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The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2015 Scholarship Program.

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 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

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E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com - Website: www.fcsu.com/scholarships

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 23, 2015

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

September: A Good Time to Review the Facts of Life Insurance

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President

September, named Life Insurance Awareness Month by industry leaders, is a good time to remind ourselves just how important life insurance is to us and to our families. After all, the right life insurance coverage can help us do some amazing things for those we care about the most. It can buy loved ones time to grieve. It can keep families in their homes and pre-fund a child's college education. It can keep a family business in the family. It can provide a much-needed income stream that a family can count on. First things first, though: in order to determine how much life insurance you need to purchase, it pays to review some basic facts.



Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

Take a look page 4 of this issue. There you will find a quiz to test your basic knowledge of life insurance and also the information provided by the leading insurance non-profit LIMRA on life insurance available in the workplace to make sure you have all the facts you need to include life insurance in your financial planning and make sure you have adequate coverage – now and in the future.

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September 13, 2015 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 8: 27-35

The New Testament epistle today offers a text that has often been employed by Catholics in debates with Protestants on the issue of justification: "Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). I would like to examine it in a different light, comparing it and James' conclusion which follows from it to the words



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

of our Lord in the gospel. There Jesus asks Peter "Who do you say that I am?" and when Peter responds "You are the Messiah" and begins to remonstrate with Jesus regarding his prediction of his future suffering the Lord says sharply: "Get behind me, satan" (Mark 8:29-33).

Now in the very next verse of the epistle of James following today's passage, we read: "Even the demons believe, and tremble". What is the difference between "the demons" of which James speaks, and Peter who is referred to as "satan" in the gospel?

The demons certainly tremble, just as Peter must have done after Jesus sharply and publicly reproved him, yet their trembling was for a different reason. They understood perfectly who Jesus was and knew that his presence spelled the end of their reign. Though they continue to cause great heartache through history in their last-gasp efforts to derail human beings from salvation, they are aware that with the inauguration of the Kingdom of God their number is up, and unable to repent on account of their pride they have no recourse except to tremble and await their self-wrought judgment.

Peter by contrast trembles like we often do, if inwardly and in hidden moments, afraid because he did not fully understand who Jesus was and did not know what he would ask of Peter and the other disciples. He was fearful still more because Peter was so attracted and drawn to the person of Christ, yet at the same time he wrestled with the tendency to run away from one whose company was so life-giving but so all-consuming.

For their part, the demons fell once and for all on account of their pride and have already spurned any possibility of forgiveness or the acceptance of God's renewing love, since this requires humility. Peter on the other hand fell many times as a disciple of the Lord, including the moment when he denied even knowing Jesus at the moment of his passion when his Lord and friend needed him the most. Peter however was able to get up again after each of his painful falls and outbursts, humbling himself in order to receive anew the forgiveness and offer of friendship with Christ.

Jesus calls Peter "satan" then, not because Peter was evil, but because he was inadvertently tempting Jesus (a "satan" in Hebrew is a sort of tester or tempter) and trying to get the Lord to see things according to Peter's will. This rebuke was truly an act of kindness on Jesus' part, since he did not want Peter to end up like the demons, who have been granted their will—to be separate from God—in eternity.

Blessed are we who have a redeemer who has become one with us and thus understands the movements and fragilities of the human will, and who desires to repair what is wounded

and disordered in those wills so that we might humbly receive his salvation. To bring this reflection back to where it started, we have access to this saving grace precisely through faith in Jesus

September 20, 2015 – Twenty-fifth -Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 9: 30 – 37

This Gospel is similar to that of last Sunday when Jesus spoke of his passion. After that first mention to the apostles of his passion he goes to Caesarea Philippi where he teaches them about the cost of discipleship, is transfigured, and heals a boy who was possessed by a demon. The Apostles witness this and Jesus begins to journey to Galilee and speaks to them a second time about his passion. Their response is a discussion among themselves over who is the greatest. Could it be that in the midst of Jesus' talk of his passion their focus becomes which one will take over when he is gone? Maybe it was their way of coping with bad news they did not want to hear and were having difficulty accepting: a way of expressing denial. Jesus calls them out on this conversation. They are silent when he asks what they were discussing, so Jesus goes on to give them a lesson on what it means to be the first. He shows them and us that he knew very well what their conversation was all about.



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

Like so many other teachings of Jesus he presents a paradox to them. In order to be first one has to be last and a servant to everyone else. This was not the common understanding of what it meant to be first, or the leader, at the time of Jesus, and in our own time. Being first means being in a place of honor and power, of being served by the various underlings, in no way does it mean putting oneself as last and being the servant to all others. With Jesus we receive a new teaching, a new understanding and a new example of being a leader. The leader is to humbly serve and place all who are served ahead of him. Jesus is the ultimate model of this for he is the Son of God who humbled himself to be born into our world and be like us in all things but sin. Jesus, our Lord, took upon himself the death reserved for a criminal and did this so that by his dying we might have life. The paradox of Jesus' teaching in this passage is best understood in the paradox of the cross.

Being first is probably a universal part of human nature. Who sees being last in line at the checkout counter or for some event as an honor? Who doesn't get annoyed when someone cuts in ahead of us? We probably wouldn't mind if someone came and moved us up closer to the front of the line, or if a new line was started and it began with us. This teaching runs against the grain of our thinking as it did to the Apostles. But we cannot deny that not only was this a teaching of Jesus, it was the way that Jesus served us.

The example of Jesus is far more than a teaching of patience in a checkout line: it is a call to humble service. A term that is currently popular in Church teachings is "Servant Leadership." Those who are called to lead have the call to do so by service. For some of us this means a radical change in how we might view leadership, but it is a change that brings us more in line with the teachings and example of Jesus. How do we do this? It is best to begin with praying for a humble and contrite spirit. From there it is stepping back and humbling ourselves to serve those around us.

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The Crib Rescuers

For the Adrians, it started with one crib. Then came another, and then one more. After that came a couple of kids' car seats. A child's mattress or two added to the mix. And then... Well, before you knew it, the Adrians—Margee, 64, and her husband, Denny, 65—found themselves providing baby supplies to needy children all over the St. Paul-Minneapolis area. Full-time. What's more, they love it; they treasure it.

"When we started all this," says Denny, a retired Minnesota state trooper, "I wanted to help the poorest of the poor because it was a pro-life thing to me...to give a car seat and a crib to someone who needed it for their baby."

Margee describes their work as a ministry. "For me it comes down to this," she said. "Are you going to ignore them, or are you going to do the things God wants you to do?"

The Adrians told their story to Bob Zyskowski of *The Catholic Spirit*, not because they're seeking publicity and certainly not because they're looking for help. Denny says he knows now about all kind of baby cribs. "I learned in my lifetime," he said, "but I still have the Holy Spirit guiding me."

That first crib came their way in 2012, when a man wanted to donate it to the Highland LifeCare Center in St. Paul. Margee, working there as a volunteer, explained that safety requirements no longer made his gift acceptable. Frustrated, the man told her he had already tried giving the crib to three thrift stores, and that he'd probably burn it just to rid himself of what apparently had become an unwanted nuisance.

"Don't do that," she said. "Put it in my van."

That got the ball rolling, and Denny went to work making the crib code-compliant—and ensuring that it went to a needy family. In Zyskowski's words, that was the first of 500 cribs that the Adrians have "rescued, refurbished, delivered and even set up" for families who needed them. Some 250 were delivered in the past year alone.

Every square inch of the Adrians' home is taken up with cribs, car seats, mattresses, extra crib rails, changing tables. They come from garage sales, thrift stores, even Craigslist. "I'm a very good shopper," says Margee, without a trace of pride in her voice. When a crib is on sale for \$30, she'll talk the seller down to \$20—and when she explains how it will be used, she often gets it for nothing at all. Word-of-mouth took care of all referrals at first; now the Adrians are likely to hear from social workers, nurses, hospital staff members, the Missionaries of Charity, organizations like Birthright. There's no shortage, it seems, of families and mothers only too glad to accept a gift for their babies.

Margee likes the way their mission has spurred others' generosity. She puts two crib sheets and a blanket into every crib they deliver; they come from donated articles. A man writes checks in fairly large amounts; she uses them to buy more items.

"It's catching," she said. "People want to be part of it."

Denny Adrian struck a more reflective tone. "If you got the hugs and the tears of gratitude we get, you'd see why we do this," he said. "It's a mission that just fell into our hands"

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Midwest Pastoral Seminar Celebrates 30th Anniversary on September 20

Place: Garden Chalet Banquets
11000 South Ridgeland Avenue
Worth, Illinois

Time: 12:00 Registration

12:45 Speaker: Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB, of St. Andrew Svorad, a Slovak Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, OH. He will speak about their roots in Lisle, IL; their service in the Chicago area; and the establishment of the Abbey in Cleveland. Lunch will follow with a family-style meal.

Cost: \$25 by the deadline of September 10, 2015. Reservations received after September 10 will be \$30. Reservations in advance only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

To Reserve: Send to John Jurcenko,
7113 West Talcott Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60631

For Info: Call Geri Hletko at 708-387-7812 or
John Jurcenko at 773-763-0810.

Message from Our National Chaplain

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive is the preparatory catechesis (teaching manual) for the World Meeting of Families to be held September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia. The catechesis contains 10 chapters, each concluding with four questions for reflection. One of the reflections from Chapter 8, [A Home for the Wounded Heart](#), is offered here.

The Church is a field hospital. How does the Church help people who are wounded? How can we do better?

Since the human person is multi-dimensional, we suffer not only wounds of a physical nature, but also ones that affect our emotions, our soul, and our spirit. Hateful words and actions, falling out of love, the loss of employment or a home, or a betrayal of trust are a small sampling of things that bring about wounds. We hurt as individuals and also collectively in and through our families, communities, nationalities, and races.

It is natural for us to seek out professional help for healing when we hurt. After performing an examination of one's physical wounds, a medical doctor will prescribe a medication, rest, or other remedy he or she determines is best for the healing process to begin. One who suffers emotional trauma might consider seeking the counsel of a mental health professional.

Just as we would go to a medical professional to help us with our physical or emotional wounds, so, too, we seek out the Divine Healing when these wounds affect our spiritual lives. More often than not, our spiritual wounds are brought about by a damaged relationship with another. The healing remedy for these wounds many times involve learning how to make the words of the Lord's Prayer one's own. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Whatever injury, circumstance or level of hurt a wounded person may experience, the Church's involvement in the healing process needs to be one of assurance and affirmation of the victim's own human dignity. No matter what happened, the one wounded is and remains a child of God and dear to the Lord.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain

Save the Date!

In this Year of Consecrated Life the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA will conclude the 75th Anniversary year of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius with a Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated in the Basilica at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg, will be the celebrant. All are welcome!

Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.
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News From Slovakia

Communist Eviction of Nuns Commemorated in Bratislava

Bratislava, August 29 (TASR) - Nuns and others who remember the eviction of nuns from Slovak convents by the Czechoslovak Communist regime in August 1950 gathered at the Memorial to Victims of the Communist Regime on Jakubovo Namestie (square) in Bratislava on this date to commemorate the so-called 'Action Nuns'.

"The 'Action Nuns' was an operation of the Communist regime aimed at eviction of nuns from convents. When men's monasteries were shut down in April and May [of the same year], women's orders were left alone. Nevertheless, the first nuns were evicted as part of the initial wave called 'R1' on August 29, 1950. It concerned mainly nuns active in education," said Confederation of Political Prisoners vice-chairman Peter Sandtner.

The first eviction wave concerned 1,900 nuns. "Another 1,600 nuns working in hospitals were left," said Sandtner, adding that these nuns were evicted some time later.

The nuns were then transported to the so-called 'centralization camps' throughout Slovakia. "They worked mainly in agriculture, some of them were living directly at farms in very poor conditions. In 1951, an operation was launched to transport Slovak nuns to [remote] Czech borderlands, in order to cleanse Slovakia completely of nuns," said Sandtner, adding that these nuns were then forced to work in textile factories.

Only elderly and ill nuns were left in Slovakia - they were placed to charity houses. Nuns were allowed to return to Slovakia during the Prague Spring in 1968, while others couldn't return until the fall of Communism in 1989, added Sandtner.

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

September: A Good Time to Review the Facts of Life Insurance

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A Quick Quiz on Life Insurance Basics



1. What is the primary goal of life insurance?

- To make your beneficiaries wealthy
- Financial security for your family
- To pay for emergency medical expenses

2. Which of the following impacts your personal insurance coverage?

- A change in your family (marital status; the birth of a child; loss of loved one)
- A change in your finances (taking on additional debt; changing jobs)
- Both of the above

3. At the renewal of a term insurance policy:

- You have to qualify again medically to continue coverage
- Coverage ends immediately
- You have to pay the increased rate to continue coverage

4. Which of the following is not required for a life insurance claim?

- A letter from the beneficiary
- A claim form
- The death certificate

5. Which of the following factors are likely to increase your insurance premiums?

- Being healthy
- Being male
- Being young

Answers



1. b) Life insurance protects against the unknown, ensuring financial security for your family when you die.

2. c) Both are important. If you have experienced any major life changes since you opened your policy, your coverage may no longer be appropriate for your current situation.

3. c) At the renewal of a term insurance policy, rates will increase to reflect the higher risk you represent. To continue coverage, you must accept the new rates.

4. a) A letter from the beneficiary is unnecessary. The death certificate is proof that the life insured is deceased, while the claim form serves to outline the claim by the beneficiary.

5. b) Men have a lower life expectancy than women. To compensate for the higher risk of insuring men, insurance companies charge a higher premium.

How did you do? Whether you got some right or all of them wrong, there is no better time to learn the basics of life insurance than now during Life Insurance Awareness Month this September.

For more information, call your local branch officer or the FCSU Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA.

Until next time,
Good luck and God Bless,

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
National Vice President

District 17 Schedules Summer Picnic 2015



Saints Cyril and Methodius District 17 of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, and Broome County, New York, will conduct its Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, September 20, 2015. The event will take place at Pavilion 2 in McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania, from noon until dusk.

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

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

Cost of the picnic 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. Messages can be left on her voice mail. Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 11, 2015.

McDade Park is located off Keyser Avenue in Scranton and is minutes from Interstate 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The park offers many activities -- children's playground, children's fishing pond, basketball and tennis courts, large grassy areas, and walking trails.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum and the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour are within easy walking distance. Both offer insight into the anthracite coal-mining history of Lackawanna County.

Elizabeth Slovenkai, District Fraternal Activities Director

Facts from LIMRA

Life Insurance Awareness Month, September 2015

American workers value life insurance

LIMRA research shows that 93 percent of U.S. workers with employer-based life insurance benefits believe most people need life insurance. Eight in ten employees with a life insurance benefit obtained through work believe they personally need life insurance.



Why they have it

Like those who own individual life insurance, the major reasons workers give for owning group life insurance include covering burial and other final expenses (49 percent), replacing lost income (41 percent) and paying off the mortgage (30 percent).

Many would feel significant impact if they lost this benefit

Six in ten U.S. workers indicate that losing life insurance through their employer would have a negative impact on them and their families. More than half said losing their supplemental life insurance benefit have a negative impact.

Loss of primary wage-earner would impact half of U.S. families

Half of the households in America would feel the financial impact from the loss of their primary wage earner in a year or less. In fact, over 40 percent would feel the impact within 6 months.

Most U.S. workers believe they need more than the basic benefit they get at work.

Of the employees that participate in their employers' basic life insurance benefit, 4 in 10 think that the benefit does not meet or only partially meets their/their families' needs. Sixty-five percent of employees with group life coverage believe they need more life insurance beyond what their employer provides.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 38 percent of all workers with a basic life insurance plan have a flat dollar amount benefit (with a median amount of \$20,000), and 57 percent have a fixed multiple of annual earnings.

All facts are from LIMRA's life insurance consumer studies



Famous Slovak Children's Choir Performed In Pittsburgh

Pro Musica-Magnolia, the best and most famous children's choir in Slovakia, performed in Pittsburgh at the Synod Hall on the evening of June 30, 2015, to rave reviews from an audience of over 100 local Slovak Americans. Their repertoire included music from many periods including classical, modern and folk songs and their folk songs were from the Zemplin region. The 38 children, accompanied by seven adults, especially enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Pittsburgh as well as having their meals together and being housed as a group overnight at St. Paul's Monastery.

The choir was created by merging two children's choirs in 2010-Pro Musica from Michalovce, Slovakia which was formed in 1998 and Magnolia from Sobrance, Slovakia which began in 1985. Since their merger, they have won numerous awards in competitions throughout Europe.

The program was arranged by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. Special thanks to Assembly 16 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, National Slovak Society and Branch 254 of the First Catholic Slovak Union for providing the meals and for all of the program advertisements.

After the concert, all of the net proceeds were donated to the choir.

- Submitted by Joseph Senko,
Honorary Slovak Consul for Pennsylvania & Branch 254 Member

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 • INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00am 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 II, Treasurer
Martha Zavada Wojcik, Regional Director
(by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the May 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr. and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**INVESTMENT UPDATES:**

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

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

MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES

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

Disbursements for the month of May 2015:	
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 187,690.61
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 34,834.96
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

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

AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report via web ex. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for his review. Following the report Larry White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President led a lengthy discussion on our current annuity rates. It was decided to keep the rates the same and review them again at the July meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President presented a written detailed sales production report to the Executive Committee on 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 and now have 200 agents. The Executive Secretary stated we are beginning a program to recruit new agents in the states we are newly licensed. Following the report, the Vice President answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The Vice President stated he is scheduling seminars for 2015 and asked the Regional Directors to contact him with available dates for their regions.

The Vice President stated we are continuing to accept reservations for the Membership Meet Cruise which will be November 15-21, 2015. For additional information or to make reservations, contact the home office or refer to the FCSU website.

The Vice President announced the plan to reintroduce the special offer of waiving the first year premium on the JEP Policy. This program will begin in August. All branch officers will receive information on this special offer. There will also be an advertising campaign with notice being in the newspaper, sent through email, and on our facebook. More details will follow.

The Vice President stated there will be an article in the newspaper to try and give a better explanation of the wealth transfer and final expense programs.

The President stated FCSU is reviewing the possibility of using a local marketing firm to help develop a marketing plan. He further stated fresh new marketing ideas are important in re-naming companies and help safeguard the society's future. The Vice President is also asking the branches to hold more fraternal activities within their branches because he believes this will help stimulate potential sales.

The Executive Secretary stated we are continuing to advertise on Facebook with new material being added daily, as well as on the FCSU website and email, while including new ad material in our home office mailings. We have been in touch with our Actuary, to help in developing new ideas and new products to market to our society. The President assured the Committee that new marketing ideas are important to help provide a future for our Society.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President updated the Executive Committee on the Jednota Middletown Memorial and stated we should have a completion date soon. The President announced September 13, 2015 is the date for the dedication to be held in Middletown, Pennsylvania. The President informed the Committee the memorial brick orders are still being sent into the home office. As information becomes available, it will be published in the newspaper.

Celebrations of our 125th anniversary have been finalized and the dates are as follows: Pittsburgh-June 7, Chicago-August 23, Toronto-August 23, Scranton-October 25, New Jersey-November 7, and the main celebration will be Cleveland-August 29th. The President is encouraging all branches within these districts to participate their event. Notices have gone out to all branches informing them of the dates and asking for their support. The final plans for the joint celebration of the 125th anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the 100th anniversary of the death of our founder, Rev. Stephen Furdek, are almost complete. His Excellency Peter Kmec, Slovak Ambassador to the United States, will be the main speaker. Veselica Slovak Folklore Ensemble from Chicago and Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland will be the entertainment for the evening. Reservations may be made by contacting the home office. The celebration has been publicized in the Jednota newspaper and on our website. The Executive Committee will continue to receive updates on the progress.

The President gave an update on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will be held on September 12, 2015 in conjunction with the Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage. The President stated we are still working out details with the Federation to incorporate Slovak into the readings for Mass and also to include Slovak hymns. The full schedule will be published in the Jednota for everyone's review. The Executive Committee will be kept informed as details are completed. The Board of Directors semi-annual meeting will be held in conjunction with this event on September 10-11, 2015.

The President stated it has been decided that if a district charters a bus for Washington DC and is able to have a minimum of 30 people agree to go, the society will reimburse them \$500.00 towards the cost of the bus.

The President announced he has called a special business meeting for Branch 23 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on June 28th to elect new officers and to continue to service their members. He further stated a meeting has been called for Branch 425 in Barberton, Ohio on July 26th to discuss the future and possible sale of the Jednota Club. He will chair the meeting.

The President stated he received a letter from a lumber mill concerning harvesting some of our trees on our property in Middletown, Pennsylvania. Their proposal was to harvest selected trees on our land. The proposal was for in excess of \$50,000.00. The Board decided to accept their offer. It was decided that a managed harvesting program on the property would make way for new trees to grow. Motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by George Matta II to accept the offer. Motion carried.

The President stated the 125th anniversary dinner held in Pittsburgh was very well attended. The President, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer attended with their wives. He thanked Regional Director Michael Lako for organizing the event.

The President announced the home office has developed a video of our society to be shown at various events and at the anniversary dinners. It shows a commentary of the President and the history of our society. It has been well received by everyone that has seen it.

The President stated the Jednota Inc. Corporation are working on the lease renewal with one of the tenets on the property in Middletown, Pennsylvania. This lease expires at the end of the year.

The President announced he has received a letter from one of the national officers concerning travel expenses. He said any national officer must receive permission from the President before any travel is scheduled as noted in the bylaws. He further stated that when any officer travels to the home office they are required to stay at the Holiday Inn and make their reservations through the home office to assure the corporate rate. The President stated every national officer is treated fairly on their reimbursements. The entire Executive Committee reviewed the procedure and agreed with its application.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

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

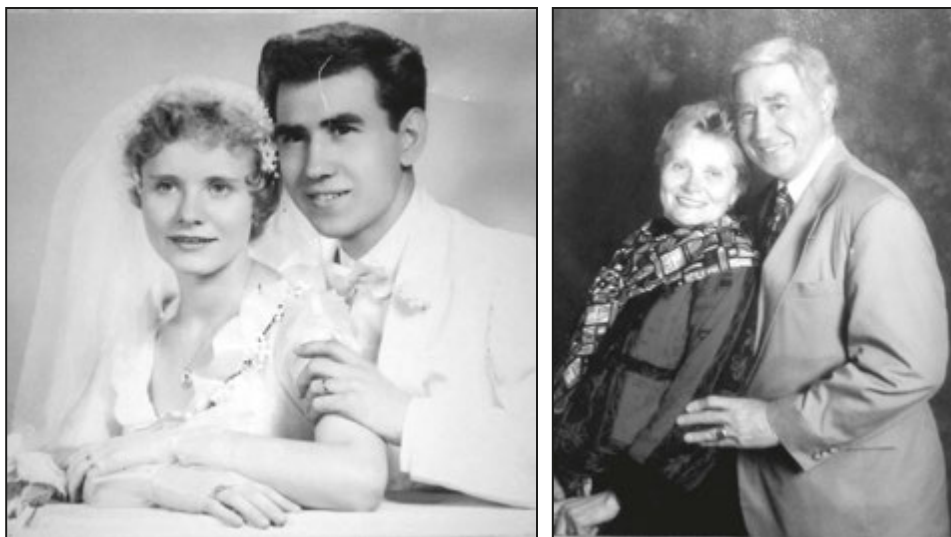
ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by Andrew Harcar, Sr. 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



Joe and Albina Senko Celebrate 60 Years

Branch 254's Joe Senko, a native of Pittsburgh, and Albina Kolodziej, a native of Slovakia, met as teenagers three years prior to their marriage on July 16, 1955. They married shortly after Albina's high school graduation while Joe was still attending Duquesne University. During their marriage, they raised three sons and three daughters, two of whom have since died as adults. They also have eight grandchildren carrying on the Slovak traditions which are so important in the Senko household. Joe and Albina are extremely active in the Western Pennsylvania Slovak community, responsible for initiating numerous Slovak programs. Both Joe and Albina have been Jednota members for over 70 years and are also members of all of the other Slovak fraternal societies.

Andrew & Alyssa Kester Wed



Andrew Kester, (Branch 240P), originally of Bethlehem, PA, was married this past winter to Alyssa Fisher of Fruita, CO. The wedding took place in Fruita and a reception was held for family, local friends and out-of-town guests. In July, an additional reception was held at the home of Andy's parents, Julie & Tom Kester, in Bethlehem PA, for family and friends that were not able to attend the wedding in Colorado.

Alyssa is a graduate of Colorado Mesa University and is currently a certified Medical Assistant at General Surgeons of Western Colorado in Grand Junction. Andy is a graduate of Susquehanna University and received a graduate degree from Colorado State University in Fort

Collins. He is currently employed as a Nutritional Counselor and is pursuing a doctorate in Public Health from Loma Linda University.

The couple honeymooned in Arizona and currently resides in Grand Junction.

- Submitted by Tom Kester, Branch 240P

Reminder For All Branches

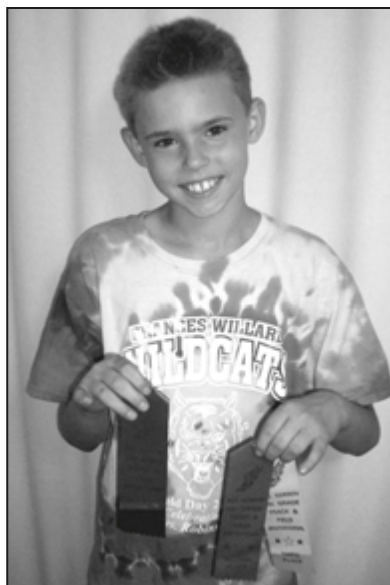
Among the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend, under Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES, is the following:

14.01 General Rules

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

Branch 382's John Slovenkai Graduates Elementary School

John Slovenkai, Jr. graduated from Frances Willard Elementary School in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In September, he will attend sixth grade at the West Scranton Intermediate School.



John shows off the ribbons he won at the Annual Bill Gerrity Fifth Grade Track and Field Invitational held in June at Memorial Stadium in Scranton. John placed first in the high jump, second in the low jump, and third in the sprint. The event is an annual part of the fifth grade graduation activities in the Scranton School District.

John holds his diploma as he is congratulated by his father and godfather following the Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony held at the West Scranton High School. Standing (L - R) are John J. Slovenkai, Sr., proud father; John; and Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., uncle and godfather. All are members of Branch 382 K, Scranton, Pennsylvania.



- Submitted by Elizabeth Slovenkai, Vice President Branch 382



(L - R) District 10 President and Branch 553 Vice President Greg Petrasek and Branch 553 President Joe Petrasek flank their newest member Scarlet Grey Victory.

Akron, OH Branch 553 and District 10 Score Another Victory!

Joe Petrasek, President of Branch 553 (aka Great Grandpa Joe) and Greg Petrasek Branch 553 Vice President and District 10 President welcome our newest bonafide member, Scarlet Grey Victory. It may come as no surprise, Scarlet Grey is an automatic Ohio State Buckeye fan and it looks promising she will love perogies! Branch 553 President Joe and Vice President Greg encourage every "Grandpa and Great Grandpa" to INSURE their loved ones to ENSURE our Slovak traditions and heritage continues to grow for generations to come! I believe Scarlet's first words will be "Jak še maš".

- Lovingly submitted by Proud District 10 President and Grandpa Greg Petrasek

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

THINK ABOUT IT!

District 2 Celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the FCSU in Chicago

On August 23, 2015, members of the Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District 2 and their guests celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Union and remembered the 100th Anniversary of Father Furdek's death. The dinner and program began at 1:00PM at the Garden Chalet in Worth, IL.

Among the honored attendees from were: National President Andrew M. Rajec and his wife Ida; National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar and his wife Marie; Region 7 Director District 2 Vice President Rudolph Bernath and his wife Liz; District 2 President John Jurcenko and his wife Dorothy; District 2 Recording Secretary Robert Magruder; and FCSU's Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec.

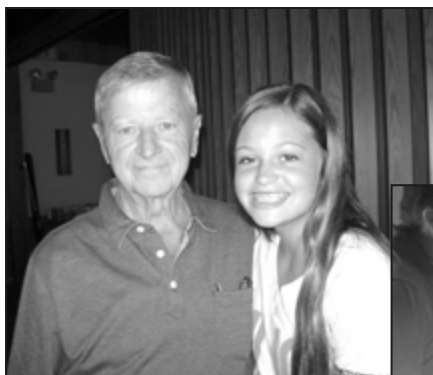
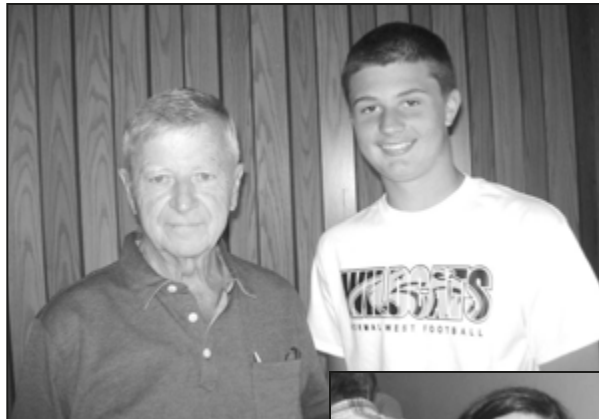


(L - R) National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., District 2 President John Jurcenko, the Rev. Father George J. Kelchak, National President Andrew M. Rajec, Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec, District 2 Recording Secretary, and Region 7 Director and District 2 Vice President Rudolph Bernath.



Branch 40's Semi-Annual Meeting in July

The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, of Streator, IL, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 26th at 1:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill in Streator. After the meeting, members enjoyed a lunch and an afternoon of fraternal fellowship.



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2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, email address, Branch number, age, photo category, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. **DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE**



(L – R) National Officers Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. and Kenneth A. Arendt, represented the First Catholic Slovak Union at the 2015 Fest.



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 9, 2015. A record number of participants 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. FCSU Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt manned the booth, offering information about the Society's insurance products and annuities and greeting FEST attendees.

Slovak League of America to Offer 10 Scholarship Grants This Year

Dan Tanzone



The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH, in 1907 will offer ten(10), \$1,000 college scholarship grants to students of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled as full time students in a college, university or professional school. These grants are available to both students on the undergraduate and graduate level of study. The grants will be awarded in late December 2015 and made payable directly to the student.

These scholarship grants are given in memory of Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner of Rye, NY. Dr. Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner served for many years as the national first vice president of the Slovak League of America. A native of Slovakia, Dr. Hinterbuchner and his wife, Dr. Catherine Hinterbucher were active in the work of the Slovak League as well as other Slovak American cultural projects over the years. This year's scholarship grants are designated as the Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner Memorial Grants.

Applicants are asked to prepare a study paper on some theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five, type-written double-spaced pages. Through the preparation of this paper, hopefully the applicant enjoys a learning experience acquiring a better appreciation of his/her rich Slovak heritage. The completed application, a head and shoulders photo along with the study paper in hard copy is to be returned by the deadline date of December 7, 2015. The scholarship grants will be paid directly to the individual student by December 30, 2015. For an application, write: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison St., Passaic, N.J. 07055, tel. daily Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (973)472-8993.

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1972 to assist American students of Slovak ancestry in their quest for a good education. To date, more than 200 students have received scholarship grants from this fund. Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make checks payable to: Slovak League Scholarship Fund and send same to the address listed above. We encourage students of Slovak ancestry to make application for this year's scholarship grants honoring the memory of Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner

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Scenes From Annual Canadian Slovak Day

Attendance at the 2015 Annual Canadian Slovak Day was good, and everyone enjoyed the nice weather, good food and meeting "old" and "new" friends. We also honored to welcome representatives from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Slovak Ambassador to Canada, as well as FCSU members and CSL Board members. All in all, a great day.

- submitted by Helen von Friedl, Branch 785



Upcoming Events by United Slovak Societies in Lorain, OH

United Slovak Societies will host a Children's Halloween Costume Bowling Party at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, for ages 16 and under on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 1:00PM, followed by pizza and treats. The party is for members and children of members of SCS Wr. 111, FCSU Br. 228, FCSLA Br. 114, NSS a.160 and LPSCU Br. 77. All children must be signed up by October 19, 2015 at the American Slovak Club at the bowling alley or in the bar area.



A traditional Slovak Christmas Eve dinner hosted by United Slovak Societies will be held at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH, on Sunday December 6, 2015. Cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:00p.m. Entertainment will be provided by violinist Jozef Janis and special guest Celebration Ringers. Advanced ticket sales only. \$20pp with cash bar. Please contact Len at 440/988-3236.

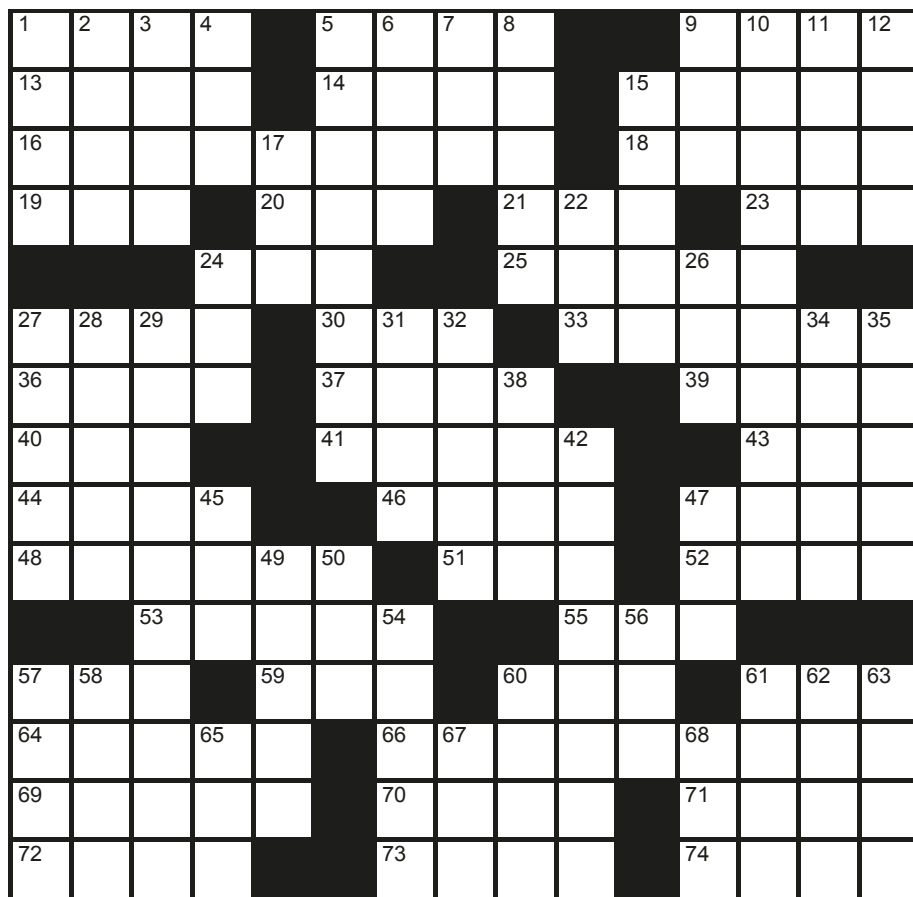
The American Slovak Club in Lorain OH, is seeking children and juniors to participate in their Bumper and Slovak Junior Bowling Leagues held at the Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, OH. For more information please contact the Alley at 440/244-1293 or visit their site, www.americanslovakclub.com.



- Submitted by Michele Mager

FCSU Branch 228
Secretary-United Slovak Societies
Board of Director Member,
American Slovak Club- Lorain, OH

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 In the distance
- 5 Slender
- 9 Tin foil, e.g.
- 13 Actress Kudrow
- 14 Waikiki wiggle
- 15 India's first P.M.
- 16 Deserted
- 18 Leaning
- 19 AOL, e.g. (Abbr.)
- 20 Unit of energy
- 21 WW II arena
- 23 "___ so fast!"
- 24 Classic card game
- 25 Stallone title role
- 27 Circus sight
- 30 Strike caller
- 33 Family members
- 36 Nautical direction
- 37 Flub
- 39 Floor model
- 40 Kind of truck
- 41 Pay tribute to
- 43 Plunder
- 44 Church recess
- 46 Actress Polo
- 47 Pigeon's home
- 48 Rifle kick back
- 51 Dry, as wine
- 52 Manipulator
- 53 Put in a stake
- 55 Flamenco cheer
- 57 "___ boom bah!"
- 59 Author LeShan
- 60 Phenom
- 61 Can opener
- 64 Clan emblem
- 66 *Elm Street* had one
- 69 Pitchers
- 70 Sloth's home
- 71 Operatic solo
- 72 Gold medalist
Lipinski

- 73 Toward sunrise
- 74 Blockhead

Down

- 1 Court game,
Jai ___
- 2 Little lies
- 3 Pronto notation
- 4 Campaigned
- 5 In-depth
- 6 Like a jury, at
times
- 7 Québec's ___
d'Orléans
- 8 4-time presidential
runner
- 9 Rainy
- 10 Thick-skinned
beast
- 11 Singer Guthrie
- 12 Golf stroke
- 15 One of the Judds
- 17 Cozy room
- 22 Browning work?
- 24 Colorado Indian
- 26 Hospital unit
- 27 Golden Horde
member
- 28 Split to unite
- 29 TV personality
- 31 Like some points
- 32 Cornbreads
- 34 Overact
- 35 Judicious
- 42 Carom
- 45 Many chiliads
- 47 Stage signal
- 49 Agenda entries
- 50 Called the shots
- 54 *La vita nuova*
poet
- 56 Permit
- 57 Proofer's mark
- 58 Corn Belt state
- 60 Matures
- 61 Poi source
- 62 Seed coat
- 63 Tuckered out
- 65 Historic time
- 67 401(k)
alternative
- 68 Bonkers

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The First Catholic Slovak Union Membership and Marketing Committee will hold a sales seminar for the following district in October:

- **Sunday, October 4, 2015:** The Msgr. John E. Rura District, see Branch 746 notice on page 14 of this issue for details.
- **Saturday, October 24, 2015:** The Rev. Joseph L Kostik District, see page 15 of this issue for details.



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Publication Schedule for 2015

Publication Date	Deadline to Receive Materials
Sept 23	Sept 14
October 7	Sept 28
October 21	October 12
November 4	October 26
November 18	November 9
December 9	November 30

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, held a meeting on August 19, 2015. There was discussion about attending the FCSU 125th Anniversary Celebration on August 29th, the Abbey Benefit on November 8th and the Viliya on December 6th. The branch will hold its next meeting on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Joe's Deli located at 19215 Hillard Blvd. Rocky River, Ohio 44116. If you will be attending please RSVP at 216.228.8179. Election of officers for next year will be held at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 – PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels Branch 2 will hold an annual meeting on Monday October 5 2015 at 7pm at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd, in North Hills. We will hold election of officers. Events for next year will be discussed. Planning for our annual Christmas Caroling event will be discussed also. Refreshments will be provided. Please call for reservations: Joanne at 412-766-3222 or Sue at 412-421-1204.

Joanne Lako, Secretary

BRANCH 3 – MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2015, in Minneapolis, MN.

The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Ave., NE & 2nd Street.

The agenda will include officers' reports, schedule of activities for 2016, and the election of officers.

A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 1:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2015.

Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

Mary Jo Rubino, Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19K, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 9:30AM in the Church Hall of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT.

We will discuss our plans for the coming year. Our special breakfast meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015, when we will award our college-bound members with scholarships for their college expenses.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings held on the second Sunday of the month at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall. Our annual meeting will be held on December 13, 2015.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Secretary

BRANCH 23 - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch 23 will be held on Sunday Sept. 13, 2015 at 1:00 PM at VOMA, Venue of Merging Arts, 307 Chestnut St. (Across from the Aces). A light lunch will be served.

All members are welcome.

Fraternally, Theresa Cassat

BRANCH 24 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Branch 24, St. Andrew Society, will hold a branch meeting/luncheon at 1:00 PM, Sunday, October 25, 2015 at the Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd. (Rt. 21) in Independence. Parking is available behind the gazebo on the town square.

The agenda will include the election of officers for 2016.

Please phone activities director Susan Lang at 216/896-0957 evenings after 6:00 PM if you plan to attend. Thanks.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 – BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels, Branch 35, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 1:00 p. m. at the residence of Joseph Yuros, 1987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The agenda will include officers' reports and a discussion of district and branch activities.

Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 132 – WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Branch 132K will be joining with Branch 746 in Linden, NJ, on the trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The bus will leave at 7AM from Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. [Editor's note: please see Branch 746 announcement on this page for details about the Linden bus.] Bus tickets are \$40 a seat. Please contact Branch President Sue Salko at 973-906-1145 if interested. We will be carpooling to Linden. Take special notice of the annuity rates and cruise in our newspaper.

Erin Salko, Secretary

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will have its annual meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Please note the change of date. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am at Andrew's Restaurant, 2610 East Dempster, Park Ridge, IL. We will elect our 2016 officers at this meeting. A luncheon will follow with no charge for branch members. All members are invited to share in fraternalism.

Please call me at 773 763-0810 if you plan to attend.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendlin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2015, at 9:00AM at the Golden Corral Restaurant Conference Room, 129 Matthew Drive, Uniontown, PA.

Branch activities will be discussed as well as all events for the current year and officers' reports will be given. All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations by September 15, 2015, 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 11, 2015, at 1:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of District and Branch

business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 9, 2015, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 260 – CAMPBELL, OHIO

Branch 260 will hold a general meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2015, at the Bedford Trail Restaurant, Coitsville, OH. The meeting will start at 1:30PM, with a luncheon to follow.

Fraternally,

Paul J. Ritz, President

BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 393, the St. Joseph Society, will hold a meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at the New City Buffet, 5142 State Rt. 30, Suite 175, Greensburg, PA, 15601. The branch will hold election of officers at this meeting. All members are invited. For reservations, contact Mary Ann Nalevanko at 724-834-6386.

Mary Ann Nalevanko, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 312 – BAGGALEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 312 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 1:00PM at the home of Branch President Mark Smolleck, 1121 Monastery Drive, Labtrobe, PA, 15650.

Michalene Smolleck, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 320- BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 320 members interested in attending the FCSU Membership Meet aboard the Carnival's Liberty Cruise Ship, November 15 – 22, 2015, should contact Fran at (724) 929-9788. A small stipend may be available.

Fraternally,

Frances Tarquinio, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 567 – ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Branch 567 KJ will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00PM. It will be held at the home of the Recording Secretary, Loretta Dashner, 419 East Hamilton St., Allentown, PA. 18109. Various issues will be discussed at this meeting.

God Bless All!

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

Thank you to all who donated to the yard sale in August. The air conditioning has now been installed.

Friday, Sept 18 Burritos to go orders only pick up from 4pm-6pm please call 733-7525 to order.

Sunday, Sept 20 Branch monthly meeting begins at 2pm.

Sunday, Sept. 27 Breakfast 8:30am-12noon all you can eat and the best breakfast in town.

Sunday, Oct. 4 Polka Dance 3pm-6pm food available for purchase.

Every Tuesday and Thursday all drinks .50 off. Hours are Mon-Fri 1pm-8pm Sat 12noon-8pm Come down and enjoy yourself!

All events take place at Tatra Hall 2536 Sixth St. Muskegon Heights, MI 49444.

Susan Hornik, Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Saint Joseph Branch 731 will meet on Sunday, September 20, 2015. The gathering will be at Noon in Saint Matthias Church meeting room, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

On the agenda will be our annual Mass for deceased members which will be celebrated on December 20, 2015. This date will also be our annual meeting for the election of officers for 2016.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

In order to join in the commemoration the 50th anniversary of the Slovak Chapel at the National Shrine on Saturday, September 12th, we have chartered a bus which will leave from Holy Family Church at 7:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 pm. Upon arrival, there will be time to have lunch on your own, take a guided tour of the basilica, have confession, recite the rosary, and spend time in personal prayer. After mass, there will be a cocktail reception. Bus departs Washington, DC at 6:30 pm. Cost of bus transportation is \$40.00 for non-members; \$30.00 for members.

There will be an insurance seminar on Sunday, October 4th at Msgr. Komar Hall in Linden, NJ. The session will start after a brief branch meeting at 10:30 am. We will host a luncheon after the seminar.

On Saturday, November 7th, there will be a dinner-dance in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Details are still being finalized.

Join us on November 21st for a Saturday matinee at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a showing of "A Playhouse Christmas Musical 2015." This musical revue features songs and dances, carols, humorous skits, and a live onstage orchestra. Lunch and dessert are included. Cost is \$80.00 non-members; \$60.00 members. Bus will leave Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ at 9:45 sharp.

To reserve your spot for any of these events, please call Mary Karch @732-572-2331.

Mary Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 756 - OWOSSO, MICHIGAN

An Organization meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the home of Stephan J. Patoprsty, 1910 Danbury E., Okemos MI, 48895. Please RSVP attendanceto 517-381-8358.

Stephan J. Patoprsty

BRANCH 764 - WARREN, OHIO

Branch 764's next meeting will be held on September 21, 2015 at 12:30 at the Sunrise Inn. The address is: 510 E. Market Street, Warren, OH 44481. All members are urged to attend.

All members were mailed invitations to the 125th Anniversary of the Society. It will be held on August 29th at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland. It will be a fine event and we hope you can attend.

**Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 856 – WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AREA

Branch 856 is asking all members to save the date: September 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

At that time we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our beautiful Slovak Chapel, Our Mother of Sorrows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The celebrant for the Mass will be Cardinal Donald Wuerl. We would like to see many of the Branch 856 members in attendance. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Secretary

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 – THE REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT, NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola District 1 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 11:00AM at Sts. 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. We will also plan our agenda for the coming year. The election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. We are looking forward to seeing many members of District 1 at this meeting.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 2 – THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT – ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND WISCONSIN

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Location: Missionary Benedictine Convent, 5900 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL. Attendees will meet at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments. The meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm. A delicious catered dinner will be served to all attendees. All branches in District 2 are encouraged to send representatives. Individual Jednota members who wish to become more active in District 2 are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Robert Tapak Magruder at (502) 244-6643 or (773) 558-5956.

Robert Tapak Magruder, District 2 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 26, 2015 following the 5:00 P.M. Mass at St. Florian Roman Catholic Church, United, Pennsylvania. The meeting will take place in the Formation Room of the Convent. On the agenda will be branch news and the planning for our annual Stedry Vecer. All branches are encouraged to attend and meet our new District President William Patty. We look forward to a good turnout and, as usual, refreshments will be served.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

DISTRICT 5 – MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at Ss Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314. The meeting is hosted by Branch 743. The Slovak Mass begins at 11:30 am. Our meeting will be held in the Slovak Heritage Room with refreshments at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. The business meeting will follow the lunch. On the agenda will be the reports of District Officers; Branch merger update; 2015/16 Budget and Salary approval; as well as the ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2015/16.

Branch 743 is hosting the meeting. Please notify Dianna Rimarcik at 586-254-0225 with the number of delegates attending from your branch no later than October 14, 2015 so the caterer can be notified of the total number of attendees expected.

If you are unable to confirm prior to the meeting but wish to attend a \$10.00 fee will be collected at the meeting. Those making advance reservations will NOT be charged.

District President Robert Kristofik encourages all branches to send delegates to represent their branch. Remember branches must attend these meetings in order to qualify for branch compensation of \$5.00 per member.

Dianna Rimarcik, District Secretary

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT – DISTRICT 6

Branch 38 will host the Fall meeting of Pittsburgh District to be held on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin, PA. Officers for 2016 will be elected at this meeting. Other details of the agenda are still being planned. This notice will be updated when more information is available.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meetings, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: September 14 – Velvet Revolution to the European Union, October 5 – Summer School in Slovakia, November 2 – Slovak Music and Songs, December 7 – Show and Tell/Bring Your Slovak Memorabilia.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Joe Senko for information about reservations and fees (412-956-6000). The Fall classes will be directed toward intermediate and advanced students. The Spring classes will be for beginners.

** Slovak Wood Carving – Scene of Bethlehem: See its new home at the NSS Museum, McMurray, PA, together with craft demonstrations, vendors, food and entertainment. Saturday, September 26, 11AM to 4PM.

** Don't forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730. This year the annual Slovak Radio Hour Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, October 11 at the Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, PA.

** Slovak Heritage Day at the Pitt Cathedral of Learning will be held Sunday, November 1 from noon to 5 PM.

** Annual Slovak Vilija and Jaslickari Program – Prince of Peace Parish Center, 81 S Thirteenth Street, South Side, Pittsburgh. Entertainment by the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Reservations only: 412-481-8380.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

** If you're interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakia.com/study-in-slovakia/

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-

Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.ns-slife.org/Museum.

** The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International is holding its 2015 meeting October 21-24 in Cedar Rapids IA, the site of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. The 2017 meeting is planned for Pittsburgh. Further information can be found at www.cgsi.org.

** FCSU information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com

Anyone with additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice should send information tomanasta@verizon.net

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, District Secretary

DISTRICT 7 – REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT – BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMERSET AND BEDFORD COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at Hoss's Steak and Sea Restaurant, 441 Theater Drive, Richland, Johnstown, PA. St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, will be the host branch. Holy Mass will be offered earlier in the day at St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's, PA.

On the agenda will be the election of officers and a discussion of the low attendance at the district meetings. Branches are reminded to receive the annual stipend from the Home Office they must have their dues current and attend one district meeting annually. Let's have a good turnout.

Joseph E. Rura, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 8 - REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT- EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Mass will be at 11:30AM at Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall, Pa. 18052.

Dinner will be served at 1:00PM at the Egypt VFW located at 5209 Spring Mill Road, Whitehall, PA. 18052. This is about a half mile up the road from the church.

The meeting will begin after dinner. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Checks are to be made out to Branch 796.

Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610.432.8350. Thank You!

Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2015, at 1PM. The meeting will be held at the Dairy Queen meeting room located on West Main Street. A social will follow the meeting.

All district branches are invited to attend.

Barbara Holly, Secretary

DISTRICT 14 – THE REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District, District 14, will hold a luncheon and meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2015 starting at noon at the Magic Tree Restaurant, 7463 South Ave., Boardman, OH, 44512. Directly following the meeting at 2:00PM, the district will host a sales seminar by the FCSU Membership & Marketing Committee [editor's note: please see p11 of this issue for details about the seminar].

Reservations are requested. Please RSVP by October 16, 2015, to Joe Scavina at 1-330-798-4536.

Joseph T. Scavina, Recording Secretary

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, October 18, 2015, with Mass celebrated at 12:15PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, William and Church Streets. Pittston, PA, followed by dinner at 1:30PM and a meeting immediately after.

Are your district dues up to date?

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. You may be nominated from the floor and everyone has the opportunity to hold a position. Do you, as a member of your branch, have a special gift of talent/service/interest in Jednota? Even your presence as a member is appreciated. Come ... join in keeping FRATERNALISM alive!!!

Reservations and any questions you might have may be made by calling District President Michael Slovenkai at (570) 342-7562.

We hope to see you on Sunday, October 18th.

Fraternally,

Theresa Chupka, Secretary

DISTRICT 17 -SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT - BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK AND LACKAWANNA AND LUZERNE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

District 17, in Region 3 of the FCSU, will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the First Catholic Slovak Union and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the death of Father Furdek on Sunday, October 25, 2015. A Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 P.M. in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, PA. A dinner will follow in St. Mary's Center, Scranton. Details and additional information will be announced in future issues of JEDNOTA.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Slovenkai, Sr., District President

OBITUARIES



Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FCSU National Treasurer Emeritus, Past District 6 President, & Past Branch 38 President, George F. Matta - August 20, 2015

George Francis Matta, 83, of White Oak, formerly of Duquesne, PA, died peacefully Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, surrounded by his family at UPMC McKeesport, PA. He was born Sept. 18, 1931, to the late John J. and Julia R. (Pavlovcsak) Matta. He was preceded in death by siblings, Margaret (Perla), Michael, John and William Matta; and his loving daughter, Jodie Matta Dillinger. George passed onward with great love for his family and friends, and dedication to various civic, ethnic and fraternal organizations. George was a graduate of McKeesport High School, the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his B.S. in business administration, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned his Master's in banking. George proudly served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Florence (Kelmeckis) Matta, to whom he was married for 59 loving years; his sons, George II and wife, Cathy, and Gary and wife, Rona; son-in-law, George Dillinger and fiancée, Cindy Pazehoski; and his grandchildren, Bradley, Logan and Keith Haselhoff, Brittany and Darin Kowalski, Tyler Dillinger, Langley, Devin, Jaquaun and Austin Matta. He is also loved by sisters-in-law, Carolyn Matta and Mildred Matta; and brother-in-law, Edward Kelmeckis and wife, Geraldine; along with nieces and nephews. George left this world touching the lives of so many through his tireless work in various community organizations in the Mon Valley. George served as the president of the Duquesne School Board, councilman to the city of Duquesne, PA, chairman of the Duquesne Sanitary Authority and as a longtime Democratic committeeman in Duquesne. He also served as commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post 1559, chairman of the Steel Valley Planning Commission, chairman of the Steel Valley Council of Governments and was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. He was honored as the Duquesne-West Mifflin Chamber of Commerce



Man-of-the Year. George retired from Mellon Bank as the vice president, where he was served as branch manager to the Homestead, Duquesne and Squirrel Hill branches. One of his many accomplishments was opening a local branch in his hometown of Duquesne. After retirement, he was elected to the national office as treasurer for the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota). As the Jednota's longest elected national officer, he served as treasurer for 25 years. He has also served as president to Branch 38, president of the JEDNOTA's Pittsburgh District, president of the Homestead Lions Club, president of the American Legion, member of the Knights of Columbus, member of the Greater Pittsburgh Fraternal Society, president of the West Virginia Fraternal Congress, board of directors of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Society and the director of the Western Pennsylvania Boy Scouts of America. One of his most memorable fraternal achievements was being awarded the Greater Pittsburgh Fraternal Society's Man-of-the Year. Visitation was from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, and from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at Jennifer S. Jordan Funeral Home Inc., White Oak, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, at Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin, PA, with the Rev. Joseph Grosko as celebrant. Interment followed at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery. George and his family established the Jodie Matta Dillinger Cancer Care Foundation at UPMC McKeesport to serve families of cancer patients within the Mon Valley. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that any memorial contributions be made to the "JMD Foundation" at 1527 California Ave., White Oak, PA 15131. Condolences may be made at www.jenniferjordanfuneralhome.com.

- Submitted by the Matta family

The Rev. Monsignor Charnoki, Chaplain of the George Onda District & Branch 181 Member - August 15, 2015

The Reverend Monsignor William G. Charnoki, JCL, PA, a priest of the Diocese of Greensburg who celebrated 50 years of priestly service in May, died Saturday, August 15, 2015 while in hospice care at St. Anne Home, Greensburg, at the age of 77.

He had been diagnosed with late stage liver cancer shortly before his death.

Msgr. Charnoki, who was ordained to the priesthood May 15, 1965, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, by the late Bishop William G. Connare, died on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the diocese.

In a July interview with The Catholic Accent, Msgr. Charnoki said his connection with the church was natural; two of his uncles were priests: "I've enjoyed all of my assignments," he said. "With God's grace, I've been able to assist in various ways. I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to become a priest and help a lot of people, and I'm grateful that they have helped me.

"I know a lot of people are praying for me, and I'm just going to continue along and do whatever the Lord wishes for me," Msgr. Charnoki continued. "Over the years, I've given advice to many people who are sick or suffering, and I always told them to trust in the Lord. I know now that I have to do the same thing."

Born November 29, 1937, in Nemacolin, Greene County, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Joseph J. and Mary E. (Ondrish) Charnoki. He briefly attended All Saints School in Masontown and graduated from Cumberland Township High School. He received a B.A. from Saint Vincent College, and a M. Div. from Saint Vincent Seminary, both in Latrobe. He received a licentiate degree in canon law from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

He served the diocese in many capacities, including assistant pastor of St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown, and its former mission, St. Cecilia Parish, Lemont Furnace; pastor of the former St. Stanislaus Parish, Calumet, St. Mary Parish, Export, Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, and Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier; administrator pro tem of the former St. Louis Church, Lucerne Mines; and as administrator of the former St. Boniface Parish, Chestnut Ridge.

Msgr. Charnoki was assistant chancellor and diocesan secretary to Bishop Connare; judicial vicar of the Marriage Tribunal; a member of the Priests Council and Board of Consultors; and vicar forane of Deanery 4 in Westmoreland County and Deanery 2 in Indiana and Armstrong counties. He was named a domestic prelate with the title monsignor in 1986 and a protonotary apostolic supernumerary, the highest level of monsignor, in 2005, both by Saint Pope John Paul II.

He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 181, where he served as chaplain for many years in the George Onda District. He also served as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, Daniel P. Nolan Council #940 of Latrobe, until his death.

Msgr. Charnoki retired from active ministry in 2013 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Saint Vincent Seminary that year.



In a 2013 interview, Msgr. Charnoki said that spending time in close service to the late Bishop Connare will remain one of his most memorable experiences: "One of the most moving times is when I was very close to Bishop Connare, having served twice as his secretary, especially when his health went down and he knew his time was short," Msgr. Charnoki said. "He had tremendous faith and that made a great impression on me."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John J. Charnoki and Joseph J. Charnoki, as well as two uncles who were priests, Rev. Andrew Charnoki and Rev. John Charnoki, and a cousin, Sister Christine Yurick, VSC, all three of which were influential in Msgr. Charnoki's vocation.

Msgr. Charnoki is survived by a brother, Andrew M. Charnoki, and his wife Faye, of Tucson, AZ; a sister-in-law, Cindy Charnoki, of Phoenix, AZ; three nephews, Jeffery Charnoki, Christopher Charnoki, and Daniel Charnoki; and two great-nephews, Tyler and Wyatt Charnoki.

Family and friends were received from 6 to 9 PM Monday, August 17, 2015, and 2 to 4 PM Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at the John J. Lopatich Funeral Home, Inc., Latrobe, PA. Members of the Knights of Columbus, Daniel P. Nolan Council #940 held a memorial service at 8 PM Monday, August 17, 2015, in the funeral home. A Mass of Translation was celebrated at 7 PM Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at Holy Family Church, Latrobe, with the Very Rev. Daniel C. Mahoney, Vicar Forane of Deanery 4, as Principal Celebrant. Additional viewing was held at Holy Family Church, Latrobe, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM Wednesday, August 19, 2015. A funeral Mass was celebrated that same day at Noon at Holy Family Church, Latrobe, with the Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, as Principal Celebrant and the Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD., Bishop Emeritus of Greensburg, as Homilist. Interment followed at Greensburg Catholic Cemetery.

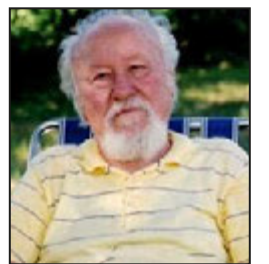
- Submitted by Linda L. Gonta, Secretary,
George Onda District: published courtesy of the Catholic Accent

Founding Editor of Canadian Slovak, Longtime Jednota Contributor & Branch 784 Member Stefan Hreha - August 15, 2015

Stefan (Steve) Hreha died peacefully, on August 15th at the age of 97, at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Canada.

Steve emigrated to Canada with his mother and two younger brothers (Jim and Albert) in December 1936. His father came to Canada earlier, in April 1927, to establish himself in the "new world" and to make a home for himself and his family. His sister, Stella, was born in Canada.

Shortly after his arrival in Canada Steve became involved in Slovak cultural activities. In 1937, at the age of 19, he founded a literary society. On March 5, 1942 the first edition of "Kanadsky Slovak" (Canadian Slovak), a newspaper that he founded and which was the official organ of the Canadian Slovak League, rolled off the press. He was all of 24. He edited the Kanadsky Slovak until he stepped down as editor in 1953. The newspaper has the distinction of being the only surviving Slovak



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Statement as of June 30, 2015 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & CANADA**
ASSETS

	Current Statement Date			4 December 31 Prior Year Net Admitted Assets
	1 Assets	2 Nonadmitted Assets	3 Net Admitted Assets (Cols. 1 - 2)	
1. Bonds.....	333,499,790		333,499,790	310,841,123
2. Stocks:				
2.1 Preferred stocks.....			0	
2.2 Common stocks.....	3,010,032		3,010,032	3,392,431
3. Mortgage loans on real estate:				
3.1 First liens.....	1,137,542		1,137,542	1,233,860
3.2 Other than first liens.....			0	
4. Real estate:				
4.1 Properties occupied by the company (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	952,041		952,041	982,322
4.2 Properties held for the production of income (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	714,240		714,240	733,770
4.3 Properties held for sale (less \$.....0 encumbrances).....	724,712		724,712	697,050
5. Cash (\$.....14,034,238), cash equivalents (\$.....0) and short-term investments (\$.....0).....	14,034,238		14,034,238	18,176,699
6. Contract loans (including \$.....0 premium notes).....	1,052,357		1,052,357	1,095,600
7. Derivatives.....			0	
8. Other invested assets.....	5,316,948		5,316,948	10,084,740
9. Receivables for securities.....	66,475		66,475	
10. Securities lending reinvested collateral assets.....			0	
11. Aggregate write-ins for invested assets.....	0	0	0	0
12. Subtotals, cash and invested assets (Lines 1 to 11).....	360,508,374	0	360,508,374	347,237,594
13. Title plants less \$.....0 charged off (for Title insurers only).....			0	
14. Investment income due and accrued.....	4,404,897		4,404,897	4,170,118
15. Premiums and considerations:				
15.1 Uncollected premiums and agents' balances in the course of collection.....	26,078		26,078	18,837
15.2 Deferred premiums, agents' balances and installments booked but deferred and not yet due (including \$.....0 earned but unbilled premiums).....			0	
15.3 Accrued retrospective premiums.....			0	
16. Reinsurance:				
16.1 Amounts recoverable from reinsurers.....			0	
16.2 Funds held by or deposited with reinsured companies.....			0	
16.3 Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts.....			0	
17. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans.....			0	
18.1 Current federal and foreign income tax recoverable and interest thereon.....			0	
18.2 Net deferred tax asset.....			0	
19. Guaranty funds receivable or on deposit.....			0	
20. Electronic data processing equipment and software.....			0	
21. Furniture and equipment, including health care delivery assets (\$.....0).....	11,481	11,481	(0)	
22. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....			0	
23. Receivables from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates.....			0	
24. Health care (\$.....0) and other amounts receivable.....			0	
25. Aggregate write-ins for other than invested assets.....	550	550	0	0
26. Total assets excluding Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts (Lines 12 through 25).....	364,951,380	12,031	364,939,349	351,426,549
27. From Separate Accounts, Segregated Accounts and Protected Cell Accounts.....			0	
28. Total (Lines 26 and 27).....	364,951,380	12,031	364,939,349	351,426,549

Statement as of June 30, 2015 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

	1 Current Statement Date	2 December 31 Prior Year
1. Aggregate reserve for life contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	281,085,000	274,860,000
2. Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....		
3. Liability for deposit-type contracts (including \$.....0 Modco Reserve).....	46,726,419	42,849,920
4. Contract claims:		
4.1 Life.....	300,000	300,000
4.2 Accident and health.....		
5. Refunds due and unpaid.....		
6. Provisions for refunds payable in following calendar year - estimated amounts:		
6.1 Apportioned for payment.....	400,000	400,000
6.2 Not yet apportioned.....		
7. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts received in advance less \$.....0 discount; including \$.....0 accident and health premiums.....	304,939	286,400
8. Certificate and contract liabilities not included elsewhere:		
8.1 Surrender values on canceled contracts.....		
8.2 Other amounts payable on reinsurance including \$.....0 assumed and \$.....0 ceded.....		
8.3 Interest maintenance reserve (IMR).....	1,174,968	646,991
9. Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity contracts \$.....0, accident and health \$.....0 and deposit-type contract funds \$.....0.....	33,538	28,595
10. Commissions and expense allowances payable on reinsurance assumed.....		
11. General expenses due or accrued.....	30,696	90,961
12. Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net) (including \$.....0 accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves).....		
13. Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued.....	13,589	13,589
14. Unearned investment income.....		
15. Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee.....	4,872,094	5,106,290
16. Amounts held for fieldworkers' account, including \$.....0 fieldworkers' credit balances.....		
17. Remittances and items not allocated.....		
18. Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates.....	9,511	9,511
19. Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers if not included above.....		
20. Borrowed money \$.....0 and interest thereon \$.....0.....		
21. Miscellaneous liabilities:		
21.1 Asset valuation reserve.....	2,304,531	2,311,775
21.2 Reinsurance in unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) companies.....		
21.3 Funds held under reinsurance treaties with unauthorized and certified (\$.....0) reinsurers.....		
21.4 Payable to subsidiaries and affiliates.....		
21.5 Drafts outstanding.....		
21.6 Funds held under coinsurance.....		
21.7 Derivatives.....		
21.8 Payable for securities.....	1,576,444	
21.9 Payable for securities lending.....		
22. Aggregate write-ins for liabilities.....	472,835	372,835
23. Total liabilities excluding Separate Accounts business (Lines 1 to 22).....	339,304,564	327,276,867
24. From Separate Accounts Statement.....		
25. Total liabilities (Lines 23 to 24).....	339,304,564	327,276,867
26. Aggregate write-ins for other than liabilities and surplus funds.....	0	0
27. Surplus notes.....		
28. Aggregate write-ins for surplus funds.....	0	0
29. Unassigned funds.....	25,634,785	24,149,682
30. Total (Lines 26 through 29) (including \$.....0 in Separate Accounts Statement).....	25,634,785	24,149,682
31. Totals (Lines 25 + 30) (Page 2, Line 28, Col. 3).....	364,939,349	351,426,549

Statement as of June 30, 2015 of the **FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA**
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	1 Current Year To Date	2 Prior Year To Date	3 Prior Year Ended December 31
1. Premiums and annuity considerations for life and accident and health contracts.....	9,755,977	9,118,231	16,870,446
2. Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
3. Net investment income.....	7,990,631	7,354,229	14,710,566
4. Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR).....	250,000	225,000	476,440
5. Separate Accounts net gain from operations excluding unrealized gains and losses.....			
6. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded.....			
7. Reserve adjustments on reinsurance ceded.....			
8. Miscellaneous income:			
8.1 Income from fees associated with investment management, administration and contract guarantees from Separate Accounts.....			
8.2 Charges and fees for deposit-type contracts.....			
8.3 Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income.....	3,195	3,390	21,467
9. Totals (Lines 1 to 8.3).....	17,999,803	16,700,850	32,078,919
10. Death benefits.....	1,446,510	1,510,409	2,933,628
11. Matured endowments (excluding guaranteed annual pure endowments).....			
12. Annuity benefits.....	6,608,023	4,450,968	10,266,961
13. Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contracts including premiums waived \$.....0			
14. Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts.....	306,683	318,441	923,246
15. Interest and adjustments on contract or deposit-type contract funds.....	73,666	82,695	159,895
16. Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies.....			
17. Increase in aggregate reserve for life and accident and health contracts.....	6,225,000	7,434,000	13,021,000
18. Totals (Lines 10 to 17).....	14,659,882	13,796,513	27,304,730
19. Commissions on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type contract funds (direct business only).....	122,407	81,688	183,350
20. Commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed.....			
21. General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses.....	1,535,997	1,731,984	2,867,853
22. Insurance taxes, licenses and fees.....	61,844	97,084	100,024
23. Increase in loading on deferred and uncollected premiums.....			
24. Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts net of reinsurance.....			
25. Aggregate write-ins for deductions.....	69,041	(138,426)	(151,245)
26. Totals (Lines 18 to 25).....	16,449,171	15,568,843	30,304,712
27. Net gain from operations before refunds to members (Line 9 minus Line 26).....	1,550,632	1,132,007	1,774,207
28. Refunds to members.....	131,772	127,294	405,722
29. Net gain from operations after refunds to members and before realized capital gains (losses) (Line 27 minus Line 28).....	1,418,860	1,004,713	1,368,485
30. Net realized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of0 (excluding \$.....0 transferred to the IMR).....	(66,234)	28,558	690,629
31. Net income (Lines 29 + 30).....	1,352,626	1,033,271	2,059,114
SURPLUS ACCOUNT			
32. Surplus, December 31, prior year.....	24,149,682	22,681,611	22,681,611
33. Net income from operations (Line 31).....	1,352,626	1,033,271	2,059,114
34. Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses) less capital gains tax of \$.....0	117,235	794,351	(723,683)
35. Change in net unrealized foreign exchange capital gain (loss).....			
36. Change in nonadmitted assets.....	11,481	5,096	6,414
37. Change in liability for reinsurance in unauthorized and certified companies.....			
38. Change in reserve on account of change in valuation basis (increase) or decrease.....			
39. Change in asset valuation reserve.....	7,245	(11,094)	149,654
40. Surplus (contributed to) withdrawn from Separate Accounts during period.....			
41. Other changes in surplus in Separate Accounts Statement.....			
42. Change in surplus notes.....			
43. Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.....			
44. Change in surplus as a result of reinsurance.....			
45. Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses in surplus.....	(3,484)	0	(23,428)
46. Net change in surplus for the year (Lines 33 through 45).....	1,485,103	1,821,624	1,468,071
47. Surplus as of statement date (Lines 32 + 46).....	25,634,785	24,503,234	24,149,682

OBITUARIES

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weekly in North America that has been published, without interruption, for over 70 years. In May of 1942 Steve was called to the Canadian Army where he remained until after the war when he was honorably discharged. While he was in the army he travelled across Canada, from Halifax to Nanimo. This wartime experience engendered a love for Canada that endured his entire life.

In 1946 he married Pauline Marejka. They had one son, Steve Robert. Over the next 7 years Steve, with the help of his wife, continued to edit the newspaper. In 1952 he was hired by Crane Canada where he rose to the position of Advertising Production Manager. He retired from Crane in March of 1983.

Throughout his long life Steve wrote articles on various topics that were published in newspapers and other publications both in Canada and the USA. He wrote texts for musicals and several stage plays. His most popular play, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, was staged in Montreal as part of the festivities during Expo '67, as well as in Binghamton, NY. He also wrote an article on the origin of Slovak people in Canada that was published in the Encyclopedia Canadiana. Dr. Anthony X. Sutherland, historian and former editor of Jednota, a Slovak newspaper published in the USA, wrote in his book dealing with the history of the Canadian Slovak League: "...Hreha is among the most prestigious Canadian Slovak journalists..."

He was honored by Matica slovenska, Slovakia's scientific and cultural institution, which presented him with the Stefan Moyses (he was the first chairman of Matica slovenska) medal. In 2007, he was presented with an award by the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada for his lifetime achievements in journalism. In that same year he received a jubilee trophy from the Canadian Slovak League, a fraternal organization in Canada, then celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Steve had a long and productive life. To anyone who knew him he was a kind and thoughtful man who prided himself on being realistic and balanced in his views. He will live on in the cherished memories of those who loved him.

A memorial book is available for viewing online at: www.dignitequebec.com (Centre funeraire Cote-des-Neiges).

- Submitted by Steve Hreha



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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Semi-Annual Meeting in Chicago

On August 22, 2015, the Assumption of the BVM Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, held its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont, IL. The branch is proud of its newest members for 2015, Rylin Bobo and Matthew Breen. We are also proud of our six winners in the District 2 Easter Coloring Contest. Twenty Branch 493 members attended the Pierogi Fest Celebration in Whiting, IN at the end of July.

- Submitted by Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 493 Financial Secretary

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

A	F	A	R		T	H	I	N		W	R	A	P	
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Správy zo Slovenska

Toto musíte vidieť kým zomriete

Lonely Planet, biblia všetkých cestovateľov, vydal definitívny zoznam top turistických atrakcií na svete. Do zoznamu 500 najúžasnejších miest, ktoré musíte vidieť sa premietlo 40 rokov skúseností autorov tohto sprievodcu. Hneď prvé miesto v rebríčku je prekvapenie. Ide o obrovský hinduistický komplex chrámov Angkor Wat v Kambodži a zároveň najväčší náboženský monument na svete. Dôvod na radosť máme aj na Slovensku. Do TOP 500 atrakcií na svete sa dostal aj Spišský hrad.

Prácu tu nájde 155 Slovákov

Nemecká automobilka Porsche rozširuje svoje pôsobenie v Európe. Preberie dva strojárské závody - jeden v Nemecku a druhý v Dubnici nad Váhom. Časť zamestnancov dubnickej firmy preberie novovzniknutý dcérsky podnik spoločnosti Porsche. O prácu sa báť nemusia. Ide o 155 Slovákov, ktorí budú vyvíjať a konštruovať lisovacie nástroje na výrobu vonkajších dielov karosérií. Tie budú určené pre autá v rámci koncernu Volkswagen, kde Porsche finalizuje svoje produkty.

VLÁDA: Na Slovensko príde cvičiť vyše 600 amerických vojakov

Na cvičenie Slovak Shield 2015, ktoré sa na Slovensku uskutoční od 8. septembra do 31. októbra, príde okolo 840 vojakov zo zahraničia. Ich prítomnosť na území Slovenska počas vojenského cvičenia nedávno odsúhlasila vláda.

Najviac, do 640 vojakov, bude z USA. Približne 130 vojakov príde z Čiech, 60 vojakov bude z Poľska. Cvičenia sa zúčastní aj desať vojakov z Maďarska. Vojaci budú počas cvičenia využívať napríklad bojové obrnené vozidlá, húfnice či vrtníky. Cvičenie Slovak Shield bude zamerané na ochranu územnej celistvosti štátov NATO.

„Prišlo Slovensko o svoju Monu Lisu?“

Busta pápeža Pavla V. od slávneho umelca Gian Lorenza Berniniho bola roky v Bratislave. Že ide o originál, sa ukázalo až po jej predaji za 24-tisíc eur. Až v Londýne následne zistili, že ide o originál s mnohonásobne vyššou hodnotou. Dnes je v múzeu v Los Angeles. Dielo vlastnil slovenský umelec Ernest Zmeták. Dekádu po jeho smrti ju dediči dali do predaja. Kúpil ju súkromný zberateľ s dobrým okom napojený na Sotheby's napísal The Economist. „Prekázalo nám to cez prsty. Nielen nám, ale aj Slovensku,“ priznáva riaditeľ aukčnej spoločnosti SOGA Ján Ábelovský, ktorý si žiadny podobný prípad nepamätá. „Minister kultúry nariadil kontrolu a 10. júla podal trestné oznámenie s podozrením, že osoby, ktoré sa zúčastnili predaja, mohli poznať hodnotu diela. Minister zároveň odvolal členov komisie na ochranu kultúrneho dedičstva, ktorá žiadosť posudzovala, aj generálneho riaditeľa sekcie kultúrneho dedičstva,“ uviedol hovorca MK SR Jozef Bednár.

Susedia tromfli slovenskú vedu

V oblasti vedy je Slovensko najhoršie z krajín V4. Týka sa to hlavne vedeckých článkov a štúdií, ktoré vyšli v špičkových odborných časopisoch na celom svete ako napríklad Science, Nature, Cell, PNAS alebo Angewandte Chemie. Vydavateľ časopisu Nature pravidelne sleduje, koľko článkov v rámci pôvodu vyšlo v 68 odborných časopisoch. Slovensko sa v tomto rebríčku umiestnilo až na 50. mieste so 14 bodmi. Na porovnanie, Česko má 126 bodov, Poľsko 210 a Maďarsko 79. Lidrom je USA, ktoré má 17.936 bodov. Rebríček sa zameriava na hodnotenie odborných článkov z prírodných vied. „Keby zohľadňoval aj spoločenské a humanitné vedy, tak by sme boli na tom ešte horšie, pretože v exaktných vedách ako fyzika a chémia sme ešte ako-tak dobrí,“ povedal zástupca riaditeľa Elektrotechnického ústavu SAV Fedor Gómory, ktorý publikoval odborný článok v prestížnom titule Science. Podľa neho išlo o jediný článok za posledných 20 rokov, ktorý pisali výlučne slovenskí autori o našom domácom výskume.

Tatranské plesá vysychajú

Dlhodobé sucho a extrémne teplá potrápili nielen ľudí, ale aj prírodu. V slovenských Tatrách je takmer 100 plies a väčšina z nich má výrazne menej vody, ako je štandardné. „Taký veľký pokles si veru nepamätám. Plesá majú minimálne o meter vody menej tu v horách, kde bolo vody vždy dostatok,“ povedal Tomáš Petrik z chaty pri Zelenom plese. Tropické horúčavy spôsobili, že niektoré horské bystiny ostali úplne suché. To sa odrazilo najmä na plesách, do ktorých priteká voda povrchovo. Takými sú napríklad Popradské, Velické, Skalnaté či Zelené pleso.

Dôchodcovia sú chudobní príbuzní

Zabezpečenie budúcich seniorov je najlepšie vyriešené v Holandsku. Slovensko je na tom v tomto smere horšie ako niektoré krajiny na Balkáne. Vyplyva to z Indexu primeranosti dôchodkového príjmu, ktorý zostavila poisťovňa Allianz. V regióne, ktorý v poňatí štúdie zahŕňa štrnásť európskych krajín na východ od bývalej železnej opony vrátane Pobaltia, Balkánu a Ruska, sa Slovensko umiestnilo v spodnej časti. V celkovom rebríčku je na 31. mieste zo 49 krajín, ktorých údaje v Allianz analyzovali. Slovensko je tak napríklad za Chorvátskom, Bulharskom a Belgickom. Dopadli Slováci dokonca horšie, ako Česi, ktorí skončili na 26. mieste, ale lepšie ako Poľsko, ktoré skončilo na 33. mieste.

ZDRAVIE: Mimo manželstva sa vlni narodilo takmer 40 percent detí

Na Slovensku sa vlni narodilo vyše 55.000 detí, z toho mimo manželstva 40 percent z nich. „Posledné roky dochádza k určitej transformácii rodinných typov,“ píše sa v správe o zdravotnom stave obyvateľstva Slovenska. Zmenu rodinných štruktúr majú tiež podľa odborníkov naznačovať aj posledné výsledky sčítania obyvateľstva z roku 2011. Takmer 50 percent detí v rodinách boli jedináčikovia. „Čo je podstatným psychosociálnym faktorom vo vývoji členov populácie,“ uvádza sa v správe. Za obdobie 2012 až 2014 bol počet narodených detí relatívne stabilný, na Slovensku pribudlo viac ako 165.000 detí. V sledovanom období bolo prvorodených detí takmer 50 percent.

Čo čaká ľudí v Jaguari

Slováci majú nízke platy a vysoké normy. Nitriansky Jaguar priniesie iný štýl riadenia. Britský Jaguar Land Rover priniesie na Slovensko málo známy anglosaský štýl vedenia fabriky. Briti vyžadujú precíznosť inou formou ako Nemci či Kórejčania. „Britskí manažéri komunikujú so svojimi zamestnancami zvyčajne nepriamym spôsobom. V porovnaní s nemeckými manažermi sa považujú vo všeobecnosti za viac uvoľnených a menej prísnych,“ povedal Christopher Plant, výkonný riaditeľ Britskej obchodnej komory na Slovensku.

ČERVENÝ KAMEŇ: Najmladšou obeťou leteckého nešťastia bol 36-ročný Bratislavčan

Všetkých sedem obetí štvrtkového (20. 8.) leteckého nešťastia nad obcou Červený Kameň v Iľavskom okrese boli Slováci. Tragickú zrážku dvoch lietadiel L 410 neprežili 45-ročný Róbert z obce Pruské v okrese Ilava, rovnako starí Milan z Nitry, Marián z Martina a Roman z Ružomberka. Ďalšími obeťami boli 36-ročný Michal a 41-ročný Martin, obaja z Bratislavy, a 42-ročný Karol z Hlohovca. Všetky obeť stotožnili rodinní príslušníci.

Pri návratku hromadného zoskoku parašutistov na nedeľný (23. 8.) letecký deň na letisku v Slávnici došlo vo štvrtok krátko po 9.00 h k zrážke dvoch lietadiel. Na palubách oboch strojov bolo po 17 parašutistov a dvaja členovia posádky. Z 38 pasažierov sa podarilo z lietadielčas vyskočiť 31 parašutistom, štyria členovia posádky a traja parašutisti nehadu neprežili

PREZIDENT: Opustil fakultnú nemocnicu v Plzni

Prezident SR Andrej Kiska s pomocou bariel opustil fakultnú nemocnicu v Plzni, kde podstúpil vo štvrtok 20. augusta operáciu. Hlava štátu tak bude s rehabilitáciou pokračovať na Slovensku. Andrej Kiska sa v Plzni podrobil artroskopicko-endoskopickému operácii v oblasti bedrového kĺbu, pri ktorej mu odstránili výrastky a zapálené tkanivo. „Nemocnica má s týmto náročným lekárskeým zákrokom veľké skúsenosti, operácie tohto typu tu realizujú od roku 2006 a majú za sebou viac ako 600 výkonov,“ podotkol Krpelan.

Správy čerpané z TASR a zo slovenských časopisov



V Toronte bude mať premiéru slovenský film Eva Nová s Emíliou Vášáryovou

Film Eva Nová v hlavnej úlohe s Emíliou Vášáryovou je prvým hraným filmom slovenského režiséra Marka Škopa. Silný príbeh o žene, ktorá by urobila čokoľvek, aby znovu získala priazeň človeka, ktorého v živote ranila najviac - svojho syna, bude mať premiéru na 40. ročníku Medzinárodného filmového festivalu v Toronte (10. - 20. septembra).

Eva je abstínujúca alkoholička, ale pred rokmi bola známou herečkou. Teraz sa chce vrátiť do života, ktorý mala kedysi. Dá sa to ešte? Silné emócie a herecké výkony, ktoré ponúka divákovi dokumentarista Marko Škop vo svojom hranom debute v zahraničí upútali. Film vybral do tohtoročného programu MFF Toronto, festival ho uvedie v sekcii Discovery (Objavy).

Režisér Marko Škop je autorom dokumentárneho filmu Iné svety (2006), ktorý získal Cenu divákov a Zvláštne uznanie poroty na MFF Karlove Vary, Holubicu za Talent na festivale dokumentárnych filmov Dok-Leipzig a národnú cenu Slnko v sieti za Najlepší dokumentárny film. Na svojom konte má aj snímku Osadné (2009), ktorá sa dostala do výberu na IDFA Amsterdam, získala nomináciu na Griersonovu cenu na BFI London FF a odniesla si Cenu pre najlepší dokument na MFF Karlove Vary.

Jeho hraný debut Eva Nová vznikol v slovensko-českej koprodukcii. Nakrúcalo sa v okolí Sabinova a v Bratislave. Popri Emílii Vášáryovej sa vo filme predstavujú aj Milan Ondřík, Anikó Vargová, Zofia Martišová, Dušan Jamrich či Ľubo Gregor. Do slovenských kín snímku uvedie Asociácia slovenských filmových klubov (ASFK) v druhej polovici novembra.

TASR

Týždeň s elektromobilom

Ivan Reguli

Málokto vie, že pri zrode prvého elektrického automobilu bol slovenský vynálezca elektromotora Štefan Jedlík (1800-1895). Svoj elektrický vozík na koľajniciach predstavil už r. 1842. Vývoj techniky však v tom čase nebol na takej úrovni, aby sa elektromotory dali prakticky využiť na pohon vozidiel pohybujúcich sa na cestách. Ešte celých päťdesiat rokov trvalo, než sa vôbec začala éra spaľovacích motorov a masívna automobilová výroba. Konštruktéri automobilov si však po celé dvadsiate storočie uvedomovali, že raz príde čas, kedy sa vrátia k vývoju a výrobe ekologicky čistých elektrických automobilov. Elektromotory postupne nahradili v doprave parné stroje (my starší si ešte pamätáme vlaky poháňané parnými rušňami), ale raz príde doba, kedy budeme musieť nahradiť všetky spaľovacie motory a to nielen preto, že znečisťujú životné prostredie, ale i preto, že zásoby ropy sa raz minú. Veď sú to nepredstaviteľné množstvá pohonných hmôt, ktoré denne spotrebujú automobily, lietadlá, lode, priemyselné a poľnohospodárske stroje a mnohé ďalšie motory, ktorých palivo vytvára škodlivé splodiny. Pred hrozbou globálneho otepľovania spôsobeného vo veľkej miere človekom varuje ľudstvo aj pápež František vo svojej nedávno uverejnenej „zelenej“ encyklike Laudatio si' . „ Toto storočie môže byť svedkom vážnych klimatických zmien a ničenia ekosystémov, pokiaľ sa nič nevykoná. Ľudstvo si musí uvedomiť, že je nevyhnutné zmeniť životný štýl, výrobu a spotrebu a to s cieľom bojovať proti ľudským príčinám, ktoré ho vyvolávajú či zvyšujú.“

Kde zviať čistú energiu, ktorá môže nahradiť doterajšie zdroje? Aj keď je to pre mňa lákavá téma, nebudem sa do nej púšťať v celej jej šírke. Najväčším zdrojom energie našej Zeme je predsa Slnko. To je ten nevyčerpatelný zdroj, ktorý máme zadarmo, len sa ho naučiť využívať na všetky činnosti. Pred pár rokmi slovičko fotovoltaika bolo takmer neznáme. Dnes už bežne môžeme používať solárne nabíjačky našich mobilov, kalkulačiek, ale i väčších zdrojov elektrickej energie priamo zo slnka. Na strechách domov i celých lúčach vidieť fotovoltaické elektrárne. Tie, samozrejme, zatiaľ nie sú schopné nahradiť všetky elektrárne spaľujúce fosilné palivá, ale príde čas, kedy odzvonja tepelným elektrárnam a nahradia ich iné, ekologicky čisté: vodné, veterné, elektrovoltaické. Úspešný pokus obletieť našu planétu lietadlom poháňaným slnečnou energiou je signálom, že všetko je možné, len to ešte istý čas potrvá.

Výrobcovia automobilov sa už nebránia myšlienke rozvoja výroby elektromobilov. Každý z veľkých hráčov vo vývoji a výrobe automobilov má už za sebou model čisto elektrického, alebo hybridného automobilu. Už pred dvoma rokmi sme skúšali v Bratislave americkú Voltu, predávanú v Európe pod názvom Ampera. Tento automobil veľmi efektívne využíva rekuperáciu energie pri brzdení či jazde z kopca. Má i svoj benzínový motor, ktorým dobíja vlastnú batériu, ktorá je zdrojom energie pre elektropohon.

Najväčším výrobcom automobilov na Slovensku je firma Volkswagen. Už r. 2010 vyrába hybridný Touareg a čisto elektrický malý e-up od r. 2013. Nuž a ten menší sme dostali, dvaja „seniori žurnalisti“, na jeden týždeň, aby sme vyskúšali jeho jazdné a prevádzkové vlastnosti. Asi desať dní predtým nám firma Mercedes dala vyskúšať svoj čisto elektrický model triedy B a tak sme mohli porovnávať. Prvé čo nás zaujímalo bol dojazd elektromobilu a možnosti jeho dobíjania. Palubný počítač s ukazovateľom dojazdu zohľadňuje nastavenie svetiel, klimatizácie či kúrenia. Zaznamená každá zapojená spotrebič, a tak pri úspornom režime môže e-up zvládnuť približne 160 km. Z kopca aj viac. Napríklad pri jazde z Kramárov do Karlovej Vsi na ukazovateli dojazdu bolo 111 km. Keď som zastal po asi siedmich kilometroch pred garážou, jazdou z kopca som navýšil dojazd na 122 km. V Bratislave s dobíjaním batérie nie je problém a nebol by ani v ďalších mestách na Slovensku, keby sa výrobcovia a dodávatelia elektrickej energie dohodli na jednotnej norme zástrčiek a nabíjacieho napätia. Pre náš e-up sme okrem vlastnej domácej 230 V zástrčky so 16 A ističom našli iba dve nabíjacie stanice: jednu priamo pred Volkswagenom na 400 V napätie (v areáli Volkswagenu, verejnosti neprístupnom, majú, samozrejme, aj ďalšie nabíjačky) a druhú, rýchlonabíjačku, na Vajnorskej ulici. Neďaleko Bratislavy, v Lozorne, sme našli v areáli priemyselneho parku ďalšiu 400 V nabíjačku. Na plné dobíjanie batérie doma musíte rátať asi s ôsmymi hodinami, nabíjačka na trojfázový prúd to zvládne aj za štyri hodiny a rýchlonabíjačka na jednosmerný prúd doplní 80% kapacity batérie za necelú polhodinku. Najdôležitejším ukazovateľom automobilového počítača je dojazd vozidla. Ten musíme sledovať, lebo nielen do cieľa cesty sa treba dostať s istou rezervou, ale treba rátať i s tým, že sa musíme spoľahlivo vrátiť domov alebo k najbližšej nabíjačke. Kde sa najbližšia nabíjačka nachádza, aj to počítač ukáže. Žiaľ, sú to nabíjačky najmä v Rakúsku a Nemecku. Nezhody slovenských vlastníkov nabíjajúcich staníc majú zatiaľ jedinú výhodu: nabíjanie na Slovensku je zadarmo! Keď však nabijete automobil z vlastnej elektrickej zásuvky ani to nie je drahé. 100 km vás výjde približne na 2,-€. Na Slovensku je registrovaných zatiaľ iba 119 elektromobilov. Pre všetky modely elektrických aut je zatiaľ 50 verejných nabíjajúcich staníc.

Vývoj a výroba však idú nezadržateľne napred. Do roku 2020 by malo byť na Slovensku desať až dvadsaťpäť tisíc elektrických a plug-in hybridov. V tom čase v Rakúsku ich však bude asi 250-tisíc a v Nemecku milión. Pre výrobcov elektrických automobilov je to dobrý signál. Trochu nás prekvapilo, že zatiaľ najväčším odberateľom VW e-up je Nórsko. Pre domáci trh však bude musieť ísť asi s cenou trochu dole (VW e-up sa predáva za 24000,- €) a bude treba zabezpečiť dostatok nabíjajúcich staníc, aby si aj kupujúci z Oravy mohli v Bratislave auto kúpiť a dostať sa s ním domov.

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Dva elektromobily na nabíjačke.



e-up, montáž motora na podvozok.

38. slovenský festival v PNC Arts Center v New Jersey

Organizačný výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey pripravuje aj na tohoročný 38. festival bohatý program. Festival sa bude konať v **nedelju 27. septembra**. Začne sa o 10. hod. ráno a skončí sa večer po 6. hodine. Tohto roku sa tradičné bohoslužby budú konať v grécko-katolíckom obrade a začnú sa o 11. hodine predpoludním. Na kultúrnom programe vystúpi známy ľudový súbor z Pittsburghu PAS a tiež viaceré detské súbory z New Yorku a New Jersey. Znova bude vystupovať aj operný spevák Jozef Ivaška ml., ktorý sa v septembri vráti z dvojmesačného vystupovania v opere v Nemecku.

Program festivalu vyplnia aj ďalšie aktivity, ako hry pre deti, futbalový turnaj a tanečná hudba. Ako po iné roky, na festivale budú desiatky predajných a výstavných stánkov s knihami, keramikou, pamiatkovými predmetmi a rôznymi výrobkami slovenského ľudového umenia. Festival prídu pozdraviť aj slovenskí diplomati v USA a očakáva sa aj účasť vysokých činiteľov Slovenskej republiky.

Festival sa bude konať znova v príjemnom prostredí PNC Arts centra v mestečku Holmdel, NJ, v bezprostrednej blízkosti exitu 116 z Garden State Parkway. Vstup do parku a parkovanie sú bezplatné.

Prezidentská knižnica z archívu Rudolfa Schustera

Prezidentskú knižnicu vytvorenú zo súkromnej knižnej a audiovizuálnej zbierky bývalej hlavy štátu Rudolfa Schustera otvorili 18. júna 2015 v priestoroch Východoslovenskej galérie (VSG) na Hlavnej ulici 27 v Košiciach. Prístupná bude pre širokú verejnosť ako špecializované pracovisko Verejnej knižnice Jána Botatia.

Myšlienka zriadiť knižnicu vznikla podľa vzoru amerických prezidentov, na Slovensku je prvou svojho druhu. Exprezident Schuster do nej venoval nielen 50 vlastných autorských kníh, ale aj ďalších približne 1500 publikácií, ktoré získal vo forme darov od prezidentov či iných osobností sveta. Jeho vlastné diela sú zastúpené tiež v inojazyčných vydaniach, spomienkovú knihu *Ultimátum* tu nájdeme napríklad aj v čínštine. Okrem toho je v knižnici k dispozícii jeho filmový, video a rozhlasový archív. Sú v ňom súkromné filmy od študentských čias Schustera, zachytená je jeho svadba, rodinné dovolenky či služobné cesty.

Ďalšie snímky dokumentujú prezidentské obdobie a zahraničné cesty, o ktorých napísal a vydal knihy. Cenný je aj rozhlasový archív s autorskými rozhlasovými hrami a literárno-dramatickými pásmami.

Zvláštnu kategóriu tvoria filmové dokumenty z ciest Schustera po Islande, Grónsku, Aljaške, Kamčatke, severnom a južnom póle, Čukotke či Kanade. „Je to knižnica, ktorá sa zakladá dnes, ale bude sa ďalej postupne zaplňať. My sme to robili podľa vzoru Ameriky, ja som tam nikdy nevidel tú knižnicu, tak som to robil tak svojsky, že dávam svoje knihy, plus tie mne darované. Najmä tu však bude rozhlasový a televízny archív, ktorý som si pestoval. Veci, čo nie sú v knihách, si budú môcť záujemcovia pozrieť na obrazovke alebo vypočuť si z rozhlasového spracovania,“ priblížil novinárom Schuster.

Raz do týždňa sa chce Schuster stretávať v priestoroch knižnice s rôznymi skupinami návštevníkov, ktorí majú záujem o spomienky tohto bývalého prezidenta, veľvyslancu, predsedu Slovenskej národnej rady, či primátora Košíc. Zo svojich najbližších aktivít spomenul cestu na nórsky Svalbard, o ktorom chystá nový film a knihu. Tento rok vyjdú knižne aj jeho spomienky pod názvom *Schody návratov*.

Vedúca odboru kultúry Úradu Košického samosprávneho kraja (KSK) Jana Kováčová ocenila dar Schustera v podobe výnimočne ucelenej zbierky. „Myslím si, že to bude mať aj muzeálnu hodnotu, preto je to pod gesciou odboru kultúry, teda viacerých kultúrnych inštitúcií v zriaďovateľskej pôsobnosti KSK,“ povedala.

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Ekonomika na Slovensku sa vyvíja lepšie, ako sa počítalo

Ukazovatele trhu práce a ekonomického rastu sa vyvíjajú lepšie, ako sa pôvodne odhadovalo pri návrhu tohtoročného rozpočtu. „To automaticky znamená, že by to malo mať pozitívny dopad na našu fiškálnu pozíciu a na plnenie našich fiškálnych cieľov, mám na mysli deficit a dlh,“ uviedol na dnešnej spoločnej tlačovej besede s premiérom Robertom Ficom (Smer-SD) minister financií Peter Kažimír (Smer-SD).

Reagoval tak aj na najnovšiu predikciu Národnej banky Slovenska (NBS). Ekonomika SR by podľa nej mala tento rok vzrásť o 3,2 %, na budúci rok o 3,8 % a v roku 2017 sa predpokladá jej zvýšenie o 3,5 %. „Chcem pripomenúť, že rozpočet na tento rok bol postavený na odhade ekonomického rastu na úrovni 2,6 %,“ poznamenal Kažimír.

„Sme veľmi spokojní s vývojom trhu práce. Ten je totiž kľúčový pre ekonomiku aj z pohľadu plnenia štátnej pokladnice, ale aj z pohľadu ochoty ľudí dôverovať v systém a míňať peniaze. Zaujímavá je aj štruktúra tvorby pracovných miest v regiónoch, ktoré sú aj dnes sužované vysokým percentom nezamestnanosti v porovnaní s Bratislavou a so západným Slovenskom. Aj tam však po dlhých mesiacoch a štvrtrokochoch stojatých vôd dochádza k znižovaniu nezamestnanosti,“ dodal šéf rezortu financií.

„Po 1. januári 2015, kedy sme zvýšili minimálnu mzdu na 380 eur, prišlo za tri mesiace k vytvoreniu viac ako 40.000 pracovných miest. Môžeme teda oprávnené konštatovať, že zvyšovanie minimálnej mzdy nemá negatívny vplyv na nezamestnanosť. Aj popri zvyšovaní minimálnej mzdy je možnosť vytvárať nové pracovné miesta,“ doplnil Fico.

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Slovensko vo výnimočnej publikácii v angličtine:

One Thousand And Twenty Years of Young Slovakia

Vydavateľ Dušan Kutálek z Myjavu dáva do pozornosti nielen našim krajanom, ale prostredníctvom ich profesijného pôsobenia, krajanských aktivít v spolkoch i mimo nich, ako aj ochotou prezentovať svoju domovinu či vlasť svojich predkov v zahraničí v inštitúciách a v kruhu priateľov v štátoch, v ktorých žijú, dramaturgiou, obsahom, najmä ale informačnou nasýtenosťou pozoruhodnú a rozsiahlu publikáciu o Slovensku.

Jej zostavovatelia a autori (šéfreditor Ivan Klč, editori Danica Filová a Marián Petričko, na knihe sa podieľalo svojimi textami 85 autorov!), konzultant a recenzent knihy prof. Ján Sand a samotný vydavateľ Dušan Kutálek jej dali prívlastok „prvej kompletnej knihy o Slovenskej republike“. V origináli jej názov znie „One Thousand And Twenty Years Of Young Slovakia“. Encyklopedická, dramaturgicky zaujímavá členená kniha, vyšla plne v anglickom jazyku na 768 stranách s 1334 ilustráciami.

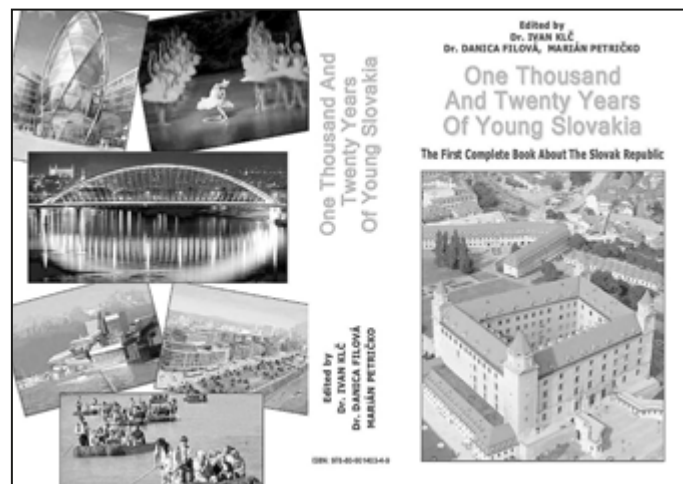
Vydavateľ Dušan Kutálek približuje vo svojom pohľade cennú publikáciu aj z pohľadu jej prínosu v kontexte jej reprezentatívneho uchopenia témy, v ktorej sa Slovensko prezentuje pred zahraničným čitateľom aj prostredníctvom mimoriadnych osobností politického, vedeckého, kultúrno-spoločenského, umeleckého i športového sveta s tým, že svoj talent, um i fortieľ naplno rozvíja v krajinách mimo Slovenska. Pred vstupom do oblasti „slávnych Slovákov a slovenských rodákov i potomkov v zahraničí“ D. Kutálek podčiarkuje:

„Osobitne ma teší, že túto knihu o mladej Slovenskej republike s obsahovou spoluúčasťou Ministerstva kultúry SR zaradili do kolekcie prísne výberovej, najväčšej a najprestížnejšej knižnice na svete – Library of Congress U.S. vo Washingtone – podľa jej webovej stránky vôbec ako prvú z územia Slovenska vytvorenú slovenskými editormi a autormi a vytlačenu u nás v tlačiarňi Kasico, a.s. - po 154 rokoch!

Kniha vyšla na počesť 1150. výročia príchodu Cyrila a Metoda na naše územie a 20. výročia vzniku Slovenskej republiky. Má ambíciu propagovať našu krajinu vo svete a zdôrazniť, že Slováci napriek mladej demokratickej štátnosti obohacovali svet po stáročia – vo vede, umení, kultúre, politike, vojenstve, verejnom živote, ekonomike či športe.

Toľko vydavateľ Dušan Kutálek, ktorý k „pozvánke“ a dobrému úmyslu šíriť zvesť o mimoriadne pútavej publikácii pridáva aj vieru i presvedčenie v jednom, že „tento komplexný, doposiaľ najrozsiahljší zdroj o Slovensku „pod jednou strechou“ je tým nanajväčš vhodným propagačným produktom pre Slovensko v zahraničí.“ A tak i preto dávame touto cestou knihu do pozornosti tak našim krajanom v zahraničí, ako aj ich priateľom v ich domovských štátoch, ako aj všetkým tým, ktorí majú záujem dozvedieť sa o našej vlasti čosi viac – pričom o takmer všetkom v jednej knihe!

V skratke vám predstavujeme uvedenú knihu tak, ako ju vydavateľ prezentuje, vrátane ukážok obalu, obsahu publikácie, ako aj „nahliadnutia“ do niektorých strán. Kniha stojí € 49 plus poštovne. Záujemci si túto knihu môžu objednať priamo u vydavateľa na email adrese: kutalek@centrum.sk



Na 20-eurový nákup potravín pracujú Slováci takmer štyri hodiny

Slovák zarábajúci priemernú mzdu 839 eur pracuje na bežný nákup potravín v hodnote 20 eur takmer štyri hodiny. Na natankovanie plnej nádrže benzínu potrebuje stráviť v práci viac než 12 hodín a ak si chce dopriať televízor, odpracovať musí zhruba sedem dní. Vyplýva to z aktuálnej analýzy Poštovej banky na základe údajov Štatistického úradu SR.

Ceny tovarov a služieb v slovenských obchodoch už od začiatku minulého roka stagnujú alebo dokonca mierne klesajú. Napriek tomu si až tri pätiny domácností myslia, že ceny sa vlni zvýšili. „Dôvodom je fenomén zvaný pocitová inflácia, ktorá je vždy vyššia ako tá skutočná,“ uviedla analytička Poštovej banky Jana Glasová.

Priemerne zarábajúci Slovák pracuje na bežný 20-eurový nákup potravín tri hodiny a 50 minút. Vďaka cenovej stagnácii a mzdovému rastu je to zhruba o štvrt hodiny kratšie ako pred rokom. Ak na väčší nákup minie 50 eur, znamená to, že v práci musí stráviť viac než jeden pracovný deň. Nákup na celý týždeň za 100 eur stojí človeka viac ako dva dni v zamestnaní. Ľudia zarábajúci 500 eur v hrubom musia pre 20-eurový nákup potravín pobudnúť v práci až okolo šesť a pol hodiny. „A tí, ktorých zárobok sa pohybuje na úrovni minimálnej mzdy 380 eur, to majú ešte ťažšie. Aby mohli v supermarkete minúť spomínanú „dvacku“, musia odpracovať až osem a pol hodiny. Preto niet divu, že mnohí Slováci neustále firľú na dražobu v obchodoch,“ zhodnotila Glasová.

Motoristi za natankovanie plnej nádrže benzínu zaplatia v priemere 66 eur, teda približne o šesť eur menej ako minulý rok. Nižšie ceny ropy viedli podľa analytičky k tomu, že zatiaľ čo teraz priemerne zarábajúci Slovák potrebuje na natankovanie plnej nádrže stráviť v práci 12 a pol hodiny, pred rokom to bolo až 14 hodín.

„Ak si chce človek vybať domácnosť novým televízorom, musí v práci zotrvať asi sedem dní. Pred rokom to bolo ešte o deň dlhšie. Kúpa novej chladničky ho stojí približne osem odpracovaných dní a nové auto v hodnote 10.300 eur si u Slováka s priemernou mzdou vyžaduje stráviť v práci celý jeden kalendárny rok. Na kúpu jedného štvorcového metra (m²) bytu alebo domu musí odpracovať zhruba 1,5 mesiaca. „Kúpa celej nehnuteľnosti, hoci iba malometrážnej, tak vyžaduje minimálne päť odpracovaných rokov. Samozrejme v tom prípade, že by sme nič nemiňali a celý plat odkladali na kúpu bytu,“ uzavrela Glasová.

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Putovanie po regiónoch Slovenska

(Pokračovanie)

Dolné Považie

Región sa nachádza v Podunajskej nížine ohraničenej Malými Karpatmi a Považským Inovcom, medzi Malými Karpatmi a Trnavskou pahorkatinou.

Jeho strediskom je Trnava, ktorá patrí k najstarším mestám Slovenska. Už v r. 1554 tu založil Peter Pazmán akadémiu, ktorú v r. 1635 premenili na univerzitu a bola ňou až do r. 1777. Údajne tu študoval teológiu aj legendárny zbojnícky hrdina Juro Jánošík. V r. 1870 založil tu Andrej Radlinský Spolok sv. Vojtecha, ktorý je podnes najväčším vydavateľom i propagátorom katolíckej tlače a literatúry na Slovensku.

V meste je 12 rímskokatolíckych kostolov, a preto má prívlastok *Slovenský Rím*. Medzi najhodnotnejšie patrí gotický trojloďový z r. 1380, ktorý je svojimi rozmermi (dĺžka 70m, šírka 17 m, výška 20 m) najväčším na Slovensku. Trnava je rodom známeho hudobného skladateľa Mikuláša Schneidera Trnavského. Mesto si udržiava čulé partnerské styky s 9 mestami v zahraničí, aj so Scrantom v USA.

V regióne sa nachádza viac pozoruhodných miest a obcí. V neďalekom Hlohovci je najväčší závod na výrobu liečiv na Slovensku.

Keď sa Turci zmocnili neďalekých Nových Zámok a ich pevnosti, vznikla v Leopoldove na rozlohe 56 ha hvezdicová pevnosť, ktorá sa od 18. st. stala väznicou.

Zaujímavá je aj obec Dolná Krupá s empírovým zámkom z r. 1793 a krásnym parkom, v ktorom niekoľko rokov býval hudobný skladateľ Beethoven a skomponoval tu svoju *Mesačnú sonátu*. Tam v ňom skrslí myšlienka aj pre svetoznámu skladbu *IX. symfónia*.

Pri návšteve regiónu by ste zásadne nemali vynechať Čachtice a na strmom vápencovom kopci zrúcaniny hradu, ktorý sa stal sídlom Alžbety Báthoryčky, známej sadistickej vrahyne desiatok mladých dievčienec. Za svoje zločiny si odpykávala trest v neďalekej Bytči, kde sa zošalela.

Moravany nad Váhom sú pozoruhodné paleolitickými sídliskami, starými 15 – 18 tisíc rokov, ktoré sa tiahnu popri Váhu v dĺžke 12 km. V renesančnom kaštieli z r. 1881 je galéria plastík umelcov z celého sveta. V meste možno obdivovať aj najkrajší kroj na Považí.

Pozornosť si zasluhujú aj Piešťany, svetoznáme kúpeľné mesto v Podunajskej nížine, ktoré údajne poznali už Rimania. V 17. st. si tu liečil slovenský básnik Adam Trajan reumu a napísal na kúpele latinskú oslavnú báseň *Saluberrimae Pistiense Thermae*. Chodil sa sem liečiť aj Beethoven počas svojho pobytu v neďalekej Dolnej Krupci.

Za zmienku stojí aj návšteva mestečka Vrbové neďaleko Piešťan, známe už v r. 1856 prekvitajúcim obchodom a remeslami, ktoré v 16. storočí trpelo nájazdmi Turkov. Obyvatelia si pred nimi chránili dobytok v podzemných chodbách nachádzajúcimi sa pod jeho centrom. Mesto je rodom Mikuláša Beňovského, legendárneho cestovateľa a dobrodruha, kráľa Madagaskaru, o živote ktorého je román *Dobrodružstvo Mórica Beňovského* od Joža Nižnanského a viacdielny film pod názvom *Moric Beňovský*. Mesto skrášľuje aj jeho pamätník vo Vrbovom.

Sereď je známa nielen výrobou šumivého vína zn. HUBERT, ale aj ako stredisko úrodného poľnohospodárskeho kraja a potravinárskeho priemyslu. V minulosti bola konečnou stanicou prvej konskej železnice (1837-1846) na trati : Batislava – Trnava - Sereď a konečnou zastávkou plti, ktoré dovážali po Váhu z Oravy a Liptova rôzny tovar. V meste je aj kaštieľ s anglickým parkom a exotickými drevinami.

V neďalekej Šintave a na okolí je vyše 100 archeologických nálezísk. Obec bola aj prekladiskom tovaru prepravovaného plťami po Váhu.

Dunajská Streda je známa najväčším cukrovarom na Slovensku na Žitnom ostrove. Odkrytím termálnych vôd z hĺbky 259 m až 92 °C sa tam vytvorili vynikajúce podmienky pre skleníkové hospodárstvo a rekreáciu.

O Trnave sa zachovala aj pieseň: Trenčín, Trnava, ruža voňavá.

Andrej Štelmák, Sliac, Slovakia



Pomník Beňovského vo Vrbovom.



Piešťany symbol kúpeľov.



Trnavský 3 loďový kostol (1380).



Čachtický hrad.



Sereď kaštieľ.

„Utrpenie a smrť utečencov sa týkajú každého z nás“

K nešťastiu utečencov nájdených pri Parndorfe v Rakúsku sa vyjadril aj bratislavský arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský.

„Iba niekoľko kilometrov od našich hraníc sa stala hrozná tragédia. Viacerí naznačujú, že toto nešťastie spôsobila neľudskosť prevádzachov. Utrpenie a smrť utečencov sa týkajú každého z nás. Neodvracajme zrak,“ zdôraznil Mons. Zvolenský, ktorý je aj predsedom Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS). Zároveň prosí veriacich o modlitby za našich blížnych, ktorí zomreli v chladiarskom vozidle.

„Prosím o duchovnú silu pre nás všetkých, aby sme mali odvahu vnímať utečencov pohľadom ľudskosti“, uviedol arcibiskup Zvolenský.

Text vyjadrenia zverejnila Tlačová kancelária Konferencie biskupov Slovenska v Bratislave.

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Neuveriteľné veci, ktoré dokážu deti v maternici

Nenarodené deti nie sú v rovnakom vývojovom štádiu ako my, no predsa existuje veľa vecí, ktoré dokážu robiť. Srdce im bije už v 21. deň matnej tehotnosti, mozgové vlny sa dajú zistiť už na štyridsiaty druhý deň, môžu si už sať palce a zívajú. Majú dokonca vyvinuté chuťové poháriky a vlastné odtlačky prstov.

Neuveriteľné veci, ktoré môžu nenarodené deti robiť vo vnútri maternice nás môžu prekvapiť. Ale určite je to znakom ľudskosti nenarodených životov.

Učia sa! My, rodičia, sa učíme tiež. BabyCentre nás učí, že maternica je zmyslovým ihriskom pre nenarodené dieťa. To že deti reagujú už v maternici je znamením, že dieťa sa pripravuje na život po pôrode.

WebMD uvádza, že deti majú v maternici schopnosť učiť sa a počúvať. Nový výskum nás informuje, že deti začínajú absorbovať materský jazyk v maternici počas posledných 10 týždňov tehotenstva. Je to skôr než sa doteraz myslelo. Novonarodenci skutočne vedia rozoznať rozdiel medzi materinským a cudzím jazykom už niekoľko hodín po narodení. Tieto neuveriteľné skutočnosti dokazujú, že už hovoríme o ľudskej bytosti.

Reagujú gestami! Deti dokážu v maternici počúvať reč i hudbu. Reagujú žmurkaním, alebo rytmickým pohybom. Deti v maternici dokážu reagovať rôznym spôsobom. Napríklad jedna matka zverejnila video svojho 14-týždňového dieťaťa, ktoré v maternici flieška ručičkami.

Pamätajú si! Ako uviedol The Daily Mail, deti si dokážu pamätať pesničky, ktoré počujú v maternici až štyri mesiace. Výskumníci tvrdia, že vystavovanie detí ľahodnej hudbe v maternici ovplyvňuje kritické obdobie vývoja mozgu. Je úžasné, že deti sa v maternici nie len učia, ale si aj pamätajú.

Snívajú! Uvádza sa, že v 32. týždni deti prespia 90-95 percent dňa. Niektoré z týchto hodín trávia v rôznych fázach spánku vrátane REM spánku, hlbokého spánku a či neurčitého stavu. Počas REM spánku sa oči detí pohybujú sem a tam rovnako ako oči dospelého človeka. Vedci, ktorí sledovali deti v maternici poznamenali, že sú v stave pokojnej bdlosti. To znamená, že dieťa sa dokáže na niečo zamerať – napríklad na počúvanie matkinho hlasu.

Existujú ako ľudia! V okamihu, keď spermia oplodní vajíčko, začína existovať ľudská bytosť. Dieťa nie je nikdy ničím iným než človekom. Nikdy predtým neexistovalo a ani znova už nemôže. Nenarodené deti nás udivujú od okamihu počatia.

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Rok okrúhlych jubileí fundátora americko-slovenského života

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Tento čin bol odpoveďou amerických Slovákov na zatvorenie Matice slovenskej v Martine. „Vzkriesená Matica pozdravuje Slovákov“, tak znel odkaz, ktorý poslali americkí Slováci z tohto zhromaždenia do Slovenských národných novín. Po dobu jedenástich rokov Matica slovenská v Amerike organizovala slovenskú kultúru, pripravovala divadlá, vydávala Sborník Matice slovenskej a Radcu slovenských prisťahovalcov. V roku 1904 sa pre veľký počet slovenských spolkov a pre vlastnú nejednotnosť rozpadla.

Ďalším krokom ako politicky zjednotiť Slovákov bolo založenie Národného výboru a Národného fondu v Pittsburgu (18. 8. 1899). 17. októbra 1905 Furdek výbor rozšíril až na Ústredný národný výbor, aby doň zastrelil čo najviac Slovákov a Sloveniek žijúcich nielen v okolí Pittsburgu, ale i v Amerike. Na posilnenie svojich snáh uplatnil myšlienku členského poplatku, z ktorého podporoval najrôznejšie slovenské akcie.

V tomto čase už bol Furdek etablovaný medzi novinárskou slovenskou elitou a v Pittsburgu, v ktorom sa vtedy združovalo približne 80 000 Slovákov, zvolal (21.12.1906) stretnutie zástupcov slovenských časopisov v Amerike. Na predsednícku stoličku Združenia slovenských novinárov v Amerike bol zvolený práve on. Víziu celoamerického slovenského spolku začal naplňať už v roku 1907, kedy bol zvolaný Národný Slovenský Kongres, ktorého sa zúčastnilo takmer 10 000 Slovákov. Tu sa založila Slovenská liga (30. 5. 1907), ktorá predstavovala pre amerických Slovákov organizáciu, v ktorej členstvo bolo nielen hrdosťou a právom, ale i akousi slovenskou povinnosťou. Furdek sa stal jej novým predsedom – agitoval, vyzýval i organizoval.

Štefanovi Furdekovi môžeme vďačiť nielen za silnú národno-aktívnu činnosť orientovanú na zakladanie najprogressívnejších slovenských organizácií v Amerike, ale i za mnoho ďalšieho. Je autorom hymny amerických Slovákov a stojí aj za ustáleným pomenovaním pre Slovákov „The Slovaks“, pretože v tom čase bol slovenský národ v Amerike nejednotne nazývaný, napr.: „Austrians“, „Hungarians“, „slavish people“, „Slavonians“. Je zakladateľom Kalendára Jednota, ktorý dnes slúži ako jeden z hlavných zdrojov pri štúdiu dejín Slovákov v Amerike. Je autorom čítanek a šlabikárov, prózy i poézie. Navrhol aj založenie podujatia *Slovenské dni*, ktoré ešte i dnes existuje v určitých obmenách.

Táto nebývalá osobnosť však nebola obdarená dlhovekosťou. Svoju životnú púť ukončil 19.1.1915 v Clevelande. Jeho meno bolo aj naďalej spojené so všetkými dôležitými činnosťami amerických Slovákov a prakticky je prepojené až dodnes, pod známym heslom: „Za Boha a národ“.

Zuzana Pavelcová



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



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Venované spomienke na Štefana Furdeka (1855 – 1915)

Prvá vlna slovenských vysťahovalcov smerujúcich na americký kontinent priniesla do Spojených štátov osobnosti nebyvalých rozmerov. Hlboká stopa, ktorú za „veľkou mládkou“ po sebe zanechali naši rodáci, nevychladla ani po dvoch storočiach. Jednu z najvýznamnejších brázd (ak nie i tú najhlbšiu a najzreteľnejšiu) vryl do slovenských dejín amerického kontinentu oravský rodák – rev. Štefan Furdek. V roku 2015 si pripomíname 160. výročie jeho narodenia (*2.9.1855, Trstená) i sté výročie od jeho smrti († 22.10.1915, Cleveland).

Štefan Furdek sa narodil v chudobnom oravskom kraji, rodičom Štefanovi a Márii, rodenej Stopkovej. Všeobecné gymnaziálne štúdium získaval v Banskej Bystrici, neskôr pokračoval v Nitre na teologických štúdiách i na filologických štúdiách v Prahe. Už v tomto čase sa Furdek snažil vyhýbať maďarizačným tlakom, avšak ani v českej metropole, v Prahe sa necítil úplne slobodný. V roku 1882 emigroval do Spojených štátov, do Clevelandu, kde si vzdelanie doplnil a ukončil ho. V roku 1882 ho vysvätili za kňaza a svoje prvé pracovné miesto získal v českej osade.

Tu sledoval život iných krajanských spolkov, prenikal do myslenia Američanov i ďalších národov, učil sa jazyk a začínal aplikovať svoje prvé návrhy pre organizovanie slovenského života v Clevelande. Keď Furdek úplne pochopil významu a prínosu slovenských organizovaných spolkov, dňa 13. apríla 1890 uskutočnil zhromaždenie miestnych Slovákov na Gross street a spoločne založili 1. Katolícku Slovenskú Jednotu. Známe heslo „Za Boha a národ“ sa stalo hnacím motorom pre prvý organizovaný slovenský život v Clevelande. Furdek si bol vedomý, že myšlienka Jednoty bude mať oveľa väčšiu silu i masovosť, ak bude podporená aj vlastným časopisom. A tak, od roku 1891, začal vychádzať časopis Jednota, ktorý je publikovaný až do dnešných čias a tvorí súčasť každej krajanskej knižnice. Furdek ju viedol 17 rokov a takmer každý jej výtlačok obsahuje príspevok s jeho autorstvom.

Jeho snahy o založenie jednotného, demokratického a profilového spolku pre Slovákov pretrvávali aj naďalej. 13. septembra 1893 uskutočnil zhromaždenie „milovníkov slovenského ľudu“ v Chicagu, ktoré zasialo prvé semienko pre vznik Matice slovenskej v Amerike.



Štefan Furdek

Pokračovanie na str. 23



V Trnave sa rozlúčili so zosnulým biskupom Mons. Vladimírom Filom

Trnavskú katedrálu sv. Jána Krstiteľa 24. augusta dopoludnia zaplnili veriaci, ktorí sa prišli rozlúčiť so zosnulým Mons. Vladimírom Filom, emeritným rožňavským biskupom. Pohrebnú svätú omšu slávil predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, bratislavský arcibiskup a metropolita, spolu so slovenskými i zahraničnými biskupmi, kňazmi a rehoľníkmi. V príhovore arcibiskup Zvolenský pripomenul svedectvo života zosnulého Mons. Fila, ktorého heslom boli slová svätého apoštola Pavla "Mne žiť je Kristus".

TK KBS/ Matus Hasil



V Bratislave sa uskutoční Národný pochod za život

V nedeľu 20. septembra, sa v Bratislave uskutoční Národný pochod za život. Okrem pochodu ulicami centra hlavného mesta, s odkazom radosti zo života každého človeka už od počatia, sa môžu účastníci tešiť na koncerty Márie Čírovej a ďalších spevákov, na desiatky workshopov a diskusií, na detský program, či filmový pro-life festival.



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Na snímke z roku 2013 účastníci Národného pochodu za život

“Chceli sme, aby program bol pestrý, ako je pestrý aj život. Aby si každý účastník našiel niečo, čo sa mu páči. Zároveň ale program vyvrcholí v nedeľu popoludní spoločným pochodom za to, čo nás spája – za ochranu života každého človeka,” povedal Marek Michalčík z organizačného tímu Národného pochodu za život. Sprievodný program Národného pochodu za život sa začne v piatok 18. septembra mládežníckym podujatím Ciptime. Uskutoční sa aj šnúra diskusií pripravovaná v partnerstve s Bratislavskými Hanusovými dňami na tému “Právo na život” a “Pro-life patrí na titulku”.

Vrcholom podujatia bude v nedeľu 20. septembra popoludní Národný pochod za život, ktorý sa začne na Námestí SNP v Bratislave. Pred pochodom sa v bratislavských kostoloch budú konať bohoslužby za život, uskutoční sa pestrý hudobný program. Účastníkom podujatia sa prihovoria viacerí hostia.

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Slovenský chodec Matej Tóth sa stal majstrom sveta na 50 km

Do cieľa na štadióne pekingského Vtáčieho hniezda dopochodoval triumfálne s časom 3:40:32 po úžasnom sôle. Pre slovenskú atletiku vybojoval v samostatnej ére premiérový titul a počet medailí v histórii rozšíril na štyri, s jedným zlatom a tromi bronzami. Druhý došiel do cieľa Austráľčan Jared Tallent v sezónnom maxime 3:42:17, tretí Japonec Tanajuki Tanii 3:42:55.



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Na snímke zlatý medailista v atletike z Majstrovstiev sveta v čínskom Pekingu v chôdzi mužov na 50km Matej Tóth počas tlačovej konferencie v Bratislave 31. augusta 2015.

Slovak race walker Matej Tóth (of VŠC Dukla Banská Bystrica sports club) won a gold medal in the 50 kilometre walk at the World Championships in Beijing, while also winning the overall title in the prestigious IAAF Race Walking Challenge series.