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MARCH

- 8** — Rev. Dianiska District meeting at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. Branches 6, 48, and 213 will host.
- 20** — Deadline to submit matters for consideration by the Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting. Send same to Theresa Kluchinski at the Home Office.
- 21** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at LaBuda Social Hall, Incarnation of Our Lord School, Buchanan and Thomas Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. Members who also belong to the Cardinal Tomko Chapter are asked to stay after the meeting to set up the social hall for the pork and sauerkraut dinner that will be held on Sunday, March 22 at noon.
- 25** — Deadline to nominate a member for the 2009 Youth Achievement Award and the 2009 Fraternalist of the Year Award. *See page 19.*
- 25** — Deadline to apply for the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award.
- 25** — **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**
- 27-30** — LPSCU Annual Meeting, Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- 29** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish (St. Michael's Worship Site), Munhall, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 31** — Deadline to tell us why your Mom's "The Greatest" and your Dad's "So Special." *See page 24 and page 17.*
- 31** — Deadline to submit messages for our Mother's/Father's Day Tributes. *See page 21.*

APRIL

- 3** — Deadline for Branch 83 members to make a reservation to attend the Branch's Centennial Celebration. *See April 19.*
- 19** — Centennial Celebration of Bethlehem Branch 83 with a 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Incarnation of Our Lord Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, followed by a luncheon at the Candlelight Inn, Bethlehem. Make reservations with Mary Shannon (610/866-1625) or Mary Ann Ackerman (610/866-3130). *More details on page 15.*
- 26** — Rev. Baloga Okres annual Spring Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 180 will host. Donation is \$5.00.
- 26-29** — Slovak Catholic Federation Convention in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

MAY

- 1** — Deadline to apply for WPSCA's Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program. *See page 17.*

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Spiritual Advisor's Message

"Let him easter in us."



Fr. Altavilla

Recently, I had the privilege of concelebrating a Liturgy of Christian Burial for a very faithful and dedicated parishioner and member of the pastoral staff of the church where I currently reside, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. During his homily, the pastor of the parish, Monsignor James McGarry, quoted from "The Wreck of the *Deutschland*," a poem by the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins. The poem is about a tragedy which occurred in 1875, namely, the wreck of an iron passenger steamship, the *Deutschland*.

First, allow me to share a bit of history about this maritime tragedy. The *Deutschland* was constructed in 1866 by Caird & Company, Greenock, Scotland. Built as an emigrant passenger ship, the *Deutschland's* maiden voyage was made on October 14, 1866, from Bremen, Germany, to New York via Southampton. The *Deutschland* sailed from Bremerhaven on December 4, 1875, commanded by Captain Edouard Brickenstein, with emigrants bound for New York with a stop in Southampton, England.

Weather conditions were very bad, and the ship had no clear idea of her position until, at 5:00 a.m. on December 5th, the ship ran aground in a blizzard on the Kentish Knock, a shoal (sandbank) 25 miles off Harwich. At the time, the ship was 30 miles off course.

An attempt to go astern was made but failed when the stress fractured the *Deutschland's* screw. The vessel began to take on water and as the tide rose, she failed to lift off the shoal as had been expected. The sea began to break over her and the wind rose to gale force. By 10:00 a.m. the next morning, the order had been given to abandon ship, and the crew and passengers panicked. While distress rockets were fired and numerous ships passed by, none took any notice.

One boat was launched from the distressed ship, but was swamped. A second boat with the quartermaster, a sailor, and a passenger aboard, eventually drifted ashore on the Isle of Sheppey the next day, with only the quartermaster left alive. This alerted people to the accident, and help eventually reached the wreck in the form of the steam paddle tug *Liverpool* which reached the *Deutschland* on December 7th; 135 persons were saved out of a total of 213.

Among the victims were five Franciscan nuns from Salzkotten, Westphalia, who had been emigrating to escape the anti-Catholic Falk Laws. These laws gave rise to a great struggle between the Catholic Church and the German government, beginning in 1873. The five nuns were buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Leytonstone, London, and their deaths are commemorated every year in a memorial service held on December 6th by the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters of Wheaton, Illinois — the destination of the five Sisters. The young nuns sacrificed their own lives so that others might be rescued. According to one account, the nuns remained below

deck as the ship sank. As the water rose around them, they clasped their hands together and were heard praying, "O Christ, O Christ, come quickly!" It was the deaths of these good nuns that inspired Gerard Manley Hopkins to compose his poem, "The Wreck of the *Deutschland*." Hopkins saw in their deaths a parallel to the suffering of Christ.

During his homily, Monsignor McGarry quoted from the final stanza of Hopkins' poem:

Dame, at our door
Drowned, and among our shoals,
Remember us in the roads, the heaven-haven of the

Reward:

Our King back, oh, upon English souls!

Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of

us, be a crimson-cressed east,

More brightening her, rare-dear Britain, as his reign rolls,

Pride, rose, prince, hero of us, high-priest,

Our hearts' charity's hearth's fire, our thoughts' chivalry's throng's Lord.

I was very much taken by

that particular line, "Let him easter in us." No, it is not a spelling error that the "e" of "easter" is lower-case. In the line of this poem, the word "easter" is actually a nautical term. It means steering a ship toward the east, into the light. Also, as it is used in this line, the word "easter" is used as a verb, an action word.

As we reflect upon the great feast of Easter, which is fast-approaching, this line reminds us that Easter may be used as a noun, a word that denotes a day when we rejoice in the reality of God's redemptive love that comes to us through the Resurrection of Jesus. But, given the usage of the nautical term "easter" in Hopkins' poem, we are also reminded that Easter may be used a verb: Easter is something we **think**, something we **feel**, and something we **do**.

Throughout our lives, we are challenged to steer towards the light, trying to navigate through the many difficulties that become part of our life's voyage. Easter, for us, is meant to be a way of living, a way of loving, a way of seeing, of hearing and understanding. As Christians, we are called to **live** Easter in every act of kindness, generosity and compassion. The nuns that died on the *Deutschland* were headed to America to serve God's people through the ministry of teaching. As true imitators of Jesus, they were willing to sacrifice their lives for others. They died so that others might be able to live. This is truly the mystery of the Easter or Paschal celebration.

As we pray during the Eucharistic Prayer of the Liturgy, "Though his nature was divine, he [Jesus] stripped himself of glory and by shedding his blood on the cross, he brought

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... even though our Lenten penances may come to an end, the work of "staying on course" never ends.



*The National Officers
of the
Ladies Pennsylvania
Slovak Catholic Union
extend a most
Blessed and Joyous
Easter to all!*

*Veselá veľka noc
Radostné Aleluja*

Šventu Velyku Linkejimai

2009

EASTER MESSAGE

from Bishop Joseph V. Adamec



**Most Rev. Joseph
V. Adamec**

Sisters and Brothers of the Ladies
Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

There was much hope among those who heard Jesus speak of a future that included forgiveness and eternal life. What disappointment and hopelessness they must have felt after the crucifixion! Finding the tomb empty only added to their confusion and despair. The whole scenario was difficult to understand in human terms.

Some attach significance to the fact that the cloth, which had covered Jesus' head (Jn 20:7), was neatly rolled up aside from the larger crumpled cloth that had covered the rest of the body. The Evangelist thought it important enough to record it for us.

Tradition has it that if you would like to return to a home at which you had dinner, you should neatly fold your napkin after the meal. It appears that Jesus left such a sign, indicating that He had not left, as if to never return.

Jesus did return and wishes to return. There was and is a Resurrection.

Regardless of how empty and hopeless our lives may seem at times, there is within us something akin to a neatly-folded napkin, which was placed there on the day of our Baptism. Easter is a time to invite Jesus back into our lives, with the confidence that He has no intention of leaving us abandoned.

During this Easter Season, may you find peace within the turmoil of this life. Hold on to the Good News of Jesus Christ that includes the message of forgiveness, resurrection, and the promise of eternal life. May your very presence to others be a song that resounds with a continuous *Alleluia!*

Fraternally yours in the Risen Lord,

+ *Joseph*

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown
Protector, LPSCU

Allentown Church Plans Trip to Slovakia

St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, is sponsoring a 12-day trip to Slovakia and the Czech Republic, July 6-18, 2009. The tour includes multi-night stays and extensive sight-seeing in Bratislava, Banská-Bystrica, Kosice, and Prague. Airfare, three- and four-star hotels, breakfasts, excursions, and all taxes and surcharges are included in the \$3,297 per person cost. A professional tour escort specializing in Slovakia and a full-time motor coach and driver will be with the group throughout the journey. For more details, call Ray Fernandez at 610/868-3817.

LPSCU Board of Directors Annual Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the National Headquarters of the LPSCU located at 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Subsequent sessions will be held on Saturday, March 28, Sunday, March 29, and Monday, March 30.

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 Annual Meeting should be received **no later than March 20, 2009.**

Youngstown Sister Cities Hosts Exchange Students

Youngstown Sister Cities hosted its Czech and Slovak high school exchange students at the American Slovak Cultural Association Vilija Dinner held in December in Youngstown, Ohio. Host families of the students also in attended.

Students spoke briefly about their experiences in the United States. Each was given a monetary gift from Youngstown Sister Cities. Seminarian Michael Zabrecky from Kosice, Slovakia, who is studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, was unable to attend. He was represented by Jim Bench.

Greg Lambert of Salem, Ohio, is currently in the group's Sister City of Spisska Nova Ves, studying for one year.

The donation given to Youngstown Sister Cities by the LPSCU at the 2008 Convention was used to help pay the airfare of the three exchange students.

Bernie Demechko



Seated L-R: Board members Loretta Ekoniak, Jim Bench, Secretary Bernadette Demechko (of LPSCU Branch 83), and exchange student Veronika Mourkova of Prague, Czech Republic. Standing L-R: Treasurer Bob Petruska, exchange student Martin Michal of Zvolen, Slovakia, and Board member Ron Garchar.

LPSCU Members Attend 36th Annual March for Life

On Thursday, January 22, members of the LPSCU boarded a bus for Washington, D.C., to participate in the 36th Annual March for Life. They were joined by members of the other Slovak Catholic organizations (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, First Catholic Slovak Union, and the Slovak Catholic Sokol) to unite in peaceful demonstration against the Roe vs. Wade decision permitting abortion.

Pictured below are some of the members who attended the March — From left, Zelda Ondish, Christopher Ondish, Barbara Kalish, Hannah Ondish, Ed Kalish, Salina Sachetti, Chuck Simalchik, and Donna Yocum.



Join Hands Day Set for Saturday, May 2

On May 2, 2009, fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike will come together for JOIN HANDS DAY to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects that connect youth and adults. JOIN HANDS DAY gives fraternal benefit societies and volunteer organizations the opportunity to reach out to people they don't know, to connect generations and develop new relationships.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN A PROJECT!

The planning process for JOIN HANDS DAY is critical because it is at this stage where youth and adult partnerships begin. Have your youth and adult groups meet and decide on a JOIN HANDS DAY project. After a project is selected, it is time to develop the plan, determine responsibilities, and delegate assignments to ensure a team effort. Have a meeting in a few weeks to evaluate your group's progress and set deadlines for completion of your project. Meet again, if necessary, to assure that all volunteers will be prepared to fulfill your group's project on JOIN HANDS DAY, **Saturday, May 2.**

Registering before and after the event at www.joinhandsday.org will automatically ensure that your project is entered into the judging process for awards.

HAVE FUN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER PROJECT ON MAY 2 AND ENJOY JOIN HANDS DAY!

LPSCU Announces New Premium Schedules

If you're looking for a very economical life insurance plan, check out the policies offered by the LPSCU. Premiums are considered to be affordable for any applicant's age. Why not take advantage of having substantial life insurance protection with low premiums? Depending upon the plan, we offer coverage from age 0 to age 85 and premiums can be paid on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis (with the exception of our Single Premium Plan). 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/ies.

In addition to our affordable premiums, the Life Plan offers the added fraternal benefits of educational awards, youth/adult activities, newborn coverage, a prescription discount plan, car rental discount, and our bimonthly magazine.

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

Below is a listing of the new Annual Premium schedule for our various plans. Annual Premium* is based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual, quarterly, or monthly premium rates are also available by contacting your local representative or the Home Office.

* Premium does not include Administration Fee (\$10.00 one time on Single Premium; \$10.00 annually on 3 Payment Life; \$2.00 annually on all other plans).

Issue Age	Whole Life		20 Payment Life		3 Payment Life		Single Premium Life		20 Year Endowment	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	5.58	5.52	7.16	7.09	23.91	20.15	68.00	57.00	38.15	37.77
1	5.61	5.55	7.20	7.13	24.60	20.80	70.00	59.00	38.34	37.96
2	5.64	5.58	7.24	7.17	25.42	21.53	72.00	61.00	38.53	38.15
3	5.67	5.61	7.28	7.21	26.31	22.30	74.00	63.00	38.72	38.34
4	5.70	5.64	7.32	7.25	27.28	23.12	77.00	65.00	38.92	38.53
5	5.73	5.67	7.36	7.29	28.30	23.98	80.00	68.00	39.11	38.72
6	5.76	5.70	7.40	7.33	29.36	24.89	83.00	70.00	39.30	38.91
7	5.79	5.73	7.44	7.37	30.46	25.81	86.00	73.00	39.49	39.10
8	5.82	5.76	7.48	7.41	31.59	26.76	89.00	76.00	39.69	39.30
9	5.85	5.79	7.52	7.45	32.79	27.76	93.00	79.00	39.90	39.50
10	5.88	5.82	7.56	7.49	34.02	28.80	96.00	81.00	40.10	39.70
11	5.91	5.85	7.61	7.53	35.30	29.87	100.00	5.00	40.30	39.90
12	5.94	5.88	7.60	7.57	36.62	30.99	104.00	88.00	40.50	40.10
13	5.97	5.91	7.88	7.61	37.98	32.13	107.00	91.00	40.70	40.30
14	6.00	5.94	8.17	7.65	39.36	33.31	111.00	94.00	40.91	40.50
15	6.03	5.97	8.47	7.69	40.77	34.52	115.00	98.00	41.11	40.70
16	6.04	6.00	8.77	7.73	42.19	35.77	119.00	101.00	41.31	40.90
17	6.26	6.03	9.06	7.77	43.62	37.08	123.00	105.00	41.51	41.10
18	6.50	6.06	9.36	7.95	45.08	38.41	127.00	109.00	41.72	41.31
19	6.74	6.09	9.68	8.24	46.56	39.80	132.00	113.00	41.94	41.52
20	6.77	6.12	9.90	8.46	47.64	40.84	135.00	116.00	42.15	41.73
21	6.80	6.15	10.22	8.76	49.19	42.29	139.00	120.00	42.36	41.94
22	7.02	6.18	10.56	9.07	50.80	43.79	144.00	124.00	42.57	42.15
23	7.29	6.21	10.91	9.40	52.47	45.35	149.00	129.00	42.78	42.36
24	7.55	6.41	11.27	9.74	54.20	46.97	154.00	133.00	43.00	42.57
25	7.85	6.66	11.65	10.09	56.00	48.65	159.00	138.00	43.21	42.78
26	8.15	6.93	12.04	10.45	57.86	50.38	164.00	143.00	43.42	42.99
27	8.48	7.22	12.44	10.83	59.78	52.18	170.00	148.00	43.63	43.20
28	8.81	7.53	12.86	11.22	61.77	54.04	175.00	154.00	43.85	43.42
29	9.17	7.84	13.30	11.63	63.84	55.96	181.00	159.00	44.08	43.64
30	9.55	8.17	13.76	12.05	65.99	57.96	188.00	165.00	44.30	43.86
31	9.94	8.51	14.23	12.49	68.24	60.02	194.00	171.00	44.52	44.08
32	10.37	8.88	14.73	12.94	70.59	62.16	201.00	177.00	44.74	44.30
33	10.81	9.26	15.26	13.41	73.03	64.36	208.00	183.00	44.97	44.52
34	11.27	9.66	15.81	13.89	75.56	66.64	215.00	190.00	45.19	44.74
35	11.78	10.08	16.38	14.39	78.19	68.99	221.00	195.00	45.41	44.96
36	12.29	10.50	16.98	14.92	80.91	71.41	229.00	202.00	45.63	45.18
37	12.85	10.96	17.61	15.48	83.73	73.91	237.00	209.00	45.86	45.41
38	13.43	11.44	18.26	16.05	86.65	76.49	245.00	216.00	46.10	45.64
39	14.03	11.94	18.94	16.64	89.65	79.16	254.00	224.00	46.33	45.87
40	14.67	12.48	19.65	17.26	92.76	81.92	263.00	232.00	46.56	46.10
41	15.35	13.03	20.38	17.91	95.96	84.78	272.00	240.00	46.79	46.33
42	16.07	13.62	21.15	18.58	99.26	87.72	281.00	249.00	47.03	46.56

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	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
43	16.82	14.24	21.94	19.28	102.65	90.76	291.00	257.00	47.26	46.79
44	17.60	14.90	22.77	20.01	106.14	93.90	301.00	266.00	47.49	47.02
45	18.44	15.58	23.62	20.77	109.69	97.13	311.00	276.00	47.73	47.26
46	19.31	16.30	24.50	21.56	113.34	100.46	321.00	285.00	47.98	47.50
47	20.24	17.07	25.43	22.37	117.08	103.89	332.00	295.00	48.22	47.74
48	1.21	17.88	26.40	23.22	120.91	107.39	343.00	305.00	48.46	47.98
49	22.25	18.72	27.41	24.11	124.87	110.98	354.00	315.00	48.70	48.22
50	23.36	19.60	28.49	25.01	128.97	114.66	366.00	326.00	48.94	48.46
51	24.57	20.56	29.62	25.96	133.20	118.42	378.00	337.00	49.19	48.70
52	25.80	21.51	30.80	26.95	137.64	122.35	390.00	347.00	49.43	48.94
53	27.09	22.51	32.05	27.96	142.19	126.35	403.00	359.00	49.67	49.18
54	28.47	23.56	33.36	29.02	146.85	130.44	416.00	370.00	49.92	49.43
55	29.92	24.67	34.73	30.11	151.60	134.61	429.00	382.00	50.18	49.68
56	31.45	25.83	36.16	31.25	156.43	138.86	442.00	393.00	50.43	49.93
57	33.07	27.05	37.67	32.43	161.32	143.20	455.00	405.00	50.68	50.18
58	34.79	28.34	39.26	33.66	166.32	147.60	469.00	417.00	50.93	50.43
59	36.64	29.70	40.97	34.95	171.46	152.09	483.00	430.00	51.19	50.68
60	38.61	31.13	42.78	36.30	176.76	156.67	497.00	442.00	51.44	50.93
61	40.71	32.64	44.67	37.68	182.18	161.34	511.00	454.00	51.69	51.18
62	42.93	34.26	46.67	39.14	187.70	166.12	525.00	467.00	51.95	51.44
63	45.29	35.97	48.79	40.68	193.28	170.99	538.00	479.00	52.54	51.70
64	47.78	37.79	51.04	42.32	198.91	175.98	552.00	492.00	52.54	51.96
65	50.43	39.74	53.46	44.07	204.58	181.07	566.00	505.00	52.54	52.22
66	53.26	41.82	56.04	45.94	210.31	186.29	580.00	519.00	52.54	52.48
67	56.30	44.04	58.84	47.94	216.15	191.62	594.00	532.00	52.54	52.74
68	59.57	46.42	61.90	50.09	222.09	197.07	608.00	545.00	52.54	53.01
69	63.11	48.97	65.24	52.42	228.21	202.65	622.00	559.00	52.54	53.26
70	67.04	51.77	68.91	54.93	234.56	208.38	636.00	573.00	52.54	53.52
71	-	-	-	-	241.15	214.22	651.00	587.00	-	-
72	-	-	-	-	247.91	220.19	666.00	602.00	-	-
73	-	-	-	-	254.77	226.28	681.00	617.00	-	-
74	-	-	-	-	261.77	232.50	696.00	631.00	-	-
75	-	-	-	-	269.00	238.86	711.00	646.00	-	-
76	-	-	-	-	276.54	245.38	725.00	661.00	-	-
77	-	-	-	-	284.46	252.05	740.00	676.00	-	-
78	-	-	-	-	292.74	258.94	754.00	690.00	-	-
79	-	-	-	-	301.36	266.11	768.00	705.00	-	-
80	-	-	-	-	310.31	273.72	781.00	720.00	-	-
81	-	-	-	-	319.56	281.65	794.00	734.00	-	-
82	-	-	-	-	329.11	289.72	807.00	749.00	-	-
83	-	-	-	-	339.20	297.96	819.00	762.00	-	-
84	-	-	-	-	349.95	306.47	831.00	776.00	-	-
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Msgr. Beeda District Celebrates LPSCU's 110th Anniversary

A Mass of Thanksgiving marking the 110th Anniversary of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union was celebrated by LPSCU Spiritual Advisor Father Philip Altavilla on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at St. Joseph's Church, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Immediately following the Liturgy, a Brunch was held at the Ramada Inn, Route 309, Hazleton.

District President Anita Gregory welcomed the 50 members and 14 guests and was happy to have nine LPSCU National Officers in attendance at the celebration. Father Altavilla offered the invocation and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal.

A few brief remarks were made by National President Theresa Kluchinski and National Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge. District President Gregory then presented a Christmas ornament commemorating the LPSCU's 110th Anniversary to one member of each household present. Piggybanks were also handed out to all of the children present.

District Secretary Dolores Evanko continued the program by introducing all the LPSCU National Officers, District

Officers, and Branch Secretaries. Each National Officer was presented with a snowflake pin by President Gregory. Several beautiful door prizes were then raffled off to many lucky members and guests.

The program concluded with District Vice President James Yocum thanking everyone for joining in the celebration of this special occasion. Father Altavilla offered a closing prayer.

The photos accompanying this article show many of those who were present to enjoy this festive event.



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REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT

Members of the Reverend Dianiska District held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branches 7 and 122 hosted the event.

Chuck Simalchik welcomed 62 members, their guests, and seven young members and invited everyone to partake in the punch, fruit, cheese and crackers served as a starter.

Father Philip Altavilla offered a special blessing with prayer and song. All present participated in the ceremony as he blessed the Oplatky prior to everyone exchanging Christmas wishes by sharing the holy wafers with one another.

National President Theresa Kluchinski wished those assembled a Merry Christmas on behalf of the LPSCU. District President Mary Ann Ewasko thanked all members for their cooperation throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

After a delicious dinner served family-style, followed by an enjoyable games social.

Members and guests joined in a special gift raffle, the proceeds of which will be donated to Candy's Place, an oasis

center for cancer patients and their loved ones. Canned goods were brought by everyone and will be donated to the food pantry at the community parishes of Sacred Heart, St. John's, and St. Stanislaus in Wilkes-Barre.

President Ewasko announced that the District had presented monetary gifts to District members Jonathan Royer and Matthew Tirpak, who are both 2008 LPSCU College Award recipients.

Bernie Walchick was the winner of the special drawing for recommending a new member to her Branch secretary.

President Ewasko announced that one District member who is in a nursing home was presented with a poinsettia and that she and seven honorary members were remembered with Christmas Novena Mass cards.

President Kluchinski installed the following officers to serve in the coming year: Mary Ann Ewasko, president; Hope Napkora, vice president; Barbara Kalish, recording secretary; Debbie Adamchak, treasurer; Marge Zinkavich, financial secretary; and Susan Worth, publicity.

The Reverend Dianiska District members wish everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!

Susan Worth



Newly installed District Officers, from left: Debbie Adamchak, treasurer; Mary Ann Ewasko, president; Hope Napkora, vice-president; Theresa Kluchinski, national president and installing officer; Barbara Kalish, recording secretary; Marge Zinkavage, financial secretary; and Susan Worth, publicity.



Children in attendance at the Christmas Party included, L-R: Zeb Chisdock, Paul Gregory Jason, Kendra Jollimore, Cecelia Chisdock, Melanie Lombardo, Connor Jollimore, and Marisa Jason.



LPSCU 2008 College Award recipients receiving awards from the District, L-R: Janet Marley, Ann Tirpak (accepting for Matthew Tirpak), Mary Ann Ewasko, Jonathan Royer, and Carol Royer.



Chuck Simalchik, Theresa Olmschanski, and Mary Ann Ewasko proudly display the items members donated for the community parishes' food pantry.



Members enjoying themselves at the Rev. Dianiska District Christmas Party.



MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

Members of the Msgr. Beeda District held their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 10, 2008. The District's namesake, Msgr. Francis J. Beeda, invited everyone to St. Joseph's Rectory to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas.

Monsignor hosted a cocktail hour while District Officers prepared and hosted a delicious meal for everyone to enjoy.

District President Anita Gregory welcomed the 21 members and four guests to the holiday celebration. She thanked everyone for attending and also thanked them for their support of all the District projects over the past year. She wished everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

District Secretary Dolores Evanko organized several games of Bingo for the group. There were 10 lucky Bingo prize winners and the remaining prizes were raffled off to several lucky members.

The evening of fraternalism and fun was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Enjoying the Msgr. Beeda Okres Christmas Party are, seated L-R: Anna Simkovich, Mary Kish, Mary Surmick, Anna Gasper, Agnes Rocosky, and Fr. Joseph Evanko; standing, L-R: Cyril Kowalchick, Joann Stahura, Marge Stahura, Anella Yocum, Mary Ann Litchock, Anita Gregory, Msgr. Francis Beeda, Bernard Simkovich, Dolores Evanko, Christopher Gregory, Cecelia Nemeth, and James Yocum.



District officers by the Christmas tree are, L-R: Vice President James Yocum, Secretary Dolores Evanko, President Anita Gregory, Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Francis Beeda, and Treasurer Mary Ann Litchock.

BRANCH 52

The observance of the 110th Anniversary of the founding of the LPSCU (which was formed in November 1898 in Hazleton Pennsylvania) and the annual Branch 52 Christmas Party were celebrated on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at the Grandview Golf Club of North Braddock in Western Pennsylvania.



Some of the members and guests of Branch 52 who enjoyed the joint Branch Christmas Party and LPSCU Anniversary celebration.



National Trustee Elizabeth Melko of Pittsburgh (right) was an honored guest at the celebration.

A near capacity crowd of almost sixty Branch 52 members and their families were in attendance. The group included children from the age of one to great-grandparents over the age of 85. They were honored to have in attendance National Trustee Elizabeth Melko, who addressed the gathering and read a greeting from LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski that touched upon the many benefits offered by the LPSCU and stressed the importance of organizational growth by the addition of new members and increased policy sales. Pittsburgh Okres President Dolores Sakal also spoke, offering greetings on behalf of the Pittsburgh District.

A buffet lunch was served with enough variety to satisfy everyone's palate. The children and adults each received gifts from the Branch and many door prizes were won.

All attendees had a memorable time and are looking forward with great anticipation to another great LPSCU year.

Jim Tomasic

LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

A meeting of the Lehigh Valley Okres was held at noon Saturday, November 22, 2008, at Traditions of Hanover, a new, all-independent senior facility located in Hanover Township, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Diane Nowakowski, marketing director, was delighted to have the facility host the meeting. She greeted Okres members upon their arrival and invited them to have brunch in a private dining room set up for the occasion. Afterwards, Okres President Jean Kosalko, opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Kosalko explained that the meeting was expressly called to update members on the results of the Join Hands Day and Make a Difference Day projects, and to finalize the plans for the Christmas Party and the Mother/Daughter Luncheon. Consequently, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were deferred until the next meeting.

ZORNICKA

Margaret Ferri reported that the LVO's Join Hands Day project was one of 10 Excellence Award winners and she received the plaque and monetary award on behalf of the Okres. The members agreed to share the monetary award with the other participants in the project.

For Make a Difference Day, Bethlehem Branch 83/130 and Hellertown Branch 196 held a huge clothing drive to benefit the Visually Impaired and Blind Association of Northampton County. VIABL's Executive Director acknowledged receipt of the clothing and thanked the Branches for their generosity and support.

Plans were finalized for the Okres Christmas Party to be held December 14 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem, beginning at noon. The members agreed to partner with Traditions of Hanover in a "Toys for Tots" program. Members were asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the party. The toys will then be delivered to Traditions of Hanover for deposit into their "Toys for Tots" container for pick-up by the Marines.

The Mother/Daughter Luncheon was set for Sunday, May 3, 2009. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at Incarnation of Our Lord Church in Bethlehem, followed by a luncheon at the Green Pond Country Club.

The next Okres meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the LaBuda Social Hall, Incarnation of Our Lord Parish School, Bethlehem.



L-R: Lehigh Valley Okres members Margaret A. Ferri, Mary Ann Ackerman, Helen Schoenberger (seated), Jean Kosalko, and Bernadine Kerzeja were warmly welcomed to Traditions of Hanover by Diane Nowakowski (behind chair), marketing director.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

The Pittsburgh District's annual card party was held on October 19, 2008, at the Comfort Inn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of fine dining, playing various games, a Chinese auction, and numerous door prizes donated by members.

Pictured is Pittsburgh District Secretary and National Trustee Elizabeth Melko presenting a door prize to Branch 65 winner, Bernice Vedas.



PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Mary Ann and Tom Kaylor of Branch 64, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are pictured dropping off a cash donation and canned goods collected from the Pittsburgh District's food drive. Donations were collected at the District's Christmas Party held December 14, 2008, at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road. The food bank at St. Cyril of Alexandria of Brighton Heights was the site chosen to receive this year's donation.

Mary Ann Kaylor



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Meet Your 2008-2012 LPSCU Cou

Deborah ADAMCHAK

CHAIRPERSON, *Court of Appeals*

Deborah Adamchak is currently serving her fifth term as Chairperson of the Court of Appeals and her 12th year as Treasurer of the Rev. Dianiska District. From 1990-1997, Deborah served as Treasurer of Branch 19, Swoyersville, PA, and from 1997 to the present, she has served as President of Branch 19. She is very active in fraternal activities within her Branch and District and has participated in Join Hands Day projects through her District. She also attended many National Conventions.

Deborah graduated from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA, in 1973 with a B.A. in Psychology. She took accounting and microcomputer courses at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, PA, between 1988 and 1991. She has attended many seminars relating to management and supervisory procedures to enhance her professional skills.

From 1973 to 1983, Deborah worked for the Department of Environmental Resources in Wilkes-Barre as coordinator of the United Way Campaign and Bond Drives. She has been an income maintenance caseworker for the Department of Public Welfare in Wilkes-Barre since 1993.

Deborah and her husband, Stephen, reside in Nanticoke. They are the parents of two children.

Janice M. MATHEWS

SECRETARY, *Court of Appeals*

Janice M. Mathews is currently serving her first term as Secretary of the Court of Appeals. She was a Member of the Court from 2004-2008.

Janice is a lifelong member of the LPSCU. She has been an officer of Branch 65, Homestead, PA, for over 20 years, and currently serves as its Secretary-Treasurer. She is a member of the Pittsburgh Okres where she serves as Second Vice President. Past offices held are Secretary of Jr. Branch 80 and Auditor of the Pittsburgh Okres. Janice participated in many activities held by the Okres. She has attended five National Conventions.

Janice graduated from Steel Valley High School and attended Allegheny and Westmoreland Community College. As a consultant for Verizon Communications for 15 years, she has worked on the Error Correction Team, Life Line Team, as well as the Appeals Team that works with the PUC. Last year she had the opportunity to go to New Jersey as a trainer.

Janice and her family are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Huntingdon, PA, where she is a member of the Christian Mothers and has taught CCD for over 10 years. She has also been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 20 years, serving as a den mother and now as a merit badge counselor.

Janice and her husband, David, reside in North Huntingdon. They have been married for 34 years and are the proud parents of two children, Douglas and Beverly. They have two beautiful granddaughters, Josephine and Georgia. All are members of the LPSCU. Janice is the daughter of the late Helen Durica, who served as National Public Relations Director from 1993-1996.

Mary Ann KAYLOR

MEMBER, *Court of Appeals*

Mary Ann Kaylor is currently serving her third term as a Member of the Court of Appeals. She is a lifelong member of Branch 64, North Side Pittsburgh, PA. She grew up attending lodge meetings with her late mother, Mary Lorinc, and now she enjoys attending meetings with her daughter, Mary Ann Bowman. Mary Ann served as Treasurer for Jr. Branch 30 (which is now combined with Branch 64). She is a member of the Pittsburgh District and participates in its card parties, Christmas parties, and various sponsored trips. She has attended many National Conventions.

Mary Ann graduated from St. Gabriel School in 1956 and from Mount Assisi Academy in Pittsburgh in 1960. She attended computer courses at the Community College of Allegheny County in 1990. From 1986 to 1990, Mary Ann worked as a receptionist and typist at a law office, and from 1990 to 1992 she was a receptionist and computer operator for an architectural firm. From 1993 to 2005, she was a receptionist, computer operator, and a transcriptionist for a business firm.

Mary Ann and her husband, Thomas, reside in Pittsburgh. They are the proud parents of four children and are blessed with four grandchildren.

Patricia STEARNEY

MEMBER, *Court of Appeals*

Patricia Stearney is currently serving her third term as a Member of the Court of Appeals. She has served as President of Branch 109, Hammond, IN, since 2000. She is an active member of the Illiana District and has been a delegate to five National Conventions. She is also President of the Mother's Club at St. Steven's Church in Chicago, IL.

Patricia graduated Cum Laude from George Williams College - Downers Grove, IL, with a B.S. in Nursing in 1986. Her work experience includes being school nurse at Maria High School (enrollment of 1,400 students) from 1971-1979, and nursing supervisor of Oncology/Neurology at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital, Chicago, from 1972-1980.

Patricia is a widow and resides in Romeville, IL. She is the proud mother of six daughters and has 10 grandchildren.

Barbara KALISH

MEMBER, *Court of Appeals*

Barbara Kalish is serving her first term as a Member of the Court of Appeals. She is a member of Branch 7, Tunkhannock, PA, and serves as Recording Secretary of the Rev. Dianiska District. She has attended several National Conventions.

Barbara is a graduate of West-Side Central Catholic High School. She trained at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's School of Radiologic Technology and passed her Pennsylvania State Boards in 1973. She also trained in Diagnostic Ultrasound at

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Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital. She worked at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital from 1973-1974 and at Family Physicians' Associates from 1974-1980 as a Radiologic Technologist. She worked at Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital from 1980-1983 and at Cardiac Ultrasound in Clarks Summit, PA, from August 1983 to December 1983 as a Cardiac Ultrasound Technologist. From 1992 to the present, Barbara has been a teachers' aide at Evans Falls Elementary School in Tunkhannock.

Barbara has been named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Scranton/Pocono Council Girl Scouts of America.

Barbara and her husband, Edward, reside in Tunkhannock. They are the parents of two children, Sarah and Edward.

Msgr. Francis J. BEEDA, S.T.L. **HONORARY SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**

Msgr. Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L., was named Honorary Spiritual Advisor in March 1993. He served as LPSCU Spiritual Advisor from 1972-1992. The Msgr. Beeda District in Hazleton, PA, is named in his honor. He is a member of LPSCU Branch 69 in Scranton, PA.

Msgr. Beeda graduated from Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, NY, and North American College in Rome, Italy. He was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in 1961, and offered his first Mass at St. Clement's Basilica in Rome, where St. Cyril is buried. He received the Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University in 1962. On July 22, 1962, he offered a Mass of Thanksgiving in Holy Family Church in Scranton, his home parish.

He served as Assistant Pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA; St. Joseph's Church, Nanticoke, PA; and Sacred Heart Church, Wilkes-Barre, where he became pastor in 1974. Since September of 1985, Monsignor has served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Hazleton.

On March 14, 1983, he was named Domestic Prelate by Pope John Paul II. He is active in the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Cecilia SAROCKY **HONORARY PRESIDENT**

Cecilia Sarocky was named Honorary President in March 1997. She served as National President (1978-1996), National Treasurer (1973-1978), and National Trustee (1969-1973). She is currently serving her 50th year as Secretary of Pittsburgh Branch 42. She also served as President and Secretary of the Pittsburgh District for 11 years and is Honorary President of the District.

Ceil is a past Treasurer of the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh, having served 30 years in that position. She has served as International President of the Women's Committee of the Slovak World Congress; Past President of the President's Section of the National Fraternal Congress of America; and Past President of the Pennsylvania State Fraternal Congress. She received the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, where she served as a Board member.

Since 1983, Ceil has been General Chairperson for the Pittsburgh Slovak Committee for Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day at Pittsburgh's Kennywood Park. At the Centennial Anniversary of the LPSCU in 1998, she was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal by His Excellency Jozef Cardinal Tomko of Rome.

In 1980, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the Slovak American member to the public delegation at the "Conference on Security and Cooperation Reviewing Helsinki Accords" in Madrid, Spain.

In 1988, former Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburg appointed her to serve as Slovak Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission in Harrisburg, PA, a position she held until 1992.

Prior to retirement, Ceil worked in accounting for 22 years.

Ceil is a widow and resides in Pittsburgh. She has three living children, Stephen and Kenneth Sarocky, and Cynthia Schlebusch; a daughter, Carol Ann, predeceased her. She is blessed with two grandchildren, Ronald and Stephanie Schlebusch.

Mary Ann ACKERMAN **HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT**

Mary Ann Ackerman was named Honorary Vice President in November 2000. She served the LPSCU as a Trustee from 1977-1985 and as Vice President from 1985 to November 2000. She also served as Recording Secretary of Branch 83, Bethlehem, PA, from 1973 to 1975, when she then became Financial Secretary of the Branch. She is currently serving her 34th year in that office.

Mary Ann re-organized the Lehigh Valley Okres on September 21, 1986, and served as its first President until January 1990. She is still very active in the Okres and serves on various committees.

Prior to retirement, her occupation was a bookkeeper, secretary, and computer operator.

Mary Ann is a widow and resides in Bethlehem. She has four children, Richard, Bernard, and Annette Ackerman, and Marilyn Geiger. She has seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and will be blessed with another great-grandchild in April 2009.

Ann DOBIAS **HONORARY TRUSTEE**

Ann Dobias was named as an Honorary Trustee in November of 2000. She served as a National Trustee of the LPSCU from 1980 to November of 2000. Ann currently serves as Secretary of Branch 194, Chicago, IL, and of Branch 198, Whiting, IN. She was an organizer of the Illiana District in 1992 and serves as its Treasurer.

Ann was employed as an office services manager for more than 33 years before retiring from the workforce.

Ann is a widow and resides in Dyer, IN. She has two children, Richard Dobias and Donna Adams, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

FINAL REPORT

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ISSUE DATES

AUGUST 1, 2008 – DECEMBER 15, 2008

FINAL REPORT

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Excluded</u>
6	Mary Ann Ewasko	\$ 13,000	35	\$ 10,000
19	Deborah Adamchak			1,000
37	Joan Evan	12,000	28	
39	James Yocum			1,000
40	Dorothy Lichman	4,000	5	
42	Cecilia Sarocky	3,000	5	
52	James Tomasic	20,000	60	9,000
58	Margaret Jollimore	10,000	30	
60	Anita Gregory	5,000	10	
62	Bernadine Kurzeja	2,000	10	
64	Elva Silay	20,000	44	20,000
65	Janice Mathews	8,000	15	
76	David Palcsey	5,000	14	
90	Theresa Kluchinski			10,000
109	Joan Hladek	25,000	60	
124	Dolores M. Evanko	25,000	30	10,000
130	Margaret Ferri	5,000	10	
158	Mary Ann Siska			1,000
167	Home Office	5,000	14	
194	Ann Dobias	5,000	14	
202	Eleanor Papst	10,000	28	
213	Theresa Kluchinski	35,000	114	50,000
TOTAL		\$212,000		\$112,000

TOTAL OF ENTIRE CAMPAIGN: \$324,000

1st Prize: \$330.00 ~ 2nd Prize: \$220.00 ~ 3rd Prize: \$110.00

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

1 st Prize	Theresa Kluchinski	114 points	\$330.00
2 nd Prize	James Tomasic	60 points	\$110.00
	Joan Hladek	60 points	\$110.00
3 rd Prize	Elva Silay	44 points	\$110.00

*Thank you to all who participated in the Campaign. We encourage you to continue selling for **CAMPAIGN 2009**.*

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Anita Gregory, National Vice President

Attention: St. Cyril's (and Slovak Girls' Academy) Alumnae

Back issues of the *Fialky*, the semiannual publication, as well as the yearbook of graduates, are available. Former students who might wish to reminisce about the experiences of their teen years may find these very interesting. Please send requests to: Sister M. John Vianney, SS.C.M., Jankola Library, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698 or call 570/275-5606. Our e-mail is jankolalib@jlink.net.

Celebrating Saint Casimir, Patron of Lithuania

The feast day of Saint Casimir, patron of Lithuania, is celebrated on March 4, which is the date of his death. Thousands of pilgrims from various Lithuanian cities and villages attend Mass at Vilnius Cathedral on that date to observe Saint Casimir's feast day.

In honor of Saint Casimir, a traditional three-day, outdoor fair known as "Kaziuko muge" takes place over the weekend nearest to his actual feast day. The fair attracts thousands of visitors to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. A wide range of handcrafted goods are sold in the city's marketplaces, squares, and streets. The best weavers, blacksmiths, potters, and other craftsmen attend the fair, which is further enlivened by many musicians and dancers.

The fair's trademarks are traditional, lily-shaped palms called "verbos," which are made from colored dried flowers and herbs that are braided together into typical Lithuanian designs and tied to short sticks. The verbos are taken to church on Palm Sunday and then used for decorations in the home. The shape of Vilnius' palms originated from a lily with which Saint Casimir is traditionally portrayed.

Another typical product of the fair is what is known as "muginukas," a heart-shaped honey cookie which is decorated with colored sugar flowers, zig-zags, dots, and birds. Popular men's and women's names are written on the cookies. People buy and give them to loved ones. It is customary to take a cookie home for anyone who missed the fair.

For Lithuania, March 4th is not only Saint Casimir's feast day, but a national holiday as well. Saint Casimir died at the young age of 25. Young people of Lithuania were especially attracted to St. Casimir's youth and high regard for chastity. On June 11, 1948, Pope Pius XII named St. Casimir the special patron of all Lithuanian youth. The saint thus became the patron of youth not only within Lithuania, but in all countries where Lithuanian young people reside.

WPSCA Holds Testimonial Awards Dinner

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association held its Fourth Testimonial Awards Dinner at the Radisson Hotel, Greentree, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 2008.

At the event, the Association's Heritage Award was presented to Branch 64 member Rudy Ondrejco and his wife, Sue. The Ondrejcos have hosted the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour every Sunday since 1979. They also founded the Pittsburgh Slovaks folk ensemble in 1956. The group remains very active today.

Additional awards went to Frederick N. Frank, director, Slovak American Enterprise Fund (Business Award); Gregory C. Fajt, chief of staff for Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell (Government Award); David G. Blazek, national president, National Slovak Society (Lifetime Achievement Award); and Most Reverend David A. Zubik, bishop, Diocese of Pittsburgh (Religion Award).

Michael Krohmaly of LPSCU Branch 42 was congratulated for receiving a first-of-its-kind scholarship from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. Michael, the grandson of Anne and Arnold Krohmaly, found the time spent at the university a wonderful experience.

The event was hosted by Robert Dvorchak, columnist for *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.



Pittsburgh District attendees at the WPSCA Testimonial Awards Dinner are, seated L-R: Gertrude Stash, Ann Melko, and Ceil Sarocky. Standing L-R are: Janice Mathews, Edward Silay, Elva Silay, Mary Heckel, Elizabeth Melko, Dolores Sakal, Ann Krohmaly, and Marge Joschak.

Bethlehem Branch 83 to Celebrate Centennial

The officers of LPSCU Bethlehem Branch 83 are proud to announce that the 100th Anniversary of the origination of Branch 83 was January 17, 2009. In recognition of this milestone, the Branch will observe its Centennial Anniversary on Sunday, April 19, 2009, with a Mass to be celebrated at the Incarnation of Our Lord Church (formerly SS. Cyril and Methodius Church), in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Luncheon at the elegant Candlelight Inn in Bethlehem. All members of Branch 83 are invited to attend this milestone event.

There is no cost for members to attend the anniversary celebration, but reservations are required. Please call President Mary Shannon at 610/866-1625 or Financial Secretary Mary Ann Ackerman at 610/866-3130 **by April 3rd.**

Margaret Ferri

Letters

Dear Members of the LPSCU,

Thank you very much for the college scholarship money. I was honored to be named a recipient of this award. The money is very much appreciated because it will allow me to pay for my textbooks for the upcoming year at Lehigh.

Sincerely,

Megan Bigley

Branch 153 (Home Office)
Perth Amboy, NJ

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you so much for selecting me for the 2008 Scholarship Award. The money will definitely be put to good use at college. Thanks again for your generous gift!

Colleen Gaughan

Branch 38, Whitehall, PA

Ms. Savidge,

Thank you so much for sending me such a generous congratulatory award [Post-Graduate Award]. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to all those members of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union who enabled me to receive the gift. I will never forget the kindness your organization has shown and the support it has given me over the years.

Best regards,

Joe Husty

Branch 19, Swoyersville, PA

Dear Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you for your generous scholarship. I am honored that you have put your confidence in me to succeed and I'll put this award to good use!

God bless!

Amy Bucha

Branch 38, Whitehall, PA

Dear Ms. Kluchinski,

Thank you very much for the Post-Graduate Award! I really appreciate the award and it helped me with my educational expenses. I have already started teaching first grade and am loving the profession. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Angie Ferri

Branch 130, Bethlehem, PA

Helen Bolchak, Past National and Branch Officer

Helen Bolchak, 97, of Taylor, Pennsylvania, died on December 18, 2008, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She was the wife of the late Desider Bolchak.

Born in Taylor, daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Paliska, Helen was a graduate of Taylor High School and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts. She was a talented artist and designer, always looking to enhance and educate her family and friends. She was also an avid reader.

A devout Catholic, Helen was a life-long parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Taylor, where she served as president of its Sacred Heart League and Altar and Rosary Society. She served as LPSCU National Treasurer from 1972-1973 and as National Financial Secretary in 1973. She was an officer of Taylor Branch 27 for over 50 years. Throughout her life, Helen was also very active in the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeast Pennsylvania.

Helen is survived by a daughter-in-law, Elaine Kasa; two granddaughters, Maureen Hunter and husband Gregory, and Megan O'Donovan, all of Pittston Township, Pennsylvania; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Paliska, Irene Sullivan, and Anna Robinson, and three brothers, Stephen Paliska and Michael and Joseph Spigut.

Her family was the center of her life and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Slovak Church, Taylor. The Mass was concelebrated by the Rev. Francis Pauselli, pastor, and the Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., national spiritual advisor of the LPSCU. Deacon Stephen Robinson assisted. Interment followed at the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Baptist Church, c/o 312 Davis Street, Scranton, PA 18505.

The officers and members of the LPSCU are deeply saddened at the loss of our beloved fraternal sister, Helen Bolchak. She was a dedicated officer and member who loved the LPSCU. We extend our sincere sympathy to Helen's family. May she rest in peace.

Joseph T. Senko is NFCA "Fraternal MVP"

The National Fraternal Congress of America, the trade association of America's fraternal benefit societies, has named Joseph T. Senko, a member of LPSCU Branch 42, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a "Fraternal MVP" (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of December 8, 2008. Joe, who is our 2008 Fraternalist of the Year, had his name submitted by the LPSCU as best representing "the spirit of fraternalism and volunteerism."



Joseph Senko

The NFCA recognizes Fraternal MVPs as "Fraternalists-in-Action" who volunteer their time, energy, and compassion to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors. As a Fraternal MVP, Joe Senko embodies the heart of fraternalism through his hard work, dedication, and generosity. Joe's outstanding accomplishments, which set him apart as our 2008 Fraternalist of the Year, were featured in the September/October issue of *Zornicka*.

The LPSCU congratulates Joseph T. Senko on adding the title of "Fraternal MVP" to his list of accomplishments. We are proud to see him receive this distinct honor from the NFCA.

Pittsburgh District Celebrates LPSCU's 110th Anniversary

The Pittsburgh District hosted a luncheon at the Comfort Inn, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 2008, to celebrate the LPSCU's 110th Anniversary. The party was held in conjunction with the District's annual Christmas Party and included special guests, LPSCU Spiritual Advisor Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., and national officers, President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, and Mary Jo's daughter, Amy Savidge. There were approximately 90 members and guests present.

The day began with a noon Mass celebrated by Rev. Altavilla. He was assisted by Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia Goda, Elizabeth Melko, Dolores Sakal, Cecilia Sarocky, and Joseph Senko. Following the Liturgy, a luncheon was served and a Chinese auction was held. As is the custom with Pittsburgh District Christmas parties, members contributed canned goods for the needy.

During the celebration, President Kluchinski announced that Joseph Senko had been chosen LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year. She presented him with a \$100 check, which he in turn donated to the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Society. Cecilia Sarocky then announced that Pittsburgh Branch 42 would match that donation, making it a \$200 donation to the Cultural Society.

Very enjoyable holiday singing and dancing was provided by the East End Kids, a local teenage ensemble from the Larry Cervi School of Dance in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.



National President Theresa Kluchinski presents a plaque and cash award to Joseph Senko, the 2008 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year.

WPSCA Sponsors Summer Slovak Program

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association announces the fourth year of its Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program. Awards will be made to eligible students based on academics, major course of study, interest in Slovakia, letter of recommendation, and acceptance into the Summer Slovak Language and Culture Scholarship Program under the auspices of Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Requirements are:

- Applicant must be a full time student in the U.S.;
- Must apply to Comenius University for acceptance;
- Must be of Slovak heritage;
- Must not have previously attended the Program;
- Must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss the Program.

The SAS Summer School, established in 1965, is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia. It is designed to enable students to improve and extend their Slovak language competency as well as to increase their level of expertise in Slovak literature and culture.

WPSCA, founded in 1997, is dedicated to promoting Slovak culture through programs such as language and cooking classes, film festivals, and musical venues.

For further information or for application materials, contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513 or 888/834-6614. **All completed application materials must be received on or before May 1, 2009.**

Reverend Baloga Okres Marks LPSCU's Anniversary

On November 30, 2008, fourteen members and two guests of the Reverend Baloga Okres of Youngstown, Ohio, celebrated the 110th Anniversary of the LPSCU in conjunction with their annual Christmas Party. A good time was had by all in attendance.

Mary Ann Strauss



Members and guests enjoy the Rev. Baloga Okres festivities.

MARCH/APRIL 2009

Tell Us Why Your Dad's So Special!



With Father's Day rapidly approaching, we thought our young members would like a chance to explain what makes their dad that special man in their lives. Is it the way he makes you laugh? The fun times you spend together playing sports or involved in a family

activity? Does he always make the time to listen when you have a problem? Can he grill the world's best hamburger or figure out the toughest math problem? In two or three sentences, why not share with our readers why your dad (or grandpa) is "The Best Dad Ever!" If you have one, send along a photo of you and Dad to accompany your letter.

Please send or email your information **no later than March 31st** to

Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, cbgaughan@msn.com.



Cooking Corner

SEAFOOD LASAGNA

8 lasagna noodles	½ tsp. salt
1 lg. chopped onion (1 cup)	⅛ tsp. pepper
2 Tbsp. butter	22 oz. cream of mushroom soup
8 oz. softened cream cheese	⅓ cup milk
12 oz. creamed cottage cheese	⅓ cup dry white wine
1 beaten egg	1 lb. shrimp, cooked and halved
7½ oz. crabmeat, drained, flaked & cartilage removed	¼ cup Parmesan cheese
½ cup sharp cheese, shredded	2 tsp. crushed basil

Cook noodles until tender. Place 4 noodles in 9x13x2-inch greased dish. Saute onions in butter. Blend in cream cheese. Stir in cottage cheese, egg, basil, salt and pepper. Spread one-half of cottage cheese mixture on top of noodles. Combine soup, milk, and wine. Stir in shrimp and crab. Spread one-half of seafood mixture over cottage cheese layer. Repeat layers of noodles, cottage cheese, and seafood mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Top with shredded cheese. Bake 2 to 3 minutes more. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.



Lehigh Valley Okres Collects Toys for Tots

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, Toys for Tots that were collected from Lehigh Valley Okres members at their Christmas Party were delivered by Okres President Jean Kosalko and Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri to Traditions of Hanover in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The Okres officers were met by Diane Nowakowski, Traditions marketing director, and two Marines, LCpl. Matthew Kiker and Cpl. Matthew Rieser of the Allentown Marine Barracks. Helping deposit the toys into the Toys for Tots container was Lucy Palos, a resident of Traditions of Hanover whose grandson, Daniel Ruthrauff, is a member of LPSCU Branch 130 in Bethlehem. The Toys for Tots container was filled to the brim with Okres donations.

Accepting Diane's kind invitation, the Okres officers and Marines enjoyed chatting during a complimentary dinner in a private dining room at the facility. Afterwards, LCpl. Kiker and Cpl. Rieser carried the container of toys to their vehicle for delivery to their barracks, where the toys will be prepared for distribution.

Partnering with Traditions of Hanover in this Toys for Tots program was very special and joyful for Lehigh Valley Okres members, knowing that the collected toys would make many needy children very happy at Christmas.



Participating in the Lehigh Valley Okres Toys for Tots program are, L-R: Diane Nowakowski, Margaret A. Ferri, LCpl. Matthew Kiker, Cpl. Matthew Rieser, Jean Kosalko, and Lucy Palos.

Calendar of Events

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- 1 — Deadline to submit articles for the SCF's 2009 *Good Shepherd*.
- 2 — Join Hands Day
- 3 — Lehigh Valley Okres Mother/Daughter Mass and Luncheon. Mass will be celebrated at Incarnation of Our Lord Church (formerly SS. Cyril and Methodius Church), Buchanan and Thomas Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon at Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem. Punch reception at 12 noon, followed by luncheon at 12:30.

25 — Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.

JUNE

- 6 — LPSCU Teleconference Meeting
- 30 — Deadline to apply for the LPSCU Catholic High School Award and Bishop Grutka Award.

JULY

25 — Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.

- 26 — Rev. Baloga Okres Indoor Picnic/Meeting at St. Matthias Church, Youngstown, Ohio, at 1:00 p.m. Branch 163 will host. Donation is \$5.00.

AUGUST

- 31 — Deadline to apply for LPSCU Religious Awards and Post-Graduate Award.

SEPTEMBER

- 11-14 — LPSCU Semiannual Meeting in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania
- 17-19 — NFCA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- 28-29 — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

OCTOBER

- 2-4 — Ohio Fraternal Congress Annual Meeting, Mentor, Ohio

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	December 2008	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Theresa Kluchinski		\$ 143,000.00
PA	Dolores Evanko		\$ 110,000.00
PA	Elva Silay		\$ 45,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko		\$ 43,000.00
PA	Janice Mathews		\$ 38,000.00
PA	Joan Ellen Friendak		\$ 33,000.00
PA	Cecilia Gaughan		\$ 32,000.00
PA	Agnes Janinek		\$ 30,000.00
PA	James Tomasic		\$ 29,000.00
IN	Joan Hladek		\$ 25,000.00
PA	Dorothy Lichman		\$ 24,000.00
PA	Home Office		\$ 23,000.00
PA	Margaret A. Ferri		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Cecilia Sarocky		\$ 20,000.00
PA	Deborah Adamchak		\$ 17,000.00
PA	Joan Evan		\$ 12,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Verna Prawdzik		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Margaret Jollimore		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Eleanore Papst		\$ 10,000.00
PA	David Palcsey		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Anita Gregory	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
IL	Ann Dobias	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
PA	Mary Agnes Stromberg		\$ 4,000.00
PA	Theresa Olshemski		\$ 2,000.00
PA	Barbara Janicko		\$ 2,000.00
PA	Bernadine Kurzeja	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
PA	Marion DiCalogero		\$ 1,000.00
PA	James Yocum		\$ 1,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Siska		\$ 1,000.00
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LPSCU Partners with Enterprise Rent-A-Car

The LPSCU is pleased to announce a preferred partnership with the largest car rental company, Enterprise Rent-A-Car! With more than 6,500 locations throughout the U.S., Enterprise is truly a neighborhood company and is within approximately 15 minutes of 90% of the U.S. population, making them an obvious choice for us for local rental needs. LPSCU employees/members will receive contracted rates at all *non-airport* Enterprise locations in Northeast and Central Pennsylvania. In addition to becoming our primary home city vendor, Enterprise will serve as our secondary airport vendor. Enterprise has agreed to provide us with free pick up and return service (delivery where available) at the start and end of all our rentals.

The Enterprise rental program was designed to give the LPSCU an alternative to employees/members utilizing their personal vehicles for travel for personal and/or business purposes. Using a rental vehicle can be less expensive than reimbursing per mile. In addition to cost and liability savings, our employees/members will have the peace of mind of a 24-hour roadside assistance program, newer model vehicles with current safety features, and the ability to rent from a convenient neighborhood location rather than depreciating their personal vehicle. In addition, this program can be utilized when your vehicle is in for repairs.

There are many ways to make reservations for an Enterprise vehicle. By phone, call 1-800-RENT-A-CAR; by internet, www.enterprise.com; or call your local Enterprise branch. Be sure to **use our Preferred Customer Number — 57CE441** — to receive the proper benefit program. You can also go to www.lpscu.org and click on the link to Enterprise.

Enterprise has generously extended this program to all LPSCU employees/members for personal use, so if you have a family trip coming up, or want a luxury car for a special event, you can access this program for that as well.

If you have any questions about our program, please contact Allison Ottino at 570/829-3411.

Attention:

LPSCU Branch & District Members

*We're Looking for a Shining Star
in the LPSCU for the
2009 Fraternalist of the Year*



Do you have a member who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service?



Do you have a member that should be recognized for outstanding fraternal and volunteer efforts?



If you can answer "yes" to the above, then you have a "Shining Star" member to be nominated as our 2009 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year!

To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513 or toll free 888/834-6614; e-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org or visit our website: www.lpscu.org.

Hurry — The Deadline for Nominations is **March 25, 2009**

Let an outstanding youth know. . .

You Are Appreciated

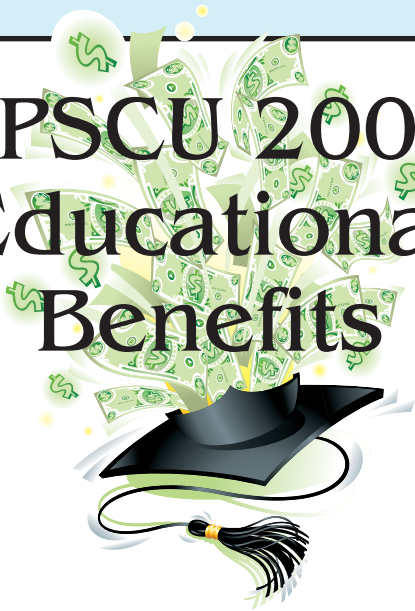
We all know someone between the ages of 13 and 18 who deserves recognition for his or her scholastic, athletic, fraternal, volunteer, and/or other achievements.



To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at 570/823-3513 or toll free 888/834-6614; e-mail: lpscu@lpscu.org or visit our website: www.lpscu.org. The deadline for nominations is **March 25, 2009**.

Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young person that "You Are Appreciated" by nominating him or her for the Youth Achievement Award!

LPSCU 2009 Educational Benefits



Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award — \$500 (Maximum of \$1,000 per member)

- Must have a life certificate with LPSCU.
- Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of this year on a full time basis in the healthcare field.
- Provide proof of acceptance/attendance.
- Provide a wallet-size photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **March 25th**.

Catholic High School Award — \$150 One-Time Award

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **June 30, 2009**.

9th Consular Tour to Slovakia Planned

Joe Senko, the Slovak Honorary Consul, and his wife, Albina, have planned their 9th Consular Tour to Slovakia. The 13-day trip will begin July 3 and end on July 15, and will include stops in Vienna and Prague. Also on the itinerary are visits to Bratislava, the High Tatras, Levoca, Kosice, Banska Bystrica, and Zvolen. Activities include wine tasting, rafting, the Detva Folk Festival, sightseeing of numerous cathedrals, castles, palaces, museums, picnics, and live folk entertainment.

The tour includes top hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, all admission fees, air-conditioned bus transportation, and an English speaking guide. It does not include tips and insurance. The total cost per person (double occupancy) from New York's JFK Airport is \$3,399. For a copy of the daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at 412/531-2990 or jtsenko@aol.com or write to Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Bishop Grutka Award — \$1,000 (Maximum of \$2,000 per member)

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$5,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Must be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Must be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Must be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Must be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, Catechist/Aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, Youth Minister, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and/or other parish committees of organization.
- Active in organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Endorsed by your pastor and LPSCU branch secretary with additional endorsement provided by campus minister, youth minister, or pastoral associate.
- Attend or will attend an accredited college/university as a full time student.
- Provide a notice of acceptance or tuition receipt for the coming scholastic year.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **June 30, 2009**.

St. Theresa of the Little Flower, Blessed André, St. John Vianney — \$300 Annually

- Member of LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Must re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **August 31, 2009**.

Post-Graduate Award — \$300 One-Time Award

- Member of LPSCU for five (5) years with \$2,000 legal reserve life insurance plan.
- Degree must be awarded between July 1, 2008 and August 30, 2009.
- Provide photocopy of diploma received.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Application must be postmarked by **August 31, 2009**.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Home Office:

Phone — 570-823-3513 • Toll free — 888-834-6614
Fax — 570-823-4464 • E-mail — lpscu@lpscu.org
Website — www.lpscu.org

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
Educational Benefit Committee
P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

A Survivor's Story

Halloween can make one think of frightful things, and Halloween 1998 was all that and more for me, because on that day my doctor told me I had breast cancer. Unbelievably, the following year it was back — this time in the other breast! Even hearing the words “breast cancer” all these years later sends a chill down my spine. I am now a 10-year survivor, and I celebrate this milestone with more gratitude and elation than you could ever imagine.

I write this not only to celebrate my survivorship, but also to ask each of you to face the fact that breast cancer is real and, therefore, checkups should not be avoided. What should be avoided is pretending it cannot happen to you! And please remember: Even if your mammogram gives an all-clear diagnosis, you have the right to insist on an ultrasound of a growth you are concerned about. The doctor MUST honor your request.

Every Mother's Day, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for Breast Cancer takes place in Pittsburgh's Schenley Park. On Mother's Day 2008, the survivors numbered nearly 3,000 with approximately 40,000 supporters in the crowd. It was my 10th year of attendance at this emotional event. The most humbling moment was when two dozen white doves were released to circle overhead as the Pittsburgh Symphony played our “Song of the Survivors.” I would like to think the doves were flying up to the heavens to thank and salute God for graciously sparing us!

To celebrate my 10-year anniversary, I sent 50 formal announcements, which picture me standing (encircled) in the crowd of over 40,000. It read: “To my God, my family, my doctors, my friends: On my ten year anniversary of survivorship, I want to thank you for your support, care and prayers during those dark and frightening days of diagnosis and treatment. Back then, ten years of survivorship was not something I thought I would see, but...I have Survived! I do Survive! I will Survive! I ask that you join me in saying a prayer of Thanksgiving. Thank you!”

I invite anyone who is facing breast cancer to please call me, because the most reassuring and comforting part of going through this disease is having the support of someone who has “been there, done that.” And that's me!

Sylvia Goda

Branch 42, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
412/461-7663



Mother's & Father's Day Tribute/Memorial Program

Once again this year, the LPSCU is offering a Tribute/Memorial Program to run in the May/June issue of the *Zornicka*. We are pleased to report that this is the eighth year that the LPSCU has sponsored this special tribute. The program

will give our members an opportunity to honor their living parents or remember their deceased ones by placing a Mother's and/or Father's Day message in our May/June issue.

Because space is limited, Tributes/Memorials cannot be more than 2-3 lines and should not exceed 20 words. There is no charge for placing a message, but a good will donation of \$5.00 per greeting will be appreciated. In keeping with the benevolent and fraternal nature of our organization, all proceeds from the Mother's Day Tributes/Memorials will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Center and all monies donated from the Father's Day Tributes/Memorials will go to the American Diabetes Association for diabetes research.

Donations (which are tax deductible) should be made by check *payable directly to the respective research center* — Breast Cancer Research Center for Mother's Day messages and American Diabetes Association for Father's Day messages.

Tribute/Memorial requests, along with all donation checks, should be mailed to Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052 (phone 610/433-4610).

Deadline for submitting Mother's/Father's Day messages for the May/June *Zornicka* is March 31, 2009.

A few examples of Mother's/Father's Day Tributes/Memorials follow:

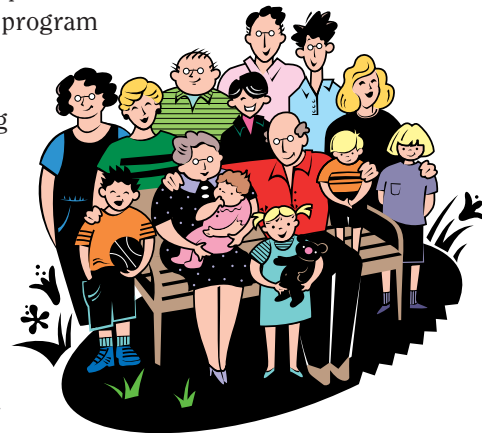
In honor of our mothers
Mary Jones and Susan Clark
Given by George and Christine Clark

In loving memory of Joseph Smith, Sr.
Given by his children and grandchildren

Happy Mother's Day to Betty J. Winston
With love from her grandchildren

The LPSCU reserves the right to edit messages.

We hope many of our members will participate in this worthwhile fraternal activity, which allows them to honor their mothers and fathers and donate to a very worthy cause. This is a wonderful way to show our love and appreciation to our parents (and grandparents) and to show the concern and compassion the LPSCU has for our fellowman.



Dear Junior Members,

In March, we observe two great Feast Days. The first is the feast of St. Patrick, which we celebrate on March 17th. On this day many people — even those who are not Irish — wear something green in honor of this great saint. Green is also a reminder of the beautiful countryside of Ireland, which is so green that Ireland is often called the Emerald Isle. Green is also the color of the shamrock, a small cloverleaf plant with three leaves on each stem. It is the national symbol of Ireland.

In Ireland this feast day is both a holy day and an official holiday. Initially brought to Ireland as a slave by Irish raiders, the Roman Britain-born Patrick escaped after six years and returned to his family. Some years later, he would return as a missionary, seeking to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. According to legend, he used the shamrock's three leaves to depict the mystery of the Holy Trinity by explaining that in the one God there are three divine persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Day is often celebrated with parades and great merriment. In Ireland it is sometimes referred to as the "Irish Mardi Gras." The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737 when The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized what was the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the Colonies on March 17th.

Another great March feast is St. Joseph's Day, celebrated on the 19th. St. Joseph was a quiet, gentle man who receives very little mention in the Bible. He is always pictured as a kind,



supportive man who greatly loved and cared for his family, the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus. He was a "tekton," meaning he was mechanically inclined and a skilled carpenter.

In Italy, St. Joseph's feast day is a holiday. It is a custom in Italy, and especially on the island of Sicily, to set up a "Saint Joseph's Table." All the townspeople load a large table with traditional Italian pasta dishes, along with special desserts. Three people are chosen to play the parts of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and they will welcome all to their table. The poor, the orphans, and the beggars are the traditional guests of honor. Many Italians still follow this custom in other parts of the world. Italians will wear red on St. Joseph's Day, just as the Irish wear green for St. Patrick's.

In Valencia, St. Joseph's Day is also a holiday. Residents have a week-long festival during which they have fireworks, parades, and dancing in the streets.

Huge cardboard animals and statues made out of papier-mâché decorate the streets and around midnight on the 19th, they are set ablaze, lighting up the city as they burn.

Then and now, Joseph, the Patron Saint of Workers, is relied on for his guidance, stability, and support. What better man is there for us to follow and honor to build the foundation of our family?

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Did You Get Them All?

The popular U.S. state quarter program ended in November 2008 with the release of the Hawaii coin. The U.S. Mint began issuing the 50 commemorative state quarters in 1999 in the order in which each state joined the Union. Five coins were released per year at 10-week intervals.

This program was very well received by the public, creating a new generation of coin collectors. Roughly 147 million collectors gathered and saved these quarters. The program was intended to interest young people in U.S. history, geography, and coin collecting and by all accounts, it was a great success.

This was very lucrative for the U.S. Mint, generating \$3.5 billion in profit by the end of last year, not counting the special-issue sets.

The state quarters were minted at the Denver and Philadelphia mints. The quarter was chosen because of its broad circulation and for its size. Each state chose its own design for the back of its coin and it was felt this could best be depicted on a quarter rather than the smaller nickel, penny or dime.

The state quarter program was signed into affect on December 1, 1997, by then President Bill Clinton. The only other similar commemorative coin program that generated widespread public interest was the minting of the special Bicentennial quarters back in 1975 and 1976.

Kids in the Kitchen

We are celebrating the season of Lent during which we will be eating many meatless meals. Here is a recipe for a special dish that you can eat during Lent (or any time). If you have never made pancakes before, please ask an adult to help.

GOLD COIN PANCAKES

These pancakes are very rich in flavor so you may not eat as many as usual. This recipe makes 6-8 pancakes but it can be doubled.

You will need:

- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup of cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup of sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sour cream



Sift the flour, soda, and salt together. Set this aside until later. Crack the eggs and mix at low speed until they are thoroughly mixed. Add the cottage cheese and blend well at high speed. Now add the sour cream and mix on low until blended. Add the flour mixture and run the blender on low until everything is blended. Let the mixture stand for 10 minutes.

Fry the pancakes on a greased, medium-hot griddle or non-stick frying pan.

Women's History Month

March is National Women's History Month. Here are a few of the American women we salute this month.

Sally Ride (1951-) is an astronaut who became the first American woman to travel to space. She urges science teachers to encourage girls to study science like she did. Because of her determination and perseverance, today more women are interested in science-related jobs and careers.



Rachel Carson (1907-1964) was a marine biologist and author. She was the first person to warn that pesticides (chemicals used to kill insects) are harmful to man and the environment. Because of her work, many governments passed laws to limit the use of pesticides.

Clara Barton (1821-1912) started the American Red Cross. She was also involved in helping the victims of many disasters, such as floods and famines. Because of her work, many American lives today are saved by the efforts of the Red Cross.

Dorothea Dix (1802-1887) led the drive to build hospitals for the mentally ill in the United States. Before Dix's efforts, mentally ill individuals were often treated like criminals and locked in jails. Because of her dedication, the care of the mentally ill greatly improved.

Sacagawea (1788?-1812?) was a Shoshone Indian girl who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their 1804-1806 expedition to the Pacific Northwest. She served as an interpreter and guide for the explorers. Because of Sacagawea's help, our government claimed the land Lewis and Clark explored for the United States.

When **Rosa Parks** (1913-2005), a black woman, refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Alabama in 1955, she set off a chain of events that would give birth to the civil rights movement in the United States. Because of her efforts, blacks and other minorities won more rights than they ever had before.

Slovak Lesson

TELO – THE BODY

Mám desať prstov.
I have ten fingers.

Kde je tvoje srdce?
Where is your heart?

Brucho má bolí.
I have a stomachache.

Zub ju bolí.
She has a toothache.

Telo je kožou okryté.
The body is covered with skin.

Kde je tvoje čelo?
Where is your forehead?

Krv je červená.
Blood is red.

Hlava má bolí.
I have a headache.

Ucho ho bolí.
He has an earache.

Má veľmi tvrdé svaly.
He has very hard muscles.

Môj brat má dlhé nohy.
My brother has long legs.

Kde je mozog?
Where is the brain?

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Famous Female Firsts

See if you can answer the following questions about women who achieved notable "firsts."

1. Who was the first female justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
2. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature?
3. Who was the first woman nominated by a major political party for vice president?
4. Who was the first woman to have her picture on an American coin in circulation?
5. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
6. Who was the first American woman to fly in space?
7. Who was the first American-born saint, canonized in 1975?
8. First American woman to win three Olympic gold medals?
9. First player in women's tennis to earn a million dollars?
10. Who was the first female U.S. Secretary of State?

Answers — 1. Sandra Day O'Connor, 2. Pearl S. Buck, 3. Geraldine Ferraro, 4. Susan B. Anthony, 5. Amelia Earhart, 6. Dr. Sally Ride, 7. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8. Wilma Rudolph, 9. Chris Evert, 10. Madeleine Albright

Your Spring Garden

In April (and sometimes as early as March) we begin to think about planting a garden. Are you going to plant a garden this year?

Here's an interesting way to plant a special garden to nourish you in your daily living. First, you come into the garden alone, while the dew is still on the flowers. And then you begin . . .

Plant three rows of Peas:

1. Peas of mind
2. Peas of heart
3. Peas of soul

Plant four rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be kind
2. Lettuce be patient
3. Lettuce really love one another

You should also plant Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for practices
3. Turnip to help one another

In your garden you must plant Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Now that your garden is planted, you must water freely with patience and cultivate with love. Remember that whatever that garden returns to you is because you reap what you sow. I hope your garden grows abundantly.



In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
* Frank J. Pizano	7	Exeter, PA
Pauline Kmetz	7	Exeter, PA
Martha Kriso	19	Swoyersville, PA
Veronica Derzak	19	Swoyersville, PA
Helen Bolchak	27	Taylor, PA
* Genevieve M. Hommes	28	Joliet, IL
Edna B. Koontz	32	Pana, IL
Esther Yancus	33	Hazleton, PA
* Shirley A. Shultz	33	Hazleton, PA
Adeline Martin	37	Plymouth, PA
Eugene P. Smith	39	Drums, PA
Katarina Vrablic	40	Allentown, PA
John E. Klovanick	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Josephine Soricelli	58	Ashley, PA
John Raugalis	72	Stratford, CT
* Susan Mamay	83	Bethlehem, PA
Eleanore Golden	122	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joseph L. Skurka	124	Hazleton, PA
Barbara T. Balut	134	Luzerne, PA
Marlene Bronsard	153	Perth Amboy, NJ
Mary R. Mankovich	153	Perth Amboy, NJ
Mary M. Bnosky	156	Coaldale, PA
* Violet R. Zubey	156	Coaldale, PA
Geraldine Bacha	163	Youngstown, OH
Helen T. Galinis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lillian Manning	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Margaret Y. Crake	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Margaret Gribar	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
* Stanley J. Platus	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Pauline Pollock	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Margaret S. Paunicka	198	Whiting, IN
* Kazys Lietuvinkas	L0095	Chicago, IL
Antonina M. Putis	L0163	Chicago, IL
Maria Zigaitis-Gelazius	L0163	Chicago, IL

*Multiple certificates

“Let him easter in us.”

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peace to the world. Therefore he was exalted above all creation and became the source of eternal life to all who serve him.” Despite the fact that they knew they were going to die, the nuns willing sacrificed their lives because they firmly believed that they would be welcomed into eternal life. Because Jesus conquered death, they knew that they would conquer death as well. We must believe the same.

During our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal, we focus on how, occasionally, we may veer off course from the life of faith we are called to live, thanks to our baptism. Our moments of prayer, our fasting or giving up of things that distract us and our acts of charity have helped to purify us so that we may be better prepared to celebrate Easter. It is important for us to remember that even though our Lenten penances may come to an end, the work of “staying on course” never ends. It takes us a lifetime to achieve that perfection that is required of those who follow Jesus. But, like the nuns on the *Deutschland*, we firmly believe that when our work is finally done, when our voyage is finally completed, we will be welcomed to shores of eternity — life with God forever in heaven.

Until that day comes, when we shall pass from this mortal life to the life that lasts forever, we continue to “let him easter in us.” May we live our lives in the light of God’s compassion and peace, his justice and forgiveness. Like the nuns on the *Deutschland* — like Jesus himself — may we be humble servants, embracing opportunities to die to self, so that others may fully live. In thanksgiving for the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf, may we joyfully bear our crosses for one another. “Let him easter in us” that we may, at the end of our voyage, “easter” in him forever in heaven.

On behalf of myself and the national Board of Directors of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, please accept our heartfelt best wishes for a very Happy Easter! May Easter be more than just a day, may Easter be for each of us a way of life — actively sharing God’s love with others by our faithful living of the Gospel message of his Risen Son! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Nech sláva Veľkej Noci je prítomná u vás, keď sa tešíte zo vzkriesenia nášho Pána a Kráľa. Nech nádej, ktorú vo vás vzbudí Veľká Noc. Ostane s vami, keď uvítate krásy jari. V náručí tejto štedrej krásy nech sa dočkáte vynikajúcej lásky Boha a nech každý deň prinesie požehnanie tohto Spasiteľa. Dar lásky, ktorú dostávate, dajte druhým! Haleluja! Ježiš vstal z mrtvzch! To je on, čo vstal z mrtvych!

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

Tell Us Why Your Mom’s “The Greatest!”



Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Now you can tell your mother and the LPSCU in the pages of *Zornicka* why she is the very best. In two or three sentences, tell us what your mother

means to you and why she is “The Greatest!” If you have one, send along a photo of you and Mom to accompany your letter.

Please have your information to us before **March 31st**. Forward it to the Fraternal Activities Director: Cecilia B. Gaughan, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052

