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Delegates vote at the 49th Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Look for more convention coverage in the next Jednota.

Message from the President

Our 49TH International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union held on August 14 – 18, 2010 was an outstanding success. Many Delegates said that this was the best Convention they ever attended.

The theme was "Return to our Roots" and it was carried throughout the entire event. The next several issues of Jednota will contain many pictures of the events and the attendees.

Saturday literally started with a bang. Registering Delegates were serenaded in the lobby and later at and after dinner with music by the Slovak folk band, Pajtasi, from New York. A significant number of Delegates and guests attended the Cleveland Indians ball game and were wowed by the after-game fireworks display. The Pittsburgh Slovaks also provided entertainment Saturday.

The weekend included the impressive and extensive

"kroj" (Slovak folk costume) display of Helene Cincebaux, assisted by her husband and local Slovak activist, George Terbrack.

On Saturday afternoon over 200 Delegates and guests took our "Lolley the Trolley" tours, with stops at the Home Office to view our new Museum, the Benedictine Abbey, Slovak Institute and the Slovak Cultural Gardens.

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Andrew M. Rajec

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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

On behalf of the executive committee, national officers, and FCSU home office staff, I offer you –honored clergy, delegates and guests – our warmest thanks.

It was a distinct pleasure to welcome you to Cleveland, Ohio, and the 49th Quadrennial Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. The home office staff, in particular, was extremely glad to meet in person so many of our members with whom they interact daily, over the telephone, via fax and email. We hope you feel the same.

Certainly, we are very appreciative of your kind comments, constructive feedback, and diligent efforts to make this a successful and satisfying convention. Whether offering your time and talents as a delegate, serving on a committee, or helping to organize any of the at-convention functions – you, our members, are what keep our union, our Jednota, strong.

As we get back to our "regular" lives, may we keep in our prayers the family of our recently departed member Michal Ladic, of Branch 746, as well as our member Patricia Conner, of Branch 200, who as of this issue deadline, remains in critical condition at the Cleveland Clinic.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for your continued encouragement and support of me as your Executive Secretary.

I vow to work together with you over the next four years to make our Society even stronger.

Fraternally yours,



Kenneth A. Arendt

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Executive Secretary
First Catholic Slovak Union

Rest In Peace, Branch 746 Member & Delegate Michal Ladic

Family and friends mourned the passing of Michal Ladic, 56, at a funeral Mass held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ. Mr. Ladic passed away suddenly at the conclusion of the 49th Convention of the F.C.S.U. in Cleveland, OH on Wednesday, August 18th. He was very happy to be a part of the F.C.S.U., representing branch 746 at this, his first convention. Mr. Ladic, an electrician by trade, resided in Linden, NJ for the past 10 years. Born in Slovakia, he came to the United States some 16 years ago. He was a parishioner of Holy Family Church, a Slovak parish. Michal was Vice President of the Slovak League of America in Linden NJ, and Vice President of the Slovak Culture Club, also in Linden, NJ. He leaves behind a wife, two sons, and two sisters. His body will be returned to Bonkovce, Slovakia for final burial. May he rest in peace.

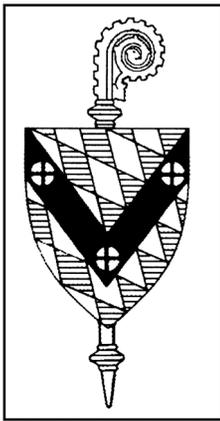
Mary J. Kapitan, Branch 746

Keep Convention Delegate & Branch 200 Member Patricia Conner In Your Prayers

As press time for this issue of the Jednota, Patricia Conner, a member of Branch 200, and a delegate to the 49th Quadrennial Convention, remains in critical condition at the Cleveland Clinic, where she was taken on an emergency basis during convention.

The thoughts and prayers of all of us at the FCSU – National Officers, Board of Directors, religious clergy, fellow delegates and members – are with Pat and her family .

Insights and Viewpoints



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

September 5, 2010

23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

Gospel Summary

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

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

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

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

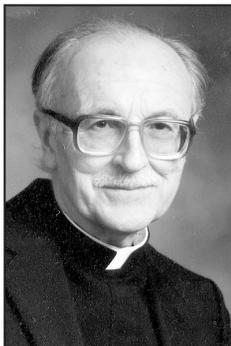
Life Implications

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

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

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

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



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

September 12, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 15:1-32

Gospel Summary

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

Life Implications

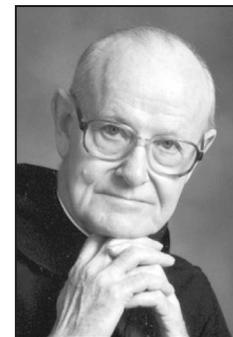
In the social-religious culture of that time, sinners and those in dishonorable occupations, as well as those who associated with them, were judged to be excluded from friendship with God. In the parables Jesus justifies his companionship with social and religious outcasts by implying that what he is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

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

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

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

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



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

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Message from the President

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Special thanks to George Terbrack for his work on the Museum and the Slovak Gardens program. Also thanks to Andy Hudak at the Slovak Institute and the monks at St. Andrews Abbey.

Our Editor, Terri Ivanec was greeting Delegates as Joseph Hornack presided at his Slovak genealogy display along with a Slovak publication table hosted by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers Inc.

The first Convention session opened on Sunday morning with prayer led by Fr. Thomas Nasta, and the singing of the National Anthems of the United States, Canada and Slovakia led by Susan Ondrejco. The Delegates had roll call and were greeted by the President's Report to the Convention, which was well received by the Delegates, as it highlighted the record strong financial condition of the Society, in spite of the recent world financial crisis.

The Convention Rules Committee gave their report. The Supreme Court having met for only the third time in the 120 year history of the Society gave their report finding only one minor Bylaw error by the Executive Secretary and no Bylaw violations by the President.

After an excellent lunch, the Delegates and guests boarded buses for St. John Cathedral for a memorial service and a concelebrated Mass with the main celebrant being Bishop Joseph Adamec.

The Sunday dinner and Slovak Folk Dance and Music Spectacular were attended by over 500 people. The program began with the Anthems led by Logan Dillinger and Invocation by Bishop Adamec. The dance groups Východná from Toronto, Šarišan from Detroit and Lúčina and Lúčinka from Cleveland gave a very spirited, professional 1 ½ hour performance. The Cleveland area group Dolina provided entertainment both during and after an excellent dinner. The evening performances were followed with the singing of "Hej, Slováci" by the entire audience. I want to thank Tom Ivanec for assembling this outstanding program.

Monday was a full work day, with the Delegates receiving reports from the Society's outside accountants and actuary which highlighted the excellent financial results in 2009 and the first half of 2010.

There were several Committee reports along with the Bylaw Committee presenting their recommended Bylaw changes to the Convention. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairmen and their Committee members and especially the Bylaw Committee and its Chair Michael Kolesar for their work.

Monday's excellent dinner was followed by an address from our featured speaker, his Excellency Peter Burian, Slovak Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Burian graciously attended both the Sunday and Monday functions and personally spoke with many of the Delegates. The event culminated with the singing of "Hej, Slováci" by the assembled Delegates. John Pastirik Band played with vocals by the "Slovenske Mamicky".

Tuesday was again a work day with more Committee reports throughout the day. During the morning session candidates seeking specific offices made their speeches as required by the Bylaws while others were only introduced, as also required.

Voting was held late Tuesday morning as lunch was postponed until the voting was completed. After lunch the vote results were announced and those elected were sworn-in.

After a buffet dinner the Delegates and guests boarded buses for an evening Lake Erie cruise on the ship "Good Time III". The Jurasi Band from New York played familiar Slovak tunes during the cruise. The evening was warm and the water calm as glass.

The Convention business was complete and the Delegates were able to depart on Wednesday morning after brunch.

I'd like to thank George F. Matta, II. and Joseph S. Bielecki for their work as Convention Chair and Vice Chair. I'd also like to thank our Home Office employees for their efforts and hard work before and during the Convention.

The Convention was efficient and businesslike, while also very entertaining and informative for Delegates and guests.

The 49th Quadrennial Convention 2010 in Cleveland will be hard to top. The many compliments during the entire event are appreciated. It shows that working together we can do great things.

The only sad notes are that on Sunday one of our Delegates, Patricia Conner, Member of Branch 200, became seriously ill and was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where she remains in very serious condition. I was able to visit her family later that week. Please include Patricia in your prayers and pray for her recovery.

Also, unfortunately, our Delegate Michal Ladic, Branch 746, died suddenly, from an apparent heart attack, while the cruise ship was about to dock on Tuesday evening. Dr. Richard Ungvarsky attempted to treat him, but to no avail. We all express our deepest sympathy to his family.

More information regarding these two Members is contained in this issue of the Jednota.

Finally, I want to thank all the Delegates for their vote of confidence for my re-election. The work will continue for the benefit of our Members and the Society.

God Bless! Ďakujem veľmi pekne.

Andrew M. Rajec
President



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

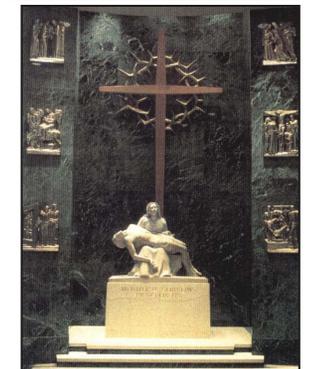
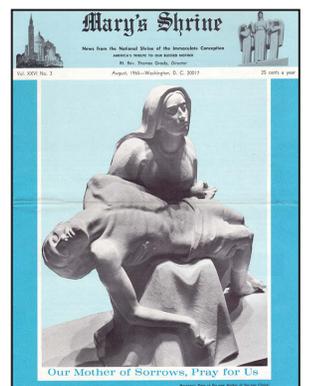
On September 5, 1965, thousands of Slovak Catholics crowded into the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC for the blessing of a chapel dedicated to their patroness, Our Mother of Sorrows.

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

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

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

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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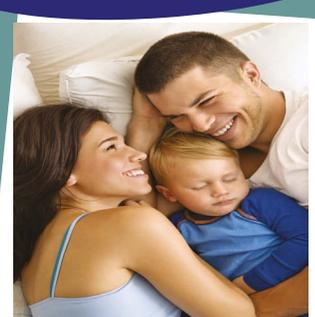
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Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary

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YOUTH ROUND-UP

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Recognizes James C. Rodriguez, Jr.

On June 26, 2010, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held in honor of James C. Rodriguez, Jr. (J.J.), age 16, with over 100 family and friends present at the East Huntingdon Twp. Fireman's Club. J.J. is a member of BSA Troop 164, Bullskin Twp, and will soon be a senior at Southmoreland Sr.

J.J. is the son of James C. & Patricia M. Rodriguez, Sr. of Ruffs Dale, PA. He has one brother Joey (14). Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. and AnnJane Hresko, Sr., of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Charles Rodriguez of Donora.

J.J.'s Eagle Scout Project was designing and building a website for Scottsdale Borough (www.scottsdale-borough.net).

J.J. has earned a total of 80 Merit Badges as a boy scout, which to date is the highest number in the history of his troop. He has held many positions in scouting, such as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Librarian, Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. He also has had Den Chief Training and was awarded the Den Chief Award. J.J. is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society) and has held the position of OA Representative.

Among his other many scouting awards, he has earned the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Conservation Award, the PA Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Award, and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry Conservation Award, the BSA Hometown USA Award, the Good Turn for America Award, and the World Conservation Award.

J.J. has volunteered for many organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Earth Day, which help many members of the community, including needy children, our troops overseas, and senior citizens.

Congratulations, J.J.!



Eagle Scout J.J. Rodriguez receiving an award from House of Representatives from Rep. R. Ted Harhai

Randy Czankner Awarded Rank of Eagle Scout

Branch 567 Member Randy L. Czankner, Jr., age 14, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor on July 25, 2010, at the Northampton Community Center. Randy belongs to Troop 93 from St. Paul's UCC in Northampton, PA.

His Eagle Scout Service Project was building eight wood duck nesting boxes, with the guidance of the Northampton County Parks Department. When completed, Randy and his fellow scouts, leaders and friends, placed the nesting boxes in Bear Swamp, Bangor, PA. All totaled, the project took over 171 hours.

Randy earned 51 merit badges on his way to obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, including receiving the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community.

Randy is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society for the Boy Scouts of America, as well.

Congratulations, Randy!



ATTENTION

THE JEDNOTA BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION, INC 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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



CORRECTION:

Jednota wishes to congratulate once again all of our deserving scholarship winners. However, it should be noted that there was an error in printing the details for our top two scholarship winners – top male, Lukas Belechak and top female, Caitlin Diable. The family information for these two top honorees was inadvertently switched and is printed correctly here.

My sincere apologies for the error and hopes that this error did nothing to dim the shining accomplishments of Lukas and Caitlin.

Teresa Ivanec, Jednota Editor

Top Male

Thomas M. Hricik Award



BELECHAK, LUKAS

Parents: Johnette & John Belechak, Branch: 213K ~ Renfrew, PA, College/University: Denison University Major: Biology/undecided

Top Female

Thomas M. Hricik Award



DIABLE, CAITLIN

Parents: Carole & Thomas Diable, Branch: 410K ~ Uniontown, PA, College/University: Saint Vincent, College Major: Secondary Education Biology



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APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010

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



Accent on Activities



2010 International Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament was held Saturday and Sunday, July 24 -25, at the Cedarbrook Red and Gold Golf Courses in Belle Vernon, PA. A hospitality room allowed the golfers to mingle with their out-of-town friends before the competition began on Friday night.

The weather did not cooperate with us this year. The rain on Sunday ended the tournament early for many golfers. The results of the tournament are included in this issue of the *Jednota*.

The golfers enjoyed a shotgun start both Saturday and Sunday. Through the generosity of one of our sponsors, Larry White of AQS Asset Management, a hole-in-one contest occurred both days. Unfortunately, no one walked away from the tournament \$7,500 richer.

Saturday night, National Chaplain, Fr. Tom Nasta, celebrated Mass at the Rostraver Ice Gardens. After dinner, music and karaoke were enjoyed by all.

Skins Winners

Saturday

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| #1 - Birdie | Rick Yokopenic |
| #7 - Eagle | Dave Collins |
| #14 - Birdie | Tony Menich |
| #16 - Birdie | Al Ulishney |
| #18 - Birdie | Tim Porter |

September 2010



2010 International Golf Tournament Results

Last	First	City	Flight	HDCP	SAT TOTAL	Last	First	City	Flight	HDCP	SAT TOTAL
Yokopenic	Richard	Greensburg	1	9	67	Porter	Tim	McDonald	4	17	66
Harr	Scott F.	Latrobe	1	9	70	Smith	Philip J.	Stahlstown	4	20	67
Firment	Kevin	Latrobe	1	1	72	Carney	Ron	Irwin	4	21	68
Hudec	Robert	Mt. Pleasant	1	8	72	Shank, Sr	Clarence	Keisterville	4	19	71
Quinn	Patrick	Latrobe	1	7	73	Kopanic	Robert J.	Monongahela	4	21	71
Lako	Raymond	Pittsburgh	1	9	73	Tokarsky	John	Mississauga	4	18	72
Menich	Tony	Akron	1	4	74	Vargo	Dan	Akron	4	21	74
Falbo	Lou	Latrobe	1	8	74	Collins	Greg	Pittsburgh	4	22	74
Miller	Roy	Youngstown	1	9	75	Johnston	Lynn T.	Belle Vernon	4	19	75
Bolby	Donald	Pleasant Unity	1	8	77	Collins	Dave	Moon Twp	4	18	76
Debich	Charles	Greensburg	1	8	83	Guarino Jr	John	Latrobe	4	17	77
Ferlin	Donald	Latrobe	1	9	85	Ritz	Paul	Youngstown	4	22	78
Brekosky	Robert	Bethel Park	2	12	68	Maloskey	Robert	Altoona	4	18	81
Plavcan	Robert	Strongsville	2	12	73	Johnston	Derek	West Mifflin	5	25	60
Quinn	Bill Jr	Latrobe	2	12	73	Columbus	Mike	Pittsburgh	5	37	64
Morella	Tom	New Middletown	2	13	73	Burkhart	Joe	Pittsburgh	5	35	65
Felus	Bruno	Hollidaysburg	2	12	74	Bischak	Frank	Coraopolis	5	31	68
Rosa	John	Latrobe	2	10	75	Nasta	Damian	Levittown	5	36	68
Jacobelli	Janice	Greensburg	2	11	75	Ferrance	George	Pittsburgh	5	23	69
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Olenick	Donald D	Akron	2	13	78	Ferrance	Jerome	Charlottesville	5	24	72
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CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Get your cameras ready! We will have a photography contest for all members.

In addition to the 12 – 18 age group, an over 18 age group will be added this year.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

People
Nature or Environment
Travel or Destinations
FCSU Fraternal Activity

Mail your entry to:

Susan Ondrejco
Photo Contest
234 Ilion St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

postmarked by October 1, 2010.



Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned.

For each category and each age group, the following prizes will be awarded.

\$50 – First Place
\$30 – Second Place
\$20 – Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
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, Branch number, age, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a **separate sheet of paper**. DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE

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

THINK ABOUT IT!

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2010

HOME OFFICE, INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

OPEN

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

ROLL CALL

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta, Treasurer

Rudolph D. Glogovsky, Regional Director, Region 7, present as a rotating Board member

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT

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

The President led a discussion reviewing our current interest rates. It was decided to keep the same interest rates and review them at the July Executive Committee Meeting.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI – VICTORY ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments with Key Bank Corporation and updated the Executive Committee on all current transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati.

PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN

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

SALES AND MARKETING

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

The Vice President also updated the Executive Committee on seminars and events scheduled for 2010.

The Vice President stated that the bonus on the Eight Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or IRA will expire on July 31, 2010.

The Vice President also led a discussion on the illustration of our insurance products. He stated that we are in process of interviewing different companies who offer this service. He will update the Executive Committee as soon as more information becomes available.

The President led a discussion regarding Regional Director Mr. Rudolph Glogovsky's questions regarding our investments. The President explained the investment policies that were approved by the Board of Directors.

It was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors that we consider to start liquidating a portion of the profits from the ARC fund and contact our Asset Manager, Mr. Larry White, about how to invest these additional funds.

CONVENTION 2010

The President and the Executive Secretary led a discussion on the progress with the upcoming 2010 Convention. The Executive Secretary stated that everything is going well with preparations for the Convention. He further stated that the Home Office is in process of finalizing all the details for final packages to be sent out to the delegates.

President Rajec led a discussion on the inquiry we received from the Ohio Department of Insurance. He stated that the Society has engaged Thompson Hine to work with our Asset Manager, AQS, and our actuary, Ed DePersis, in helping us prepare a response letter to the Ohio Department of Insurance confirming we are in total compliance with all the complex Ohio investment allocation rules. He will update the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as more information becomes available.

The President further led a discussion regarding complaint filed by Michael Kristofik, a member of Branch 615. The President stated that this matter will be on the agenda and thoroughly discussed at the June 19, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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 2010:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	185,074.03
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	25,623.85
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.

JOINT VENTURES/MERGERS

The President reviewed the meeting the members of the Executive Committee had with the Slovak Catholic Sokol, National Slovak Society and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union on June 8 & 9, 2010, near Cleveland, where the possibility of joint ventures, sporting events and the possibility of determining areas of greater cooperation for the benefit of our Slovak fraternal was discussed. The President will update the Committee as more information becomes available.

AQS ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC. REPORT

Mr. Larry White and Mr. Byron White from AQS Asset Management, LLC. presented their report to the Executive Committee meeting with the following agenda:

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

After the presentation Mr. Larry White and Mr. Byron White led a discussion reviewing our investment strategy and answered the Executive Committee's questions.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS

Requests were reviewed and acted upon.

ADJOURN

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

Vice President closed the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

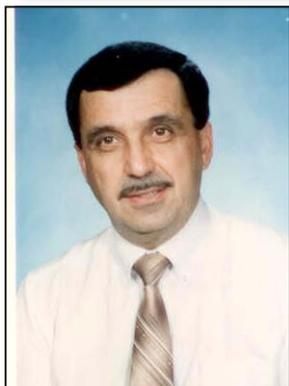
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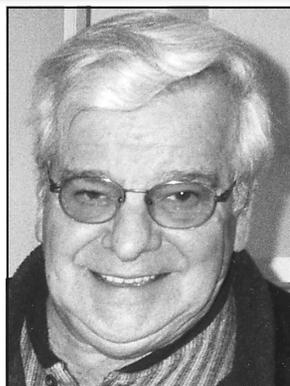
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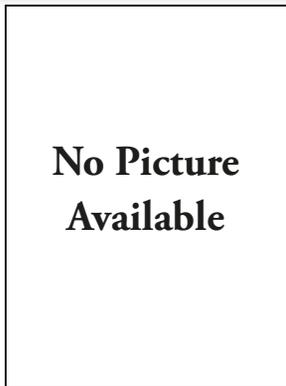
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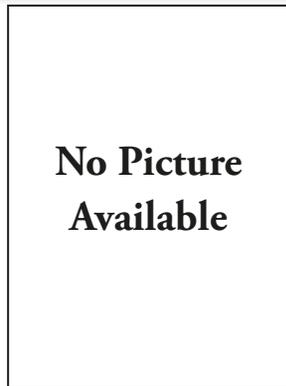


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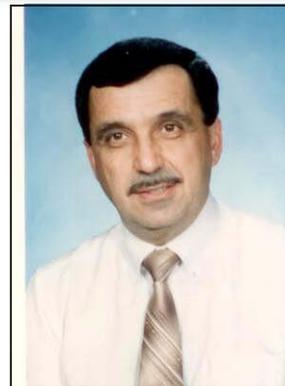
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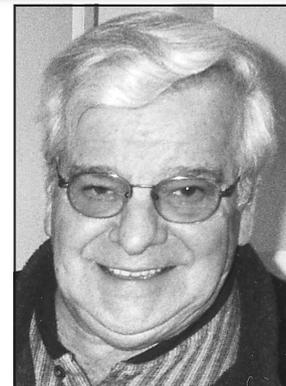


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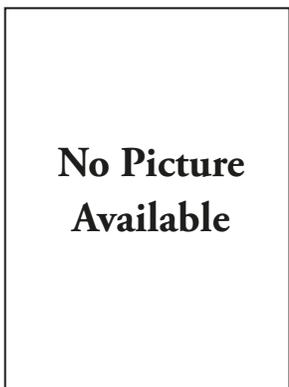
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TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF ANNUITIES/IRA SOLD

Name	Branch	Annuities
Sandy, Cluey Du Bois, PA	322	610,514.06
Sprock, George A., Latrobe, PA	181	522,949.64
Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	417,111.65
Harcar, Andrew R., Streator, IL	40	401,833.49
Deliman, Rosemary, Philipsburg, PA	417	354,303.47
Kopco, Robert J., Independence, OH	24	220,702.54
Buchheit, Geraldine, Hibbs, PA	410	219,763.44
Jurcenko, John A., Chicago, IL	153	213,450.00
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	197,350.09
Matechak, Samuel, Jermyn, PA	900	158,627.41

TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

Name	Branch	Total Points
Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	699
Sandy, Cluey, Du Bois, PA	322	609
Sprock, George A., Latrobe, PA	181	546
Harcar, Andrew R., Streator, IL	40	408
Deliman, Rosemary, Philipsburg, PA	417	371
Nicholas, Mary E., Brandon, FL	731	295
Zelenak, Edward Michael, Lincoln Park, MI	584	280
Buchheit, Geraldine, Hibbs, PA	410	262
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	251
Tarquino, Frances, Belle Vernon, PA	320	249

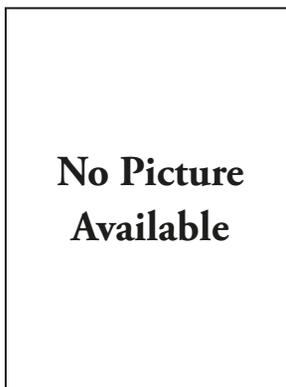


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Joseph T. Scavina
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James Robert Marol
Second Place



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Michael J. Slovenkai
Third Place

TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

Name	Branch	Insurance Amount
Scavina, Joseph T., Boardman, OH	682	285,000
Marmol, James Robert, Uniontown, PA	162	185,000
Slovenkai, Michael J., Scranton, PA	382	160,000
Yuros, Joseph J., Pittsburgh, PA	35	125,000
Petrus, Dorothy J., Donora, PA	670	120,000
Trifiletti-Palos, Lisa Ann, Lorain, OH	228	110,000
Tarquino, Frances, Belle Vernon, PA	320	105,000
Persun, Kathleen M., Tarentum, PA	831	95,000
Matta, Florence K., White Oak, PA	38	90,000
Barnes, Karianne R., Pittsburgh, PA	628	55,000

8 YEAR FLEXIBLE PREMIUM DEFERRED ANNUITY

4.15% (4.066% apr)
Rate effective 9/1/2010

FCSU Annuity policy owners now have an additional opportunity to earn increased interest earnings.

This product is ideal for members planning long term investment of their annuity funds. The "8 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity" holders will receive .25% higher interest rate than that payable on the FCSU 6 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity.

The "8 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity" will offer the highest annuity interest rate paid by FCSU. To receive the benefit of this product, the annuitant agrees not to withdraw funds for an eight year period from the date of issue. If the funds are withdrawn within the first year, the surrender charge is 8% of the amount withdrawn. Thereafter, the withdrawal penalty decreases by 1% each year through the eighth year. After the eighth year there is no longer a surrender charge. (Withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a Federal Tax Penalty)

After the first year, emergency withdrawals are permitted from the "8 Year Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity" for up to 10% annually without a FCSU surrender charge. (Withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a Federal Tax Penalty)

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

Contact your local Branch Officer or the Home Office!

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Sacred Heart Church, Phoenixville - 110th Anniversary Celebration

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

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

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

Kathleen Moffa, Committee Member

Slovak Catholic Family Day Picnic Mississauga, Ontario

The annual Slovak Catholic Family Day picnic, sponsored by Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish and First Catholic Slovak Union Msgr. Michael Shuba District was held Sunday, July 25, 2010 at Creditvale Park in Mississauga, Ontario.

Father Jozef Vano, pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Church in Mississauga Ontario, assisted by Father Eugen Rybansky, assistant pastor, were the celebrants for mass.

The day was hot and sunny, a perfect day for a picnic.

Events of the day started with an outdoor mass, followed by Slovak home cooked lunch (schnitzel & goulash), races for the children and games for the adults. After the games, ice cream cones and cut up watermelon was available for all to enjoy. There was also a coloring

contest for the young children. BBQ bacon (slanina) and Debrecinky (hot dogs) were for sale later in the afternoon.

Miro Letko provided the music for singing and dancing in the afternoon and evening for all to enjoy.

There were over 500 adults and children at the picnic. Over 200 meals were served.

We were honored to have Kenneth Arendt, Executive Secretary of the FCSU and his wife Theresa, also George Matta, Treasurer of the FCSU and his wife Flo at our picnic.

Submitted by Jerry Siman



Father Eugen Rybansky, assistant pastor, Father Jozef Vano, pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Church in Mississauga Ontario, 3 altar servers.



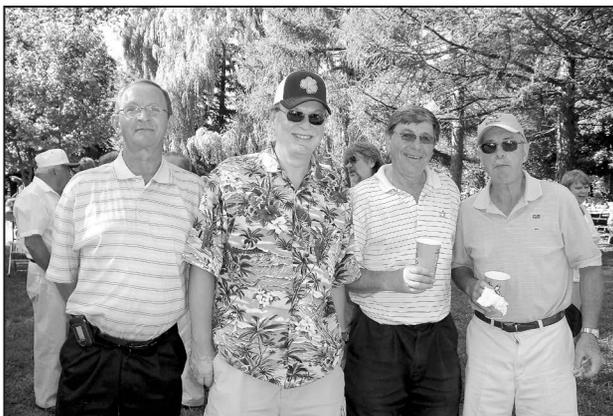
Mike Kapitan, Jerry Siman, Ken Arendt, Milos Mitro, George Matta, Milan Zoldak



Standing L to R Michelle Krupa, Joe Krupa
Sitting L to R adults Kay Krupa, Stan Krupa holding Michelle & Joe's twin daughters



Nellie Zeman, Anne Mitro, Rose Carey



Stan Pella, Ted Golla Jr., Milos Mitro, Bill Goodyear



Irene Gorman, Olga Dobis, Nellie Zeman, Rose Carey

Theresa Arendt;
Ken Arendt,
Executive Secretary
FCSU; Milos
Mitro, Regional
Director; Flo Matta,
George Matta,
Treasurer FCSU;
Josie Siman; Jerry
Siman, Pension
Board Trustee



Flo Matta,
George Matta,
treasurer
FCSU



Erica Mitro, Jim Szabo, Diane Pella, Stan Pella, Jamie Szabo, Mary Zoldak



Anne Forma, Josie Siman, Ed Forma, Sue Babincak, Milan Zavisky



Seated: Sister M. Isidore, celebrating 60 years of religious profession
Front row, left to right: Sister M. Noel, celebrating 60 years, and Sister Linda Marie, General Superior
Standing, left to right, celebrating 50 years: Sister Virginia Dewan, Sister Denise Marie, Sister Carol Marie and Sister M. Christopher

A Memorable Legacy

Two Sisters who celebrated 80 years in religious life at Maria Hall on April 21, 2010, were not present at the community celebration at the end of June. Nevertheless their names and their memory must also be recorded. Sisters Francesca Ferko, Dupont, Pennsylvania, and Sister Joan Cvercko, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, died on the same day, Sunday, May 2, 2010.

Besides celebrating her Jubilee, Sister Francesca observed her 100th birthday at Maria Hall on January 27, 2010. In the community Jubilee booklet, Sister Francesca shared her secret for living a long life: being prayerful and keeping busy. One of Sister's most enjoyable hobbies was remaining in contact with people, especially her former students. One of the youngsters she taught in the fourth grade in Berwick sent her 100 white roses to mark the occasion of her 100th birthday. She also influenced many young men to aspire to the priesthood, 14, to be exact! The article in the Jubilee booklet closes with these words that aptly sum up the life of Sister Francesca: "God be praised for my family, relatives, friends and students. I have lived a full life dedicated to the Lord and have enjoyed every minute of it."

The same Jubilee booklet captures the essence of Sister Joan in the words of members of the Congregation. For Sister Joan, community was paramount and community meant the Sisters and their mission and ministry. She gave herself wholeheartedly to the mission of education on the elementary and secondary levels and was also a guide and mentor for others who took their role as educators seriously.

Sister Joan also used her gifts as director of formation. One of her former novices had this to say about Sister Joan: "In my eyes she was an exemplary woman of deep faith with a prayerful spirit and a kind heart." Another Sister cited Sister Joan as "the prime example of cooperation and common work who never excused herself from working along with us, doing all we were expected to do and more."

This spirit of community and dedication continued her entire life. Sister Joan served also served as Administrator of Maria Joseph Manor, as General Treasurer for 17 years and even later in life she became Administrator of Medical Records and the Coordinator of Health Insurance.

These two women, one age 100 and the other 99, have left the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius a rich legacy of dedication and service.



Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko (r) congratulates Ted Sedgwick upon being sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia.

U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Appointed

After nearly 19 months without a U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, Theodore "Tod" Sedgwick, a business executive from Georgetown, was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador by on July 28, 2010. Mr. Sedgwick is the founder of Pasha Publications, a specialty publisher focused on energy, defense, and environment markets. He served as the company's chief executive for twenty years. More recently, he launched Io Energy, an online energy information company covering the natural gas, coal, and electricity industries. He has also served as president of Red Hills Lumber Company, a producer of pine flooring. Mr. Sedgwick graduated with honors from Harvard College, where he majored in Ottoman History. He has been an active volunteer for a number of cultural institutions, and has served on the boards of the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Shakespeare Theater Company of Washington, D.C., and the Gennadius Library in Athens, Greece. He has also served on the boards of a number of land preservation organizations, including the Civil War Preservation Trust, which he chaired, the Wetlands America Trust, and the Land Trust Alliance where he is a national council member. He is also a member of various business organizations, including the Chief Executives Organization, an international business organization for global leaders. Ambassador Sedgwick grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. He is married to Kate Watt Sedgwick, a public health specialist with a Masters degree in Public Health from Harvard University. They have two daughters and are expecting their third grandchild.



Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar Coming in October

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

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

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

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

Robert Tapak Magruder, Seminar Publicity Committee

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- Even though you may not incur an FCSU Early Withdrawal Charge, withdrawals before age 59 ½ may be subject to a federal tax penalty.
- Tax on the interest earned is deferred until the annuity funds are drawn.
- The minimum deposit is \$1,000.00.

Please contact your Branch Officer or the Home Office for applications or visit our web site at FCSU.com

Scenes From the 87th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, Thursday, July 15, 2010



Jednota Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Interrogates
- 5 Single horse carriage
- 9 Banana skin
- 13 Bearing
- 14 Monetary units
- 16 Poet Lazarus
- 17 Greatest in importance
- 19 Retired
- 20 Murdered
- 21 Mine passage
- 23 Some
- 24 Leg part
- 26 Necessary trip
- 28 Bordered
- 31 Equality
- 33 Sort
- 34 Infirmary
- 35 Ran across
- 36 Chinook
- 39 Previously
- 40 Given a rest
- 42 Fr. season
- 43 Foul odor
- 45 River islet
- 46 Adam's grandson
- 47 Negative
- 48 Consumption
- 49 Wagers
- 50 Teeming
- 52 Mailed
- 54 So. state (Abbr.)
- 55 Track event
- 57 Earth
- 60 Unctuous
- 62 Map collections
- 65 Back
- 66 Soar upwards
- 67 Blue-pencil
- 68 Conclusions

- 69 Labels and such
- 70 Dinner choice

Down

- 1 Current unit
- 2 Knights' titles
- 3 Ship part
- 4 Went furtively
- 5 French river
- 6 4th century noma
- 7 Circle measure
- 8 Distant
- 9 Potpie morsel
- 10 Bulwark
- 11 Make improve
- 12 Countess
- 15 Mix
- 18 Intellect
- 22 Threesome
- 25 Fencing sword
- 27 Totally
- 28 Sheep
- 29 Flit
- 30 Dinner course
- 32 One of 62 Acro:
- 35 Speed limit init:
- 36 Arrange
- 37 Sioux
- 38 Scot. lake
- 40 Buzz off
- 41 Misinforms
- 44 Right away
- 46 Main courses
- 48 Diacritical marl
- 49 Dill seed
- 50 Foreign
- 51 Manipulates, as an election
- 53 Fem. suffixes
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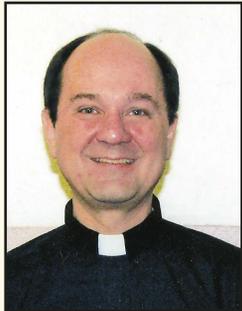
Congratulations National Officers and Regional Directors

The following are the new slate of National Officers and Regional Directors, as duly elected at the 49th Quadrennial Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations to all! Look for the listing of all elected positions in the next Jednota.



NATIONAL OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

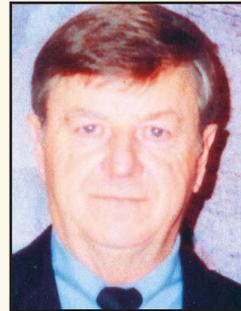
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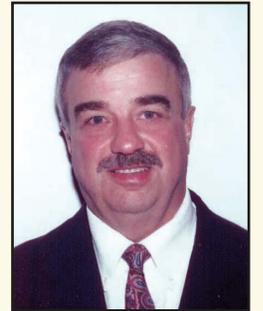
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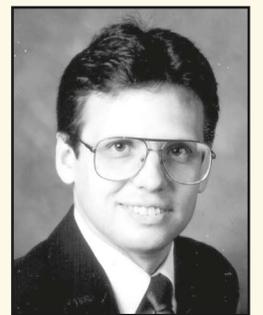
George F. Matta
Treasurer



Karen M. Hunka
Chairman of Auditors



Gary Matta
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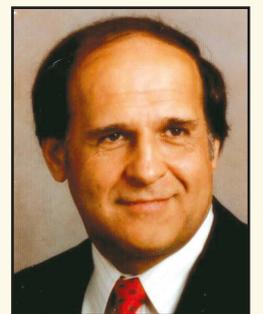
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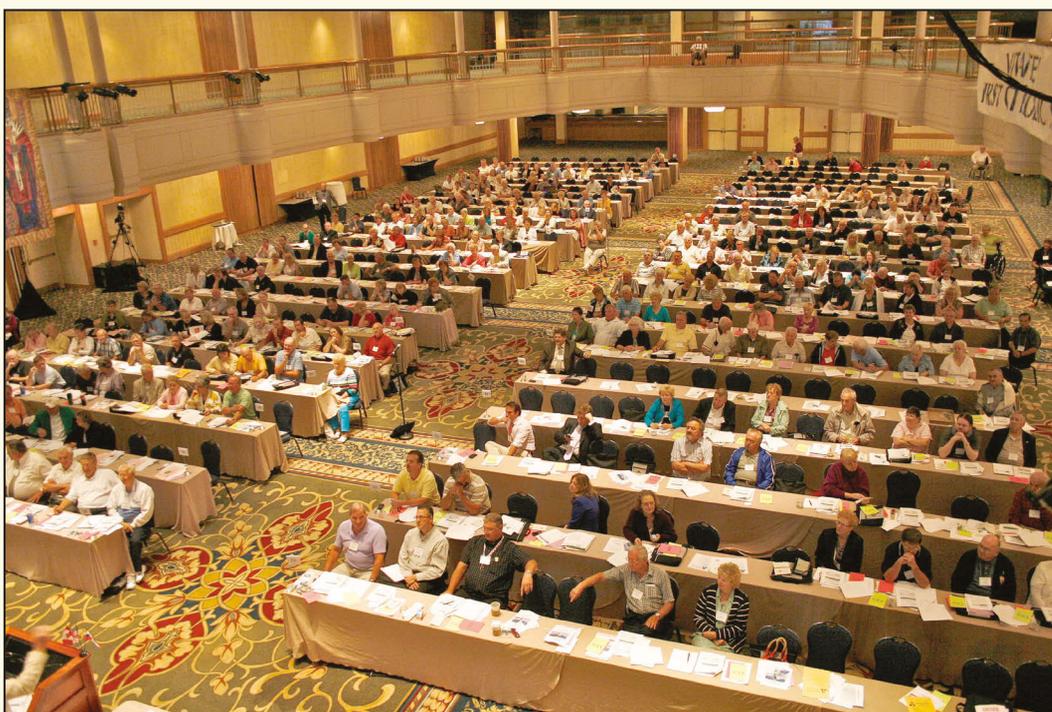
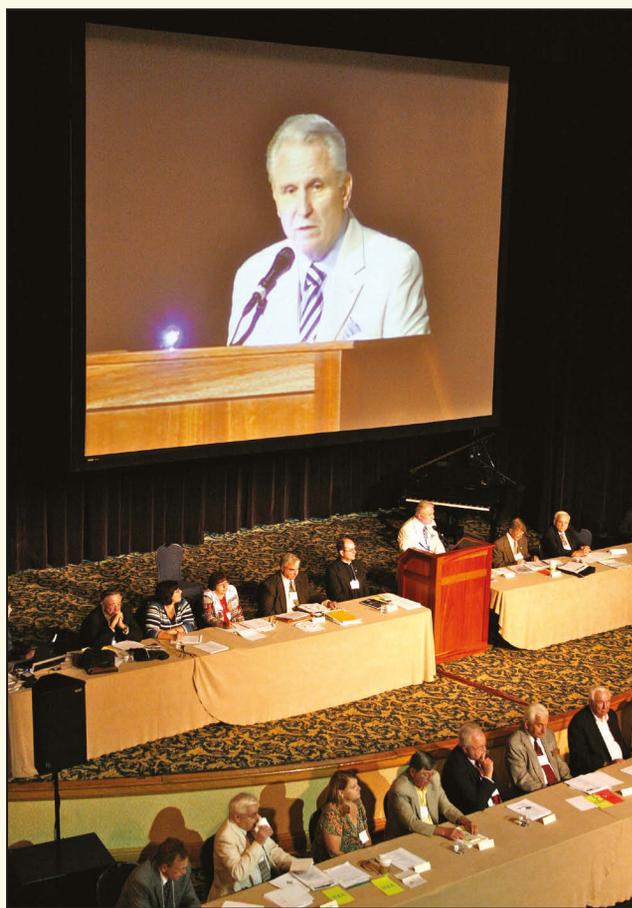


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Scenes from the Convention 2010



All photos taken during convention will be available to download and print out in an easy-to-access online gallery. Look for further information in the next Jednota.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will have a meeting on September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cyril & Methodius School Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. If you have any questions, please call 216.338.8179. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Goliass, Secretary

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Society, will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting will begin at 11:30AM in Father Dargay Hall, Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, 13th Avenue NE & 2nd Street. The agenda

will include a convention report, schedule of activities for 2011, and the election of officers. A lunch will be available after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 9:30AM in the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 49 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will report on the 49th Convention, and discuss plans for our scholarships to be awarded at our breakfast meeting to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010, in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall.

Our members are encouraged to attend our meetings and enjoy the breakfast on November 14, 2010.

Fraternally,

Henry Zack, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 75 – SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 75, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 5, 2010, at 10:30AM at the residence of President and Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872.

The agenda items will include a discussion of mid-year business activities. Highlights of the Convention will be presented by the attending Delegates. A detailed report of the entire Convention procedures will be presented at our Semi-Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010.

All Members are requested to attend this semi-annual meeting.

**Ronald M. Anderson,
President and Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 132 - WHIPPANY, NJ

Please join Branch 132, SS. Peter and Paul Society, on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, for our luncheon meeting and the remaining election of officers. Lunch will be from 12:30 - 1:30PM, with the meeting to follow. For directions, please call President Susan Salko (973) 906-1145.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 162 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 9:00AM at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed, officers' reports will be given,

including the results of the National Convention in Cleveland, OH. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Any inquiries and updated information should be directed to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 260 - CAMPELL, OHIO

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

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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

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

Respectfully,

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

SS Cyril & Methodius Branch 764 will hold a meeting on September 12, 2010 at Christ Our King Social Hall, 1000 Tod Avenue, Warren, OH at 12:15PM. We will be discussing plans for a Fall/Winter event. All members of the previous Branch 759K Newton Falls and Branch 342 Warren are urged to attend this meeting also.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 REVEREND MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT – NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, AND THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

The Reverend Matthew Jankola District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 11:00AM at Ss Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of District Officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing many members at this meeting. For more information, contact Jacqueline Zack, 15 Brookhedge Road, Trumbull, CT 06611, (203) 268-4727.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

REV JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT - DISTRICT 2

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

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

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

Robert Tapak Magruder, District 2 Recording Secretary

GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT – DISTRICT 3, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

REV. JOSEPH L KOSTIK DISTRICT – DISTRICT 14

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

Carlie Peshek, President

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS DISTRICT 17

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

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

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

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

FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT - DISTRICT 9

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

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

Geraldine Buchheit



District 17 Annual Summer Picnic

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

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

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

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

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



Attention All Convention Delegates

A video camera was reported missing by one of our delegates aboard the Goodtime III boat cruise, the evening of August 17th. If anyone inadvertently picked up this camera, saw a video camera or video case by itself, or reported this lost item to the Goodtime crew or the hotel staff, please advise Jednota editor Teresa Ivanec. The camera has value beyond measure for its owner, as it contains irreplaceable images.



Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members



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

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Elizabeth Repko	153K	Frank S Juraska	461K	Irene A Starin	756K	Charles G Janego
016P	John Gober	162K	John Berklovich	497K	Josephine Mihalik	762K	Joseph B Trebs
023K	Agnes T Diehl	224K	Robert G Zemko	553K	Joseph R Cenney	831K	John Petruny
040K	Kenneth L Mraz	278K	Philip Hrobak	615K	Tatiana M Durisinova-paszko	853K	Anna D Zamiska
051P	Ann K Menghini	313K	Frank R Vrab	659K	Ann Kostelansky	900K	Nick M Tabak
112K	Pauline Kondisko	393K	Patricia Diebold	670K	Joseph S Vlcek		
153K	James E Churak	450K	Stephen Hornacky	741K	George J Askler		
153K	Joseph J Cuma	450K	Agnes Takacs	743K	John H Hausner		

* Processed in the month of August 2010

OBITUARIES

Robert R. Matuszky

Branch 199 -
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

Robert R. "Mike" Matuszky, 76, of Latrobe, died Monday, June 21, 2010, in Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital. He was born Aug. 30, 1933, in Latrobe, a son of the late John Kasimir and Mary (Stranko) Matuszky. Robert had been retired from Latrobe Steel Co. with 39 1/2 years of service. He was also a Korean War veteran, having served in the Marine Corps. He was a member of American Legion Post 982 and the Cooperstown Veterans and Sportsman Association. Robert was an avid golfer and Steelers fan. Besides his parents, Robert was preceded in death by six brothers, Joseph, Wallace, John, Stephen, Frank and Anthony Matuszky; and two sisters, Pauline Nemcheck and Ann Hawanchak. Robert is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sharon J. (Hoyle) Matuszky, of Latrobe; a daughter, Michelle L. Wilson and husband, Todd, of Youngstown; two sisters, Mary Nemcheck, of Baggaley, and Rose Kosiba and husband, Donald, of Latrobe; and a granddaughter, Maddie, who was the light of his life. Also survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, and from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, in the JOHN J. LOPATICH FUNERAL HOME INC., 601 Weldon St., Latrobe. Military services were held at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, June 24, in the funeral home with American Legion Post 515 and VFW Post 3414. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 24, in St. James Lutheran Church with the Rev. David von Schlichten officiating. Interment in St. James Cemetery (upper).

Sophie Pipak, Branch 199

Glenn R. Dixon

Branch 401 -
Ford City, Pennsylvania

Glenn R. Dixon, 83, of North Apollo, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, in Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville. He was born Oct. 7, 1926, in Parks Township, Armstrong County, son of the late William D. and Elvia J. (Scott) Dixon, and lived in North Apollo most of his life. He was employed by Allegheny Ludlum, West Leechburg Plant, as a boiler house tender for 42 years, retiring in 1988. He was a veteran of the Navy having served during World War II. He was a member of St. James Roman Catholic Church, Apollo, life member Apollo-Spring Church Sportsman Club, and member of Roaring Run

Water Shed, VFW Freeport, and United Steel Workers Union 1138, Leechburg. Mr. Dixon enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening and he was an avid Steelers fan and an outdoorsman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Elsy E. Dixon, in 2005; son, Thomas Dixon, in 1974; eight brothers, Donald, William, Paul, Harold, James, Henry, David and George Dixon; three sisters, Bernice Bovier, Esther Youkins and Rebecca Dixon. He is survived by his sons, James W. (Linda Blick) Dixon, of North Apollo, William J. (Catherine) Dixon, of Odessa, Fla., Raymond J. (LuAnn) Dixon, of Apollo, and Richard A. (Peggy) Dixon, of Apollo; daughters, Rosemary A. (Ronald) Wilson, of North Apollo, and Elizabeth S. (Samuel) Dixon-Ackerman, of Clifton, Va.; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Elizabeth Decker, of Kittanning, Eve Elder, of Parks Township, Virginia (Clayton) Reichenbaugh, of Kiski Township, and Patricia Elliot, of Longview, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in the CURRAN-SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., 100 Owens View Ave., Apollo, PA. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at St. James Roman Catholic Church with Father John Euker as celebrant. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, where military honors were accorded by the Vandergrift Honor Guard Inc.

Rose Froncek, Secretary, Branch 401

John G. Daniska

Branch 401 -
Ford City, Pennsylvania

John G. Daniska, born June 23, 1915, in East Vandergrift. John passed away Monday, March 22, 2010, in Select Specialty Hospital in McKeesport. He and his wife built a home from scratch on LaBelle Vue Road in Vandergrift. Both spent most of their lives there. In 1930, he graduated from the elementary parochial school, "Holy Trinity," in East Vandergrift. In 1934, he graduated from Vandergrift High School. In 1935, he was hired and worked for American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., in Vandergrift. To further his education, he took several home courses such as mechanical drafting, electronics, radio, TV and air craft engines. Finally he attended a private aeronautical school at the Allegheny County Airport, Pittsburgh. Uncle Sam drafted him into the Army Air Force. His duties were to keep the B-24 Bomber airborne and also to operate the top turret

machine guns. He is remembered by his crew as a "guardian angel." He saved the crew and the Bomber from total disaster four times by doing the right thing at the right time. In 1977, he retired from US Steel Irvin Works, Dravosburg, as a production scheduler in the production planning department. He has two United States patents on roller skates, toe stoppers, balancers, etc. He had a lifetime hunting and fishing license. Also he was a lifetime member of the Slovak Club in East Vandergrift, the American Legion and DAV, both in Vandergrift. John was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady Queen of Peace, in East Vandergrift. He is a founder and lifetime member of the American Air Museum in Duxford, England, and for opening day he received a special invitation from the Queen of England. John was a member of the United States Air Force Association and the Senior Citizens of East Vandergrift. John and his wife, Mary P. (Hritz) Daniska were married 62 years. When Mary passed away John said, "When Mary was alive I had everything because she was everything. When she passed away now, I have nothing." Mr. Daniska was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Rose (Jasem) Daniska, who were married for 77 years, Rose died in 1988 and Michael in 1989; wife, Mary P. (Hritz) Daniska, in 2002; his only sister, Margaret Kovalcik, of Vandergrift, in 1996; and three brothers, Michael R., of Martinsville, Va., in 1984, and George Daniska, of St. Claire Shores, Mich., in 2004, and Paul G. Daniska, of Southfield, Mich; an infant an infant grandson in 1970. Mr. Daniska is survived by two sons, John D. "Skippe" (Vicki) Daniska, of Washington Township, Denis J. (Sue) Daniska, of Hyde Park; five grandchildren, Stacey McHenry, of Parks Township, Jonathan Daniska, of Vandergrift, Nicole Oestreicher, of Delmont, Elaina Neeper, of Clearfield, and Anna Daniska, of Hyde Park; four great-grandchildren, Taylor and Elias McHenry and Kaylee and Alex Oestreicher; one brother, Stephen M. Daniska, of Troy, Mich. Visitation was from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and a parish wake service was conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the BRADY-CURRAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 429 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift, PA. A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 25, in Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, East Vandergrift. Interment was in St. Catherine Cemetery, Gilpin Township.

Rose Froncek, Secretary, Branch 401

Elizabeth G. Froncek

Branch 401 -
Ford City, Pennsylvania

Elizabeth G. "Betty" (Jakubek) Froncek, 87, of Kiski Township, Apollo, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2010, in her residence. She was born Aug. 1, 1922, in Leechburg, to the late Michael and Appolina (Stefanek) Jakubek. She lived in Apollo for most of her life. She was a graduate of Leechburg High School, class of 1940. Betty worked for Schenley Distilleries until she was married and was a homemaker. Betty was a member of St. James Roman Catholic Church of Apollo and Jednota Association of East Vandergrift. She enjoyed bingo, polka dancing (her husband would take her dancing every weekend), collecting African violets, going to the beach, traveling abroad and her grandchildren. She was a patient, gentle lady that was always smiling. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. "Mush" Froncek, who passed Jan. 5, 1991; infant daughter, Rosemary; and two sisters, Mary and Julia Poydence. Betty is survived by her three daughters, Christine E. (David) Wray, of Wallingford, Gloria Jean (Daniel) Shaffer, of Apollo, and Cynthia M. Froncek, of Kiski Township, with whom she resided; three grandchildren, Dr. Lisa (Dr. Neil Sannuck) Wray, of Philadelphia, Sara Wray, of London, England, and Michael Wray, of Wallingford; two stepgrandchildren, Zachariah and Joshua Shaffer, of Apollo; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Visitation was held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 24, in the CURRAN-SHAFFER FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. James Roman Catholic Church with Father John Euker as celebrant. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery, Apollo.

Rose Froncek, Secretary, Branch 401

Henry Janusek

Branch 493
Chicago, Illinois

Henry Janusek, a lifelong member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, Illinois passed away at the age of 75 on May 23, 2010 in Richardson, TX. Henry is survived by his wife Kathleen, his sons Steven (Michele) and

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James (Ann Marie), his grandchildren Kaley, Brady, Piper, and Sienna, his twin Rosemary, his two sisters Beatrice and Irene, and his brother Joseph (who serves as the Vice President of Branch #493) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Henry was born in Chicago on August 21st, 1934, and lived in the old Slovak neighborhood around Assumption B.V.M. Slovak Catholic church in the South Lawndale neighborhood, until his enlistment in the Marine Corps in 1953. After serving honorably as a tank crewman in the Korean War and three years stationed in Japan, he returned to Chicago in 1957. Henry then became a baker and spent most of his career with several large grocery organizations. He was a Boy Scout troop leader and would often take the kids on camping trips and other outings. He met and married Kathleen Mullen from Fonda, IA in 1970. They moved, with their two sons, to Phoenix, AZ in 1978. Henry's sons both attended St. Jerome's grade school where Henry was an active member of the parish. He would often volunteer his time and his baking creations for various activities at the church. Henry and Kathleen moved to Texas in 2007 where he spent the last few years near several of his grandchildren. Henry was an active member in the American Legion and Marine Corps Tankers Association. He loved nothing more than meeting and sharing stories with people from similar backgrounds. He was as proud of his Slovak heritage as he was of his time in the Marines. He truly had a kind heart and was loved and will be missed by many. Memorial services were held on June 5th, 2010 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in North Aurora, IL.

**Robert Tapak Magruder, Branch 493,
Financial Secretary**

**Edward S. Misutka
Branch 831 -
Tarentum, Pennsylvania**

Edward S. Misutka, 83, of Tarentum, died Friday, June 4, 2010, in Highland Center Genesis Elder Care, Brackenridge. Born June 15, 1926, in Tarentum, he was a son of the late John and Emilia (Kavacky) Misutka. A lifelong resident of the area, he attended St. Clement Grade School and graduated from Tarentum High School in 1944. He was a member of Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Forces, and also served during the Korean War as an Air Force staff sergeant. Prior to retirement in 1988, with 38 years of service, he was employed by Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., Brackenridge, as a bricklayer in the No. 9 Department and later in the 8-4 Castor Department. He also was a member of Brackenridge American Legion Post 226, Allegheny Ludlum Pensioners Club and MORA Club. Mr. Misutka enjoyed woodworking, doing handy work for family and friends, and especially enjoyed helping people. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary Ann (Masarik) Misutka, of Tarentum; three sons, David E. (Barbara) Misutka, of Cortland, Ohio, Robert L. (Carole) Misutka, of Uniontown, Ohio, and Thomas E. Misutka, of Natrona Heights; grandchildren, Shaun (Shalene) Misutka, of Northfield, Ohio, Shannon Misutka, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Heather Misutka, of Stowe, Ohio, Jason (Al-

lison) Misutka, of Clinton, Ohio, Aaron (Andria) Misutka, of Hutto, Texas, Lauren (Ben) Henderson, of Akron, Ohio, and Brian (Kristen) Misutka, of Stowe, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Amelia Ann Misutka, Julia Marie Misutka, James Bradley Misutka and Logan David Misutka; and a sister, Agnes Jones, of Fairmont, W.Va. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Joseph C. Misutka; and sister, Elizabeth Micholas. Relatives and friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 7, in the DUSTER FUNERAL HOME INC., Tenth Avenue at Corbet Street, Tarentum. A blessing service was held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, in the funeral home, followed by a Christian Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum, by the Rev. Aaron J. Kriss, his pastor. Burial was in Mt. Airy Cemetery, Natrona Heights, with full military honors by Tarentum VFW Post 5758. Brackenridge American Legion also met at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 7, in the funeral home.

Kathleen Persun, Secretary, Branch 831

**Caroline R. Matovick
Branch 831 -
Tarentum, Pennsylvania**

Caroline R. Matovick, 91, of Harmar Township, wife of the late Michael P. Matovick, returned home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 11, 2010. She was born March 22, 1919, in Tarentum, and was the executive administrative secretary to the president of Wearever Aluminum in New Kensington, leaving her job to dedicate her life to her daughters and grandchildren. Caroline loved baking, gardening, playing canasta and having coffee and donuts with her friends. She was an avid Steelers fan. She brought joy, laughter and love to everyone she touched. Our sweet Caroline will be sadly missed by all. Her survivors include three daughters, Lynn (Thomas) Pivarski, of Springdale, Paula (James) Bramante, of Dover, Mass., and Susan Matovick, of Pleasantville, N.J.; and grandchildren, Melanie (Jim) Pivarski, Kara Pivarski, Janelle Pivarski, Matthew and Michael Bramante. She was preceded in death by parents, John and Mary Balushik Klabnik; husband, Michael P. Matovick; a brother, Father Francis; and a sister, Anna Birochik. Family and friends were received from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 14, at the CHARLES B. JARVIE FUNERAL HOME INC., 1607 Pittsburgh St., Cheswick. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Harmarville. Burial followed in Deer Creek Cemetery, Harmar Township.

Kathleen Persun, Secretary, Branch 831

**Helen C. Puskar
Branch 831 -
Tarentum, Pennsylvania**

Helen C. Puskar, 92, of Springdale, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Fenelton. She was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Travescan, to the late Stephen and Julia Belles Bordell and was a lifelong resident of this area. She was formerly employed at Allegheny Lable Co. in Cheswick and was a member of St. Alphonsus Church in Springdale, where she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Among her hobbies and interests was playing bingo, bowling, crocheting and spending time with her family. Survivors

include three daughters, Evelyn (James) Adams, of Fenelton, Kathy Wilson, of New Kensington, and Carol Garmong, of Springdale; son David (Janet) Puskar, of Apollo; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stephen P. Puskar, in 1976; a great-grandson; 10 brothers and two sisters. Helen was the last surviving member of her family. Family and friends were received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 25, in Springdale at the CHARLES B. JARVIE FUNERAL HOME INC., 801 Pittsburgh Street. Christian Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, in St. Alphonsus Church, and burial followed in Deer Creek Cemetery, Harmar Township.

Kathleen Persun, Secretary, Branch 831

**Emil Pracko
Branch 831 -
Tarentum, Pennsylvania**

Emil Pracko, 92, of Tarentum, died Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Alle-Kiski Medical Center, Harrison Township, following a lengthy illness. He was born April 23, 1918, in Tarentum, son of the late John and Pauline (Carrick) Pracko, and lived in the area all of his life. He served as a sergeant in the Army during World War II in the Philippines, Pacific Theater. He was a steelworker and crane-

man for Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. of Brackenridge for 33 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Clements Roman Catholic Church, West Tarentum, Holy Martyr's Parish, Brackenridge American Legion and Jednota Club. He enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing and going to flea markets. Survivors include his son, Gary Pracko, with whom he made his home; two daughters, Karen (Bob) Stevenson, of Seattle, Wash., and Patricia (Louis Sr.) Ziacik, of Harrison Township; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three sisters, Marian Detman, of Pittsburgh, Elizabeth Backo, of Tarentum, and Margaret Eberhart, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and two brothers, Joseph (Madeline) Pracko, of Florida, and Richard (Jean) Pracko, of North Olmsted, Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia (Napierkowski) Pracko; four brothers Al, Ben, John and Edward Pracko; and infant sister, Francis Pracko. Family received friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, in the KRYNICKI FUNERAL HOME INC., 1007 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, where a blessing service was held at 7 p.m. Saturday by the Rev. Aaron Kris. Burial was private. Brackenridge American Legion Post 226 conducted a service at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in funeral home, as well.

Kathleen Persun, Secretary, Branch 831

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17th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Sorrowful Mother

The 17th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother will be Sunday, September 12, 2010, at Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine, N. Lipkey Road, North Jackson, Ohio.

Devotions begin at 3:00PM with Anointing of the Sick followed by Confessions and Mass in Slovak at 4:00 PM. Attending clergy will concelebrate with the Rev. Geroge M. Franko, principal celebrant, and Rev. David J. Shortt, homilist.

Dinner will be served following the Mass. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from Slovak Catholic Federation members or by calling 330-782-9126. Tickets will be available at the door.

Everyone is invited to the pilgrimage. Dinner is optional.

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Annual Slovak Holy Hill Pilgrimage

One of the great spiritual traditions of the Milwaukee-area Slovak community has been the traditional Labor Day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill. This year's 96th Annual pilgrimage is set for Labor Day, Monday, September 6th.

It will begin at 8:30AM with the outdoor Stations of the Cross at the bottom of the hill. At 9:30AM, Father Louis Luljak will celebrate Slovak Mass in the Shrine's upper church.

A beautiful ritual takes place during the recitation and singing of the Stations when several young girls carry upon their shoulders a large statue of the Blessed Mother bedecked in colorful streams of ribbons and rosemary.

The pilgrimage to Holy Hill has been an annual event since 1915. All are invited to participate in this beautiful expression of Slovak Spirituality. A special invitation is extended to members of the Knights of Ss Mary & Joseph, Branch 89, in Milwaukee.

For additional information, please call Betty Valent at 414-425-6137 or Emily Kosso at 414-464-1063.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

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

Part I

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Introduction

When queried about the reasons for their success in the demanding field of sport, athletes have shared with researchers in the social and behavioral sciences as well as interviewers from the popular press a number of the human characteristics, motives, and values responsible for their achievements. These factors driving world class or championship performances have subsequently been included under such constructs as Need to Achieve (n ach), Level of Aspiration (LA), and other resources germane to the emerging field of Organizational Behavior, or OB as it is commonly referred to (Luthans, 1998). In an attempt to apply theoretical constructs such as these and demonstrate how values, for example, drive differences in terms of sport behavior, attitudes and various background variables, researchers have sought to operationalize causative factors (Crampton, 2004; Kavalir, 2004; Schwarz, 1992; Schwartz & Bardi, 2001; Svoboda, 2000). A relatively recent example of this is the work of Kavalir (2004) describing the value system of Czech athletes and which draws upon the comprehensive theory of values of Schwartz (1992). As noted by Kavalir and other researchers in the field of sport, there still exists a paucity of research in the area of sport participation to include causative factors for successful performances.

One of the more pragmatic definitions of success-related factors cited almost universally by outstanding sports figures is that of "hard work". Researchers, coaches, and athletic trainers, and, most importantly, sports fans readily accept this factor begetting success in that graphic examples are readily available of athletes straining to the physical limits of sports competition central to an event. Hard work, unfortunately has come to be a tautology; a trite, over-used truism that has lost its full impact in the explanation of reasons for athletes' success. There does exist, however, a model to elucidate the impact of hard work upon the world class and outstanding performances of Czech-Slovakian athletes- a model going back hundreds of years in time and helping to describe the inordinate number of sports triumphs for these athletes and competitors with Czech and Slovak ancestry or "roots". For a relatively small country about the size of New York State, the list of Olympic champions, outstanding sports competitors, and professional athletes is a proud legacy of a work ethic extending back in time for many years. Although now separate states since 1993, the Czech and Slovak Republics share similar languages, customs, and histories under oppressive rulers resulting in a Slavic heritage of pride and the central focus of this production: Hard Work. Factors relating to historical, psychological, and cultural precedents will be presented in this article series in an attempt to explain their impact upon modern day athletes having Czech-Slovakian roots.

Historical Factors Impacting Sport Successes

As the millennium year of 2,000 approached, the National Geographic (1998) publication produced a series of articles describing world conditions existing a thousand years ago. In the realm of human culture circa A.D. 1,000 one of the devastating remembrances was that the slave trade was flourishing with Slavs and Africans providing the major source of forced labor. Many investigating the etiology of the word "Slave" see part of its history grounded in the word Slav. In Europe, economic hardship prompted many families to make the heart breaking decision to actually sell their children into a form of slavery (Swerdlow, 1998). During the middle ages and up to the year 1848, or 1853 in countries that were a part of the Hungarian portion of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, serfdom held sway as a form of slavery including in its oppressive grasp the Czech, Slovak, and Moravian people- people who eventually made up the modern state of Czechoslovakia formed in 1918 after World War I with the strong support of President Woodrow Wilson of the United States of America.

The feudal system was the socio-economic force that controlled the daily lives of serfs- Czecho-slovakian ancestors who were just one step removed from slaves. As described in the work of Palmo (2002) concerning the researching of Slavic ancestors through urbarial Census records, the word robotta is the Slovak term from which the word 'robot' was created. In effect, serfs were forced to work hard all day, like a robot, as tenant farmers bound by birthright to land to be farmed but never owned. The ancient Latin term for slave, colonus, described one who had been freed by his master and given a parcel of land to be farmed but not owned until his death. Coloni (serfs) were required to provide goods and services to include: Stringent manual labor to work the fields; giving up a major portion of the crops while still attempting to feed a family; and paying taxes on the land. While not the property of a lord, the serf and his family defacto were described as perpetua obligationis and non-migrationis, forbidden to migrate. In the landmark years of 1848 and 1853, when the de jure serfdom was finally abolished, the term Libera Migrationis (free to migrate) was finally accepted resulting in waves of emigration a few decades later to North America and other countries of the world (Hayek, 2001).

Karl Capek, Czechoslovakia's most prolific and best known literary figure between the two world wars, contributed the word "robot" to English and many other languages. In his 1920's play, Rossum's Universal Robots, he described artificial human-like machines that did not have feelings but were only designed to work in an uncomplaining fashion- a model inherent in the serfdom of the late middle-ages (Laska, 2003). Thus, it may be offered that the hard work ethic of the modern day Czecho-Slovakian athlete was grounded in historical factors going back over 1,000 years in time. Sanctioned by the state and even sanctioned by the church, hard, physically demanding work efforts represented the grim realities of a people striving to exist under the most difficult conditions. This legacy of perseverance in the face of adversity has served the Czecho-Slovakian athlete very effectively as well as those sport participants with the same ancestral roots competing in North America and other parts of the world.

By the twentieth century, industrialization was well advanced in this Central European area as workers freed from serfdom displayed their formidable skills and tenacity. There were big metallurgical and arms factories in Plzen, the railroads were expanding, and coal was a major export. Czech crystal and porcelain were prized worldwide. It has been estimated that when the Czechoslovak state was created in 1918, the only fully functioning democracy between the two world wars, its territory held two-thirds of Austro-Hungary's industry- a testament to the work efforts of a people formerly subjugated to the will of greedy masters (Lewis, 1987; Naughton, G., 1996).

Vaclav Havel, the President of Czechoslovakia (December 29, 1989-July 20, 1992) and later, President of the Czech Republic (1993-2003), one of the outstanding political and literary figures of the past half century, has persuasively contended that Czechoslovak First Republic (1918-38) has demonstrated an enduring moral importance to complement an historic work ethic. He has pointed

out that the Czechoslovak First Republic exercised an enduring moral importance because Czechs and Slovaks have demonstrated their ability to create and sustain for decades a Republic whose government upheld civil liberties and social reform: Again, the only fully functioning democracy in Central Europe between World War I and World War II (Garver, 2007). This legacy of hard work coupled with a moral imperative extending back over 1,000 years in time has served Czecho-Slovakian athletes very effectively in a wide variety of competitive sports where great physical efforts, mental toughness, and tenacity in the face of potential adversity are prized attributes.

With the ancient policy of non-migrationis (forbidden to migrate) being set aside in the nineteenth century, many of the emigrants to the United States and Canada settled near industrial centers, mining towns, and railroad hubs where jobs were relatively plentiful and held out the promise of better lives for those willing to do the hard work to which they had become accustomed. In America this included such steel making and industrial complexes as Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Cleveland where Czechoslovakian immigrants settled and raised children of the next generation. A good example of these new world opportunities was the Northeastern Ohio city of Youngstown, Ohio where the steel mills and railroads flourished and offspring took advantage of sports programs fostering high levels of competition in American schools.

A roster of outstanding sports figures from this area known as the "Steel Valley" includes the following:

Boxing:

- Kelly Pavlik- current Middleweight Champion of the World.

Football:

- Bernie Kosar- Quarterback who led Miami University to the NCAA National Championship in football. Played in the National Football League (NFL) for 12 seasons with the Cleveland Browns; took team to four division championships.
- Andy Cverko- Former All-American tackle at Northwestern University; Played for 10 years in the NFL for the Green Bay Packers, Cleveland Browns, and Dallas Cowboys.
- Bob Babich- All-American linebacker at Miami University (Ohio). Linebacker for 9 seasons with San Diego Chargers and Cleveland Browns.
- Jack Cverko- All-American tackle at Northwestern University of the Big Ten Conference. Injuries hampered professional career.
- Mike Vrabel- Ohio State University linebacker. Player for the New England Patriots; Super Bowl Champions of the NFL for three seasons.

Baseball:

- George "Shotgun" Shuba- Outfielder for the Brooklyn Dodgers; National League and World Series Champions in the 1950's; batted .331 in World Series competition.
- Dave Dravecky- All-Star pitcher for the San Francisco Giants for 5 major league seasons. Suffered devastating arm injury and now is an inspirational speaker for youth groups.
- Andy Kosco- Major League outfielder for Minnesota Twins, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Cincinnati Reds.

Upcoming in the Jednota: Dr. Keshock continues his article series with an exploration of the psychological factors contributing to the performances of outstanding athletes of Czech-Slovak heritage, as well as the cultural influences impacting their performance.

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News-From-Slovakia

Foreign Ministry: We Can Ask for More Flood Relief From EU

Bratislava, August 17 (TASR) - Slovakia can ask for more money from the EU Solidarity Fund to deal with the effects of the recent floods as long as it meets the conditions, said Juraj Tomaga from the Foreign Affairs Ministry state department on this date.

The floods hit mainly the northern and central parts of Slovakia over the weekend. Tomaga said that according to the rules, countries stricken by natural catastrophes have to ask for financial help from the EU within ten weeks.

He also explained that the new application can't be combined with the one from July 14, when Slovakia requested aid from the Solidarity Fund for the floods in June. "At the moment we're waiting for the European Commission's decision," said Tomaga.

The material damage after the June floods is estimated at €695.1 million. "The EC indicated that if all the conditions are met, the help could be allocated by the end of 2010," stated Tomaga.

The extent of the damage caused by the recent floods in Upper Nitra region and in the Zilina region isn't known yet.

Stats Office Preliminary Estimate - GDP Grew by 4.6 percent in 2Q10

Bratislava, August 13 (TASR) - According to a quick estimate published by the Statistics Office on Friday, the Slovak economy grew by 4.6 percent y-o-y in the second quarter of this year.

The tempo of growth therefore decelerated only slightly compared to the first quarter of 2010, when it reached 4.8 percent y-o-y. Analysts expected an even more significant deceleration below 4 percent later in the year, however.

Slovakia's economic output increased by 4.7 percent y-o-y in the first half of 2010.

In the April-June period, Slovakia's gross domestic product reached €16.3 billion. After seasonal effects are taken into account, GDP represented €12.5 billion in fixed prices in 2Q10, which is an increase of 4.9 percent y-o-y.

Prognoses made by international institutions, the Finance Ministry and the central bank (NBS) have indicated that the recovery in Slovakia's economy after a slump of 4.7 percent y-o-y last year should be among the most significant in the EU in 2010. While the Finance Ministry expects growth to reach 3.2 percent y-o-y in 2010, the central bank has forecast 3.7-percent growth. The International Monetary Fund is even more optimistic, expecting that Slovakia's economic growth should reach 4 percent y-o-y in 2010.

Budget Expenditures Projected to Be Cut by €1.447 billion in 2011

Bratislava, August 17 (TASR) - The expenditure side of Slovakia's state budget for 2011 should be lower by €1.447 billion compared to this year, according to proposals concerning the individual budget chapters as released by the Finance Ministry on this date.

While a total of €16.277 billion can be spent by ministries and public administration bodies this year, the ministry suggests that €14.830 billion will be available next year.

Major savings are expected to be made by the Transport, Posts and Telecommunications Ministry (€534 million). Next follow the Agriculture and Education Ministries (€288 million and €262 million, respectively). Budgets for the Economy and Health Ministries are also proposed to be cut down by more than €200 million.

In turn, some ministries will have more funds under their remit, particularly the Environment Ministry, whose budget will be higher by €178 million year-on-year. The Labour, Social Affairs and the Family as well as the Culture Ministry will receive €76 million and €59 million more than this year.

The cuts are part of the Government's austerity measures announced by Finance Minister Ivan Miklos (SDKU-DS). The move is due to the foreseen public-finance deficit, estimated to reach up to 8 percent of GDP in 2010. The figure is planned to be go down by 2.5 percent in 2011 - or by €1.7 billion.

The objective should largely be attained by savings in state expenditure, with the remaining one third to be attained by increasing state revenues.

Gasparovic Visits Areas Hit by Floods, Calls for Solidarity

Bratislava, August 17 (TASR) - President Ivan Gasparovic on Tuesday changed his original schedule and visited the areas in Upper Nitra that were hit by the recent floods, the Presidential Office Press Department announced on the same day.

Gasparovic, accompanied by Defence Minister Lubomir Galko and Labour Minister Jozef Mihal, visited the mining town of Handlova first. [Last week, Handlova commemorated the mine tragedy from a year ago, in which perished 20 miners and mine-rescuers - ed. note.]

"We must learn from this situation and pay attention to the warnings issued by the meteorological service," said Mayor of Handlova Rudolf Podoba. He added that a major overhaul of the canalisation network in the region will also be necessary.

Gasparovic stressed that a "comprehensive project of anti-flood measures is needed that would prevent such heavy rains and the ensuing floods. We can't endlessly only eliminate problems caused by floods. We must prevent them effectively."

At the same time, President Gasparovic, said that "we can't leave behind the assistance of the armed forces, therefore the Government has to count on bolstering the equipment of the Slovak military with mechanisms that can be used in such catastrophes," said Gasparovic.

The president also called on the public, and especially entrepreneurs, to express solidarity with the people in the affected areas.

Prime Minister Iveta Radicova, who has interrupted her holiday in Croatia due to the floods, is set to visit the affected areas later.

33rd New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival in September

The 33rd annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, September 26, 2010 at:

The PNC Bank Arts Center
Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway
Holmdel, New Jersey

There will be a full program of events beginning at 10:00 a.m. Archbishop Bober, of the Diocese of Kosice, will celebrate the Mass in Slovak at 11:a.m.

The cultural program begins at 2:00p.m. with a Parade of Fashions. Dancing and singing will follow featuring Svojina, a group from Michalovce, Slovakia. Ben Sorenson will play the fujara and a Children's Group will also perform.

There will also be a soccer tournament throughout the day.

Vendors will be selling Slovak crystal, ceramics etc. and there will be a lot of delicious Slovak Food and baked goods.

Entrance and parking are free and plenty of room for buses.

For contact information call Steve Zlucky 908-534-2710 or by email meadow10@embarq-mail.com

SS. Cyril & Methodius District 17 of Broome County, New York, and Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania, is sponsoring a bus trip to the Slovak Heritage Festival at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey, on Sunday, September 26, 2010.

The bus will depart from Scranton at 7:30 A.M. and will pick up passengers in Wilkes Barre at 8:00 A.M. It will leave the PNC Bank Arts Center at the conclusion of the Festival but no later than 7:00 P.M.

Cost of the trip is \$40 per person. Your check guarantees your reservation. Checks must be made payable to District 17 F.C.S.U. by Saturday, September 18, 2010.

Checks are to be mailed to: Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, F.C.S.U. District 17 Fraternal Activities Officer, 505 Emmett Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505.

For additional information, contact Elizabeth M. Slovenkai at 570.344.3854.

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FCSU Pittsburgh District Father's Day Brunch – June 20, 2010

Members of the Pittsburgh District and their families enjoyed a lively get-together on Father's Day at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall in West Mifflin, PA. Members gathered for morning mass, followed by lunch and socializing at the hall. Hosts Kari Barnes of Branch 628 and Mike Laco of Branch 2 welcome everyone. Pastor Joseph Grosko provided the blessing. Following the meal, George Matta II, district president, lead a discussion of FCSU activities. Then the following provided updates: Regis Brekosky, Regional Director of District 5; George Matta, National Treasurer; Susan Ondrejco, National Activities Director; and Gary Matta, National Counsel. The even ended with the awarding of door prizes and singing of "Hej Slovaci." The district particularly wishes to thank Branch 628 and Branch 2 for their hard work in planning the event and preparing the ad booklet.

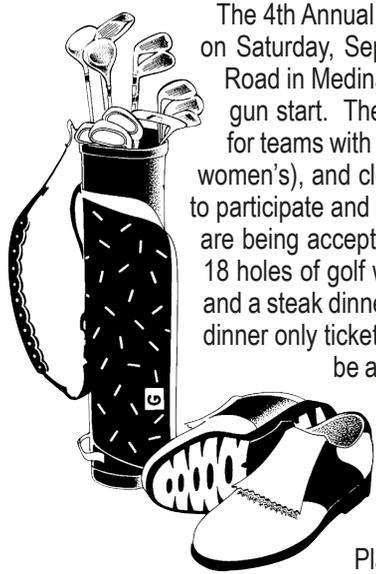
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FCSU Pittsburgh District Father's Day Brunch – June 20, 2010



4th Annual Father John Keblesh Memorial Golf Outing



The 4th Annual Father John Keblesh Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 18th at the Bunker Hill Golf Course on Pearl Road in Medina, OH. This year's event will begin at Noon with a shotgun start. The event is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be given for teams with the highest and lowest scores, longest drive (men's and women's), and closest to the pin. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to participate and registrations for individual golfers and groups of up to 4 are being accepted. The cost for this year's outing is \$85 and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch (hot dog, chips and drink) at the turn, and a steak dinner with a beer and non-alcoholic beverages. In addition, dinner only tickets are available for \$20. Sign up now for what is sure to be a great day of golf, fun, food and fellowship! Registration forms can be found at www.stemilian.com under the Upcoming Events link. St. Emilian's is also looking for individuals, businesses or organizations that are interested in being hole and event sponsors. Hole sponsorship levels are Silver (\$50), Gold (\$100) and Platinum (\$150) and event sponsorships begin at \$250. Interested sponsors should contact Mike Meador at (440) 572-2178 or michael-meador@sbcglobal.net or Father Marek at (330) 225-9857 Ext. 1 or fathermarek@stemilian.com.

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Slovak League of America Announces 2010 Scholarship Grants

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

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

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

About the Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund

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

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55. výročie mučeníckej smrti blahoslavenej sestry Zdenky

Pokračovanie zo str. 24

Ježiša znamená prijať tieto ťažkosti a očami viery ich vnímať, ako vôľu božiu, ktorú nám nie vždy je ľahko pochopiť. Takýto kríž z jednej strany môže byť často veľmi ťažký, ale na druhej strane práve toto je cesta, ktorá vedie k zakúseniu tej veľkosti božej dobroty a jeho milosrdenstva.“

Ďalej Mons. Giordana v homílii poukázal na kríž v živote blahoslavenej sestry Zdenky. Ona cítila, že Boh ju pozuje, aby Ježišov kríž objala v rehoľnom inštitúte, ktorý sa mimochodom volá Inštitút milosrdných sestier Svätého Kríža. Už z tohto názvu sa dá vyčítať, že Pán si ju povolal do rehole, ktorej členky si berú za cieľ stať sa nositeľkami milosrdnej lásky, ktorá je ovocím Ježišovho kríža. Medzi takouto láskou a krížom je úzka spojitosť. Keď totiž pracovala ako zdravotná sestra, všetci chorí mohli pocítiť dobrotu jej srdca. A nebolo to len preto, že mala možno takú povahu. Bolo to najmä preto, že tých, ktorým slúžila, chcela vedome obdarovať niečím, čo sama bohato zakúšala vo svojej duši. Vieme, že nie vždy je ľahké byť blízko pri tých, ktorí sú ťažko chorí a trpia. Aj jej práca si vyžadovala veľa námahy, ale snažila sa dať do toho všetko. Dokonca prosila Pána Boha, aby ju nikdy neopustila obetavosť v službe blíznym. Lebo vedela, že všetko to, čo je v živote ťažké, je vlastne Ježišov kríž, ktorý nám on dáva, aby sme ho vernejšie nasledovali. Pred takýmto krížom neušla ani vtedy, keď sa jej zdal príliš ťažký, ba môžeme povedať, že z ľudského hľadiska až neznesiteľný. Neváhala vystaviť vlastný život nebezpečenstvu a peripetiám, aby zachránila kňaza pred nespravodlivým prenasledovaním. A neskôr, keď ju za jej odvážny počin komunistická moc uväznila, všetko utrpenie a ponižovanie hrdinsky znášala v duchu veľkej pokory. V závere apoštolský nuncius povedal:

„Dovoľte mi ešte raz, milovaní bratia a sestry, v tej súvislosti pripomenúť slová Svätého Otca Jána Pavla II, ktoré povedal vtedy v bratislavskej Petržalke, keď hovoril práve o tom tajomstve božej lásky zjavenej sa skrze kríž v živote blahoslavenej sestry Zdenky. Svätý Otec vtedy povedal: «Bolo to práve rozjímajenie nad tým veľkým tajomstvom, čo dalo silu jak biskupovi Hopkovi, tak sestre Zdenke v utrpení a v ťažkých chvíľach vo väzení. Kríž sa pre nich stal cestou k životu večnému, prameňom vnútornej sily a nádeje, a taktiež skúškou ich lásky k Bohu a bližnému. O, Crux, ave spes unica!». A my všetci, milovaní bratia sestry, máme v sestre Zdenke jedinečný príklad hodný nasledovania. Prehlbujme stále viac a viac, tak ako to robila ona, to umenie milovať Kristov kríž, ktorý nás tak často sprevádza na cestách nášho života, že ho môžeme pokojne nazvať našim spoločníkom a priateľom. Sám Ježiš, ktorý dal sestre Zdenke silu ho niesť, nech svojou milosťou posilňuje aj nás, keď nám ho položí na plecía. A buďme si istí, že ak ho budeme niesť v duchu viery, stane sa veľkým požehnaním pre každého osobne, pre naše rodiny, našu krajinu i pre celú Kristovu Cirkev. Amen.“

TK KBS, RV



Letná škola slovenského jazyka Studia Academica Slovaca v Bratislave O slovenský jazyk a kultúru malo záujem 167 študentov z 38 krajín sveta

Bratislava (TASR) - Zahraniční záujemcovia o slovenský jazyk a kultúru sa tieto predmety od 1. do 21. augusta učili v letnej škole slovenského jazyka a kultúry Studia Academica Slovaca (SAS) 2010 v Bratislave. O 46. ročník kurzu, ktorý sa uskutočnil v Inštitúte pre verejnú správu, prejavilo záujem 167 študentov z 38 krajín sveta. Najstarší, 62-ročný záujemca pochádzal z USA. Spolu s ním sa na kurz prihlásilo šesť Američanov. Najväčší záujem o projekt prejavili Francúzi, do letnej školy ich malo prísť 18. Ďalších 13 účastníkov kurzu pochádzalo z Poľska a dvanásť boli z Nemecka.

O slovenský jazyk a kultúru malo záujem napríklad aj desať Maďarov, deväť Talianov a po osem zástupcov malo mať Srbsko a Ukrajina. Z Česka na kurz sa prihlásili dvaja záujemcovia. Len jedného študenta vyslali na Slovensko napríklad Čína, Kuba, Líbya, Argentína, Nórsko, Belgicko, Švédsko, ale aj Grécko. Medzi účastníkmi boli predovšetkým študenti vysokých škôl, ale aj vedeckí a pedagogickí pracovníci, umelci, úradníci, manažéri. Záujem o účasť v letnej škole pravidelne prejavujú aj tmočníci Európskej únie.

Podujatie organizovalo SAS – centrum pre slovenčinu ako cudzí jazyk, ktoré je špecializovaným pracoviskom Filozofickej fakulty Univerzity Komenského (FF UK) v Bratislave. Pre účastníkov kurzu organizátori pripravili atraktívny vzdelávací program, doplnený bohatou ponukou kultúrnych podujatí a vlastivednou exkurziou po regiónoch Slovenska.

Každoročná letná škola slovenského jazyka a kultúry SAS je osobitnou zložkou centra. FF UK ju ponúka zahraničným záujemcom už od roku 1965. Za takmer polstoročie svojej existencie sa SAS stalo uznávanou inštitúciou, ktorú absolvovalo takmer 6,000 zahraničných záujemcov o slovenský jazyk, kultúru a slovenské reálie z viac ako 50 štátov sveta.

Na pôde SAS boli položené základy vedeckého opisu a didaktiky slovenčiny ako cudzieho jazyka a zásluhou jeho spolupracovníkov vznikli prvé učebnice a príručky slovenčiny pre cudzincov. Vzhľadom na svoju bohatú tradíciu a skúsenosti v súčasnosti pôsobí SAS ako koordinačné a informačné centrum s celoslovenskou a exteritoriálnou pôsobnosťou. Za realizáciu projektu, ktorý rieši kolektív SAS, Vzdelávací program Slovenčina ako cudzí jazyk, získala FF UK ocenenie iniciatívy Európskej komisie v oblasti jazykového vzdelávania Európska značka 2007.



Ani jedna zo slovenských univerzít nebude vo svetovej 500-ke

Bratislava (TASR) - Ani jedna zo slovenských univerzít sa pravdepodobne v priebehu štyroch rokov nedostane medzi 500 najlepších univerzít na svete. „O štyri roky? To je takmer nemožné,“ uviedol nedávno po rokovaní vlády SR minister školstva Eugen Jurzyca (SDKÚ-DS).

Reagoval tak na novinársku otázku, či o štyri roky niektorá zo slovenských univerzít bude v elitnej päťstovke. Jurzyca prisľúbil, že vláda Ivety Radičovej sa bude usilovať, aby to bolo čo najskôr, aj keď štyri roky na to asi stačiť nebudú. „Verím však, že ten náš systém bude o štyri roky taký, že strednodobo dostaneme do prvej 500 niekoľko slovenských univerzít,“ poznamenal.

Jurzyca chystá v oblasti vysokého školstva viaceré zmeny, ktoré by mali systému pomôcť. Dotknú sa napríklad akreditačného systému či spôsobu udeľovania grantov na vedu.

Slávnostný festivalový sprievod tvorilo viac ako sedemsto folkloristov



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The annual procession of folklore participants through the streets to the amphitheater marking the opening of the famous Vychodna Festival.

Neodmysliteľnou programovou súčasťou Folklórneho festivalu Východná je každoročne sobotný sprievod zúčastnených folklórnych súborov (FS) na túto príležitosť originálne vyzdobenou hlavnou ulicou tejto rázovitej liptovskej obce s vyvrcholením v amfiteátri. V sobotu 3. júla si 56. pokračovanie najprestížnejšieho slovenského festivalu ľudovej kultúry týmto spôsobom uctili viac ako dve desiatky FS a sedemsto ich členov. Na snímke sprievod obcou Východná v rámci 56. ročníka folklórneho festivalu Východná 2010.

Úspechy slovenského hokejového brankára Jaroslava Haláka

Bratislava (TASR) – Uplynulá sezóna slovenského hokejového brankára Jaroslava Haláka sa niesla v znamení viacerých úspechov, no i nutnosti preniesť sa cez krivdu a prekvapujúcu výmenu v rámci zámorskej NHL. Náplasťou sa mu cez víkend stalo opätovné víťazstvo v ankete Zlatý puk v kategórii najlepší brankár.

Dvadsaťpäťročný odchovanec bratislavského hokeja, ktorého vedenie Montrealu Canadiens v júni napriek výborným výkonom v play off vymenilo do St. Louis Blues za dvojicu málo známych útočníkov Larsa Ellera a Jana Schultza, si triumf vyslúžil výkonomi nielen v klube, ale aj v drese slovenskej reprezentácie na ZOH vo Vancouveri. Dôkazom jeho víťazstva v mikrosúboji s druhým góľmanom Habs Careyom Priceom bol aj zisk Molsonovho pohára, ktorý rok predtým získal práve o rok mladší Kanadčan. Montreal napriek všetkému spojil svoju ďalšiu budúcnosť s Priceom. „V živote nie je všetko férové a človek si niekedy musí vytrpieť viac ako by mal. Ja však budem vždy tvrdiť, že všetko zlé je na niečo dobré. V mojom prípade to, že som nedostával šance a do brány som sa dostal len sem-tam, ma nejako vyburcovalo, aby som ešte tvrdšie trénoval. Snažil som sa chytať čo najlepšie v každom jednom zápase, v ktorom som dostal príležitosť,“ vyjadril sa Halák na margo krivdy počas jeho pôsobenia v Montreale.

V percentuálnej úspešnosti zákrokov najlepší brankár vo vyradovacej časti profiligy si v tíme nového zamestnávateľa zarobil počas štyroch rokov 15 miliónov dolárov. Okrem omnoho vyššieho zárobku získal tiež post tímovej jednotky. Aj v novom mužstve by Halák chcel zažiť čo možno najdlhšiu sezónu.

Bývalý hráč bratislavského Slovana priviedol „Habs“ až do finále Východnej konferencie, pričom sa veľkou mierou zaslúžil o vyradenie favorizovaných tímov Washingtonu a Pittsburghu. Svoju mužstvu pomohol proti Caps k trom výhram v rade a zlikvidoval 131 z celkového počtu 134 striel. V novom klube si od jeho príchodu veľa sľubujú a samotný Halák by rád prispel k úspešnému ťaženiu „bluesmanov“. Budúci rok sa však v Bratislave a Košiciach uskutoční historicky prvý seniorský šampionát A-kategórie v ére samostatnosti a pre Haláka predstavuje účasť na nich veľkú dilemu.



Medzinárodná bezpečnostná konferencia GLOBSEC 2010 v Bratislave

V dňoch 13. – 14. septembra 2010 sa v Bratislave uskutoční piaty ročník medzinárodnej konferencie GLOBSEC, ktorú organizujú spoločne Slovenská atlantická komisia a Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí v spolupráci s ďalšími partnermi. Podujatie sa za uplynulé obdobie stalo etablovaným a rešpektovaným fórom v strednej Európe, združujúcim zástupcov vládnej, mimovládnej, akademickej a korporátnej sféry z oboch strán Atlantiku s cieľom diskutovať o najaktuálnejších zahranično-politických a bezpečnostných otázkach.

GLOBSEC 2010 sa uskutoční v čase predsedníctva Slovenskej republiky vo Vyšehradskej štvorke. Počas dvoch dní sa konferencia bude venovať širokému spektru kľúčových otázok týkajúcich sa bezpečnosti európskeho kontinentu v kontexte globálnych aspirácií post-lisabonskej Európskej únie, či návrhu prezidenta Ruskej federácie na nové usporiadanie európskej bezpečnostnej architektúry. Konferencia bude venovaná aj dopadom prijatia novej Strategickej koncepcie NATO a politickému a bezpečnostnému vývoju v Afganistane. Substantívna časť podujatia sa zameria na európske susedstvo s dôrazom na Ukrajinu a Moldavsko. Nemenej zaujímavou bude diskusia o dopadoch hospodárskej krízy na globálnu bezpečnosť a rovnováhu síl vo svete.

MZV SR

Slovenská liga oznamuje

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Slovenská liga v Amerike oznamuje, že poskytne americkoslovenským študentom univerzít (universities and colleges) štipendiá z pozostalostného grantu oddanej slovenskej rodiny Ján a Júlia Demko. Slovenská liga udelí tieto štipendiá na ich poctu ako John and Julia Demko Memorial Grants.

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Štipendijný fond Slovenskej ligy bol založený v roku 1972 v snahe pomáhať americkoslovenským študentom finančne a tiež v snahe udržať slovenské národné povedomie u mladej generácie.

Vyprevadili sme nového amerického veľvyslanca v SR

Veľvyslanec SR vo Washingtone Peter Burian s manželkou Ninou usporiadali 30. júla t.r. vo svojej rezidencii večeru na počesť nového amerického veľvyslanca v Bratislave Theodora Sedgwicka. Medzi pozvanými hosťami boli aj predseda Slovenskej ligy Daniel F. Tanzone a generálna tajomníčka Nina Holá ako aj predseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty Andrej M. Rajec a generálny tajomník Slovenského katolíckeho sokola Štefan M. Pogorelec. Veľvyslanec Sedgwick sa zaujímal o vzťahy organizovaného slovenského života v Amerike so slovenskými vládnymi a kultúrnymi inštitúciami. Predstavitelia SLVA ho informovali, že kanceláriu amerického veľvyslanca v Bratislave dosiaľ zdobí portrét neobohého senátora Claiborne Pella, ktorý bol v rokoch 1947-48 prvým americkým konzulom v Bratislave a až do smrti bol oddaným priateľom Slovákom a podporovateľom slovenského zápasu o dosiahnutie samostatnosti. Tento portrét v olejomalbe darovala senátorovi Pellovi Slovenská liga v roku 1990 počas slávnostného znovuoživenia budovy amerického veľvyslanectva.

Skupina Slovákov z Washingtonu bola pozvaná aj na slávnostnú prisahu veľvyslanca Sedgwicka na Štátnom Departemente dňa 28. júla 2010.

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So slovenským pozdravom

Daniel F. Tanzone, predseda
W. Nina Holá, tajomníčka

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

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

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

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



Novým veľvyslancom USA na Slovensku je Theodore Sedgwick

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kandidátov prezidentských volieb. Zbieral aj peniaze na Obamovu prezidentskú kampaň a daroval zhruba 10.000 dolárov (7100 eur) na jeho inauguráciu, uviedla americká webstránka.

V minulosti založil vydavateľstvo Pasha Publications (údajne je pomenované po Sedgwickovom psovi) zamerané na energetiku, obranu a životné prostredie a informačnú spoločnosť pre oblasť energetiky Io Energy.

Sedgwick vyštudoval osmanskú históriu na univerzite v Harvare. Ako dobrovoľník pracuje pre organizácie Folger Shakespeare Library, Shakespeare Theater Company vo Washingtone a Gennadius Library v Aténach v Grécku. Bol členom správnych rád niekoľkých súkromných spoločností (Inside Higher Ed, Atlantic Information Services a Washington Business Information Inc.) Zasadal tiež v radách rôznych kultúrnych inštitúcií, ale aj organizácií, ktoré sa venujú ekológii (Civil War Preservation Trust, Wetlands America Trust, Land Trust Alliance).

Theodore Sedgwick je členom rôznych obchodných organizácií vrátane Chief Executives Organization, medzinárodnej organizácie pre globálnych lídrov.



Pohľad na zaplnenú banketovú sálu v Renaissance Hoteli v nedeľu 15. augusta, počas 49. Konvencie Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v Clevelande, Ohio.



Slovenský hokejista Marián Hossa žal víťazstvá na takmer všetkých frontoch

Bratislava (TASR) – Slovenský hokejista Marián Hossa v uplynulom ročníku žal víťazstvá na takmer všetkých frontoch, kde sa objavil, anketu Zlatý puk nevyvímajúc. V nej triumfoval už po štvrtýkrát, čím predstihol jej dvoch trojnásobných víťazov Miroslava Šatana a Petra Bondru.

Starší z bratského dua Hossovcov síce nevyhral kategóriu najlepší útočník, v ktorej triumfoval jeho kamarát Marián Gáborík, no absolútna cena 13. ročníka tradičného hlasovania odborníkov sa ušla práve jemu. Podľa Hossu malo jeho štvrté prvenstvo špeciálnu príchuť. "Je pre mňa obrovskou ctou získať túto cenu ako prvý hokejista po štvrtýkrát a obehnúť také mená ako Miro Šatan či Peťo Bondra," vyhlásil 31-ročný útočník zámorského Chicaga Blackhawks.

Hossa v drese "jastrabov" pretavil tretiu účasť v profiligovom finále v rade v zisk vyčleneného Stanleyho pohára. Pripojil sa tak k doteraz šiestim Slovákom, ktorí zdvihli nad hlavu víťaznú trofej. Hossovu ruku okrem víťazného prsteňa zdobí od júla už aj ten svadobný, ktorý mu na prst navliekla jeho v súčasnosti už manželka Janka Ferová. Azda jedinou škvrnou na, z Hossovho pohľadu, mimoriadne vydarenej sezóne, bola nutnosť uspokojiť sa "iba" so zemiakovou medailou z vancouverkej olympiády. Ani táto skutočnosť však nič neubrala zo spokojného výrazu Hossovej tváre.



Bývalý slovenský prezident Michal Kováč 80-ročný

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metropoly odvolali, o rok neskôr vylúčili z KSČ a preložili do ŠBČS, pobočky Bratislava-mesto za radového bankového úradníka. V bankovníctve pracoval od roku 1956 do decembra 1989. Externe pôsobil aj na VŠE, vo Výskumnom ústave pre financie a úver, v Ústrednom ústave národohospodárskeho výskumu a externe prednášal na odbore ekonomiky a financovania Stavebnej fakulty Slovenskej vysokej školy technickej (SVŠT). Po roku 1989 sa Michal Kováč angažoval v hnutí Verejnosť proti násiliu (VPN), v rokoch 1991-1993 bol členom Hnutia za demokratické Slovensko (HZDS) a jeho podpredsedom pre ekonomickú oblasť.

Od júna 1990 do decembra 1992 bol poslancom Snemovne ľudu Federálneho zhromaždenia ČSSR (za VPN, neskôr HZDS). Po voľbách v roku 1992 bol od júna členom Predsedníctva FZ ČSFR. Na prvom zasadnutí federálneho parlamentu ho dňa 25. júna roku 1992 zvolili za predsedu FZ ČSFR. V tejto funkcii pôsobil do 31. decembra 1992, t.j. do zániku Českej a Slovenskej Federatívnej republiky (ČSFR). Od 12. decembra 1989 do 26. júna 1990 zastával vo vláde národného porozumenia a potom aj od 27. júna 1990 funkciu ministra financií, miezd a cien. Obidva razy bol do vlády delegovaný hnutím VPN. Po odvolaní predsedu vlády Vladimíra Mečiara podal demisiu a 18. mája 1991 ukončil činnosť vo vláde.

Na prezidentskom dôchodku sa Michal Kováč, pokiaľ mu to zdravie dovoľuje, venuje práci v Nadácii Václava Havla a Michala Kováča. Stal sa čestným predsedom Centra pre európsku politiku.

Je ženatý s manželkou Emíliou, s ktorou sa zoznámil už na vysokej škole. Má dvoch synov, Juraja a Michala. Už vyše roka a pol trpí bývalý prezident Parkinsonovou chorobou a nedávno ho museli hospitalizovať v nemocnici pre viacsobný kolaps.

Na jar 2003, pri príležitosti 10. výročia inaugurácie Michala Kováča, vyšla kniha s názvom Nový štát a jeho prvý muž Michal Kováč očami svojich spolupracovníkov. Zostavil ju Anton Baláž a dokumentuje päťročné pôsobenie Michala Kováča v prezidentskej funkcii cez optiku tímu jeho spolupracovníkov Jána Findru, Dušana Kováča, Vladimíra Štefku, aj Imricha Béreša, Ladislava Orosza a Brigity Schmögnerovej. Prostredníctvom ich osobných výpovedí kniha podáva svedectvo o charaktere doby a o situácii, v ktorej sa začal budovať inštitút prezidenta na Slovensku.

Tá lipa košatá

Tam, za dedinou, pri potoku, vedľa mlyna stojí,
na široko rozložená, ako dajaká veľmožná pani,
svojím čajom starým babkám, rôzne nemoce hojí.
Vraj slniečko, hviezdy a mesiačik, ju od zlého chráni.

Najkrajšia je však, keď je rozkvitnutá v mesiaci máji.
Vtedy tisíce a tisíce včielok, poletuje z kveta na kvet,
zdá sa, že dnes im patrí celý, celučičký, šíri svet.

Hej, keby tá stará, lipa košatá, vedela rozprávať,
nie jeden mládenec, či dievčina, by sa musela červenať.
Tajomstvo lásky, však lipa košatá, nikomu neprezradí
a preto lipa košatá a zaľúbenci, ostanú verní kamaráti.

Tá lipa košatá, stará je, nik nevie odhadnúť ako je stará.
Starou bola už vtedy, keď naše babky boli malé.

Nuž, kto by v zime nepoznal náš, voňavý, lipový čaj?
Vraj je dobrý, vylieči kašeľ, bolenie hrdla, ba aj reumu,
zvlášť, keď lekár-dedko, pridá doň, štamperlík rumu.

Voňou zaváňa celý dom, zvlášť, keď sa pridá tiež vína,
vtedy, náš lipový čaj, je tá najlepšia, dobrá medicína.
Vďaka Ti Pane, za náš dobrý, obľúbený, lipový čaj.

A keď nemáme víno, ani rum, tak nám ho prosím, poičaj.
Jozef Smák

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• Po vyše poldruha roka od zavedenia jednotnej európskej meny na Slovensku sa v obehu stále nachádza množstvo slovenských bankoviek v hodnote niekoľkých desiatok miliónov eur. K 30. júnu 2010 sa v obehu nachádzalo 20.11 milióna kusov slovenských bankoviek v hodnote asi 2.97 miliardy Sk (98.59 milióna eur). Platidlá, ktoré NBS stiahne z obehu, následne znehodnocuje. Zariadenia na spracovanie bankoviek sú vybavené ničiacim modulom, ktorý bankovky po kontrole ničí on-line. Slovenská mena sa začala sťahovať z obehu oficiálne od 1. januára 2009. NBS bude vymieňať slovenské mince do konca roka 2013 a bankovky bez obmedzenia.

• Kým tohtoročnú dovolenku prežije v lete na Slovensku takmer každý tretí Slovák, v susednej Českej republike sa bude rekreovať doma až 50 % Čechov. Oproti 30 % Čechov pôjde tento rok do cudziny približne 39 % Slovákov. Letnú dovolenku však neplánuje asi 31 % Slovákov, čo je o 11 % viac, ako potvrdili Česi. Vyplýva to z prieskumu, ktorý realizovali portály heureka.sk a heureka.cz na vzorke 5,000 Čechov a 1,000 Slovákov – používateľov internetu. Prieskum ukázal, že oba národy preferujú relaxačný typ dovolenky. Ten si získal 65 % Slovákov a 52 % Čechov. Na druhom mieste skončili poznávacie dovolenky, ktoré dosiahli 21 % u Slovákov a 29 % u Čechov. Kým športovej dovolenke dáva prednosť len 7 % Slovákov, v Česku obľubuje tento typ aktívneho oddychu až 14 % opýtaných.

• **Múzeum** a galéria v Stropkove sa môže pýšiť novou exkluzívnou zbierkou bábik z celého sveta, ktorú koncom júla do rúk primátora mesta Stropkov Petra Obrimčeka slávnostne odovzdala stropkovská rodáčka žijúca v americkom Texase Lýdia Elizabeth Pitra. Nedávno zbierku sprístupnili aj verejnosti. V Stropkove bude vystavených zatiaľ 110 zo 450 bábik, ale Pitra prisľúbila, že im postupne venuje celú svoju kolekciu. Jej zberateľská vášeň sa začala vďaka dobrosrdečnosti, keď do USA prinášala ako darčeky slovenské verzie bábik, ktoré vzbudzovali vždy veľký záujem. Postupne ich začala zbierať aj z iných kútov sveta a keď sa pridali priatelia, zbierka sa rýchlo rozrástla.

• **Investori**, ktorí pôsobia na Slovensku, oceňujú, že zavedenie eura výrazne zlepšilo konkurencieschopnosť slovenskej ekonomiky. Zahraniční investori považujú euro za veľkú výhodu pri rozhodovaní o investíciách. Niekoľko investícií v nedávnej minulosti by sa nerealizovalo, keby Slovensko európsku menu nemalo, uviedol hovorca Slovensko-nemeckej obchodnej a priemyselnej komory (SNOPK) Markus Halt. Spoločná mena má podľa neho hlavne tú výhodu, že odstraňuje kurzové riziko pri obchodovaní s krajinami eurozóny. Keď si zahraničné spoločnosti vyberajú miesto na investovanie, je pre nich členstvo krajiny v eurozóne veľmi dôležité. Tieto rozhodnutia sú ešte zvyčajne ovplyvnené rôznymi ďalšími faktormi, akými sú kvalifikovaná pracovná sila, daňové zaťaženie, infraštruktúra či právna a politická stabilita.

• **Šéf rezortu hospodárstva** a výstavby Juraj Miškov predložil svojim ministerským kolegom návrh investičných stimulov dvom zahraničným investorom. Ide konkrétne o spoločnosť Embraco Slovakia, s.r.o., ktorá v Spišskej Novej Vsi vytvorí 300 nových pracovných miest, a potom o spoločnosť LVD S2, a.s., ktorá vytvorí v Revúcej okolo 250 pracovných miest. Podľa ministra ide o zaujímavé a kvalitné projekty, ktoré zatiaľ stáli, a bývala vláda ich podporiť nechcela. V rámci rezortu hospodárstva a výstavby v súčasnosti prebieha hĺbkový audit všetkých zmlúv a verejných obstarávaní.

• **Rakovina** si na Slovensku vyžiadala v minulom roku 11,966 životov. Podľa údajov Štatistického úradu (ŠÚ) SR najčastejšie zabíjala rakovina pľúc a priedušiek, ktorej podľašlo 2,056 osôb, vo väčšine prípadov išlo o mužov. Podobne ako v mnohých vyspelých krajinách sveta dochádza v dlhodobom kontexte aj v SR k postupnému nárastu počtu úmrtí na zhubné nádory. Medzi často diagnostikované onkologické ochorenia patria na Slovensku pravdepodobne v dôsledku spôsobu života a stravovania ochorenia tráviaceho traktu. Zhubný nádor hrubého čreva si v roku 2009 vyžiadalo 951 životov, rakovine pankreasu podľašlo 712 osôb, ďalších 684 ľudí rakovine žalúdka. U nežnejšieho pohlavia je na prvom mieste rakovina prsnej žľazy, ktorej minulý rok podľašlo vyše 700 žien. Nežnú časť populácie tiež ohrozuje rakovina krčka maternice, ktorá si vyžiadala v predchádzajúcom roku 213 obetí, ako aj zhubný nádor tela maternice (180 úmrtí) a zhubný nádor vaječníka (272 úmrtí). Medzi dominantné nádorové ochorenia patrí aj rakovina prostaty, ktorej podľašlo 506 mužov, ako aj zhubný nádor mozgu (336 úmrtí) a rakovina obličiek (382). Rakovina neobchádza ani deti, pričom ročne pribudne viac ako sto prípadov. K najčastejším nádorom detského veku patria hematopoetické nádory - lymfómy, leukémie, ďalej Wilmsov nádor obličky, sarkómy a germinatívne nádory.

• **Bratislavský chlapčenský zbor** (BCHZ) absolvoval úspešný koncert v taiwanskej metropole Tchaj-pej. Vystúpenie bolo súčasťou desiateho Medzinárodného festivalu speváckych zborov na Taiwane. Diváci sa postupne dostávali do varu a prvé bravo zaznelo hneď po úvodných skladbách koncertu. V závere už celé publikum stálo a vynútilo si niekoľko prídavkov. Hudbymilovní Taiwanci porovnávali výkon Bratislavského chlapčenského zboru so súborom Wiener Sängerknaben, ktorý na Taiwane účinkuje každoročne. Porovnanie vyznelo v prospech slovenských chlapcov. Koncertu sa zúčastnila pani Lucia Bartáková zo slovenského zastupiteľstva na Taiwane.

• **Plynári** sa chystajú požiadať o mimoriadne jesenné zdraženie plynu pre domácnosti. Zmenu chce Slovenský plynárenský priemysel (SPP) žiadať od regulačného úradu od októbra. Zdražovanie by malo dosiahnuť okolo desať percent. SPP to zdôvodňuje tým, že na predaji plynu pre domácnosti v prvom polroku prerobil desiatky miliónov eur. Spôsobil to slabé euro, ktoré zdražilo nákupy plynu z Ruska. Záverečné slovo pri zdražovaní bude mať regulačný úrad.

• **Návštevníci** hlavného mesta Slovenska si môžu užiť jeho atmosféru neobvykle. Prehliadku Bratislavy môžu absolvovať aj na dvojkolke. Ide o novú službu. Obhliadková trasa sa začína na Primáciálnom námestí, pokračuje cez Staré Mesto, Nový most až do Sadu Janka Kráľa, popri Magio pláži, mostom Apollo, komplexom Eurovea až na Bratislavský hrad. Súčasťou je výklad sprievodcu, ktorý návštevníkov sprevádza na dvojkolke. Motorizovaná prehliadka trvá takmer tri hodiny. Predtým záujemca dostane školenie, ako dvojkolku ovládať.

• **Vedenie** Galanty hostilo 14-člennú delegáciu z Číny. Jej členov sprevádzali aj zamestnanci čínskeho veľvyslanectva v Bratislave, ako aj predstavitelia bratislavského Konfuciovho inštitútu. Podľa galantského hovorca Petra Koleka boli hlavnou témou rokovaní možnosti budovania hospodárskych a spoločenských vzťahov, pričom čínsku delegáciu zaujímal predovšetkým oblasť poľnohospodárstva. Hospodárske a spoločenské vzťahy chce čínska aj slovenská strana pestovať napriek značnej diaľke, ktorá ich delí. V Galante sa za uplynulých desaťročia usadilo viacero zahraničných investorov. V meste v súčasnosti fungujú podniky vo vlastníctve majiteľov z Talianska, Južnej Kórey či Poľska.

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Otvorenie obnoveného rodného domu Jána Kollára

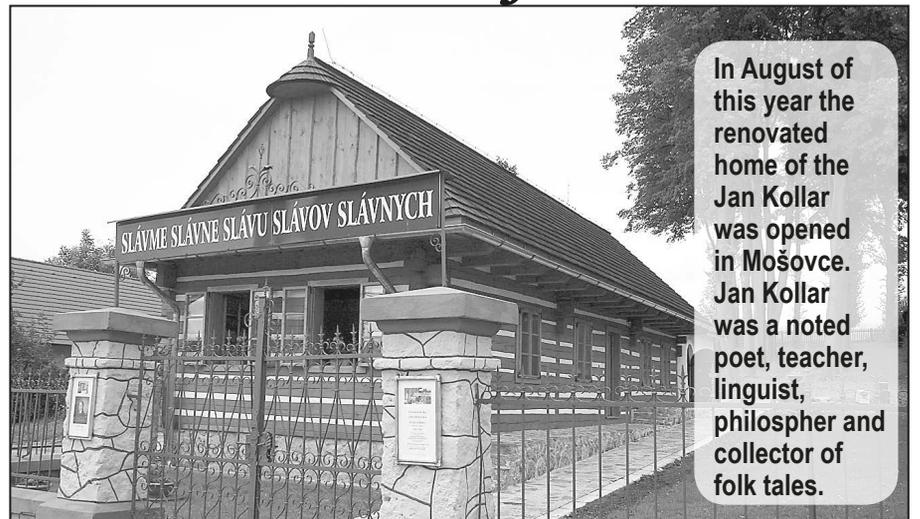


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Počas augustového víkendu si v Mošovciach pripomenuli 777. výročie prvej písomnej zmienky o obci. Vyvrcholením bolo slávnostné otvorenie rodného domu tamojšieho najvýznamnejšieho rodáka, básnika Slovanov, pedagóga, jazykovedca, filozofa, zberateľa ľudovej slovesnosti a najmä presadzovateľa myšlienky slovanskej vzájomnosti Jána Kollára (1793 – 1852). Na snímke obnovený rodný dom Jána Kollára v Mošovciach.

Nórsky panovník kráľ Harald V. s kráľovnou Sonjou navštívia Slovensko

Bratislava (TASR) - Nórsky panovník kráľ Harald V. s kráľovnou Sonjou pricestujú v októbri na trojdňovú návštevu Slovenska. Kráľovský pár privíta 26. októbra v Prezidentskom paláci prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič s manželkou Silviou. Počas prvého dňa pobytu v Bratislave by sa vzácní hostia mali stretnúť aj s premiérkou Ivetou Radičovou, predsedom Národnej rady SR Richardom Sulikom, navštíviť Primáciálny palác, kde by ich mal privítať primátor hlavného mesta SR Andrej Ďurkovič.

Jeho Veličenstvo kráľ Harald V. spolu s prezidentom Gašparovičom sa v Bratislave plánujú zúčastniť na otvorení slovensko-nórskoho ekonomického fóra a na otvorení konferencie o zahraničnej politike.

Počas svojho pobytu na Slovensku navštívi nórsky kráľovský pár aj Modru a Banskú Štiavnicu. Ich Veličenstvá kráľ Harald V. a kráľovná Sonja ukončia návštevu Slovenska 28. októbra poďvečer, informovalo o tom na internetovej stránke tlačové oddelenie Kancelárie prezidenta SR.



Predcestovná autorizácia ESTA pri cestách do USA

V zmysle informácie Ministerstva vnútornej bezpečnosti USA sa s účinnosťou od 8. 9. 2010 začne uplatňovať výber poplatkov za predcestovnú autorizáciu elektronického formulára (ESTA) pri cestách do USA v rámci bezvízového programu. Poplatok bol stanovený vo výške 14.00 USD. Z jeho výnosov budú pokrývané náklady spojené s prevádzkou elektronického systému a zároveň financovaná nová agentúra na podporu cestovného ruchu. Zavedenie poplatkov za ESTA vychádza z platnej legislatívy (Travel Promotion Act) schválenej Kongresom USA vo februári tohto roku.

SR spoločne s ostatnými krajinami EÚ podrobne posúdi a vyhodnotí praktické implikácie tohto opatrenia. Spoločným záujmom EÚ a USA by malo byť umožniť čo možno najjednoduchšiu a administratívne najmenej náročnú mobilitu a cestovania občanov medzi krajinami EÚ a USA.



Firma Dachser stavia na Záhorí logistické centrum za 30 mil. eur

Lozorno (TASR) - Nové logistické centrum vyrastie pri obci Lozorno na Záhorí. K spoločnosti podobných logistických firiem, ktoré tu už aktívne pôsobia v blízkosti diaľnice D2, pribudne ďalší podnikateľský subjekt európskeho významu Dachser.

Táto logistická spoločnosť je obchodne prepojená už na 12 európskych krajín. "Pri Lozorne zriadi Dachser jedno z najmodernejších logistických centier na ploche 64,000 štvorcových metrov. Investičné náklady dosiahnu 30 miliónov eur. Širšie okolie Bratislavy sa tak stane jedným z rozhodujúcich centier na distribúciu tovaru rôzneho druhu v rámci stredo- a východoeurópskeho regiónu, ktoré umožní denné, presne načasované linky pre dovoz a vývoz tovaru. V danom regióne táto investícia priamo vytvorí 200 nových pracovných príležitostí," uviedol nedávno pri slávnostnom výkope stavby výkonný riaditeľ spoločnosti Dachser Slovakia Roman Stoličný.

Logistické aktivity v priemyselnom parku vítajú aj predstavitelia obecnej samosprávy v Lozorne. Podľa zástupcu starostu Vladimíra Bečára firma Dachser bude ročne odvádzať do miestneho rozpočtu približne 30,000 eur. "Tieto prostriedky budeme môcť využívať pri zabezpečení sociálnych, kultúrnych i investičných aktivít obce. Môžeme len privítať, že výhodná poloha pri diaľnici D2 v blízkosti hlavného mesta láka investorov a na pôde takmer s nulovou bonitnou hodnotou dokáže aj obec vytvárať príjmy, ktoré poslúžia všetkým našim občanom," uviedol Bečár.

Medzinárodný poskytovateľ prepravných a logistických služieb Dachser so sídlom v Nemecku dosiahol v roku 2009 obrat 3.2 miliardy eur. Zamestnáva 17,500 ľudí.



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

Jednota



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

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Na snímke druhý zľava dezignovaný mimoriadny a splnomocnený veľvyslanec Spojených štátov amerických Theodore Sedgwick s manželkou Kate (vľavo), ktorých prijal 18. augusta 2010 v Bratislave prezident SR Ivan Gašparovič (vpravo).

Novým veľvyslancom USA na Slovensku je Theodore Sedgwick

BRATISLAVA (TASR) Prezidentovi Ivanovi Gašparovičovi odovzdal 18. augusta počas nástupnej audiencie v Prezidentskom paláci svoje poverovacie listiny nový mimoriadny a splnomocnený veľvyslanec USA v SR so sídlom v Bratislave Theodore Sedgwick.

Theodore Sedgwick je nástupcom Vincenta Obsitnika, ktorého za veľvyslanca USA na Slovensku vymenoval predchádzajúci prezident George W. Bush. Obsitnik ukončil svoju misiu v Bratislave 20. januára 2009, v deň nástupu 44. prezidenta USA Baracka Obamu do úradu.

Theodore Sedgwick pôsobil ako vydavateľ odborných publikácií a podnikal s drevom. Pochádza z Virgínie. V roku 2008 venoval 28,000 dolárov (19,800 eur) pre demokratických

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Bývalý slovenský prezident Michal Kováč 80-ročný

Bratislava (TASR) - Exprezident SR Ing. Michal Kováč, CSc. sa vo štvrtok 5. augusta dožil významného životného jubilea - 80. narodenín.

Po vzniku Slovenskej republiky v roku 1993 bol jej prvým prezidentom. Do tejto najvyššej štátnej funkcie ho ako kandidáta HZDS zvolili poslanci Národnej rady SR v druhom kole volieb dňa 15. februára 1993 a 2. marca 1993 ho do úradu inaugurovali. Funkčné obdobie ukončil 2. marca 1998 odovzdaním právomocí vláde SR.

Michal Kováč sa narodil 5. augusta 1930 v obci Lubiša, ktorá sa nachádza na východnom Slovensku medzi Humenným a Medzilaborcami. Po ukončení stredoškolského vzdelania na Obchodnej akadémii v Humennom vyštudoval v roku 1954 v Bratislave Vysokú školu ekonomickú (VŠE). Po ročnom pôsobení ako asistent na VŠE v Bratislave nastúpil do služieb Oblastného ústavu Štátnej banky československej (ŠBČS). V rokoch 1965 až 1966 prednášal v bankovej škole na Kube, v rokoch 1967 až 1969 pracoval v Živnostenskej



Michal Kováč

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55. výročie mučeníckej smrti blahoslavennej sestry Zdenky

Slovensko – Liturgickej slávnosti v deň spomienky na blahoslavenú sestru Zdenku Schelingovú, pannu a mučenicu, predsedal 30. júla v Bratislave - Podunajských Biskupiciach apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku Mons. Mario Giordana. Milosrdné sestry Svätého kríža, inštitút, ktorého členkou bola aj sestra Zdenka, pozývajú na túto púť do Podunajských Biskupíc, kde sú uložené telesné pozostatky blahorečenej, každý rok od blahorečenia sestry Zdenky Jánom Pavlom II. v roku 2003, teda už po siedmykrát. Tohto roku je to aj pri príležitosti 55. výročia jej mučeníckej smrti. Slávnosť sa začala o 16.00 hod. a zúčastnil sa na nej bratislavský arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský, bratislavský gréckokatolícky eparcha vладыka Peter Rusnák, kňazi, rehoľníci, sestry Inštitútu milosrdných sestier svätého a množstvo pútnikov z radov laikov. Mons. Mario Giordana v homílii odovzdal pozdrav a



Bl. Sestra Zdenka Schelingová

apoštolské požehnanie Svätého Otca, a potom sa pozastavil pri myšlienke z Lukášovho evanjelia: „Kto chce ísť za mnou, nech zaprie sám seba, vezme každý deň svoj kríž a nasleduje ma“ (Lk 9, 23):

„Idea kríža je čosi podstatné v našej kresťanskej viere. Veď to na kríži Boh ukázal svoju milosrdnú tvár, keď dovolil, aby na ňom zomrel jeho Syn a tak spasil svet. Vďaka krížu poznáme, ako hovorí svätý apoštol Pavol, «šírku, dĺžku, výšku a hĺbku» (Ef 8, 18) lásky, ktorou nás Boh miluje.“

Úcta ku krížu musí byť podľa slov apoštolského nuncia „predovšetkým záležitosť nášho vnútra, srdca i citu. Podobne, ako to napríklad urobil Svätý Otec, blahej pamäti, Ján Pavol II. počas svojej návštevy Slovenska v roku 2003, keď práve v čase beatifikácie sestry Zdenky a gréckokatolíckeho biskupa Vasil'a Hopka v Petržalke, začal svoju homíliu slovami: Ave, o, Crux, spes unica – Buď pozdravený, svätý kríž, ty naša jediná nádej“.

„Áno, tento znak máme mať vo veľkej úcte a veľmi ho máme milovať, pretože z neho nám plynie nádej, že aj na nás v našom živote sa vyleje bohatstvo božieho milosrdenstva, aby zotrel naše hriechy, aby prikrylo našu nevernosť a našu ľudskú slabosť, a aby nás priviedlo tam, kde budeme navždy, naveky, zakúšať, aký dobrý je Pán, to znamená do jeho nebeského kráľovstva. Skúsenosť nám ale hovorí, že kríž je prítomný v našom živote aj iným spôsobom. Ako ťažkosti, ktoré nachádzame na ceste každodenného života, a ktorým musíme čeliť. Nebolo by dobré, keby sme sa im chceli vyhnúť. A práve toto mal Ježiš na mysli, keď povedal: «Kto chce ísť za mnou nech vezme každý deň svoj kríž». Úprimne nasledovať

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49. Konvenciu Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty zahájila Slávnostná svätá omša, ktorá sa konala v nedeľu, 15. augusta v Katedrále sv. Jána v Clevelande, Ohio. Na snímke zástupcovia spolkov a okresov IKSJ počas slávnostnej svätej omše na pamiatku zosnulých členov IKSJ.