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Districts Partner with Youth for Successful Join Hands Day

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Rev. Dianiska District members and young people who organized a bingo social for residents at The Laurels.



Join Hands Day was observed by members of the Msgr. Beeda District and the St. Joseph Youth Group at St. Joseph Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.



Lehigh Valley Okres members who participated in packing items for our military are shown with Msgr. Robert F. Kozel (4th from left), pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, and U.S. Congressman Charles Dent (6th from left), of the 15th Congressional District in Pennsylvania.

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LPSCU 2008
College Awards

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JULY

- 12** — Rev. Dianiska District's Annual Youth Bowling Party at Modern Lanes in Exeter, Pennsylvania, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., co-chaired by Hope and Lori Ann Napkora. Branch Secretaries should contact Jean Kapral by July 7th with attendance figures.
- 12** — SS.C.M. Sisters Annual Summer Festival from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the grounds of Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pennsylvania. *See page 11 for details.*
- 13** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at Star City Restaurant (formerly Collins Restaurant), 1406 Center Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 3:00 p.m. Plans will be finalized for the Old-Fashioned Picnic to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU.
- 22-24** — LPSCU National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Convention headquarters: Bally's Las Vegas, 3645 Las Vegas Boulevard South.
- 23** — Deadline to submit congratulatory messages honoring our 2008 graduates. *See page 19.*
- 25** — Deadline to make reservations to attend the Lehigh Valley Okres' Old-Fashioned Picnic. *See page 19.*
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**

AUGUST

- 1-3** — Annual Conference of the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *See page 20 for details.*
- 3** — Lehigh Valley Okres Old-Fashioned Picnic at The Meadows, 1770 Meadows Road, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU. *See page 19 for details.*
- 24** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at The Risen Lord Education Building, North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m.
- 31** — Deadline to apply for an LPSCU Religious Award or Post-Graduate Award.

SEPTEMBER

- 1** — Deadline to submit matters for consideration by the Board of Directors at its Semiannual Meeting beginning September 26. *See page 6.*
- 1** — Deadline to apply for a Youth Volunteer Award sponsored by the New Jersey Fraternal Congress. *See page 18 for details.*
- 7** — Deadline to apply for a Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress 2008 Scholarship. *See page 18 for details.*

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Spiritual Advisor's Message

The Year of Saint Paul and Convention



Fr. Altavilla

On the eve of the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul celebrated on June 28, 2007, at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls in Rome, Italy, Pope Benedict XVI, during his homily at Vespers, announced that the Church would be officially dedicating a special Jubilee Year in honor of the Apostle Paul from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009, in commemoration of the bimillennium (2,000 years) of Paul's birth, which some historians have placed between the years 7 and 10 A.D. As you read this issue's column, we are at the very beginning of this special Year of Saint Paul.

In a Pastoral Letter issued by Bishop Michael Saltarelli, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, on January 25, 2008 (the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul), Bishop Saltarelli offers some very practical suggestions on how we might celebrate this Jubilee Year and model ourselves better after the Apostle to the Gentiles.

1. Paul's conversion experience on the road to Damascus and our personal conversion in the Year of Saint Paul

— As we know from our reading of the Acts of the Apostles, Paul (then known as Saul) was complicit in the murder of the holy deacon, Stephen. No doubt that the manner in which Stephen died left an impression on those who stoned him to death and also on Saul, the instigator in Stephen's murder. Following that experience, Saul was on the way to Damascus to initiate similar persecutions of the followers of Jesus. It was on the way there that Saul was knocked off his horse and encountered the Risen Christ, the very one Saul was seeking to destroy. After a period of religious formation with early Christian leaders, Saul eventually emerges as Paul, ready to proclaim the message he had previously been trying to silence. Bishop Saltarelli writes: "We know from Paul's life that at the heart of conversion is a surrender to the love of the Risen Lord. Any interior movement leading from pride to humility, anger to mildness, greed to detachment, lust to a chaste spirit, envy to joy in the talents of others, sloth to zeal, gluttony (including internet, television, cell phone and Blackberry gluttony!) to temperance is a surrender to the power of Christ's love within. This love allows us to let go of the fear of surrendering completely to Christ so that we can see others with the eyes of Christ." Where am I in need of conversion in my own life?

2. Praying, studying, and living the Inspired Word of God in this Pauline year

— In a September 16, 2005, address to participants in the International Congress organized to commemorate the 40th anniversary of *Dei Verbum* (The Word of God), the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Pope Benedict writes: "I would like in particular to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of *Lectio Divina* (divine or sacred reading): the

diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer that brings about that interior dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to God with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church — I am convinced of it — a new spiritual springtime." This daily meditative prayer on the Sacred Scriptures engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of our human faculties deepens our convictions of faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts and strengthens our wills to follow Christ. Let us make a conscious effort during this Pauline Year to pray more often with the Sacred Scriptures. In fact, I think it's safe to say that we would bring great satisfaction to Saint Paul if we slowly and carefully read through his letters which make up a major part of the New Testament of the Bible. Perhaps we can reflect on how the words of Saint Paul, from centuries ago, can still speak to us today, as we strive to be faithful followers of Jesus.

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3. Rekindling a love for the Eucharist and the Church in the Year of Saint Paul

— One of the classic images that Paul uses to describe the reality of the Church is to refer to the community of believers as the **Body of Christ**. This implies that we, as the Church, are a community of individuals, with specific gifts and talents, working together to build up the Body. Paul shows that the Eucharist is the source of unity, harmony, and communion in the Body. Our reverent and frequent reception of the Eucharist is the great spark of missionary activity that leads us, like Saint Paul, to the ends of the earth. The late great Pope John Paul II, in his 2003 encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (The Church of the Eucharist), writes: "Every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the World. When we rekindle our Eucharistic faith, awe, and amazement at the truth of the Real Presence, our marriages and families are rekindled in Christ. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are rekindled. A missionary spirit, evangelization, and effective catechesis at every level are rekindled. We rekindle this concrete living of our Catholic respect for life and social justice in regard to the poor, the imprisoned, the stranger, and the unborn." With Saint Paul's intercession, let us resolve to be apostles of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to the world!

4. The universal call to holiness and the universal call to mission

— Bishop Saltarelli, in his pastoral letter, expresses his conviction that one of the goals of Pope Benedict's proclaiming the Year of Saint Paul is to have every Catholic hold up a mirror to his or her life and ask: "Am I as

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LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its 20th annual Mother/Daughter Mass and Luncheon on Sunday, May 4, 2008, with 60 members and guests in attendance. An 11:00 a.m. Mass was celebrated in Slovak at St. John the Baptist Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, pastor. Msgr. Kozel extended a warm welcome to the Okres members and expressed his delight in celebrating this special Mass for mothers and daughters of the Okres.

Offertory gift bearers were Okres President Jean Kosalko, Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri, and Allentown Branch 38/40 President Cecilia B. Gaughan. Lovely Marian hymns were sung by the parish choir. At the conclusion of the Mass, President Kosalko presented a monetary gift to Msgr. Kozel on behalf of the Okres.

A punch reception and luncheon followed at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center in Bethlehem, where President Kosalko welcomed all present.

A drawing was held to select a "Queen for the Day" and her Court. Marilyn Geiger of Bethlehem Branch 83 was honored as the Queen, accompanied by Court members Dorothy Lichman of Allentown Branch 40 and Sister M. Lawrence Waxman, O.S.F., of SS. Cyril and Methodius Convent. An inspirational invocation was offered by Sister M. Francine Garganta, O.S.F., after which lunch was served.

At the conclusion of the meal, President Kosalko introduced the Okres officers and officers of the Allentown, Bethlehem, and Hellertown branches, which comprise the Lehigh Valley Okres. Also introduced were LPSCU national officers, Cecilia B. Gaughan, fraternal activities director; Margaret A. Ferri, public relations director; Mary Ann Ackerman, honorary vice president; Jean Kosalko, former president/vice president; and Mary Ford, former public relations director; as well as Monica Anthony, a member of the FCSLA Supreme Court.

Special prizes of pink geraniums were presented to Anna Balog, oldest mother present; Beth Gaughan, youngest mother; Gayla Guempel, most recent mother; and Monica Anthony, mother with the most children. Seven young Junior daughters received bracelets as a gift. Door prizes were awarded to lucky winners and each attendee received a small potted petunia as a favor.

Sister Regina Ann, O.S.F., offered the Benediction after which the program concluded with the group singing a hymn in honor of the Blessed Mother.



From left, special gifts were received by the youngest mother (Beth Gaughan), mother with the most children (Monica Anthony), oldest mother present (Anna Balog), and most recent mother (Gayla Guempel).



Members of the Lehigh Valley Okres with Msgr. Robert F. Kozel after the Mother/Daughter Mass celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church in Allentown.



Named "Queen for the Day" was Branch 83 member Marilyn Geiger (left) with her Court members, Sister M. Lawrence Waxman, O.S.F. (center) and Dorothy Lichman (right).

REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

The Rev. Dianiska District held its second meeting of the year on Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Mary Help of Christians Church in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Chuck Simalchik welcomed everyone on behalf of host Branches 151 and 214.

The meeting was called to order by District President Mary Ann Ewasko. She led the members in prayer for our ill members and their families and for our deceased members. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Financial Secretary Marge Zinkavich took roll call. Barbara Kalish and Debbie Adamchak gave the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, respectively; both reports were approved. Barbara Kalish also read correspondence.

Fliers outlining upcoming events and dates were passed out to members. The following items were discussed:

On May 3, members will participate in Join Hands Day by volunteering at The Laurels Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The District's Annual Youth Bowling Party will be held on July 12 at Modern Lanes in Exeter, Pennsylvania, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hope and Lori Napkora are co-chairs for the event. Members were asked to call their Branch Secretary with the age, gender, and number of children planning to attend. Branch Secretaries were asked to call Jean Kapral by July 7 with all the information required.

The Mass to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the District and the 110th anniversary of the LPSCU will be held on September 28th at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church in

Swoyersville, Pennsylvania. Immediately following the Liturgy, a luncheon will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Members were asked to call their Branch Secretary for information and to make reservations. All members of the LPSCU are invited to attend.

Our special project for the next meeting will be "Make a Difference Day." Members were reminded that we will collect new socks for donation to local charities.

Contact Mary Ann Ewasko or Regina Kapral for information on the LPSCU Convention to be held in Las Vegas in July.

The District's annual Christmas party will be held on December 7th at the Ramada Hotel. Branches 7 and 122 will host the event.

Note: In order for everyone to enjoy the Christmas Party, members are required to make full payment of their chances at the next meeting or mail tickets with payment to Marge Zinkavich or Mary Ann Ewasko. Additional chances are available.

National President Theresa Kluchinski spoke on the September 28th combined anniversary celebration of the LPSCU and the District. The National Officers will also be attending in conjunction with their Semiannual Meeting. The President spoke on the importance of Branch representation at the Convention and Convention details, and reminded members to contact their Branch Secretary if they planned on attending the Convention in July.

The next District meeting will be hosted by Branches 37, 58, and 94 in the fall. Watch the *Zornicka* for details.

Susan Worth

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

A meeting of the Pittsburgh District was held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 2008, at the Holiday Inn in Braddock Hills, Pennsylvania. District President Barbara Janicko presided.

During the business portion of the meeting, President Janicko brought the attendees up-to-date on the upcoming Las Vegas Convention in July. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a chicken luncheon followed by the drawing of door prizes and raffles.

President Janicko announced that the next Pittsburgh District meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 24 at The Risen Lord Education Building, North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition, an October card party is being planned.

Sylvia Goda



Pittsburgh District President Barbara Janicko conducts the District meeting. Seated at her right is District Treasurer Elva Silay.

Sign a New Member Today!

June 3, 2008

Ladies Pennsylvania
Slovak Catholic Union
71 South Washington Street
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CPS
Actuaries

Ladies:

This will certify that we have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Society as of December 31, 2007, according to the schedules of insurance submitted to us, and have found the reserves to be as follows:

41 SI 3%	\$ 107,229
80 CET 4%	18
80 CSO 4.5%	39,550
80 CSO 4%	94,001
80 CSO 4.5%	2,167,820
80 CSO 5%	2,138,744
80 CSO 5.5%	713,114
AE 3%	698,390
AM 3%	3,619,472
Unearned Premium Reserve	29,716
For AIDS Risk	16,600
Deficient Premiums Reserve	13,223
Reserve for A&H Riders	788
Reinsurance Credit	—
Total Life Reserve	\$ 9,638,665
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates	—
Total Reserve	\$ 9,638,665

The Society's valuation indicates that on the bases specified above, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 2007 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a surplus of \$5,505,123 (or 50.88%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 2007-150.88%; 2006-154.04%; 2005-156.08%; 2004-157.44%; 2003-156.6%.

Sincerely,
Allan Ferrone, FSA, MAAA
Actuary

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	Apr./May 2008	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Dolores Evanko	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
PA	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Frendak	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews		\$ 30,000.00
PA	Cecilia B. Gaughan	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
PA	Cecilia Sarocky	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
PA	Margaret Ferri	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
PA	Deborah Adamchak	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Verna Prawdzik		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Home Office		\$ 8,000.00
PA	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 2,000.00
PA	Marion DiCalogero	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		\$180,000.00	\$318,000.00

4th Generation Member is Excellent Student/Athlete

Mallory Ann Siska is a 4th generation member of LPSCU Branch 158 in Chicago, Illinois. She recently completed 7th grade at St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Chicago, where she has been an excellent student since her pre-school days. Her love of the arts prompted her to attend summer classes at the Art Institute of Chicago where she has excelled for the past four years.

Mallory's most recent achievement was being part of a championship award winning volleyball team. Her love of the game at St. Mary Star of the Sea has been evidenced by the contributions she has made to the team over the past several years.

Mallory is the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Siska, and the granddaughter of George and Mary Ann Siska of Chicago. Her grandmother is secretary of LPSCU Branch 158.

The LPSCU is proud of Mallory's outstanding accomplishments in school, athletics, and the arts. Congratulations, Mallory, and keep up the good work!



Mallory Ann Siska shows off her championship volleyball form.

LPSCU Board of Directors' Semiannual Meeting Announced

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Semiannual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, September 26, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at the LPSCU Home Office, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. All subsequent sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until all Semiannual Meeting business has been completed.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P. O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Semiannual Meeting should be received no later than **September 1, 2008**.

You Are Invited!

Mass of Thanksgiving and Luncheon September 28, 2008

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2008. We respectfully invite LPSCU officers, members, and their families to attend this celebration.

Following the liturgy, members are invited to be our guests at a Brunch to be held at the Ramada Inn, 20 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Reservations are required and can be made by calling our National Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Jo Savidge at 570/823-3513 or 888/834-6614 or by e-mailing lpscu@lpscu.org. Cost for non-members is \$20.00.

The liturgy and luncheon is being held in conjunction with the LPSCU's Semiannual Meeting, the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU, and the 65th Anniversary of the Rev. Dianiska District. The Rev. Dianiska District is hosting the Semiannual Meeting. Come and meet the LPSCU Board of Directors.

Deadline for reservations is **September 10, 2008**.

LPSCU Whole Life Insurance Plan

If you're looking for a very economical life insurance plan, check out the Whole Life Plan offered by the LPSCU. Premiums are considered to be low and affordable for any applicant's age. Why not take advantage of having substantial life insurance protection with low premium payments? This plan is offered from age 0 to age 70 and premiums can be paid on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis. Coverage remains in force for the entire life of the insured. Upon the insured's death, the face amount is payable to the named beneficiary.

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Consider the Whole Life Plan for substantial life insurance protection. Call your Branch Secretary today for an application for this economical and beneficial insurance plan, or contact the LPSCU Home Office at 888/834-6614 or 570/823-3513.

LPSCU CONVENTION DELEGATES ANNOUNCED

The following members will serve as delegates to the 39th National Convention of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to be held July 22-24, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Branch 6 – Wilkes-Barre, PA

Eleanor Kluchinski
Hope Napkora
Lori A. Napkora
Patricia G. Shinal

Branch 7 – Exeter, PA

Barbara Kalish
Sarah Kalish
Andrea Ragan
Hannah Ragan

Branch 8 – Jessup, PA

Marie Homentosky
Jean M. Fetcho

Branch 14 – Port Griffith, PA

Frank Kohut
Linda Kohut
Verna Prawdzik

Branch 19 – Swoyersville, PA

Deborah Adamchak
Jean Kapral
Rose Marie Voss

Branch 24 – Windber, PA

Mary Jane Delgross
Elizabeth Pipon

Branch 28 – Joliet, IL

Genevieve Hommes
Mary Ann Joseph
Mary Luzbetak
Agnes McLaren

Branch 39 – Drums, PA

Clare Sharp

Branch 40 – Allentown, PA

Thomas Gaughan

Branch 42 – Pittsburgh, PA

Sylvia Goda
Mary Heckel
Margaret D. Joschak
Anna Krohmaly
Anna Melko
Elizabeth Melko
Dolores Sakal

Cecilia Sarocky
Florence Wackowski
Frank M. Yaniga
Sandra Yaniga

Branch 58 – Ashley, PA

Margaret Jollimore

Branch 60 – W. Hazleton, PA

Anna Chupela
Mary Ann Litchock
Cecilia Nemeth

Branch 62 – Northampton, PA

Bernadine Kurzeja
Elaine Molchany

Branch 64 – Pittsburgh, PA

Mary Ann Bowman
Mary Ann Kaylor
Elva E. Silay
Edward A. Silay

Branch 65 – Munhall, PA

Janice Mathews
Bernice Vadas

Branch 76 – White Oak, PA

Celeste A. Palscey
David A. Palscey, Sr.
David A. Palscey, Jr. (*Alternate*)

Branch 77 – Lorain, OH

Ethel M. Bozik
Eleanor Majkut

Branch 83 – Bethlehem, PA

Mary Ann Ackerman
Annette Ackerman
John Ferri
Mary J. Ford
Raymond Ivanitch
Mary Shannon

Branch 109 – Hammond, IN

Lisa Nicolai
Laura Smith
Patricia Stearney
Mary Kuric (*Alternate*)
Joan Kuric (*Alternate*)

Branch 122 – Wilkes-Barre, PA

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Beeda

Branch 124 – Hazleton, PA

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko
Mary Kish
Rev. Mr. Cyril Kowalchick

Branch 158 – Chicago, IL

George J. Siska
Mary Ann Siska
Thomas Siska

Branch 163 – Youngstown, OH

Lucille Komorosky
Margaret Penk
Agnes Vigliotti

Branch 180 – Youngstown, OH

Mary Ann Strauss

Branch 194 – Chicago, IL

Ann Dobias
Donna Adams

Branch 202 – McKees Rock, PA

Eleanor Papst
Petra Papst

Branch 213 – Dallas, PA

Mary Kluchinski
Bernadette Walchek

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Benjamin G. Klophaus is 2008 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award Winner



**Benjamin
Klophaus**

Benjamin G. Klophaus, 18, of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of this year's LPSCU Youth Achievement Award. He is a recent Honors Graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where he excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. He has worked diligently to maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking a rigorous course load including Honors World Literature, Honors Pre-Calculus/

Trigonometry, Chemistry, Physics, AP U.S. History, AP Art History, and 20th Century History of Film. He was the recipient of the National Society of High School Scholars Award.

Benjamin has been a varsity member of the Lansdale Catholic ice hockey team for the past four years. The team won the 2006 Christmas tournament and during his senior year, Ben served as assistant captain. In 2007 he was chosen for the High School All Star Team for the Hatfield Ice League. He was also very active in helping to form a flag football league, of which he was elected team captain and coach.

In her letter of recommendation, Benjamin's guidance counselor, Cathleen Belfield, stated, "Ben is personable, energetic, athletic, hard-working, adaptable, loyal, and trustworthy. ...His intelligence, intrapersonal and leadership skills, athleticism, integrity, diligence, and determination will lead him to success in college and his future career. He is an extraordinary student and young man who is destined to attain his goals and to make a positive difference in the world."

Throughout high school, Ben also participated in community service projects. He has contributed to the Doylestown (Pennsylvania) area his interest in music by participating in the Youth to Community Program for the Arts, where he played an instrument both for youth gatherings and in local businesses' First Friday Community events.

A large component of Ben's community service has also stemmed from Boy Scouts. Since the first grade, he has been proud to call himself a scout and he recently achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was a fairly extensive landscaping design executed for the Briarleaf Nursing Home in Doylestown. As a member of Troop 52 in Doylestown, Ben has held leadership positions as Troop Quartermaster and Troop Guide. Being a Troop Guide provided Ben with the opportunity to be a mentor for the younger members of the troop, which he found very rewarding.

As a scout, he has also traveled to many states and reports that his most memorable experience was a high adventure to Philmont, New Mexico, an 11-day trip that

involved hiking eight to ten miles per day over rough, mountainous terrain. He was commended by his Scoutmaster as "one of the best athletes" on the trip.

Other community projects Ben was involved in included painting fire hydrants in Doylestown, painting fences at the farmers' grange, distributing dinners to the needy during the holidays, and helping with a Memorial Day picnic barbecue for the aged veterans of the Briarleaf Nursing Home in Doylestown.

In his spare time, Ben enjoys fishing, swimming, skim boarding, and boating. He has passed a test to earn his license to operate a small craft.

Ben is an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Doylestown, where he was an altar server for five years. As an entering freshman at Lansdale Catholic, he received the St. Joseph Society Spirit Award from his church. He has been employed at his church during the last three summers doing building maintenance, lawn/garden maintenance, and painting.

Benjamin will be attending The Smeal College of Business at Penn State's University Park campus beginning in September.

Since birth, Benjamin has been a member of LPSCU Branch 38 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where his aunt, Cecilia Gaughan, is president and secretary. He is the son of Monica and Gary Klophaus of Pipersville. The Klophaus family, including Ben's brother Michael, are all members of Branch 38.

The LPSCU is proud of Benjamin's remarkable achievements and accomplishments. He is an outstanding young man and most deserving of the 2008 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award. We congratulate Ben and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.



New Eagle Scout Ben Klophaus receives congratulations from local Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, himself an Eagle Scout.

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

April 23, 2008

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer for those recuperating from illness, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge and Trustee Barbara Janicko, and for the recently deceased members of the LPSCU, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge was excused.

The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the March 18, 2008, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read, approving the following:

- ❖ Indiana Fraternal Congress requesting a donation for Habitat for Humanity. *(Approved \$100)*
- ❖ Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress requesting a donation for the Congress Legislative Luncheon. *(Approved \$100 for two tickets to the luncheon.)*
- ❖ School Sisters of St. Francis requesting a donation for their Annual Spring Festival. *(Approved \$50)*
- ❖ Pittsburgh Slovaks requesting a donation and sponsorship for the 52nd Annual Pittsburgh Folk Festival. *(Approved \$100 donation and \$75 for Global Sponsorship)*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of March 31, 2008: 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 statement for March 31, 2008. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2007 for the assets, liabilities, fund balance, premium income, investment income, and investments were presented and reviewed.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from March 31, 2008, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, International Investments, Schedule D – Part 3 and 4. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Direct Deposit/Credit Card, Convention 2008, security system, and the LPSCU's 110th Anniversary.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary/Treasurer

May 21, 2008

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer for those recuperating from illness, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, Trustee Barbara Janicko,

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and Court of Appeals member Patricia Stearney, 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 April 23, 2008, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

Correspondence and Requests

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read, approving the following:

- ❖ New Jersey Fraternal Congress requesting ad for their 75th Annual Meeting Program Book. *(Approved \$100)*
- ❖ WKTL Slovak Hour requesting a donation. *(Approved \$100)*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of April 30, 2008: 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 statement for April 30, 2008. Graphs illustrating month-end balances for 2008 for the assets, liabilities, fund balance, premium income, investment income, and investments were presented and reviewed.

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Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Direct Deposit/Credit Card, Convention 2008, and the budget.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Savidge
National Secretary/Treasurer

Msgr. Beeda District to Celebrate LPSCU's Anniversary

Come join us on Sunday, November 23, 2008, as the Msgr. Beeda District celebrates the 110th Anniversary of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered by Msgr. Francis J. Beeda at 11:15 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. A Brunch will be served in the church cafeteria immediately following the Mass.

The Msgr. Beeda District extends an invitation to the LPSCU Board of Directors and all adult and junior members of the LPSCU. Plan to join us as we celebrate this special event!

Rose Marie Hudak, Former Branch 81 Secretary

Rose Marie (Libertine) Hudak, 77, of Beaverdale, Pennsylvania, died on Saturday, March 8, 2008. She was born July 4, 1930, in Beaverdale, daughter of the late George and Mary (Hamilton) Libertine.

Rose graduated from East High School in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1948. She worked for Bell Telephone Company until her marriage in 1954. After raising three children, Rose began working for the Cambria County Head Start Program and later for the Forest Hills School District. She then spent more than 20 years as the periodicals librarian, retiring from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Rose was member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and its Altar Rosary Society. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 460, the Ladies Court of the Knights of Columbus 2275, and served as secretary of LPSCU Branch 81 in Beaverdale for more than 30 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Battaglia, and two brothers, George ("Sonny") and Ronald. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Rose is survived by her husband of 53 years, Michael, whom she married on September 6, 1954; and children, Mary of Atlanta, Georgia; Michael Jr. of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and Edward of Beaverdale. She was a beloved "Baba" to her grandchildren, Kristen Marie, Michael Paul III, Stephen George, and Juliann Marie. She is also survived by her sisters- and brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins; special sister-in-law, Margaret Hudak; nephew Steve Domen; and caregiver Donna Block, who provided loving care and support during Rose's illness.

A viewing was held from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, at the Jean H. Kinley Funeral Home in Beaverdale, where a vigil for the deceased was held in the evening. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at noon on Tuesday, March 11, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Father Albert H. Ledoux as celebrant. Committal was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Beaverdale.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Beaverdale Fire Company, the Beaverdale Area Ambulance Association, or Holy Spirit Church.

The LPSCU is saddened at the loss of our beloved member, Rose Marie Hudak. Rose was a dedicated fraternalist and served LPSCU Branch 81 with pride and devotion. The LPSCU extends sincere sympathy to her husband and extended family, as well as to her fraternal sisters and brothers of Branch 81.

Members Chosen to See Pope

Becky and Ben Drexler, members of LPSCU Branch 8, had the thrilling opportunity to be chosen to see Pope Benedict XVI on his recent visit to America. The siblings were among those chosen from the Siena Catholic



Siblings Becky and Ben Drexler prepare to attend the Youth Rally in Yonkers, New York.

Academy, where both are students. The children attended St. Agnes School from kindergarten to 6th grade.

Ben and Becky and their father had tickets to attend the Youth Rally on April 19, 2008, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Michael Drexler is a coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Agnes School in Anon, New York.

Ben and Becky's proud grandmother, Philomena Drexler (also a Branch 8 member), was very pleased to send us these pictures of their once in a lifetime experience.



Pope Benedict XVI at the April 19th Youth Rally at St. Joseph's Seminary.

Ed and Elva Silay Mark 50th Anniversary



Ed and Elva Silay

In the presence of their extended family, Elva and Ed Silay celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 17, 2008, at a Mass was celebrated by Father John Bochkay,

pastor of Risen Lord Parish. The couple was married on May 17, 1958.

They are blessed with three sons, three daughters-in-law, and five beautiful grandchildren. All are members of LPSCU Branch 64 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where Elva is President.

They are wished God's many blessings by their family.

The LPSCU extends congratulations to Elva and Ed Silay on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless them with many more years of good health and happiness together.

Jesse M. Schafer Receives 2008 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Scholarship

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Jesse M. Schafer of Denver, Colorado, is the recipient of the 2008 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship. Jesse has just completed his first year of medical school at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, where he has consistently ranked high in every block of study.

Jesse grew up in Tucson, Arizona, where he graduated 8th in his class of 250 from Palo Verde High School. While in high school, he lettered in both wrestling and football. A talented actor, Jesse performed leading roles in several high school plays. In his senior year he was the Class Treasurer and a member of the National Honor Society. Pursuing an interest in health care, Jesse completed course work at Pima Community College in Tucson to become an EMT.

Because of his love of skiing and other outdoor activities, Jesse eventually moved to Denver, where he now lives. He attended the Colorado Association of Paramedical Education and worked for several years as a paramedic for the City of Denver and in the surrounding areas. While working full time as a paramedic for Denver Health, Jesse attended the University of Colorado Denver. He was a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and graduated Magna Cum Laude in December 2005 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. He also served as a volunteer at an after-school program in an underserved neighborhood where he tutored and organized games for grade school children. He currently volunteers at Denver's Museum of Contemporary Art where he helps with art installation.

As a medical student, Jesse's interest remains in emergency medicine. He is a member of the Emergency Medicine Interest Group Steering Committee at the medical college. This group puts together presentations to expose other medical students to areas of emergency medicine and to help connect them to current emergency medicine residents.

Through the School of Medicine's Global Health Program, Jesse will be working this summer with a team of doctors and other medical students in



Jesse M. Schaefer

Cape Town, South Africa. Working among an underserved population, they will be determining the effectiveness of ultrasound as a screening tool for victims of penetrating trauma in a resource limited environment. Currently among this population, identifying trauma patients in need of immediate surgical intervention can be delayed, resulting in death because of the delay.

Jesse and the other members of the team will be working with local health providers in emergency departments that serve residents of the Cape Flats, training them in the use of ultrasound to shorten the time to surgery, and hopefully save lives.

In his spare time, Jesse plays hockey. He recently skated in the second annual "24 Hours of Hockey" to raise money for Children's Hospital in Denver.

Since birth, Jesse has been a member of LPSCU Branch 172 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Helen Schafer of Tucson. His brother David, sister-in-law Jackie and their sons Luke and Jude live in Boulder, Colorado.

Jesse is the grandson of the late Rose Tunney, long-time secretary of Branch 172.

The LPSCU is proud of Jesse's remarkable achievements and accomplishments. He is an outstanding young man and most deserving of this year's Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship. We congratulate Jesse and wish him continued success in his medical career.

SS.C.M. Sisters Festival Set for July 12th

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius have announced that their annual Summer Festival will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008, at Villa Sacred Heart, their Motherhouse in Danville, Pennsylvania. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with the Sunday Liturgy celebrated in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius. The festival closes at 5:30 p.m.

A perennial favorite at the festival is the Sisters' Pantry with its assortment of baked goods, among them homemade nut roll. Another popular spot is the Craft Shop where festival-goers can find a variety of crafts made by the Sisters and their friends. All the items make splendid gifts for every occasion. For those who have "a green thumb," a variety of plants, both annuals and perennials, will be on sale.

Games for children as well as games for adults, including Instant Bingo, will bring joy to the winners. In the afternoon, entertainment will be provided. The auditorium is once again the place where flea market devotees can find valuable treasures for a reasonable price.

Besides the usual picnic fare – sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers and fries – delectable ethnic foods will be served, including holupky and halusky. This year fresh lemonade and walk-away waffles topped with ice cream are on the menu. Soda, ice cream, and yogurt will also be available throughout the day.

Once again the Sisters look forward to your presence at the festival in Danville on Saturday, July 12.

LPSCU Announces 2008 College Award Recipients

Congratulations



to all our



Scholarship



Winners!



KAYLA CHRISTINE BENCH
Derry, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana, Pennsylvania
Branch 42
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



MEGAN C. BIGLEY
West Chester, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Branch 153 (now Home Office)
Perth Amboy, New Jersey



AMY BUCHA
Macungie, Pennsylvania
Freshman
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware
Branch 38
Whitehall, Pennsylvania



ALYSSA MARIE CIPRIANO
Hazleton, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Misericordia University
Dallas, Pennsylvania
Branch 60
West Hazleton, Pennsylvania



COLLEEN E. GAUGHAN
Martinez, Georgia
Freshman
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia
Branch 38
Whitehall, Pennsylvania



MICHAEL P. HUDAK, III
Sidman, Pennsylvania
Sophomore
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Branch 81
Beaverdale, Pennsylvania



KATRINA MARIE KLOCHAN
Whiting, Indiana
Freshman
Loyola University
Chicago, Illinois
Branch 79
Whiting, Indiana



BENJAMIN G. KLOPHEUS
Pipersville, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Penn State University
University Park, Pennsylvania
Branch 38
Whitehall, Pennsylvania



JONATHAN KNOLL
Catlin, Illinois
Freshman
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, Illinois
Branch 202
McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania



BRITTANY MAKOSKY
Campbell, Ohio
Freshman
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio
Branch 132
Youngstown, Ohio



CHRISTINA NYPAYER
Northville, Michigan
Sophomore
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana
Branch 90
Johnstown, Pennsylvania



JESSICA PIPON
Windber, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Saint Francis University
Loretto, Pennsylvania
Branch 24
Windber, Pennsylvania



JONATHAN DAVID ROYER
Larksville, Pennsylvania
Sophomore
Luzerne County Community College
Nanticoke, Pennsylvania
Branch 37
Plymouth, Pennsylvania



DANIEL RUTHRAUFF
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Sophomore
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Branch 130
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



MATTHEW TIRPAK
Toms River, New Jersey
Freshman
Eastern Kentucky University
Richmond, Kentucky
Branch 214
Duryea, Pennsylvania

A Tribute in Memory of Mary A. Lorinc

Mary A. Lorinc, known to her family as “Baba,” died on March 5, 2008. Mary was a member of LPSCU Branch 64, North Side Pittsburgh, as were many of her family members.

Three weeks prior to her passing, Baba was diagnosed with lymphoma, a form of cancer. To that end, Baba maintained her sense of dignity, humor, and resolve. She spent the final week of her life at her home of 50 years, surrounded by family and friends. What a blessing this was for all of us.



Mary A. Lorinc

Baba was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1916 but returned to her family’s village in Slovakia when she was still a young child. She married at 16 and bore her first child, a son, Michael, at the age of 18. Baba was a strong and determined woman. She returned to America shortly following Michael’s first birthday in order to keep her citizenship. One and a half years later, she was able to send for her husband and child. Baba eventually bore five more children: Stephen, Mary Ann, John, Helen, and Joseph.

Baba and her husband of almost 50 years, the late Stefan Lorinc, strove to provide for their family in Pittsburgh. They were avid gardeners and hard workers, but perhaps most important was their commitment to God and to tradition. Holidays were filled with Slovak foods, music, prayer, and custom. The traditional soups for Christmas Eve were always prepared and during the Easter season, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren participated in the traditional waxing and coloring of eggs, called *pysanky*.

Dzedo (grandfather Stefan) was known to play tunes on his harmonica while bouncing his grandchildren on his knees. Baba loved to sing old Slovak songs to Dzedo’s music and would take her grandchildren by the hands as she led them in traditional Slovak dance. Baba worked hard to instill family traditions and recipes and her grandchildren are known to make excellent pirohy and holubky.

Baba was an avid traveler who returned to Europe several times. She traveled to the Holy Land to follow the path of Jesus and was able to ride a camel in the process. She also traveled frequently throughout the United States and would often remark that she was grateful for the opportunity to have traveled.

For many, many years, Baba’s children and their families gathered at her and Dzedo’s home on Harbison Street for weekly Sunday soup. Eventually, the gathered group took on the name of The Soup Club and began to alternate homes for soup. Most important was not the location, but the fact that the family was together. This tradition has continued despite Dzedo’s and Baba’s passing, and we know they would be pleased.

Baba loved to laugh and to share the gift of laughter. She had a beautiful smile. She was an active member of the Christian Mother’s Guild, an officer of the LPSCU, a member of the former St. Gabriel the Archangel Church’s choir in the north side of Pittsburgh, and a member of the Sunshine Girls.

This was a group of friends from church who put on little plays depicting traditions of life in the small villages of eastern Slovakia. Regardless of the theme, you could always count on there being plenty of songs and laughter as they played their parts while dressed in beautiful folk costumes.

During her viewing, stories and photos were exchanged. Baba brought laughter to many people. She brought people together and her funeral was no exception. Old stories were retold and relationships were rekindled. The heartfelt eulogy offered by her only (and favorite) granddaughter and great-grandson touched more hearts than we’ll ever know.

Baba, we miss you. Your spirit lives on.

Mary Ann Bowman
(Baba’s granddaughter)

Editor’s Note – The National Officers and members of the LPSCU extend sincere sympathy to the family of Mary A. Lorinc. She was a delight to know. We are deeply saddened at the loss of our beloved fraternal sister. Mary was a true and dedicated fraternalist. We will miss her dearly. May she rest in peace.

Calendar of Events

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- 10** — Deadline to make reservations to attend the liturgy/luncheon being held in conjunction with the LPSCU’s Semiannual Board Meeting. *See pages 6 and 15.*
- 25** — Deadline to submit tributes to our veterans/military. *See page 17.*
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**
- 26** — Semiannual Meeting of the LPSCU Board of Directors commences at the Home Office, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, at 8:30 a.m. *See page 6 for details.*
- 28** — The Rev. Dianiska District will host a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, and brunch at the Ramada Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU and the 65th Anniversary of the District. *See pages 6 and 15.*

NOVEMBER

- 23** — The Msgr. Beeda District will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:15 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, immediately followed by a brunch in the church cafeteria. All LPSCU members are invited to attend.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February Zornicka.**
- 30** — Rev. Baloga Okres Christmas Party at Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 163 and 180 will host. Cost of dinner is \$10.00.

DECEMBER

- 7** — Reverend Dianiska District’s annual Christmas Party at the Ramada Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 7 and 122 will host.

Slovak Catholic Federation Mid-Year Annual Appeal Report

Since 1978, the Slovak Catholic Federation has been conducting the SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal which begins each year in the month of February during the weekend closest to the Feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius (February 14th) and continues through the end of the calendar year. I am happy to report that **\$30,686.30** has been collected to date for the 2008 Appeal.

In its 30th year, this appeal has primarily been taken up in parishes of Slovak heritage in the United States and Canada. As we are all very much aware, the days of “ethnic parishes” are becoming a thing of the past. More and more Slovaks reside in different parts of the country and no longer claim to belong to a parish of Slovak heritage. For this reason, many Slovaks may

not have the opportunity to hear about, let alone participate in this Annual Appeal. If it were not for the Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and their publications, communication to American and Canadian Slovaks would not be possible. In recent years we have seen an increase in individual donations apart from the parish collections. Also, most of the Slovak fraternal societies have also been making contributions to this collection from their national Boards of Directors, along with a number of local branches, wreaths, assemblies, and lodges.

As you know, this appeal assists the Church in Slovakia by supporting the training mission of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy (formally known as the Slovak Institute or *Ustav*). In addition, funds are distributed to those Religious communities of both men and women that share a counterpart which belongs to the Slovak Conference of Religious. These communities are: Vincentian Sisters of Charity (*Ruzomberok*); Dominican Sisters (*Dunajska Luzna*); School Sisters of St. Francis (*Zilina*); Daughters of St. Francis (*Bratislava-Prievoz*); Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great (*Secove and Presov*); Franciscan Friars Minor (*Bratislava*); and House of St. Benedict (*Bacurov*).

As various groups will be holding summer picnics along with several fraternal national conventions, I ask that consideration be given to kindly taking up a collection in support of the Slovak Catholic Federation Appeal. All donations are tax deductible. In 2007 this Annual Appeal totaled around **\$63,629.51**.

Individuals, groups, organizations, etc., are all welcome to make a donation to this appeal. Please make all checks payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation and send them directly to Dolores Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer, 173 Berner Avenue, Hazleton, PA 18201.

I pray that Almighty God rewards all of us who participate in the support of the Church in Slovakia through the Slovak Catholic Federation’s 29th Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Fr. Andrew Hvozdovic
Appeal Coordinator

In Memoriam

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Helen Washick	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Elizabeth Evans	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
*Anna M. Petro	7	Exeter, PA
Anna Phillips	7	Exeter, PA
Irene M. Zielinski	21	West Lake, MA
*Victoria Papinchak	24	Windber, PA
Maria G. Curlin	32	Pana, IL
Joseph J. Gaydos	33	Hazleton, PA
*Peter C. Lettiere	33	Hazleton, PA
Marcella Palmer	39	Drums, PA
Anne V. Herochik	79	Whiting, IN
Dolores J. Zurenda	90	Johnstown, PA
Beverly A. Dougle	90	Johnstown, PA
Margaret Delfert	90	Johnstown, PA
Helen Novak Beaman	103	Pittsburgh, PA
Arlene A. Straka	131	Reading, PA
*Josephine O’Callaghan	132	Youngstown, OH
Eleanor Thayer	158	Chicago, IL
Shelley M. Johnson	159	Youngstown, OH
*Ann L. Eidam	163	Youngstown, OH
John M. Brosko	163	Youngstown, OH
Helen Mazzarino	163	Youngstown, OH
Ann Malinich	180	Youngstown, OH
Robert S. Chipak	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Aldona Brazdzionis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Anna M. Miller	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Juozas Kriauciunas	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Francis B. Walchek	213	Dallas, PA
Geraldine J. Jezercak	213	Dallas, PA
Ronald J. Gmitter	202	McKees Rocks, PA
Catherine C. Marth	204	Northampton, PA
Kathryn D. Pasquali	214	Duryea, PA
Constance Maellaro	L0083	Scranton, PA
Stefania Sukelis	L0085	Chicago, IL
Nellie A. Matthey	L0212	Plains, PA

*Multiple certificates

Update: Rev. Dianiska’s Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, September 28, 2008, a Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the LPSCU and the 65th anniversary of the Reverend Dianiska District. Immediately following, a Brunch will be held at the Ramada Hotel, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. All members of the LPSCU are invited to attend.

Please call your Branch Secretary by September 10th to make reservations.

Susan Worth

Districts Partner with Youth for Successful Join Hands Day

Lehigh Valley Okres

The Lehigh Valley Okres sponsored a **Join Hands Day** project titled, "We Support Our Troops." Participating with the Okres were parishioners of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and St. John the Baptist Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as well as the Autumn Club of Bethlehem Township; Alberta's Beauty Salon, Bethlehem; members of FCCLA Branch 319, Allentown; the Lioness Club of Bethlehem; and many friends of the Okres.

For two weeks leading up to **Join Hands Day**, Okres members collected snacks, personal care items, magazines, playing cards, videos, music tapes, and other appropriate items for our servicemen and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Large contribution boxes decorated in red with patriotic ribbons were placed in the churches and with business participants. By Friday, May 2, over 700 lbs. of donations had been collected. Each item was then sorted into separate boxes as appropriate.



U.S. Congressman Charles Dent (center), who recently visited Iraq, speaks to Lehigh Valley Okres members as they prepare packages to be sent to the troops.

At 10:00 a.m. on **Join Hands Day**, May 3, approximately 20 adults and 15 young people gathered at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall in Allentown to pack the items into separate boxes for shipment overseas.

What made this project extra special is that U.S. Congressman Charles Dent of the 15th District of Pennsylvania appeared at the time we started to pack the donations.

After being introduced to the group, Congressman Dent greeted all and expressed his sincere thanks for the marvelous deed we were doing for our troops. Having recently returned from a trip to Iraq, Congressman Dent was proud to speak of his experiences there. He assured everyone that the troops will truly appreciate what we are doing and that they will be happy to receive the packages.

Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, and Honorable Ed Pawlowski, mayor of Allentown, were also present at our **Join Hands Day** event and were pleased with the success of this project.

In addition to our participating parishes, businesses, and organizations, many friends of the Okres donated items. Even people from neighboring New Jersey who read about our goodwill project in the local newspapers sent checks to our Okres for postage costs.

By 1:00 p.m., thirty-five 12x12x12 boxes were filled and made ready for shipment to the service personnel whose names and addresses had been supplied to our group. A delicious luncheon buffet was served to all the volunteers and we were honored to have Msgr. Kozel, Congressman Dent, and Mayor Pawlowski join us for the meal.

Everyone had a wonderful **Join Hands Day** in making a connection with our troops overseas.

Since May 5th, twenty-one of the packages have been mailed to our military in Iraq and Afghanistan. We've already received e-mails from five servicemen who stated they were thrilled to have received a package from the Okres. They acknowledged their "heartfelt thanks" to all who participated in this project and they asked that we keep them in our prayers.



Residents of the Patrician Personal Care Facility enjoyed Join Hands Day with the help of members of the Msgr. Beeda District and St. Joseph Church Youth Group.

Msgr. Beeda District

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, members of the Msgr. Beeda District and St. Joseph Church Youth Group joined forces to participate in **Join Hands Day**. Twenty adults and young people brought their rakes, brooms, leaf blowers and gardening tools to help make their jobs a little easier. Breaking down into smaller groups, each was assigned a task as the cleanup began around St. Joseph's Church, School, and the Patrician Personal Care Facility across from the rectory. Everyone worked very hard on the Spring cleanup, raking up leaves, pulling weeds, and sweeping up rocks and debris to help make the area look a little nicer.

Then, around 11:00 o'clock, everyone regrouped at the Patrician Personal Care Facility to begin the second part of their project, bringing a little sunshine and happiness into the lives of the 19 residents who



live there. LPSCU member John Simkovich entertained everyone as he sang and played his accordion, while a few of the other Msgr. Beeda District and youth group members danced to "The Chicken Dance." District name-sake Msgr. Francis J. Beeda concluded the event with a blessing for everyone and District President Anita Gregory thanked the residents for allowing the group to come in for a visit. Gift bags and cupcakes from the Msgr. Beeda District were then given to all the residents.

In appreciation for all their hard work, the group relaxed and enjoyed lunch provided by Msgr. Beeda and the District.

As they worked together to touch peoples lives, all the participants realized that they did make a positive difference in their neighborhood and community.

Rev. Dianiska District

On May 3, 2008, members of the Rev. Dianiska District participated in **Join Hands Day** by volunteering at The Laurels Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Fourteen District members and four students from The Montessori School in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and the Wilkes-Barre Academy played bingo with the residents.

Prizes were donated by various Branches in the District. The residents were treated to refreshments and a cake donated by Gerrity's Supermarket in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. More than 60 residents participated. All were presented with gifts.

The residents enjoyed the camaraderie and the staff at The Laurels was pleased that the District returned to their facility to spend an enjoyable visit with the residents.

Susan Worth



District members and student volunteers playing bingo with the residents of The Laurels Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

LPSCU to Honor Our Military and Veterans

Once again this year, the LPSCU is sponsoring a Veterans' Day Honorarium/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 Honorarium/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, 2008.

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.



Tate Michael Kienzle Celebrates First Holy Communion

Tate Michael Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania, made his First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 12, 2008, during the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Rev. Domenic A. Rossi, O.Praem., pastor, celebrated the Mass for the First Holy Communicants.

As Tate approached to receive his Communion, he was followed in procession by his parents, sisters, and brother who also received the sacrament.

Following the Mass, Tate's parents, Dr. Rand and Patricia Kienzle, hosted a reception and dinner for relatives at their home in Malvern.

Tate is eight years old and recently completed the second grade at Valley Forge Elementary School in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He enjoys reading and playing sports. Swimming, soccer, lacrosse, and ice hockey are among his favorites.

Tate and his sisters, Victoriana and Jenna, and brother, Jace, are members of LPSCU Branch 130 and his parents are members of LPSCU Branch 83 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is the grandson of Dr. Ned and Terry Kienzle of Malvern, and John and Margaret Ferri of Bethlehem. Tate's maternal grandmother is secretary of LPSCU Branch 130 and LPSCU Public Relations Director.



Tate Kienzle

Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress Offers 2008 Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress announces it will award at least one \$500 scholarship to a college student who is a resident of Pennsylvania and is a member of a fraternal benefit society belonging to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress. Because the LPSCU is a member of the PFC, any LPSCU member who is a Pennsylvania resident, a 2008 high school graduate, and who will be a full time college student during the summer/fall 2008-2009 school year, can apply for this scholarship.

Following are the detailed Rules, Regulations, and Requirements to apply for the PFC scholarship. The applicant must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the PFC.
- Be a 2008 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc., in the summer/fall of the 2008-2009 school year as a full time student (12 semester credits). Proof of acceptance must be submitted with application.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from the LPSCU Home Office.
- Submit a 500-word essay on "My Family/ My Fraternal/ My Life."
- Sign the statement of application at the bottom of the application form.
- Return the completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation, proof of acceptance from college, university, trade school, etc., **postmarked no later than September 7, 2008** to the PFC Scholarship Chairperson noted on the application.

Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds. Awards will be announced at the PFC Annual Meeting in October 2008.

For a PFC Scholarship Application, contact the LPSCU Home Office. *Applicants are reminded to request their letter of recommendation from the Home Office well prior to the September 7th deadline.*

NJFC Offers Youth Volunteer Award Program

One of the most important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey Fraternal Congress is its Youth Volunteer Award. Each year, the NJFC chooses deserving young students from among its member societies, based on their volunteer achievements with their respective society as well as the community at large. Because the LPSCU is a member of the NJFC, **any LPSCU member who is a resident of New Jersey may apply for this award.**

This year, through the generosity of the Recreation Farm Society, each award winner will receive \$500, with an additional \$500 being awarded to their designated charity. The number of awards will be based upon the proceeds of the NJFC Convention ad book.

In keeping with the Rules, Regulations and Requirements for this award, LPSCU applicants must:

- Be between the age of 16 and 22 at the time of application;
- Obtain a recommendation letter from the LPSCU Home Office;
- Sign the Statement of Application that appears on the application form;
- Return the completed application and letter of recommendation, **post-marked no later than September 1, 2008** to the NJFC Youth Volunteer Award Committee at the address noted on the application.

An application for this award may be obtained from the LPSCU Home Office. *Remember, the recommendation letter from the LPSCU should be obtained from the LPSCU Home Office well prior to the application deadline of September 1, 2008.*

Awards will be announced at the NJFC Annual Meeting in October 2008.

LPSCU To Honor Its 2008 Graduates

Once again this year, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union would like to honor all our graduates with a photo and message in our magazine. If you know of a member who is graduating from college, a technical or career school, high school, junior high, elementary school, or kindergarten, we would like to feature them in our September/October issue.



Please send us a picture and brief message about the graduate. Messages should not be more than 25-30 words and should include the graduate's name, city and state, and Branch number, as well as the school and grade from which the individual is graduating. If space permits, add a brief congratulatory or informational message about the graduate. For example:

Robert Jones of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, Branch 38, graduated from Allentown Central Catholic High School in June. We're proud of you, Rob! Love, Mom and Dad

Melanie Smith of Taylor, Pennsylvania, Branch 6, graduated cum laude from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Critical Care Nursing. Congratulations, Melanie!

Thomas Phillips of East St. Louis, Illinois, Branch L0179, has graduated from Kindergarten at St. James Academy. We love you, Tommy! — Grammy & Pop

Please send your photo and message to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. Please include an address and phone number or e-mail address in case we have to get in touch with a question concerning your submission. The LPSCU reserves the right to edit messages that exceed the 25-30 word limit.

Moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents, siblings, friends and neighbors — we're sure you know an LPSCU/LCA member who's about to graduate this spring. We hope that all our members will take part in this program to honor all our member-graduates.

The deadline for submitting graduation photos and messages for our September/October issue is July 23, 2008.

Our Mission is . . .

- To spread and foster the Catholic faith
- To foster a spirit and practice of true fraternalism
- To perpetuate an appreciation of ethnic culture and heritage
- To instill patriotic zeal for the United States of America
- To provide affordable insurance benefits



Notice to LPSCU Members in the Lehigh Valley Area

Lehigh Valley Okres to Hold Old-Fashioned Picnic to Celebrate 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU

In conjunction with the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU, the Lehigh Valley Okres will hold an old-fashioned picnic on Sunday, August 3, 2008, at The Meadows, 1770 Meadows Road, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Lehigh Valley Okres extends an invitation to all adult and junior members of the LPSCU in the Lehigh Valley Area to attend this picnic celebration.

Branches that represent the Lehigh Valley area are Allentown Branches 38 and 40, Bethlehem Branches 83 and 130, Hellertown Branch 196, Northampton Branches 62 and 204, Pottstown Branch 170, and Reading Branch 131.

If your Branch is not listed, please call your Branch Secretary or Okres Treasurer Marge Ferri regarding your intention to attend the picnic. An invitation is also extended to the LPSCU Board of Directors to celebrate this special occasion with our Lehigh Valley members. There will be plenty of picnic foods, games and prizes for both children and adults, and music for an entertaining Slovak and English sing-along. We hope to see you there!

For reservations, please call Okres Secretary Mary Shannon (610/866-1625), Marge Ferri (610/866-8945), or Ceil Gaughan (610/433-4610) **before July 25.**

Cooking Corner

CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE

2 sticks butter	1½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs	1 bag chocolate chips
8 oz. sour cream	½ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla	2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups flour	

Grease an 11x9- or 13x9-inch oblong pan. Mix butter, 1 cup sugar, eggs, sour cream, vanilla, flour, baking powder and baking soda together. Blend in chocolate chips, saving some for the top.

Mix separately ½ cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon and set aside along with remaining chocolate chips. Spread the first mixture in pan and top with the sugar-cinnamon and chips. Bake at 350 degrees approximately 40 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.



Slovak Twins Join LPSCU

Matus and Barbora Uher are the twin babies of Martina and Jozef Uher of Slovakia. The twins were born in Ruzinov Hospital in Bratislava on October 18, 2007. Proud grandparents are Emilia and Jozef Korcek. Great-grandparents are Jozefina and Frantisek Franko and great-great-aunt is Katarina Karpisek, all of Slovakia. Lehigh Valley Okres member Valeria Lukish is their proud great-great-great-aunt and it was she who recommended the twins for membership in LPSCU Branch 38.

The family is looking forward with great anticipation to celebrating their first birthday this fall.

We are delighted to have as our

members these adorable babies from our native land of Slovakia. We wish them and their extended family good health and our very best wishes!



Barbora and Matus Uher

Slovak Ambassador Visits U.S. Naval Base

During the May 1-4, 2008, visit to Chicago by Deputy Slovak Prime Minister Dusan Caplovic, H.E. Slovak Ambassador Rastislav Kacer, First Secretary Martin Kaco, along with a



Slovak governmental delegation from Bratislava, the Slovak Honorary Consul in Illinois, Thomas Klimek Ward, arranged for Ambassador Kacer to visit the Great Lakes Naval Station. On Friday May 2, Ambassador Kacer was accorded the special privilege of being guest of honor at Navy Recruit Graduation. Upon completion of the commencement ceremonies, Ambassador Kacer, First Secretary Kaco, Hon. Consul Ward, and Mrs. Anna Jurik had the further pleasure of dining with the Commander Navy Region Midwest, RADM Jon W. Bayless, Jr. and other senior Naval Staff officers. Pictured, RADM Bayless (left) presents Ambassador Kacer with a remembrance book about Chicago. Ambassador Kacer reciprocated with a book about Slovakia to commemorate and honor his visit.

European Genealogy Society to Hold Pittsburgh Conference

The Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies will be holding its 2008 Annual Conference at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel on August 1-3, 2008. The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association is one of the co-sponsors of the Conference.

There will be presentations from leading experts in the fields of Central and East European genealogy, DNA testing, and online databases, as well as one-on-one research consultations, 19 exhibitors' tables, and more. The Friday morning plenary session will include Dr. Stephen P. Morse, creator of the "One-Step Web Pages." Joseph Bielecki will be the featured speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. A tour of Pittsburgh is scheduled for Sunday, August 3.

For more information, visit www.feefhs.org or contact Lisa Alzo at 412/848-1394.

Letters

Dear Ms. Gaughan:

I am enclosing a copy of our July-Aug-Sept. '07 issue of *The Catholic War Veteran*. Your attention is invited to page 20.

Thank you again for this donation.

Cordially,

Linda M. Torreyson

Executive Assistant

Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc.

To the generous representatives of the LPSCU,

I would like to take this time to express my utmost gratitude and appreciation for allowing me to be a part of this year's post-graduate award. To be a part of such an accomplished group represents a great honor, demonstrating the inherent core values passed from generation to generation throughout the Slovak culture. This generous act of kindness is a prime example of the advocacy embedded within the tradition of the LPSCU. Thank you again for your continual support throughout my graduate studies in the field of counseling psychology. The LPSCU's support has been a constant reminder of my Slovak pride.

David M. Tirpak

Branch 214, Duryea, PA

Dear LPSCU,

I am very appreciative of the 2007 College Scholarship Award. Thank you so much for your generosity and support in helping me to continue my education at Alvernia College.

Thank you again; it was an honor to receive this award.

Sincerely,

Brian Tirpak

Branch 214, Duryea, PA

Dear LPSCU,

I want to express my thanks and gratitude for the recent monetary award for receiving my Master's of Education degree. I plan to use the award money to purchase educational items to assist in making me a better teacher. Thank you again for your generous gift! I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Dan Wakefield

Branch 159, Youngstown, OH

ZORNICKA



Great News! The ScriptSave® website features a new time and money saving tool.

Now, when you use the Drug Look Up tool to get pricing on brand name prescription drugs, the generic equivalent price will also appear.* With this new feature, you'll be instantly informed of all the options for purchasing your prescription drugs — That saves time and money!

This is another example of ScriptSave's ongoing mission to provide our members with the highest level of service, and practical tools to help save you money.

Remember, the ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Program is available to you at **NO COST** from the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. There are **no monthly or ongoing fees, no limits on usage, and no income or age restrictions**. Your entire household can use the card to receive substantial savings on brand name and generic prescriptions at over 53,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.

Any LPSCU member (including the membership of LCA) can receive a ScriptSave® card at no cost. If you are interested in receiving a ScriptSave® card, please contact our Home Office at lpscu@lpscu.org. You are eligible for the card as long as you are a member of the LPSCU (or LCA) in good standing.

DISCOUNT ONLY — NOT INSURANCE

This program is not an insurance policy and does not provide insurance coverage. Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies. AR, SC, SD and TN residents: You may cancel your registration under this program within thirty (30) days from the date your discount card is issued.

*Not all participating pharmacies provide generic equivalent pricing. Please remember — you should always talk to your pharmacist or doctor to see if switching to a generic alternative is right for you.

SCRIPTSAVE UTILIZATION REPORT

	For April 2008	Year-to-Date 2008
Prescriptions Filled:	29	116
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$ 878.39	\$ 4,487.61
ScriptSave Pricing:	\$ 644.11	\$ 3,519.82
Total Dollars Saved		
by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 234.28	\$ 967.79
Average Saved per		
Discounted Prescription:	\$ 9.76	\$ 10.30
Overall LPSCU Discounted		
Prescription Savings:	29.65%	24.23%

Letters

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you so much for the \$500 scholarship. I intend to put it toward books for the spring semester. It is truly appreciated by both myself and my family.

Sincerely,
Christine Marley
Branch 214, Duryea, PA

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.

Dear Junior Members,

Does your family take a summer vacation? Are you all traveling someplace together? Alternatively, maybe you are going to a summer camp. If so, you'll be joining more than nine million kids who plan to invade camps around the country this summer. Oh, what fun that is going to be!

I am sure you're packing those duffle bags with all your personal items and camping necessities. While your parents are helping you to gather all your things together, it's important that we remind them that kids at camps experience all the same kinds of minor illnesses and injuries that happen at home. Your health conditions do not stop because you are away from home; they need to be monitored at camp also.

For your well-being and their peace of mind, your parents should check out the camp and make sure that you will be well taken care of by the camp's physician or pediatrician. Some of the questions to ask before sending a child to camp are:

- Is every child checked for head lice at this camp?
- If my child needs equipment for his/her asthma treatments such as a nebulizer, will there be convenient outlets available?
- Is there a nurse or a doctor on site?
- How far away is the nearest hospital?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, these questions should be asked and answered before your child boards that bus. If a camp does not have the accreditation of an ACA association, parents may have to ask more questions. Don't just assume that a camp follows the ACA's guidelines because not all of them have such regulations.

Some reminders:

- All camps should have written health policies approved by a doctor.
- All campers should show proof of their updated immunizations.
- All campers should have had a physical within the year and those with medical problems should have had an exam within the previous six months.
- All campers should be checked for infectious conditions, such as lice and impetigo.
- Camp medical records must have your doctor's name and telephone numbers.

Parents should also know about what kinds of activities go on at the camp, and whether they are strenuous or not. If there is not a full time health professional, will there be a qualified person to administer first aid and distribute medication? This could be a challenge and parents must be upfront in divulging the medical history of their children. The camp nurse or doctor may have to rely on parental information to know how seriously to take certain complaints.



And one last caution — Don't forget to bring plenty of sunscreen and be sure to drink plenty of water, especially if you're physically active and out in the hot sun.

Taking these simple precautions will help assure you come home with wonderful memories of your camp adventure.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Nature's Fireworks

We celebrated the 4th of July with lots of noise and fireworks; it is a fun way to end a holiday. However, we don't have to wait for next July 4th to see more fireworks. Nature will present her own version in August in the form of the Perseids meteor shower. The peak time to see them this year will be early in the morning of August 12th when up to 50 meteors an hour are expected. The Perseids get their name because the meteors appear to radiate from the constellation Perseus.

Most of us call these meteors shooting stars. However, stars and meteors are very different. Stars are hot, glowing masses, but meteors are streaks of light caused by bits of debris called meteoroids that drift along in space and finally burn up as they fall through the Earth's atmosphere. Astronomers believe that comets shed the debris that becomes most meteor showers.

With a new moon in mid-August, the dark sky will be at its optimum for catching the year's best light show. You'll have to stay up past your bedtime, but with no school the next day, perhaps Mom and Dad will arrange for a family camp-out in the back yard. Set out a few lawn chairs and some blankets or sleeping bags and "look up"!

While the Perseids are the most famous meteor shower, there are many others to see this year, including the Orionids (peaking the morning of October 21), the Leonids (peaking November 17), and the Geminids (peaking December 13). Meteors can also be seen on the nights immediately before and after the peak date. Each of these showers is named for the constellation from which it radiates — Orion, Leo, and Gemini.

Slovak Lesson

KOSTOL — CHURCH

Na oltári bola socha.
On the altar was a statue.

V kostole sme kľačali.
In church we kneeled.

Kňaz slúžil sv. omšu.
A priest said Mass.

To je malá omša.
This is a low Mass.

Kde je kazateľnica?
Where is the pulpit?

Prežehnaj sa!
Bless yourself!

Kde je môj ruženec?
Where is my rosary?

Modlitebná knižka.
A prayer book.

To je veľká omša.
This is a high Mass.

Kde sú miništranti?
Where are the acolytes?

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Summertime Dates to Remember

On July 4th we sing “**Happy Birthday, America**”! Red, white and blue fireworks burst above the land from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific as we celebrate our nation’s birth over 230 years ago.

On July 5th we celebrate another birthday, that of famous showman **P.T. Barnum**. Born in 1810 in Connecticut, he is best known for founding the circus that eventually became “The Greatest Show on Earth” — Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

July 18 marks the birth of America’s **first 18-hole golf course** built in Wheaton, Illinois, over a century ago.

In keeping with summer picnics and outdoor events, July is also **Hot Dog Month, Baked Bean Month, and National Ice Cream Month**.

Other famous folk celebrating **July birthdays** include: Princess Diana (July 1st), skater Michelle Kwan (7th), actors Tom Hanks (9th) and Harrison Ford (13th), the painter

Rembrandt (15th), astronaut John Glenn (18th), and “Harry Potter” author J.K. Rowling (31st).

Although August has no official U.S. holidays, there are plenty of notable dates.

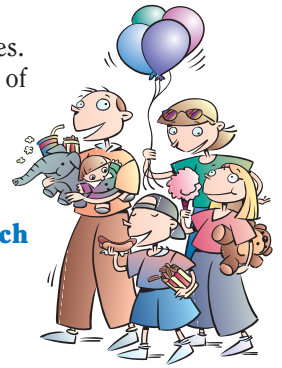
Fairs and festivals abound with some of the wackiest offerings like crab races, cow-chip throwing, and frog jumping contests. And let’s not forget to celebrate the silly **Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor’s Porch Night** on August 8th!

August 3rd is **Sisters Day** and **Friendship Day**.

The **Perseid Meteor Showers** occur in mid-month. Don’t miss them!

August is also host to **National Chocolate Chip Day** (4th), **Elvis Presley Remembrance Day** (16th), **Bad Poetry Day** (18th), and **Kiss and Make Up Day** (25th).

Some famous **August birthdays** include: national anthem composer Francis Scott Key (1st), quarterback Tom Brady (3rd), first man on the moon Neil Armstrong (5th), French general Napoleon Bonaparte (15th), woodsman Davy Crockett (17th), explorer Meriwether Lewis (18th), inventor Orville Wright (19th), and Mother Teresa (27th).



Arts and Crafts

MAKE A TERRARIUM

Would you like to have a terrarium? You can build your own miniature greenhouse in a large fishbowl or an aquarium. Make sure you can reach into the container so you can arrange the items you will put inside.

Begin by taking a walk in the woods with your parents or your scout leader. Take along a small shovel or garden trowel and look for some small plants to dig out. Make sure you dig out the roots and some of the surrounding soil with your plant specimens. Another alternative is to purchase plants at your local garden center. Many have sections with plants intended specifically for terrariums.

To prepare your terrarium, cover the bottom with an inch of pebbles followed by a thin layer of crushed charcoal. (You will be able to get all of this at the garden center.) Place a piece of nylon stocking or mesh screen over the charcoal. Cover the screen with a layer of soil as thick as the pebble and charcoal layers combined. Dig small holes and bury the plant roots, making sure you don’t overcrowd your garden. You can add some seashells or small plastic figurines for decoration.

Using a spray bottle, moisten the soil around the plants. Tightly cover the container with a lid or plastic wrap secured by a rubber band. Place the container in indirect sunlight. Covering the bowl will create a mini-ecosystem. This means it will have its own self-contained water cycle. Plants lose water through evaporation from their leaves. By sealing your container, this moisture will remain inside and be sent back into the soil and re-absorbed. If you see water drops appearing on the sides of the container, it means the atmosphere is too wet. Take the lid off until they disappear. Add water to your plants only when the plants look dry. Adding moss will help keep the soil moist also. When the right moisture level is reached, your garden will sustain an ecological balance on its own. You will have to occasionally prune the plants to keep them small.

I know you will enjoy doing this project. Good luck and have fun!

Kids in the Kitchen

SUMMER STRAWBERRIES

This is the time for these sweet and juicy gems. Locally grown berries would be the best choice. Look for bright red, plump berries with no mold. Strawberries are highly perishable and must be handled carefully.

When you get them home, lay them out on a sheet of waxed paper. Discard any spoiled berries, then place them in a colander and rinse with the sink hose.

To make the sauce ahead, lightly rinse the berries and pat dry. Use 1 pint (2 cups) ripe strawberries, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, and 1 tablespoon sugar. Hull the berries and cut into ½ inch pieces. Place berries in a bowl and toss with lemon juice and sugar. Let rest for 2 hours for the juices to develop. Refrigerate for up to 4 hours before using.

There’s nothing as delicious as a strawberry ice cream sundae. Use an old-fashioned ice cream dish or a large wine or dessert glass. Place two scoops of ice cream in the dish, spoon some strawberry sauce on top, add a dollop of whipped cream and top with a fresh whole strawberry. Yum!



The Year of Saint Paul

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determined and as energetic about spreading the Catholic faith as Saint Paul was? Is spreading the faith, both by example and by our conversations with our family and friends, even a concern?" He continues to ask: "What are we doing, in particular, to instill the love of Jesus and an understanding of our faith in the hearts and minds of our youth who are the future of the Church?" Pope John Paul II always reminded us that our Catholic faith only grows when we consciously and conscientiously share it with others. Christ will look at us with his merciful eyes at our individual judgment and ask what efforts we made during the course of our lifetime to invite people into communion with Jesus and his Church. When that times comes — as it will for each of us — how will we give answer to those questions of Jesus? Through our Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit impels us to proclaim the great works of God.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:16), Saint Paul says: "For if I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" May each of us, now living in the 21st century, sense the same duty to repeat that cry of Saint Paul. Our universal call to holiness — to become more God-like in our daily living — is closely linked with our universal call to mission — to make Jesus known to others.

It is no coincidence that our 39th National Convention occurs within this Jubilee Year of Saint Paul. May those who will gather in Las Vegas, Nevada, show the same courage, determination, and trust in God's providential design for the present and future of our beloved LPSCU as Saint Paul did in his mission to reveal Jesus to the nations! Through the intercession of Saint Paul, may our delegates exhibit creativity, commitment, and charity in all the decisions that must be made for the good of the LPSCU!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

Belated Mother's Day/ Father's Day Tributes

The following were inadvertently omitted from our Mother's/Father's Day Tributes last issue. We sincerely apologize for this oversight.

Happy Mother's Day to **Mary Ann Strauss**
With love from her granddaughters,
Lia and Rina, Sara, Macy and Edie

Daddy (**Marty Bucha**),
Happy Father's Day to the best dad in the world.
Remembering all the good times.
Love, Aggie, Monica, Martine, and Mary Jo.

Andrew Ondish, Jr. Earns Eagle Scout Award

Andrew Ondish, Jr., son of Andrew and Zelda Ondish, recently earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award. The Eagle Scout is the highest achievement award that can be earned by a Boy Scout. He has been a scout in Minsi Trails Troop 63 at St. John's Parish for 11 years and has earned 26 merit badges.

Andrew's Eagle Scout project benefited St. Joseph Church in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Under the guidance of his mentor, Joseph Rostar, and with the aid of other boy scout troop members, Andrew planned, organized, and completed the restoration of three restrooms at the church.

Andrew is a 2007 graduate of Bishop Hafey High School and is attending Luzerne Community College. He is aspiring to earn a Ph.D. in military history with an emphasis on the Civil War. Andrew is a Civil War re-enactor with the Pennsylvania 81st Regiment Volunteer Infantry. His other interests are learning to play the guitar and volunteering as a Youth Group Assistant Advisor and with the CCD Program.

Andrew is a member of LPSCU Branch 124 and the Mon-signor Beeda District in Hazleton.

The LPSCU congratulates Andrew Ondish, Jr., for this outstanding accomplishment in scouting.



Pictured in front row from left are Andrew's mentor Joseph Rostar, Andrew Ondish, Sr., Andrew Ondish, Jr., and Zelda Ondish. In back, L-R, are Troop 63 leaders Eric Jesperson, committee chairman; Jim Gurzler, assistant scout master; and John Driscoll, cub master.