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Picnic 2013; Convention 2014

I recently participated in our 2013 FCSU Picnic held in Frogbridge, New Jersey and met many wonderful members. As you may recall we have said we plan to have a National Picnic every two years at nice venues across the country where we have a concentration of Members.

Frogbridge was a fantastic location with

Welcoming members to the 2013 National Picnic: (L - R) Idka Rajec, National Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco, National President Andrew M. Rajec, and Branch 2 Members Sue and Rudy Ondrejco. For more on this fantastic event, please see page 12 of this issue.



Andrew M. Rajec

activities almost too numerous to list. The weather was perfect and all attendees had a great time. Starting with the Mass at 12:30 thru the activities including the driving range, the paddle boats, the swimming pool, the soccer, food, etc. to the music by the Jurasi group, most were tired out at the 6:00 P.M. close.

While the soccer group was small we have hopes that this activity can be expanded to attract more present and future members. Karen Hunka, our Chair of Auditors, is working hard to promote this initiative.

We had a nice crowd but always want more. It was a great time had by all.

I want to thank our Fraternal Activity Director Susan Ondrejco and her team for planning and executing the fine event.

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Honoring Our Mother of Sorrows in September

• Join Branch 856 on Sept 15, 2013, celebrating the 48th dedication anniversary of Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Fr Martin Kertz from Slovakia is the celebrant. See p 15, Branch 856 listing, for details.

• Join the SCF Youngstown Chapter for a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in honor of Our Mother of Sorrows on Sept 15, 2013. See p 9 for details.

• Honor Our Our Mother of Sorrows with the song Mary, My Joy, in English and Slovak on p 10



Protecting your Children – Now and for the Future

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. National Vice President

When your children are newborns, you buy baby monitors, car seats and outlet covers, trying your best to stay one step ahead from all the real (and imagined) dangers that threatened your little bundles of joy.

Then, as they grow older, your focus broadens to include schools, social activities and other influencing factors, as you do your best to keep them safe and secure. Your whole goal as a parent is to make sure your children navigate the space between birth and young adulthood as well protected as possible.

But one item might be missing from your "must have" list: life insurance. While parents typically buy life insurance for themselves for the first time, or increase the amount on existing policies when they add new members to their family, they may overlook insuring those new additions with a policy of their own.

September is designated Life Insurance Awareness Month, coordinated by the nonprofit LIFE Foundation. That makes September the perfect time to examine life insurance coverage as it applies to those most precious to you, the children in your lives.

Reasons to Re-evaluate Your Coverage

It's true that one function of life insurance is to protect those left behind, such as spouses or dependents, a situation that doesn't apply when talking about minor children. But there are other reasons why it makes sense to insure your children. The first comes down to dollars-and-cents: it is far less expensive, comparatively speaking, to insure a child than an adult.

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(L - R) Branch 24's Elias and Henry Strekal

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Insights and Viewpoints



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

September 8, 2013

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

Gospel Summary

Luke was a native of the ancient city of Antioch in Syria. This was a major trading center where the inhabitants represented extremes of wealth and poverty--something that was unusual in Israel. The cold-hearted philosophy of power experienced

by Luke in Antioch caused him to be overwhelmed by the contrasting tenderness of the all-powerful God of Israel. Hence his wonderful gospel stories about the mercy of God, e.g. the parable of the prodigal son.

This discovery of God's unconditional love and mercy caused Luke to insist also on the need to respond to that love in a similarly unconditional way. As this gospel passage makes clear, there can be no waffling or temporizing where commitment to Christ is concerned. Therefore, all other considerations, such as the claims of relatives, friends or possessions, must be subordinated to the absolute claim of God on those who have discovered his love and mercy.

We are often surprised and made uneasy by the rather shocking language Luke uses in reference to our relationship with family members. In that regard, it should be noted that "hating" in this context should simply be understood as the opposite of loving and would have the sense then of "not preferring." This is quite clear in the corresponding text in Matthew's gospel: "He who loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me" (10:37).

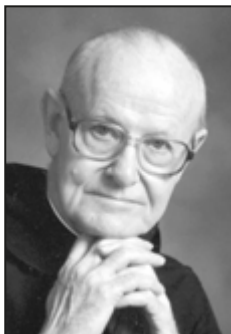
Life Implications

To the extent that we have personally experienced the merciful love of God--something that may only gradually dawn on us--we should be ready and willing to commit ourselves, as much as humanly possible, to making that same unconditional love available to others. This means, among other things, that we will not ask in advance whether we think they deserve it. Their need should be the only real consideration. Luke reminds us that this will mean following the often painful path of the cross as we put the needs of others before our own wishes. All the while, we will need to keep the love and care of others central in our lives, even as we hear the siren song of the world, including at times the well-intentioned wishes of our own family and friends.

All of this is illustrated by Luke in the unmistakable analogies of a builder who must consider carefully the cost of his total project before he begins his work or of a king who must do the same before committing troops to battle. In other words, following Christ is serious business and demands resolute dedication. There is no place here for dilettantes or eclectics. We hear much today about "cafeteria Catholics" who pick and choose what they like in the teaching of Jesus and of the Church.

The danger here is that we are not naturally inclined to choose to be loving and caring in any absolute way but only in accordance with our personal preferences. In such a context, renouncing all our possessions for the sake of Christ does not mean becoming a beggar. It does mean, however, that we discover that our true identity will no longer be determined by social status but only by our personal and radical devotion to the wisdom of Jesus.

Those who try to live in this loving way will also learn how incredibly loving God can be.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

September 15, 2013

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 15:1-32

Gospel Summary

The Pharisees and scribes are complaining that Jesus is a companion of tax collectors and sinners: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus responds to the criticism through three parables. In the first two parables, a shepherd's finding a lost sheep and a woman's finding a lost coin are compared to the joy of God upon finding a lost sinner. In the third parable, Jesus reveals that God is like a father who welcomes back a prodigal son who had left home and foolishly squandered his share of the estate. Furthermore, the father continues to love an older, resentful son who refuses to join in welcoming back his younger brother.

Life Implications

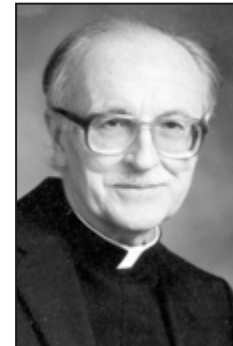
In the social-religious culture of that time, sinners and those in dishonorable occupations, as well as those who associated with them, were judged to be excluded from friendship with God. In the parables Jesus justifies his companionship with social and religious outcasts by implying that what he is doing reflects his knowledge of God's nature and God's will. In another place in Luke's gospel, Jesus' claim of acting with divine authority is made explicit: "No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (10:22). (This central theme of the Son's knowledge of the Father is developed more theologically in the Last Supper Discourse of the Fourth Gospel.)

In the three parables of today's gospel Jesus reveals the joyful news that God loves us. There could be no deeper source of awareness of our worth than to trust Jesus and to believe that we human beings are truly precious in the eyes of God. Further life-implications may come to light if we imaginatively identify with the Pharisees and scribes to whom the parables are addressed and also with the two sons of the third parable.

We succumb to the self-righteous illusion of the Pharisees and scribes when we judge that some of our fellow human beings are excluded from God's love, and thereby may be excluded from our love. We become like the foolish younger son when we fall victim to the illusion that our happiness and freedom lie in autonomy from God. We become like the older son when we remain in our Father's house, but do not experience the joy of being at home. The older brother did not live as a child of a loving father, but as an employee who keeps track of what the boss owes to him and to other employees as well. In his resentment of unfair compensation, he can no longer recognize his brother as brother.

In Jesus' third parable, only the younger son comes to his senses and returns to his father, who forgetting his own dignity runs to welcome him home as a beloved child. If today we receive the grace to be freed from our own illusions, we can also come to identify with the attitude of Jesus and allow God's love to be present in the world through our actions. This is the most effective way of proclaiming to the world that God truly does love all of us as his own children.

Luke in his gospel repeatedly points out that Jesus sought to be in harmony with his Father's will through prayer. In this way he wants to teach us that only through prayer can we have confidence of acting in harmony with God's will in the particular circumstances of our lives. Also in prayer, we ask for the grace that will enable us to respond to new criticisms of God's ways with the insight and wit of Jesus.



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

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At the same time, same Sunday, there was a pilgrimage in Haverstraw, NY, with Bishop Halko visiting from Bratislava, Slovakia. His visit was announced well after our picnic committee had selected the site and costs were already incurred.

I attended the Mass for Bishop Halko on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton, N.J. Thank you to the parishioners of Sts. Cyril and Methodius for maintaining and supporting this beautiful long-time Slovak parish.



Mass celebrated by Bishop Halko held on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton, N.J.

The Executive Secretary and I visited Philadelphia on our way back to Cleveland from the National Picnic to meet with the Convention site hotel staff and other venues to plan the many details for our 2014 Convention. As Hanibal Smith said in the old television serial "A Team" (Remember Mr. T?) "I love it when a plan comes together".

The FCSU financials for the 3rd Quarter of 2013 have been filed with the various state Insurance Departments and I am again pleased to report that as of June 30, 2013 we have reached over \$33 million in assets and over \$ 21 million dollars in surplus, again both new record highs in the history of the Society. We want to thank all our Members for showing confidence in our Society by speaking with their investment dollars. As I have said before, we take investing our Members funds very seriously. Spread the word of our success to your family members and friends. We would love to have them as Members.

I'd also like to mention our life insurance products. The term "financial planning" is a well talked-about topic. Life insurance and annuities are important aspects of "financial planning". Did you know that the FCSU has two licensed insurance agents, Bob and Andy on our Home Office staff to assist you and also work with independent agents to market our products?

Fraternal societies like ourselves must be competitive in the modern world to survive and grow. We must and have changed with the modern world while at the same time practicing our Catholic faith and preserving our Slovak cultural heritage.

I again urge individual Members to attend and be active in your local Branches. Branches are still the lifeblood of the Society, even through the many Parish Church closings and mergers.

The FCSU must and will adapt to survive and prosper. We look forward to celebrating our 125th, 150th anniversaries and beyond.

I would also like to thank those who have contributed items to our Home Office Museum. We have had a steady stream of visitors to our Museum since it opened in 2010. Stop in when you are in Cleveland. We had two visitors from Slovak television last month and they were amazed at our Museum collection, which they said was better than most they have seen in Slovakia.

I would especially like to find some of the old large Branch banners, usually made of silk, that led the Branch Members when they paraded into Church for Sunday Mass. Let me know if you have any and are willing to donate them.

Fraternally,

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Year of Faith: Non-Christian Religions

Dear Friends,

The fifth of five documents proclaimed by Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965 was the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra aetate). It begins by stating that the Church's task of promoting unity and love among people and nations involves an examination of what all people have in common, namely, our origin and final goal (God), and God's providence, manifestations of divine goodness, and will to save humanity. It then goes on to pose questions that people have looked to different religions for answers. Among these questions are: What is man? What is the meaning, the aim of our life? What is the moral good; what is sin? Why do we suffer and what purpose does it serve? Which is the true road to happiness? What are death, judgment and retribution after death? Where do we come from and where are we going?



Rev. Thomas Nasta

It then gives a broad description of how Hinduism and Buddhism answers these questions, stating that the Catholic Church rejects nothing in these faiths that is true and holy. Next, it addresses the Moslem faith, which the Church regards with esteem because of some common beliefs and practices, and urges all to work sincerely for mutual understanding and the promotion of social justice, peace, and freedom. Then it speaks of Judaism and the "bond that spiritually ties the people of the New Covenant to Abraham's stock." The Church acknowledges the beginnings of her faith and her election by God are found already in the Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets. She also believes that by his Cross, Jesus reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in himself.

Nostra aetate concludes with these universal teachings, teachings meant for all people and all times. We cannot call God our Father if we refuse to treat one another with brotherly love. All forms of hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against Jews at any time by anyone is condemned. Any discrimination against or harassment of people because of race, color, condition of life, or religion, is foreign to the mind of Christ and is rebuked. Finally, all are implored to live in peace with each other.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta National Chaplain



Protecting your Children

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The second reason has to do with unfortunate events that could affect the long-term health of a child. While we hope and pray that are children will stay healthy, events can transpire over which we have no control. A major illness, a newly developed chronic health problem or even a catastrophic accident with permanent injuries can result in the child being considered uninsurable for life. A permanent policy, especially one with a guaranteed policy purchase option for additional insurance in the future, provides protection for life, regardless of how the child's health status may change.



Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

An Unending Need

While it's also true that you may be able to insure your child through a group policy available through your workplace, keep in mind that changes in an employee's group benefits may take away that option. Overall, only 19 percent of children have individual life insurance, with just 14 percent covered under group life policies, according to the industry research group Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (LIMRA), and both numbers have shown a significant decline.

If your children are grown, you may think the time to worry about insurance coverage and the financial protection it can provide is over. Think again! According to a recent Wall Street Journal article "The Big Squeeze" almost half of adults ages 40 to 59 provided some financial support to at least one grown child in the past year, with 27% providing the primary support. By contrast, 21% of this group are providing financial support for a parent age 65 plus.

The point is that you may still need that old life insurance policy you were thinking of dropping because your children are grown. And when you have grandchildren, the bank of mom and dad just may have a drive-up window that is open 24/7.

If you are their means for financial support and are no longer here to provide it, where does your family turn to for help? The government? Social Security? Friends and other family members?

Don't Delay, Call Now

Perhaps during this Life Insurance Awareness Month of September it is time to take a financial inventory and make sure you are taking personal financial responsibility for the care of your family. If you need professional help, call your local branch officer or the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA.

Purchasing life insurance for your children is just one more way you can show your love and concern for them, and ensure that they are protected from the consequences of life's unexpected events.

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary FCSU LIFE ANNUITY & IRA INTEREST RATES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.60% APY
Six Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.20% APY
with the "Cash Interest" Option	2.95% APY
New Six-Year Fixed Rate Deferred Annuity or IRA	3.10% APY
New "Park 2 Annuity" (NOT AVAILABLE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK)	2.15% APY
New Park Free Plus Annuity or IRA—1st year guarantee	1.90% APY
(new Park Free Plus maximum deposit \$25,000.00 PER PERSON)	
New Settlement Options are based on an interest rate of	2.75% APY

If you have any questions about our Annuities or IRA's,
Please contact your local branch officer or the Home Office at 1-800-533-6682
Website: www.FCSU.com Email: fcsu@aol.com

Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

The Best of the Best!

Top Guns Thru July 2013



Dorothy J. Petrus
First Place



Sandy Cluey
Second Place



James Robert Marmol
Third Place



Edward Fibbi
First Place



Frances Tarquinio
Second Place



Vicki Lynn Schaub
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

Name	Branch	Insurance
Petrus, Dorothy J.	670	285,000
Sandy, Cluey	322	200,000
Marmol, James Robert	162	130,000
Barnes, Karianne R.	628	115,000
Sprock, Florence M.	181	110,000
Schaub, Vicki Lynn	200	105,000
Balazik, Audrey J.	367	100,000
Voytek, Diana	367	100,000
Harcar, Andrew R.	40	90,000
Stoker, Patricia	372	90,000

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

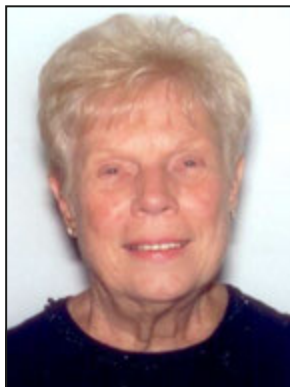
Name	Branch	Points
Fibbi, Edward	587	524
Tarquinio, Frances	320	346
Schaub, Vicki Lynn	200	282
Balazik, Audrey J.	367	268
Arendt, Kenneth Anthony	228	176
Sandy, Cluey	332	166
Matta, Florence K.	38	163
Petrus, Dorothy J.	670	161
Valo, Albert R.	587	148
Kopco, Robert J.	24	107
Chupka, Theresa R.	173	99



Edward Fibbi
Frist Place



Audrey J. Balazik
Second Place



Florence Matta
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES/IRA SOLD

Name	Branch	Annuities
Fibbi, Edward	587	416,917.36
Balazik, Audrey J.	367	200,000.00
Matta, Florence	38	130,234.66
Deliman, Rosemary	417	76,199.00
Kopco, Robert J.	24	63,405.99
Yuricek, George J.	764	58,100.00
Oros, Johanna	1	56,756.18
Fedor, William Lawrence		52,000.00
Soltis, Roger T.	410	50,200.00
Manak, James Paul	6	46,000.00

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More 2013 International Golf Tournament Results

Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Eller	Terry	D	33	95	62	91	58	120
Collins	Patrick	D	39	101	62	105	66	128
Kopanic	Robert J.	D	29	95	66	91	62	128
Kacsanek	George	D	40	102	62	110	70	132
Smith	George	D	30	98	68	95	65	133
Ferrance	George	D	28	93	65	100	72	137
Nasta	Fr. Tom	D	37	107	70	104	67	137
Halula	Barry	D	28	96	68	98	70	138
Albrecht	Michael	D	34	106	72	105	71	143
Ferrance	Jerome	D	38	111	73	111	73	146
Mihailoff	Thomas	D	36	109	73	109	73	146
Hassay	Henry	D	34	107	73	112	78	151
Burkhart	Joe	D	40	120	80	112	72	152
Columbus	Michael Jr.	D	36	110	74	120	84	158
Matula	Stephen C.	D	40	118	78	122	82	160
Nasta	Damian	D	40	113	73	128	88	161
Columbus	Mike	D	29	120	91	116	87	178
Nasta	Andrew	CAL	CAL	111	72	116	72	143
Kozusko	Tim	CAL	CAL	91	71	93	76	146
Reed	David	CAL	CAL	92	73	101	74	146
Kozusko	Alex	CAL	CAL	88	74	88	74	148
Columbus	Daniel	CAL	CAL	100	78	97	73	151
Muntean	Earl	CAL	CAL	93	75	102	77	151
Sinagra	Dave	CAL	CAL	98	77	92	74	151
Kasan	William J.	CAL	CAL	84	75	85	77	152
Kacsanek	Andrew III	CAL	CAL	105	80	111	75	154
Nasta	Ed	CAL	CAL	128	77	124	77	154
Helman	Tom	CAL	CAL	102	77	105	80	156
Lako	Michael Jr.	CAL	CAL	112	77	125	82	158
Barton	David	CAL	CAL	100	80	95	78	158

Reminder...

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[L - R] National President Andrew M. Rajec, National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt



The FCSU at the FEST

Every year, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland holds a one-day, FREE family festival for all ages in Wickliffe, OH. The "FEST," as it is well known locally, was celebrated this year on August 4, 2013. A record number of participants - some 40,000 - enjoyed live, national Christian bands on stage, entertainment, games, shows, kids' areas, opportunities for inspiring prayer, festival foods and tents with vendors - including the First Catholic Slovak Union. National President Andrew M. Rajec, Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt and National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. manned the booth throughout the day, offering information about the Society's insurance products and annuities.

★ CONGRATULATIONS! ★

Congratulations Lizzie McNeill

Winner of a \$50 gift card from the First Catholic Slovak Union

Thanks to all who stopped by the booth, visited us, and participated in the FCSU raffle held during the FEST. The winner was randomly drawn from all participants.

The below photo shows the 2013 Fest record crowds, with some 40,000 people in attendance.



First row (L - R): Brianna Slease, Mark Wasilko, Alicia Tripp, and Kendra Barkley. Second row (L- R) : Head Trustee Rob Fennell, President James P. Conner, Treasurer Paula Emmonds. Missing from picture is Melanie Campbell, who appears in the photo of the \$500.00 recipients. Missing from the \$500.00 award photo is Courtney Edwards.

Branch 200 Awards 18 Scholarships to Graduating Students

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Slovak C. U. Club at 910 6th Avenue, Ford City presented five \$1,000.00 and thirteen \$500.00 educational awards to graduates of Armstrong County that are continuing their education this fall. All but one of the recipients met at the club Monday evening for a photo. President James P. Conner and Secretary/Treasurer Paula Emmonds handed out their checks. We were initially accepting applications for five \$1,000.00 awards but after the committee reviewed and proposed to the Board of Directors to extend additional awards, it was voted unanimously to give thirteen additional awards. We commend you on your volunteerism, wish the best to all applicants on life's next journey, and are proud to have you represent this county. Blessings to each winner!

Vicki L. Schaub, Branch 200 Financial Secretary, Treasurer



First row (L - R): Jacob Rogolski, Kyle Schons, Stephen Lhote, and Jesse Valasek Second row (L - R): Jennifer Notto, \$1,000.00 recipient Melanie Campbell, Kayla Totos , Paige Klingensmith, Amy Wright, and Pria Picardi. 3rd row (L - R): Kylee Scott, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Emmonds, Achlyn Holizna, Mary Connolly, Head Trustee Rob Fennell. Back row: President James P. Conner



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2013 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2013 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 attends an Approved Post Secondary 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 and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

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

**First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131
Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310
E-mail: fcsu@aol.com**

OR, download a scholarship application by going to: www.fcsu.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

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

Scenes From St. Clement Society, Branch 40, Semi-Annual Meeting in July

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at 2:00PM at Chipper's Grill in Streator, IL. After the meeting, attendees enjoyed an afternoon of fraternalism while partaking of a delicious lunch.





Joshua presenting his valedictorian speech to his classmates and audience at the 2013 graduation ceremony of Exeter High School in Reading, PA.



(L - R) Father Gregory, granddaughter Ashley, grandson Joshua, and mother June Straka.

Branch 175's Joshua Straka Named Class of 2013 Valedictorian

It came as a great surprise when school officials called my grandson Josh Straka and notified him that he was selected as valedictorian for the 2013 high school class at Exeter High School located in suburban Reading, PA. He was notified on June 5th and, with graduation taking place on June 7th, that give him two days to prepare his speech to his classmates and the overcrowded auditorium with all parents and relatives in attendance. I am extremely proud of my grandson for achievements during the last 12 years.

- Submitted by Frank Straka, Branch 175 President and proud grandfather

Branch 175 Members Nick Bennethum, and Emily Straka Graduate



(L - R) Joshua Straka, Nicholas Bennethum, and Emily Straka. All three graduated as members of the Class of 2013.

Two other members of Branch 175 graduated this year with Josh - who will be attending Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, majoring in pre-med. They happen to be his cousins.

Nick is the son of Maryann (Straka) and William Bennethum, and graduated from Wilson High School, also in Reading PA. He will be attending The Pennsylvania State University Berks Campus in Reading PA, majoring in business.

Emily is the daughter of Mike and Laura (Kimling) Straka, and graduated from Denver East High School in Denver CO. She will be attending Metropolitan State University of Denver in Denver, CO, majoring in astronomy.

The three cousins are grandchildren of Mr. Frank and the late Mary A. (Ohrin) Straka of Reading PA. Mr. Straka is President and the three graduates are members of Branch 175, Reading PA.

Emily and her father, Mike, recently visited Reading and arrangements had been made to bring the three together for photos with their caps and gowns.

The other children of Mr. Straka are Cathy (Straka) Jones, and Joseph Straka, both of Reading PA, and the Rev. Francis P. Straka, Pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Northampton PA. All are members of Branch 175, Reading PA.

-submitted by Mike Straka, Branch 175 Member, proud father and uncle



Year of Faith Pilgrimage in Danville

The Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius will be a site of a Year of Faith pilgrimage to be held at Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, PA on Sunday, October 6, 2013, from 1pm to 4 pm. In addition to celebrating the Year of Faith, participants are also invited to commemorate the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Great Moravia to Christianize the Slav peoples. Not only did these Greek brothers from Thessolonica share their faith with the peoples they encountered in eastern and southern Europe, they also left them a legacy of profound devotion to "Theotokos"—Mary, the Mother of God.

Those who participate in the combined commemorations will have the opportunity to learn more about the mission and ministry of Saints Cyril and Methodius through a power point presentation offered in the Maria Hall Theater at 1 p.m. That will be followed by an outdoor Rosary which will begin at the statue of our Blessed Mother in front of Maria Hall. The procession will continue past the Pieta, along the path to Assumption Court, on to the outdoor mosaic of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and into the Basilica.

Prayers for the Year of Faith will be offered after a reflection provided by Msgr. Thomas Derzack, National Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the pilgrimage.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications, The Christophers

Glorying in the Beauty of America

When the Twin Towers went down on that awful Sept. 11, he was a genuine hero. Lt. Girard Owens, FDNY, talks about it wistfully these days, and even though it was 12 years ago the memories still haunt him. He shared some of them last year with Joanna Molloy of New York's Daily News, including the one key moment in the North Tower when a fellow firefighter uttered his fateful recollection of the scene:

"I looked back, and nobody else came out," said John Morabito. "We were the last people out."

Owens had hitched a ride to the Towers, and as he was attempting to free some people who were caught in an elevator he was slammed upwards. "I thought it was a bomb," he recalled. "It crushed my hand and ribs and shoulder and my eye was out."

In darkness he made his way to the lobby, where he led two Port Authority workers to a ray of light, an LED that was held by Morabito—who, in turn got them all to a window. There they reached the street before the building collapsed.

Owens recalls, too, the final moments before he walked into the building, seeing so much death and destruction. "I see something coming down," he told Molloy. "Powerfully, fast. Soon I saw it was a person. Then I saw it was a woman. She got closer--she was about 30, 35. In a suit, professional-like. And she reaches out. She wants me to catch her. She crashes...One after the other, bodies come down."

Lt. Owens found a perfect way to keep those memories at bay, and he told Molloy about that, too. He went on a quest—"from sea to shining sea and to territories beyond," was the way she put it—and visited every one of America's national parks, monuments and historic sites. That's 397 of them, for those keeping count, and it took two million air miles and 200,000 more on his minivan. He had long since fallen in love with the beauty of the country's national parks, and after 9/11 pledged in earnest to see them all.

That was only after he was "patched up" following the injuries he received on that day, of course, and then after working on "The Pile" for several months to aid in recovery efforts. Then his travels really began.

Owens journeyed to Alaska 10 times to see all of its 16 preserves, and visited Hawaii to check out a volcanic mountain. In American Samoa he hiked the rain forest, and in Utah he was thrilled to experience first-hand the beauty of the Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Along the way he filled three national parks passport books with 397 stamps, indicating that he had visited them all. He wasn't the first; a handful of others had done it before him. But few if any had the purpose behind them that Owens did. He was both a hero and a patriot, and this was his way of glorying in the beauty of America, all in memory of 9/11.

Lt. Owens saved the best until last. On Sept. 11 a year ago he touched the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, and asked simply. "Isn't she beautiful? I can't believe I'm finishing, but I'm glad it's going to be here. I still love New York the most."

A true New Yorker, for sure. And above all, a true 9/11 hero.

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Jankola Library & Slovak Museum Receives Donation from Slovakia

Ing. Pavol Humenik of Zborov, Saris, Slovakia visited Jankola Library and Slovak Museum in Danville, Pennsylvania on 1 July 2013 and received a cordial welcome from Sister M. Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. Director and Sister Loretta Marie Hrubec, SS.C.M. Librarian.

During Humenik's one month visit to the United States, he had the opportunity to meet with several family members who live in Cleveland, Ohio and surrounding suburbs as well as acquaintances in New Jersey and New York.

A friend, Thomas Williams from Middletown, Pennsylvania accompanied Humenik to Danville. Humenik donated a beautiful book about Zborov to the library as well as a CD, Zborov's choir Zborovčan: Hoj, vlast' moja ... and a DVD on Bardejov, and another DVD on Bardejovské Kúpele. These gifts are a tribute to the faith, heritage and culture of the Slovak people.



- Submitted by Sister Catherine Labouré

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

THINK ABOUT IT!



Hi, Kids (and all those Young at Heart).

Remember when I told you guys about my visit to the amazing Elisabeth Pisula, awesome breeder of čuvač dogs down Texas way? Well, one of those sweet pups – someone I consider my cousin (sestranica, in Slovak) – got a great new home with a Jednotar!

How sweet is that?

Read on to learn how she ended up in the clover – in other words, with a great FCSU family of her own!

Until next time, keep your ears up and your tail waggin'.

Tvoj priatel (your friend)



Chewy



Mike Columbus with the family's Slovak Čuvač Roxy

Chewy's Čuvač Cousin Comes to Branch 2's Michael Columbus & Family

Michael Columbus, of Branch 2 in Pittsburgh, is the proud owner of one of Chewy's cousins. Back in March, a litter of Slovensky Čuvač puppies were born in Houston Texas by the breeder, Elisabeth Pisula. After reading an article in the Jednota a year ago about another litter that was born to Elisabeth, Mike and his family started looking into getting one of these beautiful dogs. So when Chewy announced in an article again this year that another litter was due in March, the family called Elisabeth and just had to have one. She was born March 11th and named Brigetta Texas vom Boehmerwald, though she is now called Roxy. She is just turning 5 months old. After a relaxing and smooth flight home in the airplane, she has settled in wonderfully with the family. She loves her new sibling, a 7 year old Border collie, Mike, his wife Mary, and their two children, Michael and Emily. Both children are also members of Branch 2 and recipients of scholarships for college through the FCSU. Roxy loves to sit with her new master as he plays his accordion and she listens to him play traditional Slovak tunes. Mike had played for a number of years with the Pittsburgh Slovakian Dance Ensemble under direction of Sue and Rudy Ondrejco. He has played since the age of 4 when his dad would sit for hours and listen to him practice. He still loves playing today and can be reached through Sue or Rudy for shows, parties, and weddings.

- Submitted by Michael Columbus

Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble Travels to Slovakia



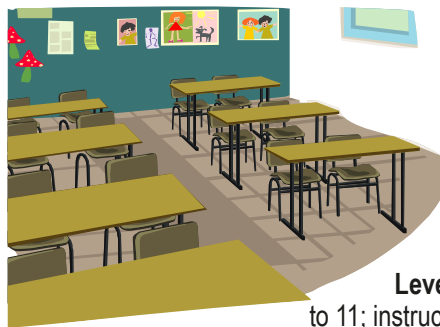
The Šarišan dancers by the Cathedral of St. Elizabeth located in the center of the city square in Košice, Slovakia.

The Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensemble of Sterling Heights, MI, traveled to Slovakia to participate in a gathering of Slovaks from Around the World (Svetové stretnutie Slovákov – Matičný svetový festival slovenskej mládeže) which was held in the city of Košice from July 4-7, 2013. The festival was sponsored by Matička Slovenska – the nationwide cultural institution of the Slovaks - and commemorated the 1150th

anniversary of the arrival of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia, as well as the 150th anniversary of existence of Matička Slovenska, which was established in 1863.

The Gala Program was held on July 6, 2013, where local groups as well as ensembles from Canada, Austria, Czech Republic, Serbia, Bulgaria and Ukraine participated. As part of the festival, the international ensembles performed in various villages throughout the Košice and Prešov regions. In addition to Šarišan's performances in Kosice, they were warmly welcomed by enthusiastic audiences in the villages of Dubinne and Zemplin. The trip was a great success, enjoyed by all and filled with many lasting memories.

Cleveland Slovak School Starts in September



The Cleveland Slovak School for Adults and Children will resume classes for the 2013-14 school year on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The first semester will conclude on December 14, 2013. Classes are held at the St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church located at 8111 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH.

Levels and class times are as follows:

Level 1 - 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginner child age 4 to 11; instructor Marcela Kerul-Kmecova

Level 2 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. child age 12 and older to adult, no Slovak language fluency; instructor Marcela Kerul-Kmecova

Level 3 - 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. child age 12 and older to adult who have beginner fluency or have completed Level 2; instructor Martina Zabkova

Level 4 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. child age 12 and older to adults who have more advanced fluency or have completed Levels 2 and 3; instructor Martina Zabkova

If you are uncertain as to what level would be appropriate, please give Director Mary Ann Dzurec a call at 440-930-2197. Class fees are \$10 per class for the first family member (first semester \$120) and \$5 per class for each additional family member (first semester \$60) and may be paid at the first class or by completing an application available on the web site at www.slovakschool.com and sending the application and check made payable to Cleveland Slovak School to 514 Danbury Lane, Avon Lake, OH 44012.

Fees are nonrefundable and due at the first class.

The text used in the Level 2 and 3 classes is Slovenčina pre Cudzincov by Dratva and Buznova and can be purchased online through Bolchazy Publishing at www.bolchazy.com. Materials for Level 4 will be provided during class.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mary Ann Dzurec, Director, Cleveland Slovak School
FCSU Member, Branch 450

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013 • INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer (via teleconference)
James Marmol, Regional Director (By invitation of the President via teleconference)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the June 2013 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT UPDATES:

The Executive Secretary reviewed the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS Fund, and MAI Fund, and gave a complete transaction report for the month.

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

Following the reports, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., gave his extensive Investment Portfolio transaction report via WebEx. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report, Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, and found everything in order and answered the Committee's questions.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer presented a written report and answered all the Executive Committee's questions.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report for the different regions and the report of our independent agents. This report is always mailed to our Regional Directors for their information. The Vice President stated we are still continuing to recruit new agents. Following the report, the Vice President answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President stated the 2013 Membership Meet will be a 7-day Caribbean Cruise on the Crown Princess from November 9 – 16, 2013, and reservations have been coming into the Home Office. We have approximately 80 reservations so far and we are still receiving inquiries.

The Vice President reviewed the 2013 seminar schedule and stated he has had 3 seminars this year. District 10 will hold a seminar at the Home Office on August 25th. The Vice President stated he is still scheduling until the end of the year.

ADVERTISING:

The Executive Secretary stated he will continue advertising our products and annuity rates in our Jednota newspaper, mailings, and on our website. The Executive Secretary further stated we will continue to add new addresses as we receive them and using the current e-mail addresses we have on record to advertise our products and inform our members of updated information.

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

The President updated the Executive Committee on the National Picnic which will be held on August 11, 2013 at FROGBRIDGE Picnics & Special Events Entertainment Park in Millstone Township, New Jersey. The picnic has been advertised on our website, newspaper, and included in the branch mailing. The President stated on-line registration has been set-up through our website for the convenience of our members and we have approximately 250 attendees signed up. All reservations are being handled by our Fraternal Activity Director per her request.

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

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of June for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of June:

Disbursements for the month of June 2013:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 201,569.97
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 60,795.57
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 857.68

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President announced the Board of Directors' decision to hold the 50th Quadrennial Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Convention will be held at the Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia Hotel on August 23-28, 2014. The President made the official announcement in the official organ, the Jednota newspaper, in the July 17th issue and it will be on the website. The information concerning convention will be sent to the branches in November.

The President stated the Home Office welcomed Mark Gabonay, from JOJ TV Station headquartered in Bratislava, Slovakia, and his cameraman. The Team came to interview President Rajec for a news segment on Slovaks in the Cleveland area and to tour the Home Office and museum. They were extremely impressed by our museum exhibit.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

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

ADJOURN:

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

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

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary



SCF's 15th Annual Pilgrimage Honoring Our Sorrowful Mother September 15th at

National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, OH

The 15th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH. The Novena in honor of Saints Cyril and Methodius will begin at 2:30PM. Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Penance will follow. A Slovak Mass will be concelebrated at 3:30PM. Father Martin Celuch, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Youngstown, OH, will be the homilist. This year's pilgrimage will celebrate the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Saints Cyril and Methodius to Slovakia and the introduction of Christianity to the Slavic people.

A dinner will follow in Cedar's Hall at the shrine. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 dollars for children under 12. They may be purchased from Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) members or by calling Leonard Yurcho (330.793.8064), Bert Wagner (330.747.3777), Father George Franko (330.782.9126), Agatha Fabiny (330.788.7862) or Kay Franko (330.792.1593). Tickets will not be available at the door.

Everyone is invited for the pilgrimage and Mass. The dinner is an optional opportunity to socialize.



Justine Wesnak, Slovak activist, Celebrates her 75th Birthday

Justine Wesnak of Schnecksville, PA, recently celebrated her 75th birthday on June 14, 2013. For more than a half century, there hasn't been an American Slovak fraternal, cultural or religious activity or project which has not had the wholehearted support of Justine. Surrounded by family and friends, she was honored at a gala birthday celebration hosted by her husband of 56 years, Andrew (Bucky) and sons, Drew and wife, Sharon; Mike and wife, Veronica; and Paul and wife, Sue. In addition, the couple has 13 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and this year, was blessed with their first great-granddaughter.

A native of Scranton, PA, Justine was born there June 14, 1938, daughter of Peter L. Mello and Margret Kochis. She has been a Slovak activist since her teens under the tutelage of her mother and grandmother.

Justine served as the President and CEO of the First Slovak Wreath of the Free Eagle, Stratford, Conn., from 1988 until its merger with the National Slovak Society in 1997. She presently serves as Honorary President of the FSWFE. Justine also is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Happy Birthday, Justine!

Mary, My Joy

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M., Villa Sacred Heart

Traditionally, May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout the year, however, each month has a significant day or more on which she is honored. On September 15th, we as Slovaks, revere Mary as Mother of Sorrows and Patroness of our Slovak Nation. In addition, I am impressed by the days in September on which we celebrate three of Mary's major feasts of joy. These are: 1) Mary's birth date on September 8th 2) Mary's feast of her holy name on September 12th and 3) the feast of our Mother of Mercy on September 24th.



Madonna in Sorrow, by Titian, 1554

It is appropriate for us to be reminded of these prominent occasions for rejoicing with Mary, our Mother. Before He died on the cross, Jesus proclaimed the fullness of Mary's role as mother. "He saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother (Jn 19:26,27)." In this statement, the reverential term of "woman" is regarded by the evangelist as a declaration that Mary, the new Eve, is the spiritual mother of all the faithful, here represented by the beloved disciple, John.

With this confirmation, the total fulfillment of Mary's life is echoed in her song of joy. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for the Almighty has done great things for me (Lk 1: 46,48)."

Let us know rejoice and thank God for this gift of Mary, as our Mother, with the song, Mary, My Joy.

Mary, My Joy

1. Hail! Holy Mary, my joy and comfort,
Most precious treasure of my heart,
Shelter, protect me 'neath your own mantle
As you embrace me, shield me from harm.

Refrain:
O Maria, O Mary my Mother,
Your name we honor, love and praise

2. O Maria, my hope and refuge,
I place my life into your care;
As God's own Mother, bring us to Jesus,
For help in all the sorrows we bear.

3. O Maria, strength and compassion,
I come to you with my trusting prayer:
Gift us with your dear Son's gracious mercy,
That we your children may not despair.

4. O Maria, white rose most radiant,
Lovely, pure lily, favored by God,
Teach me your song of humble rejoicing,
So grateful for all things God has done.

Ó Mária, Radost' Moja

1. Ó Mária, Radost' Moja
Sladkosť srdca mojeho
Prijmi mňa pod plášť svoj materský
Zachraňuj mňa od zlého

Sbor:
Ó Mária, ó Mária Matko,
Tvé meno znie tak sladko

2. Ó Mária, nadej moja,
Dušu, srdce tebe dám
Vypros milosť u Ježiša
Nám opusteným dieťkam.

3. Ó Mária, pevnosť moja,
Pros za mňa Syna svého,
Bych nepadol do priepasti
Hriechov sveta márneho.

4. Ó Mária, biela ruža,
Prečistá má ľalia,
Napln citom skrúsenosti
Mé k tebe verné srdce



Jubilee celebrants included: (Seated, L-R) Sister Mary Gilbert Dluhy, 65 years; Sister M. Cabrini Steber, 65 years. (Second Row, L-R) Sister Michael Ann Orlik, General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius; Sister M. Brigid Fasiang, 60 years; Sister Julia Knazik, 60 years, Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, 60 years; Sister M. Cyrilline Biel, 60 years; Sister M. Lydia Benyish, 55 years; Sister Mary Anne Nemec, 55 years; Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, 55 years. (Third Row, L-R) Sister Jeanne Ambre, 45 years; Sister Susan Marie Hazenski, 25 years; Sister Margaret Dubas, 50 years; Sister M. Michaelette Lennartz, 50 years; Sister Susan Pontz, 25 years; Sister Martina Hanrahan, 20 years. (Celebrants not pictured: Sister M. Teresitalskra, 55 years; Sister M. Zoe Zollar, 50 years)

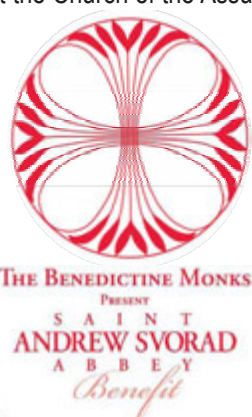
Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius Jubilee Celebration

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius observed the anniversaries of their members with a special day of celebration recently. A Jubilee Liturgy was celebrated in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius on the Villa Sacred Heart Motherhouse grounds in Danville, Pennsylvania. Sisters, friends and family traveled from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, Texas, Connecticut and New York for the event. Reverend David-Kalert, O.M.I. from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas was the Principal Celebrant. Reverend Rocky Grimard, O.M.I. from Immaculata Retreat Center in Willimantic, Connecticut was the Homilist. The Liturgy was followed by a meal for the celebrants and their friends and families at Villa Sacred Heart, and at the Meadows Community Center at Maria Joseph Manor.

- Sister Barbara Sable

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad 2013 Abbey Benefit

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will host their annual Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 3, 2013. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.



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

The ticket price is \$75.00 with additional sponsorships available, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions. For reservations and additional information please contact Rose Stifter at Saint Andrew's Abbey at 216-721-5300 ext. 0 or Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179. Please make reservations by October 21, 2013.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

The SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States of America and Canada will be held on Friday, September 20 - Saturday, September 21, 2013.

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 following the Board Meeting.

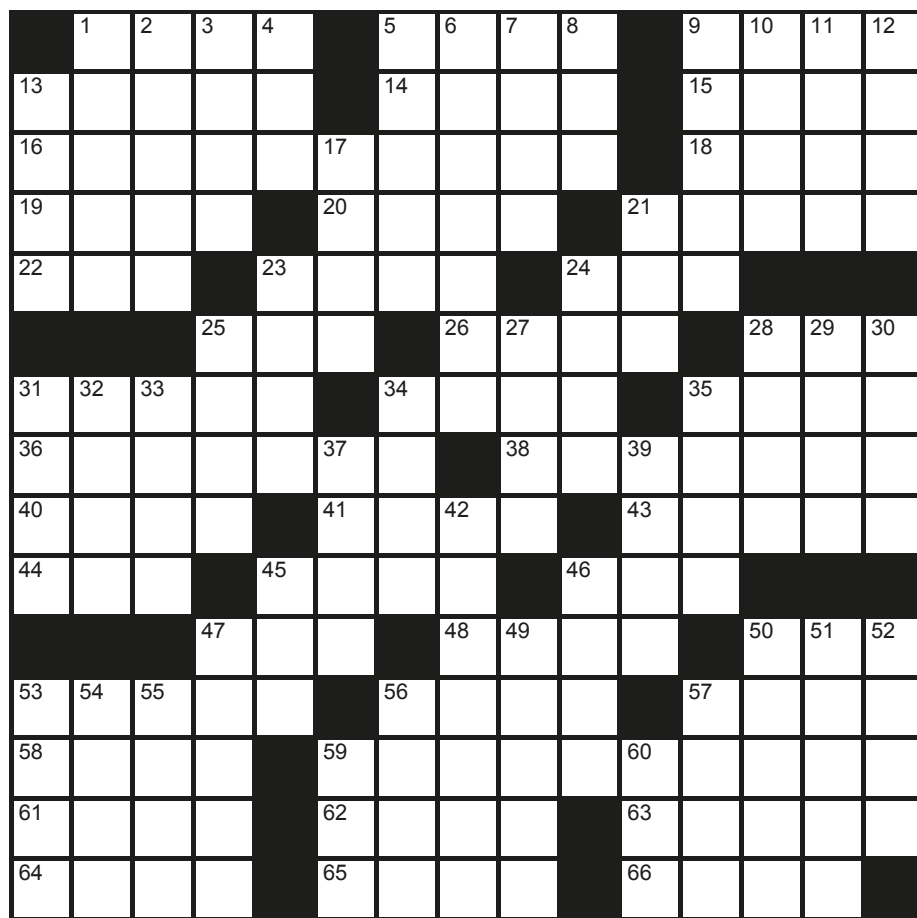
All correspondence relative to the Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Directors should be directed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt, and should be mailed for receipt at the Home Office prior to September 16, 2013.

For any additional information contact the Home Office at (216) 642-9406 or (800) JEDNOTA.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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- 5 Golden rule word
- 9 Con game
- 13 Log home
- 14 Page
- 15 Cherish
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2013 National Picnic

**Susan Ondrejco,
National Fraternal
Activities Director**

On Sunday, August 11, our members enjoyed a day they will always remember. The National Picnic, held at the Frogbridge Resort, was a day to leave the responsibilities of the day-to-day behind and relax and have some fun.

The day started off in the air-conditioned gymnasium with Fr. Tom Nasta, our National Chaplain, celebrating Mass. Jim Marmol, Region 4 National Director, was the lector and Joe Senko served as a Eucharistic Min-

ister. Slovak hymns were sung and the Our Father was recited in Slovak to keep our Slovak Catholic heritage alive.

After Mass, our members were treated to a buffet lunch, comprised of hamburgers and cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and barbecue chicken hot off the grill. Sweet sausage, baked beans, corn on the cob, chili, potato salad, coleslaw, and macaroni salad rounded out the menu. Soft drinks and ice cream were served all day. Watermelon and cookies were brought out later for dessert.

A soccer workshop, led by the American Youth Soccer Organization, was held for kids. The kids who participated in the work-

shop each received a new soccer ball.

For those not participating in the soccer workshop, fun activities were available to choose from such as swimming, kayaking, pedal boats, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, mini golf, a driving range, horse-shoes, and go-karts.

Kontakty provided music for listening and dancing pleasure, and a few games of Bingo were played under the pavilion. A balloon artist also entertained the crowd. Over 200 Jednota members and friends enjoyed the day.

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society – Branch 1 – will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 9:30AM in the Church Hall of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 79 Church St., Bridgeport, CT.

We will discuss our plans for our Breakfast Brunch Meeting, where we will Award our members with scholarships for their college experiences. This branch meeting will take place on November 10, 2013.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings, which are conducted on the second Sunday of the month at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall. Our Annual Meeting will be held on December 8, 2013.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Secretary

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24 St. Andrew Society, will have a branch meeting at 1:00PM, with a luncheon immediately following, on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Road (Rt. 21) in Independence, OH. Free parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square. The agenda will include election of officers for 2014. Please phone Branch Activities Director Susan Lang at 216-896-0957 (evenings after 6:00PM) if you plan to attend.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 112 – MAHANOEY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at 1PM at Palermo Restaurant in Minersville. The agenda will include election of officers and officers reports.

Please call 570-640-1796 for information and directions.

Members who have had a recent address change should notify:

Karen Sterling
384 Beacon Circle
Boalsburg, PA. 16827

Karen Sterling, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Branch 153 is looking for the addresses of the following 2 members who have reached the age of 100:

Michael P. Stanko
Andrew Ribak

Anyone having information about them or their relatives should contact:

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary
7113 West Talcott Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631
(773) 763-0810

Fraternally,

John Jurcenko, President

BRANCH 153 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold our annual meeting on Saturday, October 19, at Riggio's Restaurant, 7530 West Oakton, Niles, IL.

The meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow. All members are invited.

The agenda will include: Election of Officers, Membership, Charitable donations, and a discussion on the forthcoming convention in Philadelphia in August 2014. Please call if you plan to attend – (773) 763-0810.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162

are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Call for directions, if needed, and for any address changes or questions 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 13, 2013, at 1:15 P.M., at Ponderosa Steak House, 1261 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of the District Meeting and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8034 or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 11, 2013, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 is proud to announce the Board of Directors approved five \$1,000.00 scholarship awards. We had a tremendous amount of qualifying applicants. The Board approved to give an additional thirteen applicants each \$500.00. We are so thankful to have been able to give this donation to the worthy students in our community. We are proud of each student, and feel they will be of great asset in our society's future. God bless them all (Ed. note: see page 5 for more). A young man, Nicholas Shiring, had an accident at work that severed his hand. He is doing very well, his fingernails are growing but he has a long road to recovery. We ask everyone to keep him and his family in your prayers. The club made a donation to help with expenses for traveling to Pgh. for PT, parking, or as needed. Paula Emmonds has posted a sign @ the club with donations that have been made. Please take a look at it the next time you are in the club.

A big THANKS to the patrons that make this happen!

The branch is working very diligently on getting the building updated. There are a lot of things that need completed, replaced, etc. This is all costly and takes time. I am asking for our members to get more involved with your club. May it be by offering some time, coming to the meetings, getting involved on a committee, offering some laboring time, and so on. God bless those who tend to criticize and pray those persons to put their negative energy into constructive energy. We are all donating our time and sometimes the monies to do some of the projects. We try to use materials that were previously purchased. Our meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month (except June and July) @ 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Ben./Fin. Sec./Treas.

BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, regularly holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 16, 2013. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. I appeal to our younger members to become active in our lodge to help direct our branch as well as becoming involved with the Slovak Club and the United Slovak Societies. The First Catholic Slovak Union will conduct another convention next year and we will be sending delegates to voice our local's concerns. Input from any and all members is appreciated. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 254 -

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 29, at noon at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria

mall located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

Branch 260 will hold its next meeting Sunday, September 22, 2013, at 1:30PM at Bedford Trails Golf Course. Main topics on the agenda will be the upcoming convention, the Christmas Party and elections at the annual meeting in December (to be held on the 3rd Tuesday in December).

Paul Ritz, President

BRANCH 290 – RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

A meeting will be held on October 2, 2013. We will be electing officers for the coming year. Please call Joe after 5PM at (732) 469-5256 for the location of the meeting.

Fraternally,

Joseph Minarovich, President

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck at 1121 Monastery Dr., Latrobe, PA, 15650.

Mickie Smolleck, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 321K - HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 321K Harrisburg, PA and Branch 382K Dunmore, PA.

All members of Branch 321K will now hold membership in Branch 382K.

This merger has taken place as of July 31, 2013.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: JOHN J SLOVENKAI SR, 318 14TH AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA 18504-2512, (570) 347-3579.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 356P - WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 356P Wilkes Barre, PA and Branch 005P Wyoming, PA.

All members of Branch 356P will now hold membership in Branch 005P.

This merger has taken place as of July 31, 2013.

If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: MARTHA ZAVADA WOJCIK, 101 JEAN ST, EXETER, PA 18643-1513, (570) 655-4141.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 382, of Scranton, Pa., is updating their files and looking for the following members:

Stephen Bonick, Jared Brown, Taryn Brown, Nanette Contardi, Nicholas Edward Cook, Paul Crambo Sr., Ronald Crambo Jr., Tara M. Crambo, Christopher Czankner, Jessica Czankner, Sarah M. Czankner, Jami Lyn Dougherty, Ryan J. Dougherty, Cheryl A. Glinsky, Thomas Hanis, Jillian Louise Hetsko, Michael Kapacs, Kenneth G. Kochis, Michael J. Kolebar, Mark Kosko, Edward Kucha, James T. Legg Jr., Micheline Malosh, Nicholas August McDonald, Henry Moeller, Bevin Monaghan, Colleen Monaghan, Todd Morgan, Margaret Opsasnick, Dianne Parsons, Ann Polovitch, Joanne Rován, Lynn M. Schultz, Sarah Ann Scotchlas, Darlene M. Skrip, Charlene Strodoski, Carol Swartz, Erin Walsh, Beverly Marie Yedinak.

If you are, or know any of these members, please contact:

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

John J. Slovenkai, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 454 – CLAIRTON, PENNSYLVANIA

There has been a merger between Branch 454K Clairton, PA and Branch 038K White Oak, PA. All members of Branch 454K will now hold membership in Branch 038K.

This merger has taken place as of August 01, 2013. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact: FLORENCE K MATTA, 3409 EISENHOWER DR, WHITE OAK, PA 15131, (412) 466-7460.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary

BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John the Baptist Branch 553 will be hosting our first Oktoberfest on October 19, 2013, at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH, 44311. The evening will include a buffet with Slovak homemade sausage, kielbasa, haluski, kraut, onions, peppers, and much more. Cocktail hour will begin at 5PM (cash bar). Dinner will be served at 6PM and the music and dancing will start at 7PM. Music will be provided by Eric Noltkamper. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations only and the ticket sales will be limited. Contact Linda Hanko at 330-773-4978 or pick up your tickets at the club.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 24, 2013. The branch will be holding the last lodge meeting of the year. Election of officers will take place at this meeting for the year 2014. Come take an active role in your branch. We look forward to seeing all members at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart Branch 580 will hold a meeting on Sunday Oct.6, 2013 after the 9:30 mass in the Holy Trinity Social Hall, 529 Grant Ave Ext. West Mifflin, Pa. All members are welcome.

Virginia Jasek, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSEKOGON, MICHIGAN

Branch 595 is announcing to all our members that our fabulous "All you can eat Breakfast" will resume September 22, 2013, at Tatra Hall, 2536 Sixth Street, Muskegon Heights, MI. Breakfast is served from 8:30am till noon. Come and enjoy all the great food.

We would like to thank everyone that attended the "Hotter than Hades" party. The party, to raise money for the air-conditioning fund, was FUN!!!

We will be having election of officers in December. The member meeting will be held at Tatra Hall. Please mark your calendar for this important date--December 15, 2013 at 2:00pm.

The officers of Branch 595 would like to encourage you visit your club and check into the amenities that membership in the FCSU has to offer.

Thank you

Laura Karafa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 716 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2013, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York City.

On the agenda will be a financial report, election of officers for 2014, and discussions of plans for the next season. Also on the agenda: the election of delegates to the 50th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union in Philadelphia, PA.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

After the meeting, refreshments prepared by Jan Skrkon will be served, courtesy of Branch 716.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764's next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2013 at 10:30 AM at a member's condo at 379 Quarry Lane, Unit E, Warren, OH.

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 – REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola, District 1, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 11:00 AM at St. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss our activities of the past year and plan next year's agenda. The election of District Officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing many members of the District at this meeting.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 2 - REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District will hold its Annual Meeting & Election of Officers on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Location: the Missionary Benedictine Convent at 5900 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm. All branches are urged to send delegates to the meeting. Individual Jednota members who are interested in becoming more active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. We will enjoy a delicious catered dinner. If you plan on attending, please call the District Spiritual Advisor Dorothy Jurcenko at (773) 763-0810 so she can order enough food and beverages.

Robert Tapak Magruder, District Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 3 - GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT - WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 28, 2013 following the 5:00 P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, PA. The meeting will take place in the Formation Room of the Convent. We ask for a great attendance from all branches as we have much to discuss and to plan (Stedry Vecer, Convention, etc.). Refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, District Secretary

The Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District will hold its next meeting Tuesday Sept 15, 2013. Please note that there has been a change of meeting location. The meeting will be held at St. Matthias Fr. Snock Hall, located on St. Matthias Church property, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, OH, 44502. On the agenda: the upcoming Christmas party, election of officers, and plans for the 2014 national convention.

Carla Peshek, President

DISTRICT 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at St. Patrick's Ryan Church Hall in Merrill, MI. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served, starting at 11:00AM. The business meeting shall begin at 1:00PM. The church hall is located at 4708 South Meridan Road (M30). Please notify Katherine Stevens, at 989-835-9895 by October 24, 2013, with the number of delegates that will be attending from your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, the election of officers will be on the agenda, along with discussion of the convention in Philadelphia next year.

Our district president, Robert Kristofik, encourages all branches to be represented. Hoping to see many new faces.

Anna Magusin, District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT - BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMESSET, AND BEDFORD COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 27, 2013,

beginning at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Graham Ave., Windber, PA, with Branch 292, St. John the Baptist, as the host.

On the agenda will be the election of officers and a delegate to the 50th Quadrennial Convention to be held in Philadelphia, PA. Also, a matter tabled from the semi-annual meeting of officers missing two consecutive meeting without a valid excuse will be brought up. Member branches that have not paid their dues may do so at this meeting, and also the requirement to have a delegate from their branch at one yearly meeting to receive the yearly stipend.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 - FRANK T. HOLLY J. DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly J. District of Uniontown, PA, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at 1PM at the Hampton Inn meeting room located at 698 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch members are encouraged to attend this meeting and seminar.

Barbara Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 15 – THE PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT

District 15, the Prince Pribina District, cordially invites all Slovaks and friends of Slovakia to celebrate the anniversary of 1150 years of evangelization of the Slovak people by St. Cyril and Methodius on September 8, 2013. The main celebrant will be Bishop Msgr. Jozef Hal'ko from Bratislava, Slovakia. The con-celebrant will be Fr. Pavol Sochu'ak from Ontario, Canada. The Monsignor will bring with him a relic of St. Cyril, lent for this occasion by the Institute of St. Cyril and Methodius in Rome. The relic will be displayed in the chapel during the celebration Mass on September 8, 2013, which will start at 3:00 PM at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, California and. After Mass we invite all Slovaks and Slovak friends to join us in the cafeteria for refreshments and Slovak music, and where the Bishop looks forward to meeting everyone in person.

Fraternally,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT – NEW YORK CITY

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 24, 2013, at 1:00PM in the Rectory of St. Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th, 1st Ave., New York, NY, 10065.

On the agenda will be a financial report, a discussion of activities, and election of District 16 officers for the year 2014. It also will be election of delegates for the 50th Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

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

After the annual meeting, excellent refreshments will be served, prepared by Jan Skrkon, courtesy of Branch 716, the St. Stephen Society.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT LUZERNE AND LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA, AND BROOME COUNTY, NY

Saints Cyril and Methodius District 17 of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania and Broome County in New York will hold its Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 15, 2013. The event will run from Noon to Dusk in Pavilion 2 at McDade Park, Scranton, PA.

A catered lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the afternoon.

Branches 166 (Binghamton) and 382 (Scranton) will sponsor a cook-out at 5:00 P.M. with hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to order.

Cost of the event is \$15 per adult and \$7 for a child age 10 or younger.

Reservations are required and must be made by contacting Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, District 17 Fraternal Activities Director, at 570.344.3854. Voice mail is available. Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 6, 2013.

McDade Park is located off Keyser Avenue minutes from Interstate 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The park offers many activities -- children's playground, children's fishing pond, basketball and tennis courts, and walking trails. The Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and the Anthracite Heritage Museum are within walking distance. Both offer insight into the anthracite coal-mining history of the area.

Elizabeth Slovenkai, District Fraternal Activities Director

DISTRICT 17 – SS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT – LUZERNE AND LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PA, AND BROOME COUNTY, NY

The District's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2013, with Mass at 12:15PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets, Pittston, PA, immediately followed by dinner in the Church Hall. Auditors will meet prior to the meeting which will begin at 1:30PM. Reservations and any questions about the times/location should be made with President Michael Slovenkai at (570) 342-7562.

Election of Officers will take place at this meeting. If interested in holding a position you may be nominated from the floor. Everyone has this opportunity – become active members – become informed about JEDNOTA, bring members from your branches. Bring your district dues up-to-date.

The young and young-at-heart are always welcome. Remember, make your reservations and we will see you on September 22, 2013.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Plans have been finalized to hold a breakfast at SS Mary & Joseph, Newton Falls on Sept 22, 2013, following the 8:00am Mass. We will also be sponsoring a mass for the living and deceased members of FCSU Branches 764 & 759K at 11:00am.

We will be discussing final arrangements for a one-woman show depicting the life of Elizabeth Bayley Seton and upcoming events and projects. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 682 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. George Society, Branch 682, will hold its next general meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2013, at 2:30PM at Material Research Laboratories, located at 290 North Bridge Street, Struthers, OH, 44471. On the agenda will be nomination of officers, and possible election. All members are encouraged to attend. Members should also mark their calendars for Sunday, December 1, 2013, as Branch 682 will hold its Christmas party then, starting at 2:30PM in the same location.

Joseph T. Scavina, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 774 – SANFORD, MICHIGAN

Branch 774K will hold a meeting at Emerson Park in Midland, MI, at 3:30PM in Pavilion 2. Held in memory of long-time branch officer Irene

Pacholka, the meeting will begin after the ALS of Michigan walk which starts at 1:00PM. Irene died in February 2011 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). For more information or questions, please call Katherine Stevens at 989-835-9895.

Katherine Stevens, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 780 – SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The Saints Peter & Paul Society, Branch 780, will hold a meeting September 12, 2013. It will be at 7:00pm and at 2280 Taft Street, Saginaw, MI.

We will be taking any nominations for the coming election of officers.

May everyone enjoy the rest of summer!

Fraternally,

Cathy Karlsen, Secretary

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, DC AREA

Branch 856KJ announces once again Mass will be held in honor of our Slovak Chapel in the crypt church at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on September 15, 2013 at 11:00 AM. This year we celebrate the 48th anniversary of the dedication of Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Celebrant will be Father Martin Kertz from Košice, Slovakia.

For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Stephen Matula at 703-671-3013.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

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



Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Paul P Martin	153K	George E Janik	410K	Elizabeth J Karas	682K	Mary Stefanick
002K	Alfred J Kuntz	153K	Christine Suma	410K	Rose M Wensing	702K	Emily M Kerin
010K	Kathryn M Kincade	166K	Andrew S Backo	430K	Marie F Krafchick	731K	Philip J Auld
019K	Stephen N Krhla	175K	Bernard J Bohanak	484K	Louise C Adamo	731K	Vivian Veronica Hively
019K	Phillip J Prokop Sr	181K	Karl W Stinebiser	512K	John Joseph Oravec	731K	Dorothy J Onderko
024K	Anne M Berg	199K	Wanda M Sickora	580K	Joseph John Ondechek	743K	Marie Wojdyski
024K	Bro Theodore Lester Girard Osb	199K	Martha M Uhring	581K	Joseph Danda	746K	William A Kmec Sr
024K	Helen T Sedlak	213K	Bruce J Foster	591K	Lillian Pekar	746K	Robert S Kostelnik
035K	Dorothy M Otlano	254K	Joseph S Ulicny	595K	Thomas A Cook	756K	Anastasia M Krcmarik
040K	Robert D Beale	259K	Paul Ringos	618K	Regina Helen Fridel	788K	John Andrew Palenick Jr
041K	Edward R Baricko	278K	Andrew M Chuba	618K	Andrew F Horvath	857K	Aloysius M Kallok
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060K	Paul J Usko Jr	380K	Margaret K Trylko	682K	Henry Joseph Repasky		

*Processed through the month of August 2013

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WANDA MARIE SICKORA BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Wanda Marie Sickora, 88, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2013, at home in Kailua, Hawaii, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 11, 1925, in Latrobe, PA, daughter of Leo and Susan Mecheskey. In 1946, Wanda met and married the love of her life, Jacob (Jake) "Kuba" Sickora, and they were happily married for 53 years. They made their home together in Whitney, PA, until Jake's death in 1998.

In 2008 Wanda moved to Sprint Crest, a community in Latrobe (Derry Township), where she made many lovely friends. In July 2012, she moved to Hawaii, to live with her daughter and son-in-law. She enjoyed the daily sun and lack of snow.

Wanda was a fierce card player, and you couldn't get a thing past her. She loved to decorate her home, and was quite crafty, making Christmas trees every year to sell at holiday craft fairs. Throughout her life, the thing that gave her the most joy was spending time with her family. She loved visiting them at the New Jersey shore, in the mountains in the Poconos, and on the beach in Hawaii.

Wanda had two wonderful children who loved her and took very good care of her. Her daughter, Susan Sickora-Trockman, lives in Hawaii with her husband, Dr. Gordon Trockman. Her son, Thomas V. Sickora, and his wife, Jane Mastrococco-Sickora, live in Somers Point, NJ.

Wanda had four grandchildren: Thomas Jacob Sickora, her first grandchild and adored grandson, lives in Mays Landing, NJ. Jaime Marie Sickora, her granddaughter with whom she had a very special relationship, especially during Steeler season, lives in Los Angeles, CA. Meredith Lee Trockman is her granddaughter who lives in Kailua. They loved to play cards together and each accused the other of incessantly cheating, but it was all in good fun. Julia Hillary Trockman Wiseman, her other granddaughter, and her husband, Jordan Wiseman, who live in Denver, CO, loved to tease grandma about how she made great yellow cake and how she could cut the Saran Wrap in one tear.

Her great-granddaughter, Zoe Kaia Trockman, 10, loved to visit with Tutu (grandma in Hawaiian), playing cards, watching TV, going to the beach, telling jokes, making grandma walk and laugh. Every time Zoe walked into the room, Tutu Sickora lighted up. Wanda had a special bond with each one of her family in a very special way.

In addition to her loving family, Wanda had a love of teaching. For 45 years, Wan-

da taught elementary-age children at many schools, including St. Cecilia and St. Vincent schools in Unity Township, PA; Holy Family School in Latrobe, PA; and finally at Sacred Heart School in Youngstown, OH. She retired at age 70 but continued to substitute until 2008. She particularly loved working with the children who struggled to read, and found joy in helping them succeed. She loved teaching and said the kids kept her young.

We love her and feel blessed and honored that she was our mom, grandma, and tutu. We will miss her every day, but we know she is only a beautiful thought away. Services were held in Hawaii.

"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we loved deeply becomes a part of us." From the Sickora family.

MARTHA M. UHRING BRANCH 199 – HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Martha M. Uhring, 84, of Unity Township, PA, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Greensburg Care Center, surrounded by her family. She was born July 28, 1928, in Whitney, a daughter of the late John M. and Mary (Menarchek) Stas. Martha was a member of Sacred Heart Church and its Rosary Altar Society. While raising her family, she loved gardening, canning and cooking for them along with crocheting many beautiful afghans for them. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Uhring, July 20, 2011, whom she was happily married to for 52 years; one brother, Stephen Stas; one sister, Margaret Dlugos; two sisters-in-law, Ethel and Anna Stas; and a son-in-law, Robert E. Farkas. Martha is survived by her five daughters, Cyndi Farkas, of Unity Township, Donna Rodgers and her husband, Steve, of Bradenville, Bobbie Cramer and her husband, Butch, of Ligonier, Janet Rudy and her husband, John, of Unity Township, and Barbara Moyher and her husband, John, of Bradenville; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, John R. Stas, of Unity Township, and Joseph T. Stas and his wife, Theresa, of Unity Township; her brother-in-law, Joseph Dlugos, of Mammoth; her sister-in-law, Imelda Ransel and her husband, Ed, of Latrobe; and is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, July 29, 2013, at the JOHN J. LOPATICH FUNERAL HOME INC.,



Latrobe, PA. Members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society recited the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home as well. A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 am Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. Chad Ficorilli, O.S.B., as celebrant, and the Rev. Peter Augustine Pierjok, O.S.B., as concelebrant. Interment followed in St. Florian Cemetery, Trauger.

REGINA 'JEAN' AHEARN BRANCH 240P –

Jean M. Ahearn, 90, formerly of Pittston, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, Hospice Community Care.

Born in Pittston on April 25, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Verna McGarry Dunnigan.

She was a graduate of Pittston High School. She was the owner of Ahearn Personal Care, Pittston.

She had lived in Vero Beach, Fla., for 18 years, and there she was the president of the Welcome Wagon.

She was a member of the Lions Club. Jean was very civic minded and was active in many community organizations.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be greatly missed by friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Francis Ahearn, in 1971; and sister, Helen Bradt.

Surviving are her two sons, Thomas Ahearn and his wife, Betty Jane, Duryea; and Scot Ahearn and his wife, Ronnie, Pittston; and two daughters, Sharon Ahearn, Pittston; and Denise Fino and her husband, Michael, Hughestown. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, Dawn Begley, Lori Bryant, Tara Malampy, Kelly Wynder, Shannon Hagenbaugh, Erin Viglione, Vicki Guiliano, Santina Guiliano, Cheryl Higgins, Janelle Guiliano, Kaylin Ahearn, Kristin Ahearn, Ryan Ahearn and Eamon Ahearn; 17 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of the Sacred Heart for their compassionate care.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in St. Cecilia's Church, 1700 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, with the Rev. James Thyren officiating.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William St., Pittston.

- Submitted by Sharon Ahearn

ANDREW M. CHUBA BRANCH 278 – ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday, May 12, the Good Lord took our dad's hand from ours and re-united it with his loving wife of 62 years, the former Dorothy Friedman, our mom ... a woman of whom he was forever faithful to and anxious to be with once again.

Andrew was an honest, hard-working, generous and sincere man. He frequently went out of his way to lend a helping hand to so many people who entered his life. He was very well known and respected by many. Andrew was known to entertain often with his accordion and his harmonica in many social settings. He will be missed immensely by his family and those who knew and loved him.

Born Oct. 30, 1923 in North Braddock, Pa., he was a son of the late Michael S. and Elizabeth (Chovancek) Chuba. He was educated in the local schools, graduating from the James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre. Until his retirement, he was employed as a postal clerk for the U.S. Post Office, in Wilkes-Barre.

He proudly served our country during the Second World War with the U.S. Navy as a Motor Machinist's Mate Third Class and was honorably discharged in February of 1946 from active service.

He held membership in several fraternal organizations including the Brookside American Legion Post 837 of Wilkes-Barre and the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, to name a few. He previously attended the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre. Recently, he held membership in Holy Assumption of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

In addition to his beloved wife, Dorothy, he was preceded in death by brothers, Emil and John Chuba.

Surviving are his children, Thomas and his wife, Laura, of Dauphin, Pa.; Mary Ann Krapsho and her husband, Tom; Andrea Kealey and her husband, Jay, all of Harrisburg, and Michele Banaszek of Wilkes-Barre; grandchildren, Laura Krapsho, Kelly (Krapsho) Griffin, Michael Chuba, Cheryl Chuba, Elizabeth Kealey, Zachary Banaszek and Jason Banaszek; great-granddaughter, Natalie Griffin; sisters, Cecelia Koneski of Ashley and Helen Troiani of New Jersey; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services with Panachida will be conducted on Thursday at 9 a.m. from the



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North Wilkes-Barre location of the John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes, Inc., 625 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. in Holy Assumption of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 695 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The Very Rev. James G. Hayer, his pastor, will serve as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Cemetery, Dorchester Drive, Dallas, where full military honors will be accorded.

Relatives and friends may call on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a Parastas service conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. with Father Hayer officiating.

**MARY ANN STEPHENS
BRANCH 380 –
CANONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mary Ann Stephens, 78, of Washington, died Friday, August 9, 2013, in Donnell House, Washington.

She was born February 12, 1935, in Canonsburg, a daughter of Ann Dezack Gray. She was raised by Chellise Gray.

Mrs. Stephens was a graduate of Cecil High School and worked as a secretary in Washington School District for 30 years.

She was very active in midget league football and Band Aids at Washington High School.

Mrs. Stephens adored her grandchildren and enjoyed eating out with family and friends as well as retirement lunches with former co-workers.

Her hobbies included baking, especially cookies, and attending the theater.

Mrs. Stephens was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

On July 7, 1956, she married Clair Campbell "Took" Stephens, who died February 21, 2009.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Keith Stephens (Linda) of Burke, Va., and Scot "Took" Stephens of Washington; a daughter, Lynn Stephens Watson (Jeff) of Claysville; three brothers, William Nofsker (Dolores) of Raymond, Maine, Ralph Gray (LuAnn) of Akron, Ohio, and John Gray of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Carol Gray Yasko (David) of Sewickley; five grandchildren, Melissa Stephens, Casey Stephens, Zachary Stephens, Annie

Stephens and Matthew Watson; an uncle, William Dezack (Joan) of McMurray; and several nieces and nephews.

Deceased is a daughter-in-law, Nancy.

Friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 12, 2013, in William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., Washington, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in Immaculate Conception Church, Washington. Burial was held at a later date in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township, PA.

**- Submitted by Margaret Graytok,
Branch 380 Financial Secretary**

**JOSEPH J. ONDECHEK
BRANCH 580 –
WEST MIFFLIN,
PENNSYLVANIA**



Joseph J. Ondechek, age 83, of Duquesne, PA, passed away on July 3, 2013. Son of the late Joseph and Helen (Sabol) Ondechek and stepson of the late Geraldine F. (DeWitt) Ondechek. He was a retired foreman for US Steel, Homestead Works Structural Department. After retiring, he drove a school bus for Bamford Motor Express. He proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. During his illness, he was loved and cared for by his wife, children, and grandchildren. Beloved husband of 60 years to Helen C. (Dobrasky) Ondechek; father of Jay (Monica) Ondechek of Blandon, PA, Lynn (Eddie Eicheldinger) Popovich of West Mifflin, Terry (James) Marraway of Pittsburgh, Joey Ondechek, Jr. of Duquesne, and Colleen Ondechek of West Mifflin; proud Pappy of Ronald (Beth) Faulds, Sharon (Matt) Mols, Cathlene (Bryan) Ondechek, Cierra Raymond, and Chassidy Raymond; great-grandfather of Devan Faulds and Brielle; brother of the late William Ondechek, Susan Fonzi, and John Ondechek; also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation was held Saturday 6-8 p.m. and Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the MALOY -SCHLEIFER FUNERAL HOME, INC., Duquesne. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at 12 noon at Resurrection Church, West Mifflin. Burial with military honors followed at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

VIVIAN V. HIVELY

**BRANCH 731 –
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

Vivian V. Hively, 75, of Fairlawn, OH, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her son, Brian on July 30, 2009. Vivian leaves her husband, John of Fairlawn; her son, Kevin (Michele) and granddaughter, Emma of Salt Lake City, Utah; her niece, Lou McCann; and her brothers, Ervin and Joe Vavrek, all of California; along with many relatives and dear friends.

Cremation has taken place. A Remembrance Service will be held at a later date.

- Submitted by John Hively

**ROBERT J. PLAVCAN
BRANCH 855 –
CLEVELAND, OHIO**



Robert J. "Doc" Plavcan, age 78, loving father of Laura, Lawrence, Patty (Scott) Linderman; grandfather of eight; brother of James (Susan), Gil (Linda McGraw). Died Aug. 21, 2013. Bob was a Cleveland Firefighter from 1961 to 1993. His last assignment was the Fireboat on the Cuyahoga River and was also an EMT and Instructor.

Bob was very active in the First Catholic Slovak Union and was, in fact, the second generation to be a part of the FCSU. Bob's father, Joseph Plavcan, served as President of District 10. Bob himself held the offices of Vice President and then President of his local Branch 530 as well as various officer positions with District 10 including (at various times) Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He also served in many national capacities with the FCSU. Bob was a Member of the Society's Supreme Court for

more than 30 years, and was past Secretary of the Supreme Court.

Funeral Services were held Sunday Aug. 25, 2013, at 5:30 PM at Brickman Bros. Funeral Home, in Willoughby, OH, where family also received friends from 2-6 PM. Interment followed at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on Monday, August 26, 2013, at 10:30 AM.

**ALOYSIUS MICHAEL KALLOK
BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA**

Aloysius (Al) Kallok died peacefully, Thursday, July 11, 2013. He was 82.

Al is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 60 years, Shirley; and by his loving children, Stephanie, Michelle (Marc) Stoken, Cynthia Hechinger and Michael. He will also be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Rebecca (John) Bechtold, David Stoken, and Joshua Hechinger; and, his three great granddaughters, Grace, Emi and Avery Bechtold.

Al was a longtime resident of Levittown and a founding member of St. Michael the Archangel Church. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Al was a jack of all trades and a master of many as well as an avid gardener. He retired from U.S. Steel after 40 years.

Family and friends were received on Monday, July 15, 2013 from 9 until 10 AM at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Levittown, PA, where his funeral mass was celebrated at 10AM. Rite of Committal followed at Resurrection Cemetery.

**- submitted by Andrew Herman, Branch
857 Financial Secretary**

ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS

Mark your Calendar and RESERVE September 21, 2013

All FCSU / JEDNOTA Branches and their Members
Youngstown, Ohio Reverend Joseph L. Kostik District OKRES

The Youngstown, Ohio Reverend Joseph L. Kostik District (OKRES) is sponsoring a **TAILGATE PARTY** prior to the YSU Home Game on Saturday, September 21, 2013 for District Branch Members

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (YSU) we will be Hosting DUQUESNE University (Pittsburgh)

Our Ohio and Pennsylvania Fraternal Brethern are Welcome

"FEAR THE PENGUIN" Game Time is 4:00 P.M.

Tailgate activities will begin at 12:00 P.M. in the Lower Tailgate Lot off of Fifth Avenue
Various Kids activities in the Tailgate Lot including Bounce Around and Grotto Clowns
Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Snacks (Chips, Pretzels) will be provided

Call your Branch Officers if you are planning to attend so that we can have an idea how many to plan for (Adults, Teenagers; Pre-Teens). Or, contact the members below to provide an estimate.

Anyone willing to help with set-up and help host please call either
Joseph Scavina @ (330) 758-4536, or, John J. Leskovyansky, Jr. @ (330) 549-3788

John J. Leskovyansky, Jr., Coordinator

Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

Enjoy Oktoberfest at St. John Nepomucene in NYC



Branch 716 invites all members, guests and friends to come enjoy Oktoberfest from 1:00PM – 6:30PM, on October 13, 2013, at St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York City.

Attendees can enjoy Slovak, Czech and German food, music for dancing and listening pleasure from two bands – Express and Hans Schneider - and draft beer, with a beer mug you can take home. Jan Skrkon serves as Chairman for the event.

Admission price per person: \$40.00. Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve your seat, call: Jozef Bilik at 1 -718-463-2084; Anna Korčak at 1 – 201-670-8162;

Paul Flalkovič at 1-914-375-1650; Henrieta Daitová at 1-201-641-8922; or Maria Bažckova at 1-347-612-1934.

Submitted by Henrieta H. Daitova, Branch 716 Secretary-Treasurer

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

THINK ABOUT IT!

Scenes from the Rev. Stephen Furdek District

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District 10, Ohio District 10, held its Semi-Annual Meeting starting at 2:00PM on Sunday, August 25, 2013, at the home office of the First Catholic Slovak Union in Independence, OH.

Immediately following the district meeting on that date, the First Catholic Slovak Union Membership and Marketing Committee held a Sales Seminar for the afternoon's attendees. De-

signed for district officers and branch officers as well as district-wide recommenders, the seminar covered information about our Society's insurance and annuity products, and as information about how to sell them.

The day wrapped up with a period of fraternal fellowship and delicious refreshments courtesy of Branch 855, which hosted the meeting.



Sales Seminar



Mark Your Calendars:

The following FCSU Sales Seminars have been finalized...



October 13, 2013 - Frank T. Holly District 9 and the Msgr. Andrew Hlinka District 12. The combined seminar will begin at 2 P.M. It will be held at the Hampton Inn located at 698 West Main St. in Uniontown, PA 15401.

Other seminars are pending...time and place to be announced. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of Jednota.

Attention all members of the Frank T. Holly, Jr. District 9 and the Monsignor Andrew Hlinka District 12:

Reserve Your Place at the Oct Sales Seminar

Please call James Marmol, Regional Director, to reserve your seat for the October 13th sales seminar.

Reservations are required in order to notify the caterer and determine the amount of food to be ordered for a light luncheon. Your **reservations** are needed by **September 30, 2013** and can be made by calling Jim or his wife Patty at 724-437-0892. Seating is limited so please contact Jim or Patty before the deadline. Please call as soon as possible to make your reservation and to make this a successful sales seminar.



James Marmol
Regional Director, Region 4

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Congratulations Dzedo Kopanic



Dr. Michael Kopanic, regular contributor to Jednota and FCSU member, and his wife Becky with grandson Pavol Feighner. Born on August 23, 2013 to Milenka and Paul Feighner, Mike reports all are doing well, and he looks forward to being dzedo, or "grandpa" to little Pavol, as Becky is to being baba or "grandma."

Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com

News From Slovakia

Horna Streda Remembers Its History, with Premier in Attendance

Horna Streda, August 25 (TASR) - The fact the first historical records of a village go back 750 years and that people have lived and worked there for such a long time ago allows us to look back at our history with pride, Prime Minister Robert Fico said upon attending celebrations at the village of Horna Streda (Trencin region) over this weekend.

The village in the district of Nove Mesto nad Vahom is commemorating the 750th anniversary of its first mention in historical records. Back in 1263, the village, referred to then as Sceredahel, was donated by King of Hungary Bela IV to the Benedictine monastery on Pannonian Hill as compensation for Gustig Castle. According to archaeological research, the area has been populated as far back as the predominantly ninth-century Great Moravian Empire.

These days the village has 1,300 inhabitants and takes pride in its attractive location for investment, mainly courtesy of its proximity to a highway and modern infrastructure.

The celebrations featured speeches by Fico and village mayor Lubomir Krajnansky, and performances by an ensemble made up of local school pupils and by a brass band. The appearance of well-known pop band Gladiator was the highlight of the program.

Krakow to Submit Joint 2022 Winter Olympic Bid with Slovakia

Demanovska Dolina, August 22 (TASR) - The Polish city of Krakow is ready to submit a bid to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, in which it counts on Slovakia's ski resort in Jasna (Zilina region) as the venue for organizing the alpine disciplines during the games, according to an agreement reached by a Polish-Slovak committee commissioned with preparing the bid at its joint session in Demanovska Dolina (Zilina region) on this date.

"It's essential to take all the steps together. We want to set an example that such sporting events can be organized in co-operation between two neighboring countries and nations. The idea is to focus on the Tatra Mountains area [both on the Slovak and Polish side], so that both sides can benefit permanently from the effort," said president of the Polish Olympic Committee Andrzej Krasnicki.

In addition, Juraj Blanar, who represents Slovakia in the joint preparation committee, disclosed that Krakow is expected to announce its official candidacy on hosting the Winter Olympics in co-operation with Slovakia on November 14. "It's subsequently slated to submit the bid supplemented with all the required attachments in March 2014," said Blanar, who also serves as governor of Zilina region (ZSK) and Smer-SD MP.

He also added that the ski resort in Jasna already holds a certificate granted by the International Ski Federation (FIS). Nonetheless, "it's up to the state and the regional government to completely develop high-quality infrastructure in the area."

Experience and Qualifications Viewed as Key in Job Seeking

Bratislava, August 21 (TASR) - Experience, qualifications, adaptability and computer literacy are the chief areas that jobseekers should focus on, a TNS Slovakia survey released on this date has shown.

More than half of Europeans who took part in the poll said that the two single most important areas they should pitch when seeking a job are experience and qualifications. More than one-third also placed a great deal of importance on one's ability to adapt to new employment conditions.

Differences were seen in perceptions between young and older people. While young people ascribed more importance to qualifications, older people viewed experience as more important than qualifications.

Meanwhile, relatively few respondents said that they're ready to travel abroad for work.

Foreign Soldiers to Come to Slovakia to Take Part in Maneuvers

Bratislava, August 21 (TASR) - Several dozens of foreign soldiers will come to Slovakia in the second half of 2013 to take part in simulated military operations.

The entry of foreign soldiers into Slovakia has been approved by Slovak Government on this date. Altogether there are 19 operations planned in Slovakia with foreign armies, practicing co-operation in resolving crisis situations or joint preparations before deploying forces in military operation UNFICYP on Cyprus. The Government also approved the participation of Slovak soldiers in 15 maneuvers abroad, with most soldiers - 150 - taking part in the simulated operations in Poland.

The Government approval of soldiers taking part in maneuvers abroad as well as foreign

soldiers entering Slovakia for the same purpose has been granted on the basis of international agreements and contracts about armaments control, disarmament and security and trust building.

Presov Remains Region with Best Economic Management

Presov, August 20 (TASR) - The Presov region (PSK) again leads the list of the best regions in Slovakia in terms of economic management, the Institute for Economic and Social Reforms (INEKO) announced on this date. Next in line is Nitra region (NSK).

"The financial health of PSK is reported as good and has been given the value of +1.8 points on a scale of -3 to +3 ... We have improved by 0.3 points compared to last year," says PSK chairman Peter Chudik, adding that the first place is indeed motivating.

According to INEKO, among the five most important indicators of financial stability are overall debt, debt servicing, liabilities at least 60 days after maturity, liquidity and balanced budgeting. INEKO also follows other indicators like the overall debt per inhabitant, which last year was brought down to €50 - compared to €75 in 2011 and even €81 in 2010.

According to PSK spokesperson Veronika Fitzekova, in the ranking of the financial health of towns within Presov region the best score was allotted to Kezmarok (+2.2 points), closely followed by Svit and Poprad (both +2.1 points). On the other hand, Velky Saris came up last ranking -0.5 points. The city of Presov itself was allocated 0.3 points. With more than 815,000 inhabitants, Presov is the most populated region in Slovakia.

The website about the economy of regions as well as local governments was launched by INEKO in 2012.

Slovaks No Longer Need Visas to Travel to Turkey

Bratislava/Ankara, August 20 (TASR-correspondent) - Slovaks will no longer need visas in order to travel to Turkey following a decision of the Turkish Government approved by Turkish President Abdullah Gul on this date.

Gul signed the decision - which was debated and okayed by the Turkish ministerial council on Monday - during a meeting with his Slovak counterpart Ivan Gasparovic, who's on an official visit to Ankara at the moment.

"This decision was approved by the president in my presence with his signature and a big smile. I'd been expecting this, and I'm very glad that my expectations have been met," said Gasparovic.

In his speech after signing the document, Gul observed that Turkey now expects Slovakia to be just as accommodating.

Meanwhile, Slovakia intends to liberalize visa obligations for Turkish entrepreneurs, students, sportsmen and researchers.

Nitra and Trnava Region Households Spend Most

Bratislava, August 18 (TASR) - Inhabitants of Nitra and Trnava regions spent the most money on their households, while the lowest figures are spent by people in Bratislava region, according to online poll Judgment Day carried out earlier this month by Sberbank Slovensko.

The poll also ascertained that Slovak households pay an average sum of €170 monthly in invoices for energy, TV, internet and telephone use.

The Judgment Day poll was designed for Slovak households to compare their costs with their regional average. According to the results, average monthly costs per household in Nitra and Trnava regions equal €201, while it's only €142 in Bratislava region. The factors influencing such a discrepancy are mostly energy costs and the average number of people sharing a single household.

"In Bratislava region, people tend to live more in apartments, where energy costs are lower. On the other hand, Nitra region has statistically the highest number of inhabitants living in smaller villages and, therefore, it also has the higher number of the so-called 'family houses' - or detached housing," said Filip Vitek of Sberbank Slovensko, who pointed out the obvious difference in energy costs between apartments and houses.

Also important to note is the fact that there is a higher number of smaller households in Bratislava itself, and these households skew the average figures for the region as a whole.

When calculating expenditures per single household member, however, Bratislava matches the average of neighboring regions. Overall, western Slovak regions spend more on mobile phone services, which is a reflection of the regional disparities in salaries and living standards that Slovakia is noted for.



Tourists are given a tour of the museum village in Zuberec in Orava. The village consists of more than 50 buildings reproduced in the Slovak folk style.

FOTO TASR - Pavol Ďurčo, 9. august 2013

Múzeum oravskej dediny Zuberec - Brestová sa nachádza v krásnom prírodnom prostredí v podhorí Roháčov. Viac ako 50 stavieb ľudovej architektúry je tu rozostavených v niekoľkých celkoch, ktoré pripomínajú jednotlivé časti Oravy. Zariadenie domov a chov domácich zvierat - v letnom období aj pestovanie typických plodín - umožňujú návštevníkom, predstaviť si život a prácu ľudí na Orave v minulosti. Na snímke návštevníci sa vezú na konskom záprahu počas prehliadky múzea oravskej dediny v Zuberco na Brestovej.

Slovenská delegácia na Valnom zhromaždení OSN

Delegáciu SR na úvodnej oficiálnej časti 68. Valného zhromaždenia (VZ) OSN v New Yorku povedie prezident Ivan Gašparovič. Jeho zástupcami budú šéf diplomacie Miroslav Lajčák a stály predstaviteľ Slovenska pri OSN František Ružička. Zasadnutie začne 17. septembra, pričom jeho hlavná časť sa koná od 23. septembra do konca tohto roka. Na expertnej úrovni pokračuje do 16. septembra 2014. Hlavnou témou je rozvojová agenda po roku 2015. Pôjde predovšetkým o nastavenie nových rozvojových cieľov, inštitucionálnych štruktúr a pracovných metód orgánov systému OSN pre ich implementáciu. Všeobecná rozprava na úvod VZ, ktorá bude od 23. septembra až 4. októbra, je príležitosťou pre najvyšších ústavných činiteľov krajín sveta osobne sa stretnúť, prerokovať aktuálne medzinárodné problémy a prezentovať politické vízie ďalšieho smerovania medzinárodného spoločenstva s centrálnou úlohou OSN.

Gašparovič vo svojom vystúpení zhodnotí 20 rokov členstva SR v organizácii a predstaví pozície krajiny k riešeniu zásadných otázok v oblasti podpory mieru a bezpečnosti vo svete, dodržiavania ľudských práv, princípov demokracie, právneho štátu a posilnenia úlohy OSN, vrátane potrebných reforiem riadenia a financovania organizácie. Osobitnú pozornosť bude venovať rozvojovej agende, ktorej riešenie je prioritou predsedu 68. zasadnutia VZ OSN Johna Asheho.

Slovensko okrem toho kandiduje do Rady OSN pre ľudské práva na funkčné obdobie 2018 a ž 2020. Voľby sa uskutočnia v roku 2017, takže účasť slovenskej delegácie na nastávajúcom VZ bude podľa ministerstva zahraničných vecí dobrou príležitosťou na pokračovanie kampane pre získanie podpory kandidatúry členských krajín.

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Pietna slávnosť na 75. výročie smrti A. Hlinku

Pri príležitosti 75. výročia smrti významného slovenského politika, národovca a kňaza Andreja Hlinku sa 16. augusta popoludní v parku nesúcom jeho meno v mestskej časti Ružinov konala pietna spomienka, na ktorej sa zúčastnilo okolo sto, väčšinou starších občanov.

Vence k pamätníku A. Hlinku položili zástupcovia ružinovskej miestnej samosprávy, Bratislavského samosprávneho kraja, Matice slovenskej, Ústavu pamäti národa, Spoločnosti A. Hlinku a Rímskokatolíckeho farského úradu v Ružinove. Rečníci pri pamätníku pripomenuli dejinný význam osobnosti Andreja Hlinku v boji Slovákov o národné sebaurčenie. Po pietnom akte sa konala slávnostná svätá omša v kostole sv. Vincenta de Paul v Ružinove.

Andrej Hlinka, slovenský národovec, politik, publicista a prekladateľ, sa narodil 27. septembra 1864 v Černej, dnešnej časti Ružomberka. Do histórie slovenského národa sa zapísal najmä tým, že sa neúnavne snažil riešiť otázku nemaďarských národov Uhorska, za čo bol často perzekvovaný a tiež väznený. K pamätnej udalosti došlo v roku 1907 v jeho rodnej obci. Uhorskí žandári tu pri vynútenej posviacke kostola strieľali do účastníkov zhromaždenia a zabil 15 ľudí len preto, lebo žiadali, aby im kostol posvätil ich rodák Andrej Hlinka. Udalosť pred celým svetom odhalila útlak slovenského národa a zmedzinárodnila slovenskú otázku. Významnejšie dátumy života A. Hlinku sa viažu na rok 1897, kedy založil Ľudové noviny, v roku 1905 založil Slovenskú ľudovú stranu, v rokoch 1907 – 1910 bol uväznený v Segedíne, 1918 – 1938 bol poslancom česko-slovenského parlamentu za Slovenskú ľudovú stranu (od r. 1925 HSLS) a v rokoch 1920 až 1938 pôsobil ako predseda Spolku Svätého Vojtecha. Zomrel 16. augusta 1938 v Ružomberku, jeho telesné pozostatky boli najprv uložené na ružomerskom cintoríne a 31. októbra 1938 slávnostne prenesené do mauzólea pri ružomerskom farskom kostole. Pred príchodom Červenej armády ich v marci 1945 odviezli na neznáme miesto na Slovensku. Po roku 1945 patril medzi tie slovenské osobnosti, ktoré mali byť vymazané z historickej pamäti národa.

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Oslavy 150. výročia založenia Matice slovenskej

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Cyrila a Metoda a bust Štefana Moyses, Karola Kuzmányho a Jána Francisciho. V sobotu 3. augusta sa okrem iného konal Sprievod matičiarov ulicami Martina do amfiteátra, kde program pokračoval vystúpeniami matičných folklórnych súborov, spevácko-dramatických skupín a iných záujmových združení z celého Slovenska.

Počas slávnostného galaprogramu "Ochránkyňa národa", vysielaného v priamom televíznom prenose, boli pri príležitosti 20. výročia vzniku Slovenskej republiky ocenené Cenou dvadsaťročia osobnosti v 20 kategóriách národného, politického, kultúrneho, vedeckého, umeleckého, duchovného, hospodárskeho a spoločenského života. Za všetkých ocenených sa divákovi prihovoril bývalý prezident Českej republiky Václav Klaus. Sobotný program vyvrcholil v amfiteátri v Martine nočnými koncertmi hudobných skupín. Počas záverečného dňa slávnosti sa konali slávnostné bohoslužby, organový koncert a programy Matičnej nedele v SNM Múzeu slovenskej dediny.

Chlieb svoj každodenný...

Takto to čítame vo Sv. Písme, že v potu tvári, si budeš dorábať chlieb svoj každodenný. Áno, takéto podmienky sú na mnohých, slovenských dedinkách. Skoro ráno prv, než vypije slniečko rannú rosu, slovenský maloroľník, pokľakne na zem, poďakuje, pobrusí kosu a neúnavne kosí, žnica pokosené v snopy kladie a on ich viaže. Deň má veľa horúcich hodín, krčah studenej vody im dobre chutí. Ražné snopy v znaku kríža skladá a o skorý večer v duchu prosí. Potom na kravičkách snopy domov, na humno vozi, kde ich cepami omláti a vetrik plevy preč odnesie. Čisté semeno raži, jačmeňa v malej sýpke, pre budúce použitie uskladní. Spokojný, na kravičkách, zbožie do starého mlyna odvezie a za výmenu bielučkú múku a otruby domov dovezie. Tu, potom domáca gazdiná preberie úlohu, zamiesi cesto a päť veľkých pecňov do pece pripraví. O niekoľko hodín chlieb je upečený. Zaväňa nie len v kuchyni, ale vôňu cítiť až kdesi na ulici. A tu majú decká sólo, chlebiček im dobre chutí. Áno, toto je ten náš chlieb každodenný. Ďakujeme-ďakujeme, tisíckrát.

Jozef Smák

Preslávené Karpatsko-Rusínske speváčky spolu na spoločnom turné

Najznámejšia karpato-rusínska ľudová speváčka a ďalšia prominentná rusínska speváčka sa spoja na svojom prvom turné po veľkých amerických mestách. Mária Mačoškova, ktorá je vnímaná na medzinárodnej scéne ako "Prvá dáma" karpato-rusínskych ľudových spevákov vôbec, vystúpi s ľudovými piesňami karpato-rusínov spolu s Beátou Begeniovou-Fedoriovou, tiež prominentnou karpato-rusínskou speváčkou pôsobiace ako v Európe, tak aj v Severnej Amerike. Sprevádzané budú známym akordeonistom Jozef Pirohom z Prešova. Je to prvýkrát, čo sa tieto dve speváčky objavia spolu po takmer 20 rokoch od čias, kedy zvykli spievať na rôznych kultúrnych akciách na svojom rodnom Slovensku. Nikdy predtým sa tieto dve umelkyne neobjavili spolu v Spojených štátoch amerických.

Mačoškova, Begeniová-Fedoriová a Piroh - všetci pochádzajú z Prešova na Slovensku, ktorý je jedným zo sesterských miest Pittsburghu v štáte Pensylvánia. Bratislava, hlavné mesto Slovenska, a Cleveland v štáte Ohio sú tiež sesterskými mestami.

Turné s názvom Maria Mačoškova in Concert zahŕňa mestá Washington DC, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, New York City a Minneapolis. **Naplánované sú tieto vystúpenia:**

Štvrtok, 5. septembra o 19:00hod – Veľvyslanectvo Slovenskej republiky, Washington, DC, 3523 International Ct NW, Washington, DC 20008

Nedeľa, 8. septembra o 15:00hod – New Hazlett Theatre, Pittsburgh, PA; Allegheny Square E, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Sobota, 14. septembra o 19:00hod – Edison High School, Minneapolis, MN; 700 22nd Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Nedeľa, 15. septembra o 15:00hod – Mixon Hall at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH; 11021 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Nedeľa, 22. septembra o 15:00hod – St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, New York, NY; 288 East 10th Street, New York, NY 10009

„Toto je pre nás veľmi vzrušujúca udalosť“, povedala Maria Silvestri, prezidentka nadácie John & Helen Timo Foundation, ktorá je sponzorom celého turné. „Tito významní karpato-rusínski umelci prichádzajú, aby vystavili americké publikum všemožného pôvodu bohatosti karpato-rusínskej kultúry cez jej ľudovú pieseň a hudbu.“

Mačoškova, ktorá sa narodila v karpato-rusínskej obci Potôčky, dnes na Slovensku, je vyzretou profesionálnou speváčkou ako aj karpato-rusínskou aktivistkou. Zsvätila svoj život tomu, aby cez karpato-rusínsku pieseň pomohla ľuďom porozumieť kráse a hĺbke karpato-rusínskej kultúry. Viac ako štyri desaťročia vystupovala so súborom PULS z Prešova - najlepším profesionálnym karpato-rusínskym umeleckým telesom. Tiež vystupovala s Brnenským rozhlasovým orchestrom ľudových nástrojov, Janoškovým cimbálovým orchestrom z Prahy, obidva dnes v Českej republike. Urobila viac ako ktokoľvek iný v popularizácii karpato-rusínskej ľudovej hudby v celom bývalom Československu, a najviac na území dnešného Slovenska. V roku 1985 jej bol ministrom kultúry Československa udelený titul zaslúžilá umelkyňa.

Begeniová-Fedoriová vystupovala s karpato-rusínskou ľudovou hudbou od jej mladosti na Slovensku. Narodila sa v Medzilaborciach a vďaka jej talentu je známa v Európe aj Amerike. V súčasnosti vystupuje s Clevelandskou hudobnou skupinou Harmonia s repertoárom, ktorý zahŕňa stredoeurópsku aj východoeurópsku hudbu. Táto skupina bola na americkom štátnom verejnom rozhlase nazvaná „hudobným drahokamom“ a Folklore Society of Greater Washington, DC ich nazvala „obscénne talentovanými“.

Tento prvý projekt je podujatím John & Helen Timo Foundation, novej nadácie založenej v Pittsburghu v Pensylvánii, ktorá je zameraná na propagáciu a rozvoj karpato-rusínskej kultúry. Turné Maria Mačoškova in Concert je výsledkom spolupráce organizácií severoamerickej karpato-rusínskej komunity, vrátane Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Rusin Association of Minnesota a Slovak American Society of Washington, DC.

Lístky a viac informácií k všetkým vystúpeniam sú k dispozícii na www.rusynprojects.org alebo na telefónnom čísle 1-888-71-TICKETS.

Karpato-rusíni sú východoslovenskou etnickou skupinou z Karpát v stredovýchodnej Európe. Nikdy nemali vlastný štát, ale aj napriek tomu si uchovali svoju živú kultúru. Dnes je ich vlasť územne rozdelená medzi Slovensko, Ukrajinu, Poľsko, Maďarsko a Rumunsko, s veľkými komunitami tiež v Srbsku, Chorvátsku a Spojených štátoch amerických. Rusíni ako národnostná menšina sú uznaní všetkými týmito štátmi s výnimkou Ukrajiny. Odhadom najmenej 600,000 Američanov je karpato-rusínskeho pôvodu.

Oznamy a spoločenské podujatia

Oslavy jubilejného roka sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Los Angeles

Srdečne pozývame všetkých Slovákov a priateľov Slovenska na slávnostnú svätú omšu z príležitosti 1150. výročia evanjelizácie Slovákov solúnskymi bratmi sv. Cyrilom a Metodom. Svätá omša sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 8. septembra 2013 o 3.00 hodine odpolednia v Chapel St. John Bosco High School, 13640 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, California. Slávnostnú svätú omšu bude celebrovať biskup Mons. Jozef Haľko, ktorý prichádza z Bratislavy medzi Slovákov do USA a Kanady, povzbudiť veriacich vo viere v Boha a posilniť zachovanie dedičstva otcov. Koncelebrantom bude duchovný otec z Ontaria, Pavol Sochuľak. Biskup Mons. Haľko nesie so sebou aj relikviu svätého Cyrila, ktorú za týmto účelom zapožičal Slovenský pápežský ústav sv. Cyrila Metoda v Ríme. Počas celej slávnosti bude relikvia vystavená v kaplnke sv. John Bosco.

Po omši bude pohostenie v priateľskom prostredí kafetérie pri tónoch slovenskej hudby, na ktoré srdečne pozývame všetkých. Biskup sa teší na osobné stretnutie s vami. Doviďenia v Bellflower

Pavol Skuběň, predseda Okresu Princa Pribinu 15

Slovenský festival v New Jersey

36. festival slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey sa bude konať v poslednú septembrovú nedeľu, 29. septembra 2013. Na festivale vystúpi tanečná a spevácka skupina Čirčanka zo Slovenska a predstavia sa aj viaceré domáce talenty. Účasť prisľúbili aj politickí činitelia zo Slovenska. Zúčastní sa výstavné-potravinové stánky sa môžu prihlásiť u Zuzany Krčmárovej na tel. čísle (973) 357-1209.

Októbrová zábava „Oktoberfest“ v NYC

Asociácia ACF „Big Apple Chapter“ a Okres Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty si Vás dovoľujú pozvať na **OKTÓBROVÚ ZÁBAVU „OKTOBERFEST“** ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 13. októbra 2013 od 1:00 - 6:30 odpolednia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

Budú sa podávať nemecké, slovenské a české špeciality bufetovým spôsobom. Tiež bude otvorený bar s čapovaným pivom, vínom a nealkoholickými nápojmi. Vstupné je 40.00 dolárov, v čom sú zahrnuté spomínané špeciality a otvorený bar. Nebude chýbať ani tombola a rôzne ceny. Každý účastník obdrží pamiatkový pohár na pivo. K dobrej nálade prispieje slovenská a nemecká hudba, ktorá bude hrať do tanca a na počúvanie. Rezervácia vstupeniek: Jozef Bilik : (718) 463-2084; Anna Korčák : (201) 670-8162; Paul Fialkovič: (914) 375-1650; Henrieta Daitová: (201) 641-8922; Mária Božeková: (347) 612-1934. Srdečne vás všetkých vítame!

Oslava storočnice v Cliftone, NJ

Oslava storočnice Slovenského kostola sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Ave, v Cliftone, NJ bude v nedeľu 3. novembra 2013. Slávnostná svätá omša bude o 10.30 hodine. Po omši bude v reštaurácii Venesia v Garfield, NJ banket. Lístky na banket sú už na predaj na fare sv. Cyrila a Metoda, alebo pred a po slovenskej svätej omši, ktorá je každú nedeľu o 10:30 hod doobeda. Cena lístkov je 80.00 dolárov za dospelých a 40.00 dolárov pre deti vo veku 12 rokov. Bližšie informácie na tel. č. (973) 546-43909.

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu, Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 24. novembra 2013 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City, 411 East 66th Street, 1st Avenue, NYC po slovenskej svätej omši, ktorá sa začína o 11:00 dopoludnia.

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, budú prevedené voľby úradníkov na rok 2014 a príprava činnosti na budúce obdobie. Tiež bude prevedená voľba delegátov na 50. Konvenciu 2014 IKSJ vo Philadelphii, PA.

Po skončení výročnej členskej schôdzy bude sa podávať bohaté občerstvenie, ktoré pripravujú členovia Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ. Variť bude Janko Škrkoň.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ, NYC

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 1. decembra 2013 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia sa uskutoční Výročná členská schôdza vo farskej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

V programe schôdzy je podanie finančnej správy, voľby úradníkov na rok 2014 a diskusia o návrhoch na ďalšiu činnosť. Tiež budú prevedené voľby delegátov na 50. Konvenciu 2014 IKSJ vo Philadelphii, PA. Vyzývame všetkých členov, aby sa tejto dôležitej schôdzy zúčastnili. Po schôdzy sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripraví Ján Škrkoň. Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Púť do Washingtonu, DC

Farnosť sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ a Slovenská katolícka jednota v spolupráci s Veľvyslanectvom Slovenskej republiky vo Washingtone, DC a Generálnym konzulátom SR v New Yorku Vás pozývajú na slávnostnú sv. omšu v nedeľu 15. septembra o 10.00 hodine v dolnej krypte Národnej baziliky Nepoškvrneného počatia vo Washingtone, DC.

Sv. omša sa bude konať pri príležitosti sviatku Sedembolestnej Panny Márie - patrónky Slovenska, 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na Veľkú Moravu a storočnice založenia farnosti sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ.

Usporiadatelia pozývajú všetkých Slovákov z okolia, aby sa na omši zúčastnili. Adresa: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Vydarený piknik v Linden, New Jersey



Slovenské kultúrne stredisko v Linden, N.J. usporiadalo piknik v nedeľu 23. júna 2013 v Slovensko-americkom občianskom klube v Teremley Point. Za pekného počasia sa na pikniku zišlo vyše 50 členov. O obstarávanie jedla, zákuskov a občerstvenie ako aj o jeho prípravu sa postarali manželka Kristine a Janko Dračulin. Každý z prítomných sa dobre zabavil a v neskorých hodinách sa rozchádzali domov.

V mene všetkých ďakujeme Jankovi a Kristine za ich neúnavnú prácu, ktorú si vyžiadala príprava a úspech tohto podujatia.

S pozdravom a doviďenia za Kultúrne stredisko

Anna Karch

IN MEMORIAM

Ján Hvasta vo večnosti

Vo Floride zomrel Ján Hvasta, bývalý predseda Slovak-american National Council (SANC) a národný politický aktivista. Ako 85-ročný skončil svoju životnú púť po dlhšej chorobe dňa 28. marca 2013.

Ján Hvasta mal zaujímavý život. Narodil sa v Miglešove na východnom Slovensku. S rodičmi emigroval do USA vo veku 11 rokov. Tu vyštudoval a pred koncom 2. svetovej vojny vstúpil do americkej armády. Po vojne chcel študovať na pražskej univerzite, ale prijal miesto prekladateľa na novo otvorenom americkom konzuláte v Bratislave, kde sa stal prvým konzulom neskorší vplyvný senátor Claiborne Pell. Po komunistickom prevrate v r. 1948 ho komunistická polícia zaistila a bol odsúdený ako „americký špión“ na 25 rokov. Po čase sa mu podarilo s niekoľkými väzňami ujsť na slobodu. Po trojročnom skrývaní sa mu podarilo dostať sa na americké veľvyslanectvo, odkiaľ sa dostal do USA zásluhou vtedajšieho ministra zahraničia USA Johna F. Dullesa.

Jeho príbeh zaujal americkú tlač a verejnosť. Uverejnili ho viaceré denníky i týždenné magazíny.

Usadil sa v blízkosti Washingtonu a venoval sa slovenskej politike, pričom mu výdatne pomohol senátor Pell, ktorý sa časom stal predsedom Zahraničného výboru Senátu. Založil SANC a angažoval sa aj za založenie Svetového kongresu Slovákov, v ktorom zastával niekoľko funkcií. Jeho styky vo Washingtone pomohli činiteľom SKS získať cenné styky s politikmi USA.

V roku 1988 viedol kontroverznú výpravu na Slovensko, v ktorej boli aj poprední americkoslovenskí činitelia. Senátor Pell a Štátny Department v tom čase podporovali spoločenské a kultúrne styky s komunistickými štátmi v Strednej Európe, kedy komunizmus už prežíval krízové roky. Túto výpravu prijali aj vysokí vládni úradníci v Bratislave, ktorí si vypočuli ponosy a kritiky americkoslovenských činiteľov o prenasledovaní cirkvi, obmedzovaní rodinných stykov a potlačaní ľudských práv.

Ján Hvasta je pochovaný na rodinnom cintoríne v Uniontown, Pa. Pohrebné obrady sa konali v gréckokatolíckom kostole sv. Nicholasa v Perryopolis, Pa.



Ján Hvasta

Uzatvorenie Generálneho konzulátu Slovenskej republiky v Los Angeles

Oznamujeme Vám, že Generálny konzulát Slovenskej republiky v Los Angeles sa pre verejnosť uzatvára k 30. septembru 2013. Všetky nové konzulárne a vízové žiadosti ako aj dosiaľ nevybavené žiadosti preberie Generálny konzulát SR v New Yorku a Veľvyslanectvo SR vo Washingtone.

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Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Cudzinci** z 35 krajín sveta sa zúčastnili začiatkom augusta trojtýždňovej Letnej školy slovenského jazyka a kultúry. Do jej 49. ročníka sa zapojili 160 záujemcovia z celého sveta, a to napríklad z Egypta, Taiwanu, Južnej Kórey či Malajzie, najviac ich však je z Nemecka. Medzi účastníkmi letnej školy sú prevažne študenti, ktorí sa slovenčinu učia na zahraničných univerzitách. Letná škola slovenského jazyka a kultúry je podľa dekana Filozofickej fakulty Univerzity Komenského (UK) v Bratislave Jaroslava Šušola viac ako len jazykový kurz. "Je to šanca stať sa priamym účastníkom kultúry, zažiť kontakt s mentalitou, zvyklosťami a spoznávaním života na Slovensku," vyhlásil počas slávnostného otvorenia letnej školy v Aule UK.

• **V roku 2012** vstúpilo v Bratislavskom kraji do manželského zväzku 3,597 párov, čo je o 222 viac ako v rok predtým. Najviac sobášov zaevidovali v okrese Bratislava V (791), najmenej v okrese Bratislava I (277). Najpočetnejšiu skupinu tvorili sobáše s vekom ženicha od 30 do 34 rokov (35 percent) a u neviest od 25 do 29 rokov (37,9 percenta). Vo veku 50 a viac rokov uzavrelo sobáš 283 ženichov a 152 neviest. Priemerný vek ženichov bol 34,92 a neviest 32,04 roka. V medzikrajskom porovnaní bol priemerný vek ženicha aj nevesty v Bratislavskom kraji najvyšší. Priemer za SR bol u ženichov 32,64 a u neviest 29,57 roka. Vlní mala v tomto kraji mierne vzrastajúcu tendenciu aj rozvodovosť. Z okresov kraja najvyššiu rozvodovosť – 3,1 promile vykázali okresy Pezinok a Senec, najnižšiu 2,16 promile okres Bratislava I.

• **Japonská** nadnárodná spoločnosť Akebono Brake Industry má otvorené dvere do trencianskeho priemyselného parku na Bratislavskej ulici. Japonský investor má záujem o výstavbu a prevádzku závodu v priemyselnej zóne na pozemkoch o celkovej výmere 40,000 metrov štvorcových. Keďže mesto nie je vlastníkom všetkých pozemkov, o ktoré má Akebono Brake Industry záujem, požiadalo o odkúpenie pozemkov Slovenský pozemkový fond. Japonci sa rozhodovali medzi Slovenskom, Maďarskom, Poľskom a Českou republikou. Rozhodli sa pre Trenčín, čo deklarujú aj podpísaním memoranda. Slovenská agentúra pre rozvoj investícií a obchodu (SARIO) uvádza, že by mali vytvoriť v Trenčíne do 350 pracovných miest.

• **V trebišovskom** regióne, ktorý je známy hlavne vďaka produkcii tokajského vína, si v poslednom období razí cestu aj pivo od miestnych pivovarníkov. Produkuje ho napríklad minipivovar v obci Vojčice, ktorý si tam pred časom založila rodina Vereščáková. Vojčický minipivovar, ktorý sídli v rodinnom dome Vereščákovcov, je zatiaľ iba v skúšobnej prevádzke. Na ostro začne fungovať približne za tri týždne. Rodinný podnik bude za plnej prevádzky schopný vyprodukovať mesačne takmer 3,000 litrov piva. Biopivo z Vojčíc v súčasnosti neputuje na pulty obchodných reťazcov, ale sa rozpredáva spotrebiteľom v okolitom regióne. Tým, že je bez konzervantov a iných stabilizačných prísad, má totiž obmedzenú trvanlivosť. Podľa šéfa minipivovaru sa však domáce pivo v kraji vína celkom ujal. "Môžem povedať, že nestíhame vyrábať."

• **Evakuačné** tranzitné centrum (ETC) v Humennom privítalo v júli 138 nových utečencov a tým poskytlo dôležité útočisko niekoľkým z najzraniteľnejších ľudí sveta pred tým, ako budú presídlení do tretích krajín. Päťdesiatdeväť somálskych utečencov, väčšinou rodiny s deťmi, pricestovalo do Humenného v júli z Eritrey, kde žili v dlhodobom nevhodných podmienkach. Z rovnakého dôvodu bolo do ETC v Humennom evakuovaných spolu 79 utečencov z Afganistanu, z väčšej časti ženy a deti, ktoré boli na Slovensko presunuté postupne z Iránu, informovala Gabriela Dunajčíková z UNHCR Slovensko. Noví obyvatelia ETC sa pripojili k ďalším utečencom z Etiópie, Sudánu a Somálska, čím sa celkový počet všetkých zvýšil na 142 – rekordne najvyšší od otvorenia centra v roku 2009.

• **Slovenská** vláda podporuje kandidatúru poľského mesta Krakov na zorganizovanie ZOH v roku 2022 za spoluúčasti Slovenska. Poľská strana sa o spoluprácu zaujíma dlhodobo. Od roku 2000 sa uskutočnilo niekoľko rozhovorov medzi predstaviteľmi Poľského a Slovenského olympijského výboru. Koncom marca tohto roka o príprave spoločnej kandidatúry na usporiadanie ZOH rokovala slovenská a poľská vláda v Poprade. Premiér Robert Fico (Smer-SD) vtedy povedal, že vláda vyvinie maximálnu energiu na podporu spoločnej kandidatúry ZOH. Olympiáda by podľa neho bola obrovskou celosvetovou reklamou pre Slovensko. Poliaci ponúkli vlní Slovensku organizovanie všetkých alpských disciplín a akrobatické lyžovanie. SR si však dala podmienku, že sa chce podieľať aj na hokejovom turnaji.

• **Slováci** majú najväčší strach z rastu cien potravín. Vyplýva to z prieskumu agentúry YouGov, materskej spoločnosti Provident Financial, ktorý uskutočnila medzi zákazníkmi v Európe a Mexiku. Prieskum ukázal, že ľudia majú najväčší strach z vysokých životných nákladov. Najväčší strach z rastúcich cien na živobytie pritom majú Maďari, ktorí v prieskume tvorili až 80 %. Približne 43 % Slovákov sa zasa najviac bojí rastu cien v obchodoch, takmer polovicu opýtaných Rumunov zasa trápi zvýšené náklady na verejné služby. V Mexiku prevládala strach z kriminality v mieste bydliska až u tretiny ľudí. Ľudia podľa prieskumu najviac šetria na spoločenskom živote, menej miňajú aj na zariadenie svojich domácností a dokonca sú ochotní vzdať sa aj dovolenky v zahraničí.

• **Oslava 600.** výročia prvej písomnej zmienky o Rajeckej Lesnej (okres Žilina) dotvára mozaiku histórie Slovenska a potvrdzuje, že Slováci skutočne majú svoje dejiny. Do obce prichádzajú ročne tisíce ľudí, aby navštívili unikátny Slovenský betlehem či farský kostol Narodenia Panny Márie s milostivou sochou Frivaldskej Panny Márie zo 16. storočia, ktorý bol v roku 2002 vyhlásený za baziliku minor. Okrem toho pútnici prichádzajú aj na kalváriu s krížovou cestou, na konci ktorej je kostolík Nanebovstúpenia Pána.

• **Takmer** tri štvrtiny Slovákov v súčasnosti kontrolujú svoje výdavky a dokonca sú peniaze čoraz častejšie predmetom diskusií v rodinách. Viac ako tretina slovenskej populácie vo veku od 15 do 65 má pocit, že sa má dnes po finančnej stránke horšie ako pred rokom. Vyplýva to zo štúdie TNS LifeStyle, ktorú zrealizovala agentúra TNS Slovakia. Štúdia segmentuje Slovákov do šiestich typologicky odlišných skupín vzhľadom na životné postoje a hodnoty, ktoré sú ľuďom blízke. Rovnako kríza mala na tieto skupiny rozdielny efekt, jedných podnietila k aktivite, ďalší však pod jej vplyvom stagnovali a ťažko sa im spamätáva.

• **V nedeľu 18. augusta** sa v Kostole svätých Cyrila a Metoda v Toronte uskutočnila slávnostná svätá omša, ktorou vyvrcholil duchovný program v súvislosti s prítomnosťou relikvie svätého Cyrila. Svätú omšu za prítomnosti slovenských komunit z Toronta, Hamiltonu a Cambridge koncelebrovali s biskupom Jozefom Haľkom miestny farár Jozef Vaňo, kňazi Spoločnosti Ježišovej Michael Kolarčík S.J. a Luboš Rojka S.J., kňazi Pavol Hancko, Miroslav Michalík a Jozef Mucha za asistencie diakona Milana Popíka. Prítomný bol veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v Kanade Milan Kollár a honorárny konzul v Toronte Michael Martinček. V homílii biskup Haľko zdôraznil dôležitosť prežívania Kristovej živej prítomnosti posilňujúcej ku každodennému uskutočňovaniu cyrilometodského dedičstva. V stredu 21. augusta sa relikvia presúva na jeden deň do slovenskej komunity v meste Sarnia, odkiaľ pokračuje na územie USA ku Slovákom v Detrote.

• **Americká** IT spoločnosť Dell, chce v Bratislave vybudovať do deviatich mesiacov nové záručné centrum. Pre hlavné mesto Slovensko by to znamenalo 600 nových pracovných miest. Spoločnosť už jednu pobočku v Bratislave má. Ide o Európske obchodné centrum, ktoré zamestnáva dve tisíce ľudí.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Výzva pre pamätníkov 2. svetovej vojny

Producent a režisér Ivan Ostrochovský pripravuje dokumentárny film pod záštitou Slovenského rozhlasu, televízie Slovensko a Audiovizuálneho fondu o 2. svetovej vojne a o prvej Slovenskej republike.

Konzulát Slovenskej republiky v New Yorku nás požiadal o uverejnenie výzvy pre pamätníkov týchto čias, ktorí počas 2. svetovej vojny mali najmenej 15 rokov, aby sa prihlásili u Zuzany Andreanskej, tel. (203) 979-0788; e-mail: phorallllc@gmail.com.

Slovenská katolícka púť do West Haverstraw, N.Y.

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Slávnostnú svätú omšu biskup Haľko odslúžil pri krásnom vonkajšom oltári Mariánskej svätynie za koncelebrácie otcov Štefana Chanasa a Martina Kertysa. Putujúca relikvia svätého Cyrila, bola počas celej svätej omše vystavená na oltári. Prvé čítanie prečítala tajomníčka Slovenskej ligy Nina Holá, druhé čítanie Jozefína Solotruková a modlitby veriacich pán Hric, ktorého dvaja synovia slúžili ministrom. Svojou hrou na organe a spevom uctila Nebeskú Matku organistka Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého Mária Rechteriková.

Po svätej omši sa podával pútnikom veľmi dobrý obed o ktorý sa postarali členovia Spolku sv. Štefana: Ludmila Hlinková, Ján Lysák, Mária Božeková, Mária Gaborčíková, Hanka Bilik a Serafína Šulák.

Tohoročnú Mariánsku púť zakončila Ružencová pobožnosť pod vedením otca biskupa Jozefa Haľku a otca Štefana Chanasa. Pannu Máriu Matku Ježiša si uctili prítomní pomodlením Slávnostného ruženca.

Na záver sa žiada poďakovať otcovi Jimimu Mc Renna z Marian Shrine, ktorý pre pútnikov pripravil k svätej omši vonkajší oltár ako aj miestnosť, kde sa podával obed a občerstvenie. Vďaka však patrí hlavne otcovi biskupovi Jozefovi Haľkovi, ktorý sa pútnikom prihovoril peknou a hlboko precitenu kázňou, otcovi Štefanovi Chanasovi a Martinovi Kertysovi, ktorí odslúžili mimoriadne slávnostnú svätú omšu ako aj organistke Márii Rechterikovej. Zo Spolku sv. Štefana sme vďační usporiadateľom púte: manželom Bielikovým, Daitovým, Šulákovým a tým, čo sa postarali o výborný obed a občerstvenie: Ludmile Hlinkovej, Jánovi Lysákovi, Márii Božekovej, Márii Gaborčíkovej. Vďaka patrí Karolovi Vidovi, ktorý priviezol pútnikov z NYC a pomáhal pri podávaní obeda a nápojov a nakoniec i všetkým pútnikom, ktorí prišli na túto Mariánsku púť, aby si od Matky Božej vyprosili zdravie a pokoj duše. Ochraňuj Matka Božia národ slovenský, aby zotrval v láske a svornosti. Ave, Ave, Ave Mária, Zdravas, zdravas Mária...

Henrieta H. Daitová,
tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716



Počas privítania účastníkov púte tajomníčka Spolku Henrieta H. Daitová, zľava: otec Martin Kertys, otec biskup Jozef Haľko, otec Štefan Chanas.

V prostriedku biskup Jozef Haľko a otec Štefan Chanas v spoločnosti rodiny Daitových.



Záber na pútnikov počas svätej omše.

Členovia Spolku č. 716 IKSJ počas podávania obeda. Zľava Mária Gaborčíková, Milka Hlinková, pri šporáku Ján Lysák, vyzadu Serafka Šulák.



Pútnici pri Ružencovej procesii spolu s biskupom Jozefom Haľkom a otcom Štefanom Chanasom.



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



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

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Účastníci Slovenskej katolíckej púte v nedeľu 11. augusta 2013 so vzácnym hosťom biskupom Jozefom Haľkom (v prostriedku) a kňazmi pred oltárom.



Slovenská katolícka púť do West Haverstraw, N.Y.

„Počúvajte vrúcny hlas, jak Mária volá nás. Putujme k nej s radosťou, Spievajme jej s vrúcnosťou, Zdravas buď Mária milosti plná, buď od nás nastokrát pozdravená ...“

Približne 116 veriacich z New Yorku, New Jersey, Connecticut ba aj z Washingtonu D.C. prišli na Slovenskú katolícku púť, ktorá sa konala v nedeľu 11. augusta 2013 na pozemkoch Mariánskej svätyne saleziánov Don Boska v New Yorku. Hlavnými organizátormi púte boli Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v New York City za aktívnej spolupráce Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého.

Panna Mária, ktorá bola do neba vzatá privítala pútnikov krásnym počasím. V úvodnej časti katolíckej púte do Mariánskej svätyne, tajomníčka spolku Henrieta Daitová privítala vzácného hosťa pána biskupa Jozefa Haľku, ktorý poctil prítomných svojou návštevou zo Slovenska.

Biskup Haľko, ktorý má v rámci KBS na starosti zahraničných Slovákov, vycestoval s relikviou sv. Cyrila do zámoria 31. júla a jeho cesta, ktorá sa realizuje v rámci slávenia Roku sv. Cyrila a Metoda na územie Slovenska, potrvá do 11. septembra tohto roku.

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Hlavný predseda IKSJ Andrej M. Rajec –Mužom roka 2013

Z príležitosti osláv 20. výročia vzniku Slovenskej republiky sa vo Washingtonu, DC konal 14. júna 2013 banket na ktorom Združenie Friends of Slovakia ocenilo viacerých činiteľov, ktorí sa pričínili o povznesenie slovensko-amerických vzťahov. Medzi ocenenými bol aj hlavný predseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Andrej M. Rajec, ktorému veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtonu Peter Kmec a predseda Združenia Friends of Slovakia, Jozef Senko odovzdali ocenenie Muž roka 2013. Predseda Rajec vo svojom príhovore hovoril medziiným aj o nespočetných akciách a storočnom boji IKSJ a Slovákov v Amerike za oslobodenie Slovenska a jeho samostatný štát. Slávnostný banket sa konal v prestížnom zariadení Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, VA a usporiadalo ho Združenie Friends of Slovakia (FOS) v spolupráci so Slovenským veľvyslanectvom vo Washingtonu.



Na snímke zľava: hlavný pokladník IKSJ George F. Matta; predseda Spolku č. 856 IKSJ Steve Matula; podpredseda IKSJ Andrew R. Harcar Sr.; rodina pána predsedu, syn Daniel, manželka Ida, hlavný predseda IKSJ a Muž roka 2013 Andrej M. Rajec; dcéra Idka, všetci sú členmi spolku 89. IKSJ; manželka bývaleho veľvyslanca USA v SR Annemarie Obsitnik; syn Andrej P. Rajec; bývalý veľvyslanec USA v SR Vincent Obsitnik; pokladníčka Spolku 254 IKSJ Albina Senko a honorárny konzul za Pensylvániu a člen Spolku 254 IKSJ Jozef Senko.

Oslavy 150. výročia založenia Matice slovenskej

V Turčianskom Svätom Martine sa 4. augusta pred 150. rokmi konalo zakladajúce valné zhromaždenie Matice slovenskej. Týmto aktom vznikla najvýznamnejšia kultúrno-spoločenská inštitúcia v dejinách slovenského národa. Bola druhá, po spolku Tatrín, ktorý bol založený 26. augusta 1844.

Od 1. augusta do 4. augusta 2013 sa v Martine uskutočnili Národné matičné slávnosti, ktorými vyvrcholili oslavy 150. výročia založenia Matice slovenskej. Hlavnými organizátormi podujatia, ktoré sa uskutočnilo pod záštitou predsedu vlády SR Roberta Fica, boli Matica slovenská (MS) a Mesto Martin.

Národné matičné slávnosti v Martine

Podujatia z tejto príležitosti sa začali Kongresom matíc slovanských národov, pokračovali 1. augusta vernisážou výstavy Posvätný odkaz. Svätí Cyril a Metod v slovenskom výtvarnom umení. Počas druhého dňa 2. augusta sa konala vernisáž výstavy Matica v národe – národ v Matici, slávnostná prezentácia striebornej zberateľskej mince, poštovej známky a najnovšej knižnej publikácie o dejinách MS Vrastanie do času. Vyvrcholením druhého dňa bolo slávnostné sprístupnenie Parku sv. Cyrila a Metoda v areáli MS, odhalenie súsošia svätých

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Odhalenie busty Štefana Moyses 2. augusta 2013.

On August 2, 2013 a bust of Stefan Moyses, first president of the Matica Slovenska was unveiled in a newly constructed park of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Martin, Slovakia. Busts of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Karol Kuzmany and Jan Francisci were also unveiled as part of the 150 anniversary of the Matica Slovenska.

Slovenský cyklista víťazom 6. etapy Pro Challenge v USA



Peter Sagan, of Slovakia, raises his arms after winning the sixth stage of the USA Pro Challenge cycling race, in Fort Collins, Colo., Saturday Aug. 24, 2013. Luka Mezgec, right, was second, and Greg Van Avermaet, left, was third.

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Slovenský cyklista Peter Sagan z tímu Cannondale Pro Cycling sa teší z triumfu v 6. etape dlhej 185.4 km z Lovelandu do Fort Collins na cyklistických pretekoch USA Pro Challenge 24. augusta 2013. Druhý skončil Slovinec Luka Mezgec (vpravo) z tímu Team-Argos Shimano a tretí bol Belgičan Greg van Avermaet (vľavo) z tímu BMC Racing Team. Sagan trénoval v Aspene dva týždne, v svetoznámom zimnom stredisku sa snažil navyknúť na vysokohorské podmienky a dôkladne sa pripraviť na majstrovstvá sveta.