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- 6-9** — NFCA Annual Meeting
- 9** — Presentation of the original Pittsburgh Agreement to the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center in the Great Hall, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at noon. The public is invited. *See page 8.*
- 16** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at Jodi B's Restaurant, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 52 will host.
- 21** — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Danville, Pennsylvania
- 21** — Deadline to submit a tribute to our Military/Veterans. *See page 9.*
- 22** — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Danville, Pennsylvania.
- 23** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**
- 30** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting, North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 7 and 122 will host.

NOVEMBER

- 7-8** — LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting
- 25** — Rev. Baloga District's Christmas Party at St. Mathias, Youngstown, Ohio, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 163 and 180 will host.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February Zornicka.**

DECEMBER

- 2** — Rev. Dianiska District's Annual Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 6 and 48 will host.

In Memoriam

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. — Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Joseph Skuban	27	Taylor, PA
Ruth Dvorschak	60	West Hazleton, PA
Charles Anthony Puniak	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Anna D. Puchy	65	Munhall, PA
*Emily Strezo	79	Whiting, IN
*Catherine Verville	79	Whiting, IN
*Helena J. Kopczyński	157	Trenton, NJ
Ronald Olenik	161	Youngstown, OH
Kathryn Zelonis	185	Yardley, PA
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Danute Paulauskas	L002006	Exeter, PA
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Petre Andriukaitis	L004414	Chicago, IL

*Multiple certificates



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Spiritual Advisor's Message

Lazarus at the Door



Fr. Altavilla

By the time you read this month's column, our students will have returned to school and their classes will have once again begun. Every year around this time, I recall fondly many of the teachers who have blessed my life and have taught me so much. One of my favorite teachers was famous for constantly saying, "Repetition is the mother of learning." This particular one-liner uttered by Sister Assumpta Tesla of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius reminded us that the more we hear about or study something, the better the chances are that we might, at some point, finally grasp exactly what is being taught. The older I get, the more I realize that Sister Assumpta — and many others who use this particular bit of wisdom — are absolutely correct. Somewhat jokingly, somewhat seriously, many of us will say that we are getting "old and forgetful." Reminders that people can give us become very important! Repetition becomes a life-saver!

Repetition is important both academically and spiritually. Because we have not always been as quick as we could be in understanding what it means to be a true follower of Jesus, we need the reminders of Jesus's teaching — especially given through the Gospels — so that we can try harder to be better. On the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30, 2007, we will be given one of these reminders from Jesus in the form of a parable — the story of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31). We are again reminded to be mindful of the "poor Lazaruses" who sit at our door and need our attention. We will be reminded that sometimes we ignore those "poor Lazaruses" — sometimes intentionally and sometimes unintentionally. Who are they, these "poor Lazaruses"? What can we do to assist them in their time of need?

In the September 2007 edition of **Connections** (a newsletter of ideas, resources, and information for homilists and preachers), editor Jay Cormier offers a true story to drive home the need to worry about the needs of those around us.

In her insightful and touching memoir, *Final Exam: A Surgeon's Reflections on Mortality* (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, NY, 2007), transplant surgeon Pauline Chen discusses her own shortcomings and mistakes: her relief as a medical student at not being responsible for sharing grim prognoses with her patients, her evasion of a former neighbor and friend who was dying of cancer, her guilt at having a patient she encouraged to undergo surgery die in the postoperative period on her watch. She shares with us how the pressures of medicine led to her own avoidance of difficult conversations. She became adept at "turfing" to others the challenging task of comforting the dying. Dodging discussions of prognosis and death, she knew that someone else would eventually take care of this aspect of a patient's care. As a surgeon, she convinced herself that she could provide competent technical

care without "lingering in the shoes of the dying."

Chen's honesty of introspection provides a model for a creative self-reflection. Through this process, we may come closer to developing in ourselves the same sensitivity and character that we would want in the physicians who care for us and our families.

Chen concludes her book with the story of Dorinne, her anthropology professor in college. Dorinne was Pauline's favorite professor. Her lectures opened up for her students new ways of seeing humankind and perceiving the world. After Pauline graduated from college, she went on to medical school and entered a successful practice as a surgeon and oncologist. The two friends stayed in touch.

After not hearing from her former teacher in some time, Pauline finally received an e-mail from Dorinne. She had been feeling "under the weather" for quite some time and, after a visit to her doctor and several

tests later, she was told that she had some suspicious looking nodules on her liver. The doctor believed that it might be liver cancer.

Doctor Chen immediately contacted Dorinne and her doctor. She arranged for her teacher to see the best specialists in her city. She consulted with the colleagues at her hospital to chart options for Dorinne's treatment and care. Ten excruciating days later, additional tests revealed that the mass in Dorinne's liver was a rare tumor and it was benign. Dorinne wrote to Pauline: "I can't thank you enough; you've been instrumental in helping me get my life back. If anything, this has taught me how precious my friends are. Thank you for the inexpressibly touching and life-giving gift of your friendship. It's wonderful to have friends who, as they say in Japanese, 'do me the honor of worrying about me.'"

In interpreting this particular vignette from Doctor Chen's story of personal growth, Jay Cormier writes: "That honor of worrying — of caring, of easing suffering, of being present — may be the most important gift we can give to other human beings. To give of our expertise, talent, time, and resources to bring healing and hope to another mirrors the very love of God." This kind of unconditional compassion becomes the very reflection of Christ in our midst.

In reflecting on the Gospel parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus, we see that the rich man fails to grasp the challenge of a love that is attentive to the needs of others — the poor man suffering at the front door of his house! Time and time again, the rich man enters and exits his house,

To give of our expertise, talent, time, and resources to bring healing and hope to another mirrors the very love of God.

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Dear Mrs. Kluchinski,

I would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the 2007 Scholarship Award. It is a true honor to be selected for this scholarship. My aunt, Valerie Lukish, decided to purchase the insurance plan for me three years ago, and I have enjoyed my experience as a member.

As a Junior accounting major, I have learned that hard work and dedication are the keys to success. After I graduate from Notre Dame, I plan to attend a graduate school to acquire a Master's in Accountancy with a concentration in Tax Accounting. From there I wish to work in Public Accounting before going back to school to get a Doctorate degree. My ultimate career goal is to become a college professor at the University of Notre Dame. This will allow me to give back to the community while spending time at a place that I love.

Again, I cannot begin to tell you the many ways your scholarship will assist me as I pursue my educational and career goals. I am extremely grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Patrick Goteski
 Branch 38
 Whitehall, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Gaughan,

Thank you for the \$50 savings bond. I'm happy to be part of the contest. I'm going to use it for college and, if I have extra, I would buy games for the pediatric area of Group Health Hospital and save for a house.

Jack Tirpak (2nd grade)
 Branch 214
 Dallas, Pennsylvania

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you for choosing me as the LPSCU 2007 Fraternalist of the Year. I am greatly honored and most appreciative.

Helen Washick
 Branch 6,
 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Theresa A. Kluchinski and Members of the LPSCU,

Thank you so much for the 2007 Scholarship Award. The money will be very useful when it comes time to purchase more books for college. This summer I will be volunteering at the hospital to gain experience in the

Call to the 39th National LPSCU Convention

JULY 22-24, 2008 ❖ LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

In accordance with Article 50 sub-section (k), I hereby issue a call for the 39th National Convention of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to convene on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at Bally's Las Vegas, 3645 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration of delegates will begin Monday, July 21st, at a time to be announced.

CONVENTION

Article 60. The Convention is the highest legislative body of the organization.

Article 61. The Convention shall consist of the Board Directors, Honorary Officers, Court of Appeals, and the Delegates sent by various Branches.

DELEGATES

Article 64. Each Branch in good standing, which has at least 10 members, shall be entitled to have a delegate at the Convention who shall receive traveling expenses and such allowance per day as the Branch shall fix. Any one Branch may have no more than fifteen (15) delegates.

Article 65. Each Branch sends its delegates to the Convention at its own expense. The LPSCU, however, shall pay their hotel and meals during the time spent at the Convention. Each Branch having between 10 and 50 members, inclusive, is entitled to one delegate; 50 plus 1 members – two delegates; 100 plus 1 members – three delegates; 150 plus 1 members – four delegates, etc. The delegate must be elected by a majority of the members present at a regular Branch meeting. The delegate's application must be returned by the time designated. The number of members in good standing is designated according to the membership list held by the Secretary-Treasurer from the third month previous to the convention.

Article 66. Each Branch shall have the opportunity to elect alternates to represent its Branch at the National Convention in the event of unforeseen circumstances, preventing an elected delegate from attending the Convention.

Article 67. No person shall be recognized as a delegate unless the member is 18 years of age, an active member in good standing, and duly elected at the regular or special meeting of the Branch the member represents.

Article 68. The Convention shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of its delegates and may refuse or grant any person the right to sit as a delegate. However, the Credential Committee shall sit one day before the Convention and submit a report to the Convention.

Fraternally,
Theresa A. Kluchinski
 National President

medical field and I will be working a part-time job. I am anxious to return to the University of Notre Dame to continue my college education. I will be double majoring in Psychology and Spanish. Spring semester of my Junior year I hope to study abroad in Chile.

At Notre Dame, I am currently involved in club field hockey and I also serve as the athletic commissioner of my dorm. I'd like to recognize my Aunt

Val [Lukish], who has been an active member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. She has always been very caring and supportive.

Thank you again for this generous scholarship and for everything you do for the Slovak Catholic community.

Sincerely,
Nellie Goteski
 Branch 38
 Whitehall, Pennsylvania

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

July 24, 2007 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary/treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the June 19, 2007, meeting.

Correspondence/Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read and approved the following:

- Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association requesting ad in the commemorative program book for the presentation of the Pittsburgh Agreement to be held on September 9, 2007, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *Approved \$250.00*
- Church of St. Joseph's requesting ad in the 125th anniversary program book. *Approved \$100.00*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of June 30, 2007: M & T Bank — General Operating Account, M & T Bank — Home Office Checking Account and

Smith Barney Checking Account. The committee completed a review of the Balance Sheet and Revenue/Expense Sheet from June 30, 2007. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2007 for the assets, liabilities, fund balance, premium income, investment income, and investments were presented and reviewed.

Stock/Bond/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from June 30, 2007, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments, Schedule D-Part 3 and 4.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: GEN (Group Exemption Number), Premium Income, building improvements, IT expense, and the new copier.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary/Treasurer

Slovak League Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry, celebrated its 100th anniversary at a festive banquet on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus (The Meadowlands), New Jersey. The Slovak League was founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1907.

The principal speaker at the dinner was Slovakia's Deputy Prime Minister, Dusan Caplovic, who is pictured below (third from right) with fraternal leaders in attendance, from left: Theresa M. Kluchinski, LPSCU president; Sue Ann M. Seich, supreme president of the Slovak Catholic Sokol; Msgr. John J. Demkovich, pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church in Passaic, New Jersey; Dolores M. Evanko, LPSCU national trustee and secretary of the Slovak Catholic Federation; and Msgr. Francis J. Beeda, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and honorary spiritual advisor of the LPSCU.



LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program

On January 1, 2007, the LPSCU introduced our newest Fraternal Benefit, the **LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program**. This award is in addition to any Educational Award you may have received from the LPSCU. The Book Buy Program will assist our members attending college by reimbursing 10% of their college book expenses.

How do you qualify? You need only to establish a **NEW 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy** during your freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. Premiums must be paid on an annual, semiannual, or quarterly basis and must be current for the member to be eligible for this program. You can submit an LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application each school year and receive a 10% refund on books purchased (limited to the amount paid for the annual premium on your 20 Payment Life or Whole Life Policy).

Example: A student age 21 purchases a \$10,000 20 Payment Life having an annual premium of \$124.00 (does not include administration fee). The student submits receipts totaling \$815.00 for book purchases. The benefit will reimburse the student \$81.50 (10% of the books purchased).

You may take advantage of this program for a maximum of four (4) years.

Simply complete the LPSCU Educational Book Buy Program Application and attach your book receipts. It's as simple as that! And, in addition to receiving this reimbursement, you are protected with valuable life insurance!

For an application, please contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513, toll free 888/834-6614, e-mail us at lpscu@lpscu.org or check our website at www.lpscu.org.

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Reverend Dianiska District held its annual Youth Bowling Party on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Modern Lanes in Exeter, Pennsylvania. Hope and Lori Napkora co-chaired the event.

Twenty-eight young members, four guests, and 23 adults attended. Everyone bowled two games and enjoyed hot dogs, pizza, beverages, and cake for dessert. Each child received a treat bag, an age-appropriate gift, and a monetary gift.

This event just keeps growing bigger and better, just like the youngsters who have been attending over the years, so members, get your children geared up for next year's bowling party sponsored by the District. It's an event this year's group is looking forward to already!

Susan Worth



Young members and friends of the Rev. Dianiska District at the 2007 youth bowling party.



State	Branch Representative	Current Month	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Cecilia B. Gaughan		\$ 95,000.00
PA	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 62,000.00
PA	Home Office	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Frendak		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Mary Agnes Stromberg	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
PA	Dolores Evanko		\$ 15,000.00
PA	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 12,000.00
OH	Lucille Komorosky		\$ 11,000.00
PA	Cecilia Sarocky	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
PA	Emily Degenhart		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Helen Arlotto		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Margaret Ferri		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ackerman		\$ 10,000.00
IN	Ann Dobias		\$ 8,000.00
PA	Barbara Janicko		\$ 7,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko		\$ 7,000.00
PA	Agnes Janinek		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Ann Tirpak		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Elva Silay		\$ 5,000.00
PA	James Yocum	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
IN	Joan Hladek		\$ 4,000.00
PA	Deborah Adamchak		\$ 2,000.00
PA	Mary Vesce	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
OH	Mary Ann Strauss		\$ 1,000.00
		\$109,000.00	\$ 401,000.00

Tree of Life

RESERVATION FORM

Your inscription may be personalized to recognize a loved one or special event with "In honor of...", "In memory of...", or "In celebration of...". You may also simply have your name, the family name, or business name. Restrictions as to space and characters are listed below, based on whether you choose a fraternal leaf or stone.

Your contribution can be paid in one installment or several; however, we will not bill you for any remaining portion. It is your responsibility to monitor your installments.

Please complete the Reservation Form and return it (a photocopy is also acceptable), along with your donation, to: LPSCU Tree of Life, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032. Please make checks payable to the "LPSCU - Scholarship Fund."

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Enclosed is: (please check one)

- my first donation toward my "Tree of Life," entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf or stone (please circle one) when fully paid. (Minimum of \$20 per payment.)
- my \$100 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal leaf.
- my \$500 check entitling me to an engraved fraternal stone.

PLEASE ENGRAVE MY FRATERNAL LEAF OR STONE AS FOLLOWS:

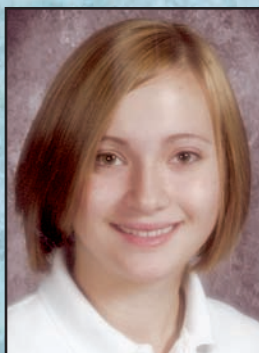
Leaf inscription:

Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces.

Stone inscription:

Maximum of 6 lines with 40 characters per line, including spaces.

Congratulations to Our 2007 Catholic High School Award Recipients



Ann T. Bucha
Center Valley, PA
Branch 38, Whitehall, PA
Sophomore
Central Catholic High School
Allentown, PA



Stephanie Schlebusch
Pittsburgh, PA
Branch 42, Pittsburgh, PA
Freshman
Bishop Canevin High School
Pittsburgh, PA



Sarah Ann Fitch
Saugus, MA
Branch 6, Hazleton, PA
Freshman
Our Lady of Nazareth Academy
Wakefield, MA

Steven M. Thornton II
Schererville, IN
Branch 109, Hammond, IN
Senior
Andean High School
Merrillville, IN



Bethany Kaylor
Hamilton, OH
Branch 64, Pittsburgh, PA
Freshman
Ursuline Academy
Blue Ash, OH



Andrew W. Wasko IV
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Branch 102, Mountain Top, PA
Freshman
Seton Catholic Central High School
Binghamton, NY



Benjamin Klophaus
Pipersville, PA
Branch 38, Whitehall, PA
Senior
Lansdale Catholic High School
Lansdale, PA

Michael P. Williams
Austintown, OH
Branch 132, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Senior
Ursuline High School
Youngstown, OH



Ron W. Schlebusch
Pittsburgh, PA
Branch 42, Pittsburgh, PA
Freshman
Bishop Canevin High School
Pittsburgh, PA



Member Selected as NFCA “Fraternal MVP”



**Victoria
Lombardo**

The National Fraternal Congress of America, the trade association of America’s fraternal benefit societies, has named LPSCU member Victoria Lombardo a “Fraternal MVP” (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of July

16, 2007. Victoria, our 2007 Youth Achievement awardee, had her name submitted by the LPSCU as being our best representative of “the spirit of fraternalism and volunteerism.”

The Fraternal MVP designation is part of the NFCA’s new “Fraternalists-in-Action” program, designed to remind the public and our elected officials how much good fraternalists accomplish throughout the country. We are proud that the NFCA is composed of almost 10 million Americans — like Victoria — who selflessly, humbly, and anonymously volunteer millions of hours and dollars to help their communities and fellow citizens.

At the end of each month, the NFCA will randomly select four individuals from that month’s Fraternal MVPs to travel to Washington, D.C., where they will meet their members of Congress and “put a fraternal face” on fraternalists’ good works. Fraternal MVPs who are selected will travel with a guest to the nation’s capital free-of-charge, with their airfare, overnight hotel stay, and meals covered by the NFCA. The monthly MVPs will be escorted to Capitol Hill, where they will meet with their elected officials and be presented with a plaque that recognizes their fraternal efforts.

Victoria Lombardo’s outstanding achievements, which set her apart as our 2007 Youth Achievement awardee, were featured in the June 2007 issue of *Zornicka*.

The LPSCU congratulates Victoria, a member of Wilkes-Barre Branch 6, on being named a “Fraternal MVP.” We are proud to see her receive this distinct honor.

Pittsburgh Agreement is Coming Home

The signing of the Pittsburgh Agreement on May 31, 1918, was an important occurrence in the course of events leading to the establishment of an independent Czechoslovak state after the First World War. Prior to the war, the Slovaks and Czechs were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. To Slovak and Czech Americans, the Pittsburgh Agreement signed at the former Loyal Order of Moose Building in downtown Pittsburgh means as much as the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Now, this “birth certificate” of Czechoslovakia is coming home to the city where the agreement forming the former Central European country was signed.

The original document has been held since 1918 by the Slovak League of America at its headquarters in New Jersey. On September 9, 2007, the League will donate it to the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center, where it will go on permanent display. In order to celebrate this momentous occasion, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will hold a formal presentation, with special guests from the Slovak government, Czech government, and the City of Pittsburgh.

The ceremony will take place at 12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall on the first floor of the Heinz History Center, which is located at 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh. The public is invited.

Cooking Corner

LUSCIOUS APPLE CAKE

1½ cups vegetable oil	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	1 tsp. cinnamon
3 eggs	3 cups coarsely chopped apples
2 cups sugar	1½ cups chopped walnuts
2½ cups flour	Confectioner’s sugar
2 tsp. baking powder	
1 tsp. baking soda	

Beat eggs and add sugar, oil and vanilla. Beat 3 minutes. Fold in apples and walnuts. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon to egg mixture and mix by hand. Pour into greased and floured 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Dust with confectioner’s sugar when cake is slightly cooled.

LPSCU to Honor Our Military and Veterans

Once again this year, the LPSCU is sponsoring a Veterans' Day Honorary/Memorial Program to appear in the November/December issue. If you missed this wonderful tribute to our veterans and active military in past years, don't pass up this chance to participate.

Through our Veterans' Day Honorary/Memorial listings, the LPSCU is affording our members an opportunity to honor loved ones, co-workers, friends, and neighbors who are presently serving in our military, and to remember those veterans who have served in any branch of the service in the past.

Tributes will be limited to 2-5 lines and should not exceed 25-30 words. There is no charge for placing a message, but a good will donation of \$5.00 per listing would be appreciated.

In keeping with the benevolent and fraternal nature of our Catholic organization, all proceeds from these tributes will again be donated to the **Catholic War Veterans**, an organization whose primary objective is to make the entire nation aware of the struggle and needs of many veterans, their widows and children. The CWV cooperate fully with all veterans organizations to better serve the interests of the men and women who served in each of the wars in which our nation has been involved. Further, as a Catholic organization, the CWV strives to serve God by demonstrating love and respect for individuals without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin. They also seek to instill in today's youth a respect for our flag, our national anthem, and our country's great traditions. The CWV was founded in May of 1935 by a Catholic priest and former Army chaplain, Msgr. Edward J. Higgins of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. It was officially recognized as a veterans organization by the Veterans Administration in Washington in July of 1940. To learn more about the CWV and their mission, visit their website at www.cwv.org.

A few examples of Honorariums/Memorials follow:

*In honor of our son serving in Iraq,
Marine Gunnery Sgt. Jack Gibbs
We pray every day for your safe return home.
Your loving parents, John and Mary Gibbs*

*In honor of my husband,
Lt. Harmon Elliott
presently serving his country in the U.S. Navy.
With love and pride from your wife Sara*

*In memory of our father,
Pfc. Arthur Bauer
who served with the U.S. Army in Korea.
We love and miss you – Tom and Chrissy*

Tribute messages, along with all donation checks (made payable to "Catholic War Veterans"), should be mailed to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. If you have any questions, contact Ceil at 610/433-4610 or e-mail CBGaughan@msn.com.

Deadline for submitting a veterans/military tribute is September 25, 2007.

We hope that many of our members will participate in this worthwhile fraternal activity which allows them to honor their family members, friends and neighbors who were members of the armed forces and/or those who are presently serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and other parts of the world. This is a wonderful way to show our love and appreciation to those serving our country and to show the concern and compassion the LPSCU has for our fellowman.



Helen Washick Honored as "Fraternalist-in-Action"



Helen Washick

The National Fraternal Congress of America recently recognized Helen Washick, a member of LPSCU Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as a Fraternal MVP (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of August 6, 2007.

Fraternal MVPs are "Fraternalists-in-Action" who volunteer their time and energy to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors. "The NFCA wishes to salute those individuals as true fraternalists," said NFCA Chair of the Board Janice U. Whipple. "As a Fraternal MVP, Helen Washick embodies the heart of fraternalism through her hard work, dedication, and generosity."

Fraternal MVPs are part of the NFCA's Fraternalist-in-Action program, which recognizes individuals whose unique volunteer service in their community best represents 21st Century fraternalism. These fraternalists demonstrate exceptional compassion and vision through their volunteer activities.

Helen was recently named the LPSCU 2007 Fraternalist of the Year. Her volunteer activities were featured in the July 2007 issue of *Zornicka*.

The LPSCU congratulates Helen Washick upon receiving this accolade from the National Fraternal Congress. We are proud of Helen and the honor she has brought to the LPSCU as an NFCA "Fraternalist-in-Action."

**SIGN A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**

Dear Junior Members,

The month of September brings us into the season of autumn. It is the most colorful time of the year. Along with the change of seasons



comes a change in your situation — the start of school. Time to put away the swimsuit, tennis racket, and baseball glove. I'll bet you had a wonderful time this past summer enjoying the sunshine and the many outdoor activities that summer offers. You were probably kept "as busy as a bee." We seem to associate bees with children because they are surely as busy as a bee.

But did you ever wonder where that phrase came from? September is National Honey Month so it seems fitting that we should talk about the honeybee. Have you ever visited a beekeeper and watched him tending to his hives? Beehives look like giant gumdrops or giant cake boxes stacked on top of each other. A peek inside reveals the life of the busy honeybee.

Honeybees are social insects, interacting with their co-workers just as you do with all your classmates. Honeybees toil from sun-up to sunset, gathering pollen for their hive. As many as 70,000 bees live together in a hive and most of the workers are females. They do the various jobs needed to protect the health of the hive and the bee community as a whole. If you have a chance to talk with a beekeeper, he can explain to you all the different jobs that bees have.

Not all of the bees make honey. If you were a *drone bee*, the only function you would have is to mate with the queen from another colony. A *queen bee* has to mate with several drones only once to be able to produce eggs for the rest of her life. A drone does not have a stinger. Drones are outnumbered by the *worker bees* and have to depend on them for food. The *nurse bees* take care of and nurture the youngest members of the colony and the *housekeeper bees* clean the cells of the comb.

Scientists have studied honeybees to learn how they communicate. It took a lot of patience and research to do this. A very famous German professor, Karl Von Frish, unraveled the secret language of the honeybee. Bees cannot talk like humans do but they do communicate with each other by performing a circling dance when they return to the hive. They do this when they have discovered a good food source because they want their co-workers to fly to the area. Not all of the bees rush to visit the food source; only the individuals who imitated the dancers' movements do. However, as the bees return to the hive, they perform the dance and recruit others. At first, because the food supply is abundant, the dance will be repeated often. But as the source is used up, the time between the dances becomes longer and finally the dance will no longer take place.

Worker bees do not simply fly in straight lines back and forth. They learn to take shortcuts, just as you do in walking

to and from school. Worker bees have yellow sacks on their hind legs. These are pollen baskets. Particles of pollen and nectar will stick to the hairs of the dancer's body and this tells the workers exactly what kind of flower to seek. A bee has to visit 4,000 flowers to produce just one tablespoon of honey! Each bee lives for just a few weeks. They literally work themselves to death.

The best part of your visit to a beekeeper's is sampling the honey. There are more than 300 types of honey. They vary in taste and color depending on the source of the nectar. Dark honey is from the buckwheat flower. Amber honey is from clover blossoms, and golden is from orange blossoms. There are many other types that stem from wildflowers, and blueberry and apple blossoms.

Many phrases that we use in our everyday English language come from the bees and their habits. One of them we often hear is "to make a bee-line."

That's what bees do when they return to the hive after collecting pollen.

Another is "What's the buzz?" We use that when we want to catch up on the latest news. And you have no doubt heard and used the expression "a queen bee." That describes a person —

usually a woman — who likes to be the center of attention.

Enjoy your school year — I know you all will be as "busy as bees."

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director



Slovak Lesson

KVETINY — FLOWERS

Fialky sú krásne voňavé kvetinky.
Violets are beautiful fragrant flowers.

Na našom trávniku rastú púpavy.
On our lawn grow dandelions.

Našli sme tieto sirôtky v lese.
We found these pansies in the woods.

To je pivonia.
That is a peony.

Tá prvosenka je žltá.
This cowslip is yellow.

Stokrásky sú krásne.
Daisies are beautiful.

Tie fialky sú moje.
Those violets are mine.

Čo je iskerník?
What is a buttercup?

Tie biele ruže sú veľké.
These white roses are big.

V kvetníku je Ialia.
In the flower pot is a lily.

To je sedmikráska.
That is a daisy.

To je červený klinček.
That is a red carnation.

Tam rastú nehtíky.
There grow the marigolds.

Tie kvety sú malé.
These flowers are small.

On jej dal kvetiny.
He gave her the flowers.

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Fall Arts & Crafts

A BUMBLE BEE CLAY POT

This is a cute little project the whole family will enjoy doing.

This is what you will need:

- A 1½" diameter terra cotta clay pot (available at crafts stores)
- A 1½" wooden ball for the head
- (2) ¼" yellow pompoms
- A black pipe cleaner
- A small sheet of clear plastic
- Wiggle eyes
- Paint
- Clear acrylic sealer spray
- A hot glue gun



Paint the wooden ball head black. Paint a mouth and glue on the wiggle eyes. Paint the pot in circles of alternating yellow and black. Cut two 2½" pieces of pipe cleaner and glue these on top of the bee's head. Glue a yellow pompom on the tip of each pipe cleaner. Cut two large teardrop shapes from the plastic for the wings and glue them to the back of the bee.

Make a whole "hive" to share with your friends.

Special Autumn Days

September is back-to-school month, but there is still plenty of time and beautiful weather to enjoy a lot of activities with your family.

September 23rd is the **first day of autumn** or the fall equinox marking equal hours of daylight and nighttime. Watch the sunset this day.

September 26th marks the night of this year's **Harvest Moon**, which is what the full moon that falls closest to the autumnal equinox is called. The harvest moon is so named because it provides light by which farmers can harvest their crops well into the evening. It's a wonderful night to camp out or sit by a campfire.



October is a month packed with many wonderful activities. It starts with warm days; brilliant colors surround us as Mother Nature continues to paint the scenery. Week-ends are busy with fall festivals, cider drinking, leaf raking, and pumpkin carving.

On October 4th we celebrate the **feast of St. Francis**. St. Francis is known as the patron saint of animals. Often on that day, many pastors welcome pets to be blessed. They know that our pets touch our lives in so many ways with their unconditional love and their companionship. Is a blessing taking place at your parish?

October 12th has become known as **Columbus Day**, commemorating the day in 1492 when Christopher Columbus captained his three tiny, storm-tossed ships to a new land, later to become known as America. We thank God for safely leading the *Nina* (the littlest one), the *Pinta* (the painted one), and the *Santa Maria* (St. Mary) to these shores.

And we all look forward with great anticipation to **Halloween** on October 31st. Halloween is the most reinvented American holiday. It began about 2,700 years ago as a Celtic celebration of summer's end. Later, in the 19th century, rituals for the dead were adopted by early Christians to honor martyrs and saints. At one time, Halloween was just a one-night holiday at October's end, but that has changed. Today it is nearly a month-long celebration bringing families, neighbors, and friends together for entertaining and decorating. People don lavish costumes and many decorate their homes and outside gardens with all sorts of ghoulish and spooky delights. Halloween is second only to Christmas in spending on decorations. It is the third-biggest party day, after New Year's Eve and Super Bowl Sunday. Have fun trick-or-treating!



Kids in the Kitchen

BEE BREAD

When honeybee larvae first hatch, they get to eat "bee bread." This is a very high-caloric mixture of pollen and honey made especially for the young, growing bees.

You can make your own bee bread with the help of mother and her little bees. You will need a small round canapé or cookie cutter, biscuit dough, and honey.

Spread out the biscuit dough and cut out the cookie shapes to make miniature biscuits. Bake them according to package directions and let them cool. Then top with honey. You can try different flavors of honey such as clover, sage, and orange blossom. Each is made from the nectar of a different kind of flower.

OLD FASHIONED PUMPKIN PIE

You will need an adult to supervise and help you with this recipe. You'll need:

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| 1½ cups of pumpkin | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| ¾ cup of brown sugar | ½ teaspoon ginger |
| ½ teaspoon salt | ¼ teaspoon mace |
| 2 eggs, well beaten | ¼ teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1½ cups milk | ¼ teaspoon of ground cloves |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla | |

Mix in the order given. Pour into unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake 10 minutes in hot oven (450 degrees) until crust is set. Then reduce heat and bake at 350 degrees until a knife inserted into filling comes out clean.



UPSCU Second Quarter Report

	2nd Quarter 2007	2nd Quarter 2006
ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 14,337,378.00	\$ 14,160,704.00
Certificate of Deposit	1,360,899.92	1,429,053.15
Cash on Deposit	323,165.08	248,428.85
Mortgage Loans	37,970.00	50,091.00
Real Estate Owned	122,487.00	124,544.00
Other Assets	55,554.00	50,162.00
TOTALS	\$ 16,237,454.00	\$ 16,062,983.00
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
	2nd Quarter 2007	2nd Quarter 2006
Fund Balance	\$ 5,667,403.00	\$ 5,715,187.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	393,142.00	356,957.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee	52,823.00	44,854.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates	9,459,251.00	9,305,648.00
Other Liabilities	664,835.00	640,337.00
TOTALS	\$ 16,237,454.00	\$ 16,062,983.00
REVENUES		
	2nd Quarter 2007	2nd Quarter 2006
Premium Income	\$ 110,986.00	\$ 162,954.00
Investment Income	367,019.00	374,375.00
Income-Other	-	-
Profit/Loss-Sale of Bonds/Stocks	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 498,005.00	\$ 537,329.00
EXPENSES		
	2nd Quarter 2007	2nd Quarter 2006
Death Claims	\$ 111,242.00	\$ 137,304.00
Endowments	26,227.00	18,125.00
Cash Surrenders	21,141.00	43,774.00

Lazarus at the Door

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walking right past the poor man and not stopping to acknowledge him nor meet his needs. How sad! The rich man had been given so much, he could do so much for the poor around him — yet he is too uncaring and self-centered to see the plight of the man at his front door. He only worried about himself, no one else.

Jesus calls each of us to the work of “worrying” about others that finds its “honor” not in material wealth or gain but in sharing the love and compassion of God with others. In order to accomplish this mission, we must slow down life enough so that we can see the “poor Lazaruses” God sends into our lives. Within our families, among our friends or co-workers, in our parish communities, there are many who are suffering — and we pass by them every day. Perhaps we can take the time to really get to know the people in our lives, seek to understand their particular situations, see what their needs might be and, with the love of God in our hearts, do them the honor of worrying about them. It will be because of our willingness to focus less on ourselves and more on others that one day, we will be allowed to rest forever in the “bosom of Abraham” as did poor Lazarus.

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla

**Support Your Local Branch
— Participate in Branch Activities —**

Dividends	27,926.00	28,367.00
Increase in Aggregate Reserves	-	-
Commissions (new and renewals)	27,757.00	27,852.00
General Operating Expenses	196,338.64	194,248.24
Officers and Committee Expenses	10,559.70	16,323.64
Actuarial/Accounting Expense	31,300.00	41,600.00
Investment Mgt. Fee	17,649.37	11,148.97
Official Publication	45,231.45	48,596.00
Travel Expense	5,555.16	7,709.12
Bureau and Association Dues	1,141.19	920.00
Donations	4,626.72	4,382.40
Scholarships	(1,060.00)	300.00
Fraternal Activities	10,692.77	5,029.63
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees	14,771.00	14,844.00
Sub Total	\$ 551,099.00	\$ 600,524.00
Net Gain/Loss From Operations	(53,094.00)	(63,195.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss)	6,485.00	(24,839.00)
TOTALS	\$ (46,609.00)	\$ (88,034.00)

Slovak Consular Tour A Huge Success

Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko and his wife, Albina, just concluded their 8th annual tour of Slovakia and its neighbors. A group of 60 individuals from Pittsburgh spent 11 days visiting Bratislava, Vienna, the Tatras, Presov, Kosice, and Prague. Highlights of the tour included meetings with the U.S. Deputy Ambassador and the mayors of Presov and Kosice, attending mock weddings in Krakovany and Zdiar, rafting on the Dunajec, a cruise on the Moldau, touring the U.S. Steel plant, and daily live musical entertainment.

Mr. Senko is already planning the 9th Slovak tour for August, 2008. He can be contacted at 412/531-2990.



American tourists outside the U.S. Steel offices in Kosice.