrne pokusy smerujúce k protinárodným a dehonestujúcim aktivitám, zameraným proti symbolom našich národných, štátnych ale aj európskych dejín.

Kráľ Svätopluk, ako symbol, má pre slovenský národ nadčasový význam, nielen ako suverénny panovník našich predkov, ktorí na tomto území žijú bez prerušenia kontinuity takmer 1500 rokov, ale najmä ako hybná sila nášho národného obrodovania, národno-emancipačnej ideológie Slovákov. Kto siaha na takéto symboly má iba jeden cieľ – usiluje sa oslabiť národnú hrdosť a vymazať historickú pamäť Slovákov.

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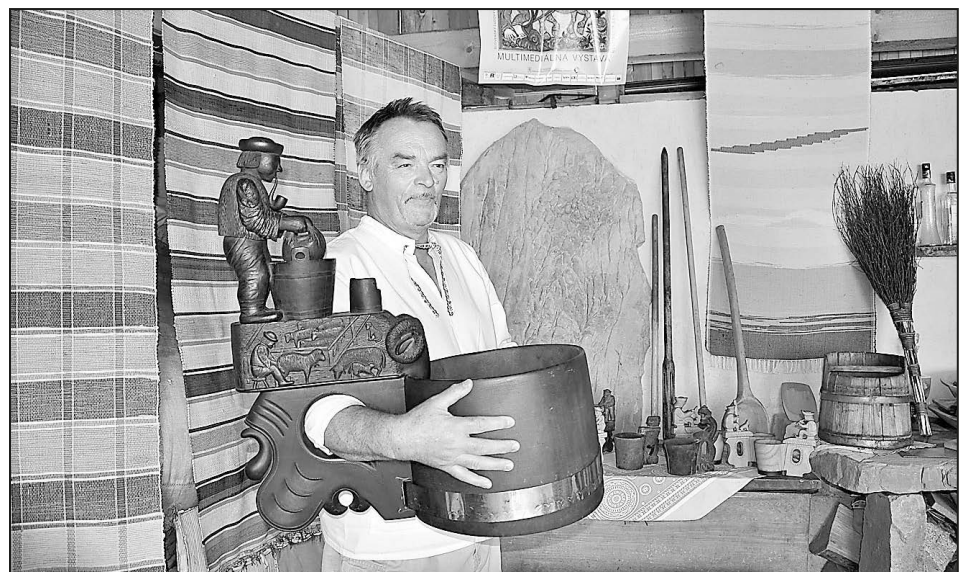


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S veľkou pravdepodobnosťou najväčší funkčný črpák vlastní Ján Slušňák z oravskej obce Malatiná neďaleko Dolného Kubína. Unikátny výrobok s objemom 22 l je pozoruhodnosťou jeho rodinnej zbierky vzácných a historicky cenných praktických predmetov viažucich sa k pôvodnému salašníctvu. Na snímke Ján Slušňák ochotne predviedol, ako sa 22 litrový črpák drží.

A unique part of the Slovak shepherds' life is the Črpak or shepherd's cup. The largest known Črpak was found in the village of Malatiná located near Dolný Kubín in Orava. This Črpak has a capacity of 22 liters.



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



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

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Nástup vlajkonosičov na úvodné zasadnutie zhromaždených delegátov Spolkov a okresov počas 49. Konvencie Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, 16. augusta v Renaissance Hotel v Clevelande, Ohio.

Opening of the 49th Convention



Spojené štáty majú záujem pokračovať v dobrej spolupráci so SR

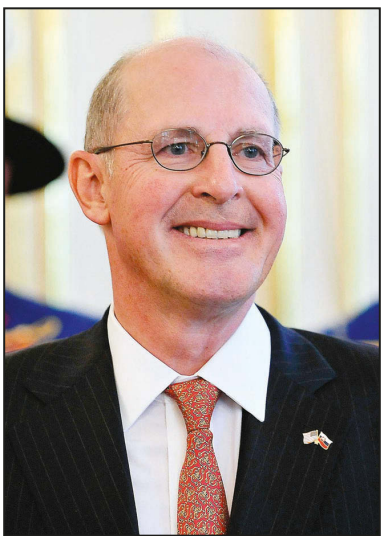


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Theodore Sedgwick

Bratislava (TASR) - Spojené štáty americké majú záujem pokračovať v dobrej spolupráci so Slovenskom. „Doterajšia skúsenosť zo vzájomnej spolupráce vo vojenskej oblasti v Iraku a v Afganistane to len potvrdzuje,“ uviedol 18. augusta nový mimoriadny a splnomocnený veľvyslanec na Slovensku Theodore Sedgwick pri príležitosti odovzdania poverovacích listín slovenskému prezidentovi Ivanovi Gašparovičovi v Prezidentskom paláci v Bratislave.

„Naše názory v oblasti bezpečnostnej politiky a pokračovania v boji za mier vo svete sú aj z pozície nášho členstva v NATO jednoznačne blízke,“ povedal Gašparovič a dodal, „že aj z historického hľadiska má Slovensko s USA blízky vzťah i vďaka množstvu slovenských imigrantov, ktorí sa usadili v Spojených štátoch amerických“. Slovenská hlava štátu zároveň požiadala ambasádora, aby tlmočil jeho pozvanie pre prezidenta Baracka Obama na oficiálnu návštevu Slovenskej republiky.

Sedgwick na stretnutí vyjadril potešenie, že prezident Gašparovič aj minister zahraničných vecí Mikuláš Dzurinda majú z minulosti dobrú spoluprácu a množstvo kontaktov s prezidentmi USA a s najvyššími predstaviteľmi krajiny. „Verím, že táto spolupráca bude pokračovať,“ vyhlásil na stretnutí veľvyslanec USA.

Zdôraznil, že jeho cieľom bude, okrem obhajoby záujmov USA, aj obhajovanie pozícií Slovenskej republiky v USA. Pripomenul, že pred cestou na Slovensko sa v Spojených štátoch stretol aj s veľvyslancom SR a predstaviteľmi Kongresu, ktorí sú slovenského pôvodu. Podľa Theodora Sedgwicka je potrebné pokračovať v úzkej ekonomickej spolupráci v oblasti vedy, výskumu a informačných technológií. Slovenská hlava štátu potvrdila záujem o takúto spoluprácu.

V rozhovore Gašparovič ďalej vyjadril potešenie, že Veľvyslanectvo USA už má v Bratislave svojho nového veľvyslancu a že našu bilaterálnu spoluprácu so Spojenými štátmi americkými môžeme rozvíjať naplno. „Keďže Slovensko je členom EÚ a NATO a iných nadnárodných inštitúcií, som presvedčený, že budeme veľmi často diskutovať o témach medzinárodnej politiky, bezpečnosti a mieru vo svete,“ povedal.

85. narodeniny Prof. Milana S. Ďuricu

13. augusta sa v Bratislave dožil svojich 85. narodenín Prof. Milan S. Ďurica, čestný člen Slovenského ústavu.

Rodák z Krivian, univerzitný profesor teológie a historických vied, publicista a prekladateľ. Pôsobil 14 rokov na Pápežskej saleziánskej univerzite v Turíne-Ríme, 35 rokov na historickej Univerzite v Padove a 12 rokov na Univerzite Komenského v Bratislave. Pápež Ján XXIII. ho ako teológa vymenoval za poradcu svojej Prípravnej komisie Druhého vatikánskeho koncilu. Prezident Talianskej republiky Oscar-Luigi Scalfaro ocenil jeho vedeckú a kultúrnu činnosť najvyšším občianskym vyznamenaním Veľkého dôstojníka Radu za zásluhy Talianskej republiky. Rímska Accademia Teatna per le scienze ho počtila titulom čestného akademika.

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Založil a viedol vedeckú sériu Collana di studi sull'Europa Orientale dell'Università di Padova (spolu 34 zväzkov). Spolu pracoval na šiestich talianskych, nemeckých a latinských encyklopedických dielach. Bol členom medzinárodných vedeckých asociácií, s ktorými dosiaľ spolupracuje.



Prof. Milan S. Ďurica

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Slováci z rôznych krajín sveta sa stretli na Maticnom festivale mládeže

Nitra (TASR) – Vystúpením folklórnych súborov z celého Slovenska pokračoval nedávno v Nitre 11. Maticný svetový festival slovenskej mládeže. Zúčastnili sa na ňom mládež zo Slovenska, Srbska, z Maďarska, Chorvátska, Rumunska, Poľska, USA, Kanady a Austrálie. Cieľom festivalu je udržiavanie kontaktov a priateľských vzťahov medzi Slováckmi žijúcimi v rôznych kútoch sveta. Festival vytvára priestor na prezentáciu národnej i regionálnej kultúry, národného života a zároveň je príležitosťou spoznávať kultúry iných národov. Prvý ročník festivalu sa uskutočnil v Nemecku v roku 1980. Na slovenskej pôde bol prvý festival v roku 1992 v Martine. Pôvodne organizoval toto podujatie Svetový kongres Slovákov, od roku 1995 je organizátorom Matica slovenská.

Počas piatich dní pripravil organizátor pre účastníkov festivalu program v Nitre i v ďalších dvanástich slovenských mestách a obciach. Okrem vystúpenia folklórnych súborov a hudobných telies boli súčasťou festivalu prednášky, konferencie, semináre, výstavy, divadelné predstavenia i animácie, jarmok ľudových remeselníkov i medzinárodný rytiersky turnaj. K divácky najatraktívnejším podujatiam patril vlajkový sprievod zahraničných hostí centrom mesta. Festival vyvrcholil v pondelok 5. júla Cyrilo-metodskou národnou púťou a slávnostnou svätou omšou na Nitrianskom hrade za prítomnosti slovenských biskupov.

Martinské maticné slávnosti vyvrcholili kultúrnym programom

Martinské maticné slávnosti (MMS) 7. augusta vyvrcholili bohatým kultúrnym programom v prírodnom amfiteátri v Martine. Vystúpili v ňom folklórny súboru Lúčnica a orchester Zlaté husle. Podvečer patril amfiteáter mladšej generácii, v rámci koncertu vystúpili populárne hudobné skupiny IMT SMILE, Peter Cmorík Band, Husľové trio Xplosion a speváčka Dominika Stará i ďalší.

Program MMS však bol mimoriadne pestrý. Každoročne ich Matica slovenská (MS), táto najstaršia národná kultúrna a vedecká ustanovizeň Slovákov celého sveta, organizuje pri príležitosti svojho pamätného dňa. Je ním 4. august, keď bola v roku 1863 založená. Na úvod sa uskutočnil seminár o živote a diele literárneho vedca, publicistu, organizátora exilového života a činníka Matice slovenskej (MS) Stanislava Mečiara (1910-1971), ktorý po vojne emigroval a zomrel v Argentíne.

Súčasťou spomienky na S. Mečiara bolo aj uloženie jeho telesných pozostatkov dovezených z Argentíny na Národnom cintoríne v Martine. Vo štvrtok, 5. augusta bol Deň otvorených dverí MS. V piatok 6. augusta sa uskutočnilo podujatie Maticné korzo, stretnutie na Divadelnom námestí v Martine s významnými športovcami a osobnosťami slovenského športu spojené s autogramiádou. V záverečný deň v nedeľu 8. augusta sa ešte uskutočnili slávnostné služby božie v miestnom evanjelickom kostole a slávnostná svätá omša v rímskokatolíckom Kostole svätého Martina.