



LPSCU Announces 2009 College Scholarship Recipients

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 1** — Deadline to submit matters for discussion by the Board of Directors at the Semiannual Meeting.
- 11-14** — LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting at the Best Western, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (See page 4.)
- 13** — Mass of Thanksgiving held in conjunction with the LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting, Incarnation of Our Lord Church, 617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the Best Western, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem. Reservations are required. Contact Mary Jo Savidge at the Home Office.
- 13** — Free Slovak film showing: "The Garden" at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall, 230 S. Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 14** — Slovak Language Classes sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association resume at 6:30 p.m. at the Brashear Center, 2005 Sarah Street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (See page 5.)
- 17-19** — NFCA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- 20** — Pittsburgh District Meeting at Eat 'N' Park, Waterfront, Homestead, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 20** — Deadline to submit messages honoring 2009 LPSCU-member graduates. (See page 5.)
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**
- 25** — Deadline to submit tributes to our veterans/military. (See page 19.)
- 26** — Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- 26** — Lehigh Valley Okres Meeting at Incarnation of Our Lord Church Social Hall, Buchanan and Thomas streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 27** — Slovak Catholic Federation hosts its annual Midwest Pastoral Seminar at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. (See page 6 for more details.)
- 27** — Rev. Dianiska District meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 17 and 19 will host. Please bring new socks or other warm clothing items to be donated to local charities for the District's "Make a Difference Day" project.
- 28-29** — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

OCTOBER

- 2-4** — Ohio Fraternal Congress Annual Meeting, Mentor, Ohio
- 8-9** — NJFC Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, New Jersey



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Spiritual Advisor's Message

Charity in Truth



Fr. Altavilla

On June 29, 2009 — the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul — our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI signed his third encyclical letter entitled **Caritas in Veritate** (Charity in Truth). Originally scheduled for release in 2007, on the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's social encyclical, **Populorum Progressio** (On the Development of Peoples), it is believed that this new document was delayed in order to speak to the current economic crisis. This is the first social encyclical from a pope since Pope John Paul II's **Centesimus Annus** (The Hundredth Year). Given the frightening "state of affairs" in regard to both national and global economic situations, the message and challenge of this encyclical are quite timely and worthy of reflection. It is also important to note that the release of this papal encyclical preceded the G-8 Summit which was held in L'Aquila, Italy, from July 8-10, 2009. It is believed by many commentators that the content of Pope Benedict's letter influenced some of the important decisions made by Summit leaders. Also, a copy of his encyclical was given as a gift to U.S. President Barack Obama when he visited Pope Benedict on July 10, 2009, at the Vatican. One may read the 144-page text by visiting: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate_en.html.

The week after the encyclical's release, during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, Pope Benedict offered some personal reflections on his social encyclical. During his reflections at the audience, Pope Benedict said that his encyclical is meant to "address social themes vital to the well-being of humanity." Through his letter, Pope Benedict also wishes to "remind us that authentic renewal of both individuals and society requires living by Christ's truth in love."

"Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. Love — *caritas* — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth."

"Truth in love," he explained, is the "heart of the Church's social teaching."

As reported by the English newservice, *Zenit* (www.zenit.org), Pope Benedict noted that the inspiration for his encyclical is "a passage from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 4:15), in which the apostle speaks of acting according to truth in charity: 'Rather living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ.'" Acknowledging that he did not pretend to offer technical solutions to social problems, the Holy Father stated

that the encyclical "focuses on the principles indispensable for human development."

Pope Benedict's encyclical letter offers a very comprehensive presentation of the Catholic Church's social teaching. While he does reiterate important social teachings which have been in place for many years, Pope Benedict offers reflections on important issues which may be seen as "novelties," yet are very timely. The style and language of the presentation offers a perspective that speaks very much to the current situation that we face in the world.

While there are a number of important themes discussed by Pope Benedict in his letter, most important among these is human life itself. During his audience, Pope Benedict declared, "respect for the dignity of human life is the center of all true progress." Additionally, [the encyclical] speaks of "the

... connected to everything we say and do, must be our dependency on God, the giver and sustainer of human life.

right to religious freedom as a part of human development, it warns against unbounded hope in technology alone, and it underlines the need for upright men and women — attentive to the common good — in both politics and the business world."

John L. Allen, Jr., senior correspondent for **The National Catholic Reporter** (*NCR*), in the July 24, 2009, edition of the paper, writes that some of the "novel" ideas discussed by Pope Benedict are:

1. Call to resist a downsizing or diminishing of current social security systems;
2. Support for workers' rights in a global economy that is marked by mobility of labor (i.e., people moving from one place to another);
3. Need to protect the earth's "state of ecological health";
4. Commitment by wealthy nations to devote a larger share of their gross domestic product (GDP) to aid development in poorer countries;
5. Open up global markets to products of poor nations, especially agricultural products;
6. Support for microfinance, consumer cooperatives and socially responsible forms of business;
7. Development of a "true world political authority" with "real teeth."

Along with these themes, we also find in the pope's encyclical a firm presentation on more traditional elements of Catholic social teaching such as strong opposition to abortion, gay marriage, embryonic stem cell research, and population control programs. Pope Benedict also argues that the indecencies of poverty and hunger should be no surprise in a culture marked by "indifference . . . towards what is and is not human." The Holy Father reminds us that the remedy to this cold indifference is to show true love and concern for the needs of others, especially the most vulnerable.

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LPSCU Announces 2009 Catholic High School Award Recipients



**KELSEY LYNN
CROSSIN**

*Freshman
Holy Redeemer
High School
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania
Member of
Branch 122
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania*



**MICHELLE
MARIE
DRUBY**

*Sophomore
Holy Redeemer
High School
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania
Member of
Branch 7
Exeter,
Pennsylvania*



**ALEXANDER
RUSSELL
NICHOLAS**

*Senior
Holy Redeemer
High School
Wilkes-Barre,
Pennsylvania
Member of
Branch 17
Swoyersville,
Pennsylvania*



**JOSEPH
WASKO**

*Freshman
Seton Catholic
Central
High School
Binghamton,
New York
Member of
Branch 7
Exeter,
Pennsylvania*

Congratulations to All our Awardees!



LPSCU To Honor Its 2009 Graduates

Once again this year, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union would like to honor all our 2009 graduates with a photo and message in our magazine. If you know of a member who graduates this year from college, a technical or career school, high school, junior high, elementary school, or kindergarten, we would like to feature them in our **November/December 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.

The deadline for submitting graduation photos and messages for our November/December issue is September 20, 2009.

WPSCA Offers Slovak Classes

The Slovak Language Classes offered by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association will resume this fall from Monday, September 14 through Monday, November 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Monday evening classes will be at a new location on the South Side of Pittsburgh at the Brashear Center, 2005 Sarah Street. Bozena Hilko will once again be the instructor. Tuition for the eight-week course is \$10.00 for WPSCA members and \$20.00 for non-members. You can register by calling Pam at 412/531-2990.

Important Announcement Regarding Zornicka Deadlines

In an attempt to provide our members with an earlier delivery date of their *Zornicka*, we are backing up the copy deadline date. **Effective with the November-December issue**, all articles and photos for publication must be **received** by our Public Relations Director, Margaret A. Ferri, **by September 20th**, which is six weeks prior to the issue date. All subsequent issues of *Zornicka* will follow this deadline of the 20th of the month, six weeks prior to the issue date.

Because our magazine is bi-monthly, contributors are reminded to think well ahead when seeking to publicize upcoming meetings or events. For example, notice of an event that takes place as late as December 31st must be in the hands of our Public Relations Director by September 20th in order to make it into the November-December issue. Too often we think, "Oh, it's not happening till late December. If I send it in October, that's plenty of time." But we must allow adequate time for the extensive preparation work that takes place before the magazine hits the presses. If everyone gets in the mindset to think and plan ahead, we can continue to bring our members all the news they need to know in a timely fashion. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

June 6, 2009

Call to Order

President Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

President Kluchinski called upon Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge for roll call. Rev. Philip Altavilla was excused.

Welcome Remarks

President Kluchinski welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for this meeting was approved, along with the Minutes from the March 27-30, 2009, Annual Board Meeting, with the following corrections:

Page 1, line 37 – then should be than; Page 3, line 15 – stocks should be stock; Page 3, lines 26 and 29 – then should be than; Page 4, line 31, page 5, line 11, and page 6, line 31 – American should be Americans; Page 8, line 4 – efficiently should be sufficiently; Page 8, line 23 – and should be an.

Correspondence/Requests

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge read the correspondence received since the previous meeting. There were no requests.

Financial Report

Board members were provided and reviewed the following information:

- ♦ Quarterly Statement – March 2009
- ♦ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue & Expense Accounts
- ♦ Summary Market Value 2009
- ♦ April 2009 Custodial, Lord Abbott and American Alliance
- ♦ Anne Cichy and Bishop Grutka Awards
- ♦ Employee Retirement Plan
- ♦ Transaction Summary Report
- ♦ CPA Audit/Recommendations

Mark Your Calendars!

The Slovak Catholic Federation's annual Midwest Pastoral Seminar will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Marek Sitar, a priest from Slovakia who is currently serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will give a bi-lingual (English and Slovak) presentation on "The Life, Mission, and Journey of Saints Cyril and Methodius – As It Survives Today." Registration for the seminar will start at 2:00 p.m. Fr. Sitar will be welcomed at 2:45 p.m., with his presentation following. A buffet dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m.

The offering for this event is \$15.00. Prepaid registration can be arranged through John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810 by Thursday, September 27, 2009. For more information, call Geraldine Hletko at 708/387-7812.

Robert Tapak Magruder
Seminar Publicity Committee

Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- ♦ Annuity and Return of Premium
- ♦ Pennsylvania Insurance Department
- ♦ Marsh Affinity Program

New Business

The Board reviewed and discussed the Pennsylvania Insurance Department Report and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department Recommendations.

Committee Reports

There were no reports received.

Home Office Report

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported on the following:

- ♦ Building
- ♦ Scanning Project
- ♦ QuickBooks

President Kluchinski asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the union.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Caroline Hatkevich	9	Mahanoy City, PA
Eleanor M. Washko	19	Swoyersville, PA
Agnes A. Dula	37	Plymouth, PA
Anastasia Frack	40	Allentown, PA
Mary Polak	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Susan M. Hartman	62	Northampton, PA
Mary Pittak	77	Lorain, OH
Bernadine T. Szymczak	94	Larksville, PA
*Irene A. Spolarich	109	Hammond, IN
Anna Kaneski	132	Youngstown, OH
Theresa Kyek	134	Luzerne, PA
Sophie Helon	180	Youngstown, OH
Margaret Gott	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Alice McAndrew	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stella Alexa	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Catherine Verbitsky	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
*Joseph G. Kepic	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stephen F. Holup	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christopher J. Encher	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Dorothy J. Leonardi	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Matilda Wallace	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rev. Dominic Chonko, OSB	209	Cleveland, OH
Jean Lucas	213	Dallas, PA
John A. Zakaras	L0033	Chicago, IL

*Multiple certificates

Celebrating Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 86th Slovak Day was held at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, on July 16, 2009. Cecilia Sarocky, past national president of the LPSCU and secretary of Branch 42, has served as general chairperson of Slovak Day for the past 23 years.

Guests enjoyed a traditional Slovak dinner consisting of holupky, kolbasi, halusky and ceregi. A Slovak Mass was offered by Reverend Joseph R. Grosko, president of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee. Rev. Grosko was also celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Most Reverend Laurence E. Brandt, bishop of the Greensburg Diocese, was in attendance and offered some words of inspiration. Following the Mass, the Pittsburgh Area Slovaks (PAS) and the Pittsburgh Slovaks entertained the crowd with singing and dancing.

LPSCU Branch 42 member Ann Krohmaly proudly displayed her private collection of Slovak memorabilia. Those who viewed it were impressed with the treasures of old Czechoslovakia including authentic bridal head pieces, clothing, the sash worn by a best man at a wedding, baby dolls, needlepoint tablecloths and pictures, and a very large

book of condensed bible stories from the early 1900s. Ann, who came to America with her family as a teenager, devotes the game room of her home to her awesome treasures.

The LPSCU also hosted a display including pamphlets on the various insurance plans we offer, as well as miscellaneous give-aways.

A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.



Branch 42 members Sylvia Goda and Ann Krohmaly are pictured at the LPSCU exhibit, along with Kennywood's mascot, "Kenny" Wood.



Kennywood Slovak Day entertainers, the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Pictured in the center is Sue Ondrejko, wife of Branch 64 member Rudy Ondrejko. Sue and Rudy are the founders of the dance troupe.



Branch 42 member Ann Krohmaly proudly displays her private exhibit at Kennywood's Slovak Day.

WPSCA Hosting Free Slovak Film Series

For the past eight years, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association has presented several popular Slovak films with English subtitles. WPSCA has announced that it plans to continue the popular film series this fall. Admission is free to all of the films.

The dates, locations, and films for this year's screenings are:

◆ **Sunday, September 13** at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh Posvar Hall, 230 S. Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, "The Garden" – Jakub's life has arrived at a dead end. He leaves his job and gets into conflict with his father. Breaking away, Jakub realizes the pleasures of the countryside in his grandfather's old garden. He falls in love with angelic Tereza, has unusual visitors, and is not planning to go back to town any time soon.

◆ **Saturday, October 17** at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., 412/531-1912. "Copper Tower" – Story of adventure and romance set against background of the High Tatras. The tragic story is lightened up by funny comments.

◆ **Saturday, November 14** at 1:00 p.m. at South Side Library, 2205 E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (412/431-0505), "If I Had a Gun" – This is a tragicomic story about boys who face the grim events of war and everyday village life.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Members of the Pittsburgh District met on July 19, 2009, at the Eat 'N' Park restaurant at the Waterfront, Homestead, Pennsylvania, to discuss upcoming events. A luncheon was served, followed by the drawing of door prizes which were donated by those in attendance.

Sylvia Goda



Seated L-R: Secretary Elizabeth Melko, Treasurer Elva Silay, Secretary Janice Mathews, and Auditor Susan Lazar. Standing is District President Dolores Sakal.



Secretary Elizabeth Melko prepares to read a report at the July 19th District meeting.



Members gathered for the Pittsburgh District meeting.



Some of the members who attended the Pittsburgh District meeting.

MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

The Msgr. Beeda District will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania.

The District's Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Rectory, 600 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Anita Gregory

Lithuanians Celebrate Millennium

Our Lithuanian members celebrate the Millennium of the name of the country of Lithuania in 2009. Events in Lithuania and other countries are dedicated to this celebration.

The President of Lithuania, Valdas Adamkus, hosted guests from northwestern Europe, including Norway, Sweden, Poland, Latvia, and Estonia, on July 6, 2009, in Vilnius, the capital of the republic, for the Millennium celebration. Vilnius has been named "the cultural center of Europe" during this year.

In his comments, President Adamkus noted that Lithuania faced "a thousand years of fighting for survival, of efforts to be within Europe ... not so much in its geographical space, but within the spiritual, cultural, and political context."

To commemorate this special year, the international Lithuanian community was asked to join together in thoughts and words. Lithuanians throughout the world were encouraged to gather together and sing the Lithuanian National Anthem, *Tautiska giesme*. The date chosen to create this day worth a thousand years was July 5th at the 21st hour (9:00 p.m.) Lithuanian Time. Lithuanians in every country and continent were asked to synchronize their time to the 21st hour in Lithuania. This was the 14th hour (2:00 p.m.) in New York.

The Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother are stationed in Brockton, Massachusetts, at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent. Our Sisters gathered in our Chapel at 1:30 p.m. We were greeted by the statue of Our Lady of Siluva, the patroness of Lithuania, the Lithuanian flag, flowers, and other symbols of Lithuania. We recited the rosary for blessings on the Lithuanian nation. At 2:00 p.m., along with Lithuanian people worldwide, the Sisters were joined by several local Lithuanians, and sang the Lithuania anthem with enthusiasm and pride to proclaim to the world a thousand years' pride in Lithuania.

Sister Marie Elizabeth Zemaitis, CJC

Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Massachusetts

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 27-30, 2009 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

Friday, March 27, 2009

Call to Order – Prayer – Pledge

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and offered a prayer.

Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge was asked for roll call. All were present with the exception of the Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Philip Altavilla, who was excused.

Submission of Insurance Applications

Applications for insurance were received from Anita Gregory, Joan Hladek, and Margaret Ferri.

Submission of Conflict of Interest

Board members submitted Conflict of Interest forms. Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported that all were received.

Welcome/Remarks

President Kluchinski welcomed the Board to the Annual Meeting. She mentioned that the meeting would be spending little time on the past and would concentrate on the future. She said we have to look at how we can manage our business by the revenues that we get in, not our unrealized gains. We need to concentrate on what we can do better.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for this meeting was approved with one correction. The Minutes from the December 6, 2008, meeting were approved with five corrections.

Presentations

President Kluchinski introduced Mr. Robert Kopec, CPA for the LPSCU. Mr. Kopec reviewed the Annual Statement, Premium Income, and Investment Income. Any questions asked were answered.

President Kluchinski introduced Ellen Bush from Smith Barney Citi Group, who provided the Board with the LPSCU Capital Market Overview and Employees' Pension Report, 4th Quarter 2008 through February 2009. Presentation of an overview on the following:

- ◆ Asset Allocation
- ◆ Market Value
- ◆ Maturity Distribution Graph
- ◆ Top Holdings by Market Value

LPSCU Employees' Pension:

- ◆ Asset Allocation
- ◆ Top Holdings by Market Value

Questions asked were answered.

President Kluchinski introduced Sam Urda, CPS Actuaries, Inc. Mr. Urda reviewed the Management Discussion and Analysis Report. Questions asked were answered.

Correspondence and Request

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge read the correspondence received since the previous meeting. The following donations were approved:

- ◆ Youngstown Sister Cities
- ◆ Slovak Catholic Federation
- ◆ Annual donation to the Conference of Slovak Clergy

Resolutions

The following existing resolutions were reaffirmed:

- ◆ Golden Age Benefit Resolution
- ◆ 80 Years of Age Resolution
- ◆ Certificate Loan Resolution
- ◆ MBA (Minor Beneficiary) Rate Resolution

Appointments

The following appointments were reaffirmed:

- ◆ Mr. Robert Kopec, Certified Public Accountant
- ◆ Mr. Sam Urda; Mr. Allan Ferrone, Actuary, CPS Actuaries
- ◆ Dr. Robert Czwalina, Medical Examiner
- ◆ Ms. Ellen Bush and Ms. Karen Natishan, Financial

Consultants

Financial Report

Board members reviewed and discussed the following information:

- ◆ 2008 Annual Statement
- ◆ Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expenses 2008
- ◆ Employee Retirement Plan 2008
- ◆ Transaction Summary Report 2008
- ◆ Attained Age Exhibit 2008
- ◆ Secretary Prompt Pay Report
- ◆ Balance Sheet/Revenue & Expenses through February 2009
- ◆ Management /Discussion Analysis Letter

Officers' Reports

The following reports were provided to the Board for informational purposes:

- ◆ President's Report
- ◆ Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Fraternal Activities Director's Report
- ◆ District Report

2008 Audit Report

Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko provided the Report of the Audit of 2008.

Home Office Report

The following were covered in the Secretary-Treasurer's Annual Report:

- ◆ Building Improvements
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Hardware/Software
- ◆ Home Office Projects
- ◆ Financials

Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed the following:

- ◆ 2001 CSO Based Rates and Forms
- ◆ Annuities
- ◆ Return of Premium

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

President Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Philip Altavilla led the Board in prayer.

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LPSCU WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

If you are looking for a very economical 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 70 and premiums, which are paid during the life of the insured, can be paid on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis. Coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured. Upon the insured's death, the face amount is payable to the insured's named beneficiary.

In addition to its low premiums, the Whole Life Plan offers the added fraternal benefits of educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount plan, official publication, and discount car rental.

During these unstable economic times, the Whole Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is economi-

cal and beneficial for estate planning and can especially help with the high cost of funeral expenses.

For those who qualify, the Whole Life Plan also offers the "Paid Up at 80 Plus" benefit. Any insured member with a Whole Life Certificate who turns 80 years of age and has 25 years of LPSCU membership while holding this plan will not have to pay any further premiums as the certificate becomes paid up. (This member benefit is reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to change.)

To apply for this specific plan, or any other insurance plan offered by the LPSCU, contact your Branch Secretary or the LPSCU Home Office.

Listed below are the Annual and Monthly Premium Schedules for the Whole Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual and quarterly premium rates are also available by contacting your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.

WHOLE LIFE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000
Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables
Based on Age at Last Birthday

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	5.58	5.52	0.50	0.50
1	5.61	5.55	0.50	0.50
2	5.64	5.58	0.51	0.50
3	5.67	5.61	0.51	0.50
4	5.70	5.64	0.51	0.51
5	5.73	5.67	0.52	0.51
6	5.76	5.70	0.52	0.51
7	5.79	5.73	0.52	0.52
8	5.82	5.76	0.52	0.52
9	5.85	5.79	0.53	0.52
10	5.88	5.82	0.53	0.52
11	5.91	5.85	0.53	0.53
12	5.94	5.88	0.53	0.53
13	5.97	5.91	0.54	0.53
14	6.00	5.94	0.54	0.53
15	6.03	5.97	0.54	0.54
16	6.04	6.00	0.54	0.54
17	6.26	6.03	0.56	0.54
18	6.50	6.06	0.59	0.55
19	6.74	6.09	0.61	0.55
20	6.77	6.12	0.61	0.55
21	6.80	6.15	0.61	0.55
22	7.02	6.18	0.63	0.56
23	7.29	6.21	0.66	0.56

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
24	7.55	6.41	0.68	0.58
25	7.85	6.66	0.71	0.60
26	8.15	6.93	0.73	0.62
27	8.48	7.22	0.76	0.65
28	8.81	7.53	0.79	0.68
29	9.17	7.84	0.83	0.71
30	9.55	8.17	0.86	0.74
31	9.94	8.51	0.89	0.77
32	10.37	8.88	0.93	0.80
33	10.81	9.26	0.97	0.83
34	11.27	9.66	1.01	0.87
35	11.78	10.08	1.06	0.91
36	12.29	10.50	1.11	0.95
37	12.85	10.96	1.16	0.99
38	13.43	11.44	1.21	1.03
39	14.03	11.94	1.26	1.07
40	14.67	12.48	1.32	1.12
41	15.35	13.03	1.38	1.17
42	16.07	13.62	1.45	1.23
43	16.82	14.24	1.51	1.28
44	17.60	14.90	1.58	1.34
45	18.44	15.58	1.66	1.40
46	19.31	16.30	1.74	1.47
47	20.24	17.07	1.82	1.54

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
48	21.21	17.88	1.91	1.61
49	22.25	18.72	2.00	1.68
50	23.36	19.60	2.10	1.76
51	24.57	20.56	2.21	1.85
52	25.80	21.51	2.32	1.94
53	27.09	22.51	2.44	2.03
54	28.47	23.56	2.56	2.12
55	29.92	24.67	2.69	2.22
56	31.45	25.83	2.83	2.32
57	33.07	27.05	2.98	2.43
58	34.79	28.34	3.13	2.55
59	36.64	29.70	3.30	2.67
60	38.61	31.13	3.47	2.80
61	40.71	32.64	3.66	2.94
62	42.93	34.26	3.86	3.08
63	45.29	35.97	4.08	3.24
64	47.78	37.79	4.30	3.40
65	50.43	39.74	4.54	3.58
66	53.26	41.82	4.79	3.76
67	56.30	44.04	5.07	3.96
68	59.57	46.42	5.36	4.18
69	63.11	48.97	5.68	4.41
70	67.04	51.77	6.03	4.66

Rev. Dianiska District Hosts Youth Bowling Party

The Rev. Dianiska District held its annual Youth Bowling Party on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Modern Lanes in Exeter, Pennsylvania. Hope and Lori Napkora co-chaired the event.

Twenty-one young members attended. Everyone bowled two games and enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, pizza, and beverages. Thomas's Market donated a beautifully-decorated cake for dessert. Each child received a gift and a bag filled to the brim with delicious treats and surprises.

Over the years this event keeps growing bigger and better, just like the youth who have been attending since its inception. Next year's bowling party, sponsored and paid for by the District, is expected to be a great time, so plan to have your children attend. Parents, it's never too early to teach your children fraternalism!

Susan Worth



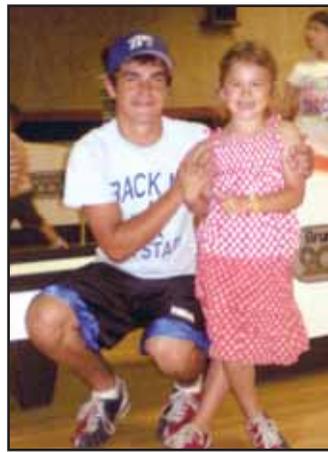
Some of the girls, L-R: Kendra Jollimore, Melanie Lombardo, Marissa Jason, and Cecelia Chisdock.



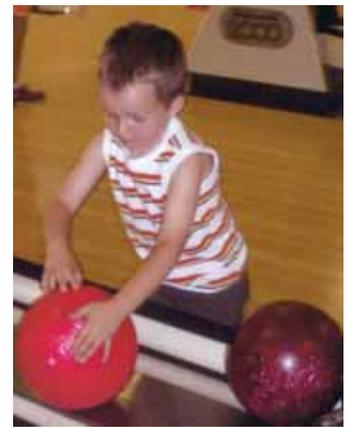
Some of the boys, L-R: Paul G. Jason, Connor Jollimore, and Zeb Chisdock.



Rev. Dianiska District youth at the 2009 annual bowling party.



Aaron and Ana Napkora enjoyed their day at the lanes.



Four-year-old Collin Bradbury prepares to bowl. This was his first bowling party. See you next year, Collin!

New Insurance Issued

State	Branch Representative	June/July 2009	Year-to-Date Total
PA	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ackerman		\$ 56,000.00
PA	Cecilia B. Gaughan		\$ 36,000.00
PA	Elva Silay	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
PA	Jean Kosalko		\$ 30,000.00
PA	Margaret A. Ferri	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
PA	Ann Tirpak		\$ 20,000.00
IN	Ann Dobias		\$ 10,000.00
IN	Joan T. Hladek		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Charles Simalchik		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Mary Ann Ewasko		\$ 10,000.00
PA	Anita Gregory	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
PA	James Tomasic		\$ 6,000.00
PA	Agnes McLaren		\$ 5,000.00
PA	Verna Prawdzik		\$ 4,000.00
PA	Cecilia Sarocky	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
PA	Elizabeth Pipon	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
PA	Br. Joseph Venonsky		\$ 3,000.00
PA	Elizabeth Pipon		\$ 2,000.00
OH	Lucille Komorosky		\$ 2,000.00
IL	Mary Ann Siska	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 81,000.00	\$ 340,000.00

LPSCU Offers Group Dental Insurance Plan

Caring for your teeth should be part of a sound health care program. Yet such basic care can cost hundreds—if not thousands—of dollars annually. Now you can enjoy important dental protection designed specifically to meet the needs of you and your family. As a member of LPSCU, you are entitled to quality dental insurance at economical group rates.

Dental care isn't cheap. Why risk paying expensive dental bills out of your own pocket? Go online and visit www.membersdental.com/lpsc to start taking advantage of the LPSCU Group Dental Insurance Plan today or call 1-866-795-6128 for more information.



Cardinal Jozef Tomko Celebrates

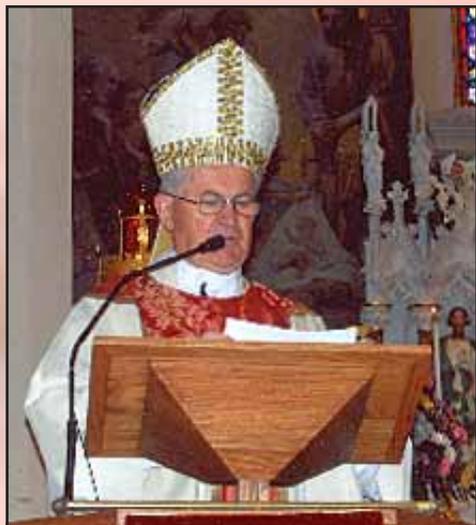
Cardinal Jozef Tomko, STD, JCD, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the opening convention liturgy of the 57th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation on Sunday, April 26, 2009. The 3:00 p.m. liturgy was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Principal concelebrants with the Cardinal were the Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, DD, Bishop of Allentown, whose diocese hosted the convention, and the Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, DD, STL, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown and Episcopal Moderator of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Concelebrants were the Rt. Rev. Christopher R. Schwartz, OSB, abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church; and Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, VE, national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation, along with approximately 20 priest-concelebrants. Master of Ceremonies

was Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli, administrator of St. Mary's Church, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. Assisting at the liturgy was Deacon Cyril Kowalchick of Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

At the opening of the liturgy, Cardinal Tomko was welcomed with the traditional Slavic greeting of bread and salt by Joseph and Anna Biros of



Cardinal Jozef Tomko offers an inspirational homily at the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Middletown, Pennsylvania, who were dressed in beautiful "kroj" outfits. Bishop Cullen then extended a heartfelt welcome to Cardinal Tomko and Federation members before they embarked on the three-day convention.

Serving as lectors were Dolores M. Evanko, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and Ann Marie Motko, an active member of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF, the host chapter for the Convention.

His Eminence offered an inspiring homily in which he recalled his long association with the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation over the past half century. He noted, "My presence today is an expression of my gratitude for your work and support." He praised the Federation for providing assistance to the Catholic Church in the Slovak Republic; for supporting the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy; and for its continued support for the formation of both clergy and religious. He stated, "Many of us received

the faith through our mother's loving embrace. We live the faith in our families and nurture it in our Church. You preserve it in our Slovak culture."

The Cardinal further noted that Slovakia's entire heritage of faith flows from the Apostles of Slovakia – St. Augustine and brothers, St. Constantine

(Cyril) and St. Methodius. He said, "They told us how to be faithful to the Church, to popes, bishops, and the priests who came with your forefathers to help us cherish a deep and steadfast faith. They gave you true inheritance in this genuine treasure." He added, "Your Federation is crucial to our heritage that is rejuvenated to new generations of newborn sons and daughters."

Before closing his homily, Cardinal Tomko presented the Federation with an apostolic blessing from Pope Benedict XVI, and his personal blessing to his brothers and sisters in Christ and Slovakia. He prayed, "May the Lord abide with you forever and help you safeguard the faith of our forefathers."

Gift bearers at the liturgy were Margaret A. Ferri, president of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation and chair of the 57th National Convention; Justine Wesnak, second national vice president of the SCF and founder of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter; and Frances Omick, secretary of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter.

At the close of the liturgy, remarks were offered by Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Following the liturgy, 250 guests attended a reception and buffet dinner in honor of Cardinal Tomko in the Grand Ballroom of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. On behalf of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter, Margaret A. Ferri offered a greeting to all present and introduced Daniel F. Tanzone, editor of the *Slovak Catholic Sokol*, who served as the toastmaster for the evening.

The toastmaster introduced Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Derzack, national spiritual advisor of the Slovak Catholic Federation, who offered the Prayer of Blessing. Justine



Officers and members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, Cardinal Tomko, Bishop Cullen, Bishop Adamec, and members of the Slovak Catholic Church in Allentown.

Hosts SCF Convention Mass



Members of the American Slovak Catholic Federation are pictured with Cardinal Abbot Schwartz in front of St. John the Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

Wesnak then led the singing of the National Anthems of the United States and Slovakia. The toastmaster next introduced the Honorable John B. Callahan, mayor of the City of Bethlehem, who offered a warm welcome and expressed his delight that the Slovak Catholic Federation chose Bethlehem, "America's Christmas City," as its convention site.

Next introduced were the Honorable Michael A. O'Pake and the Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, who represent the 11th and 18th Senatorial Districts, respectively, in the Pennsylvania Senate. Both are of Slovak ancestry. They offered remarks and presented a Proclamation from the Senate.

Toastmaster Tanzzone then introduced Justine Wesnak, who offered a toast in honor of Cardinal Tomko's recent 85th birthday and 60th jubilee of ordination to the sacred priesthood. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious dinner buffet.

After the meal, Dolores M. Evanko was called upon to introduce the head table and guests. Representatives from all Slovak Catholic fraternals were in attendance, as well as officers of the local Lodges and Districts.

Next, the guest of honor, Cardinal Jozef Tomko recalled his long association with the American Slovak community, whom he affectionately refers to as his "English-speaking krajania." He noted his first visit to the United States was in 1958 when he appealed for assistance in helping to build a spiritual center in Rome which would assist the persecuted Church in Slovakia, which was then under communist domination. With the support of the four Slovak Catholic fraternals, along with the generosity of many American Slovaks united under the banner of the Slovak Catholic Federation and led by the late Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, those efforts resulted in the construction of Rome's Slovak Institute of Saints Cyril and Methodius, which was dedicated in 1963. The Slovak Institute is now the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius, a residence for priests from Slovakia engaged in graduate studies. The Cardinal commended the American Slovaks for their steadfast love and support of their faith as well as their willingness to assist the Church in the land of their ancestors.

Next to speak was the Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, Bishop of Allentown, who extended a warm welcome. He noted that the Diocese of Allentown enjoys the support of a large and vibrant community of Slovak ancestry and that their loyalty and support of the Church are an inspiration to all. He also recalled his association with Cardinal Tomko over the years and commended the Cardinal for his great love for the Universal Church.

Introduced next was the Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, who offered reflections on what it means to be an ambassador of our faith and our Slovak heritage. He thanked all for their support of the work and mission of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Inspired by the efforts of its founder, Rev. Joseph Murgas, Bishop Adamec said the SCF continues to promote the works of charity and benevolence.

SCF National President Rev. Philip A. Altavilla was called upon to make a special presentation. Father Altavilla announced that along with a special apostolic blessing from Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy Father chose to honor two well-known members of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Father Altavilla called upon Justine Wesnak, who summarized the charitable service, good works, and accomplishments of the couple to be honored. With the consent and blessing of Bishop Edward P. Cullen, she announced that John and Margaret Ferri of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, were to be honored with the Papal Medal, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" ("For the Church and the Pontiff") in recognition of their distinguished service to the Church and the papacy as well as their dedication within the American Slovak Catholic community. Cardinal Tomko pinned the Papal Medals on the honorees and Bishop Cullen presented them with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" parchment issued by Pope Benedict XVI.

In a response, Margaret expressed the couple's thanks and gratitude for the special award and pledged to continue their efforts in the works of charity, which they consider

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Seated at the head table are, L-R: Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec, Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, Cardinal Jozef Tomko, and Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, VE. Standing, L-R: Honorable John B. Callahan, Daniel F. Tanzzone, Margaret A. Ferri, Dolores Evanko, and Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic.

Convention Mass

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a "labor of love." The assemblage then gave the couple a standing ovation.

Father Altavilla again took the podium to express thanks and gratitude to all for their efforts in promoting the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation, which serves to unite all American Catholics of Slovak ancestry. He offered special thanks to the members of the Federation's Cardinal Tomko Chapter for their hard work and efforts to ensure the success of the 57th National Convention. He asked for continued cooperation as we anticipate the centennial of the Slovak Catholic Federation, which will be observed in May 2011 in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The banquet program concluded with a Prayer of Thanksgiving offered by Rev. Msgr. Kozel, followed by the singing of "Hej, Slovaci" and "God Bless America." Entertainment was provided by John Stofanak of Bethlehem, a noted accordionist.



Pictured are LPSCU officers and members who attended the SCF Convention Banquet – L-R: Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, Vice President Anita Gregory, President Theresa Kluchinski, Trustee Margaret Jollimore, Honorary Vice President Mary Ann Ackerman, Chair of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko, Dolores Sakal Gress and Sylvia Goda of the Pittsburgh District, and Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia Gaughan.



Slovak Catholic Federation members who are recipients of the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" Medal are pictured with Cardinal Jozef Tomko (center) – Seated at left is Margaret A. Ferri and at right is Cecilia Sarocky; standing L-R are John Ferri, Eileen Wilson, Justine Wesnak, Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, and Daniel F. Tanzone.

Letters

Dear Theresa A. Kluchinski,

Thank you for selecting me to receive the scholarship from the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. I am so thankful and appreciative for the extra help you have given me in paying for college.

God bless,

James Eugene Mattern, Jr.

Branch 24, Windber, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Kluchinski,

My name is Milan Kerdik. I am a priest of the diocese of Roznava. Last year my Bishop, Msgr. Eduard Kojnok, now bishop in repose, sent me to study History of the Church which I like the most. I firmly have faith that the knowledge which I obtain here, I can give to other people.

Finally I received knowledge whom I can express my gratefulness because of financial help; without that, I couldn't study postgradually History of the Church. Thank you cordially. Now I am studying at Pontificia Universita Gregoriana - Facolta di Storia e Beni Culturali della Chiesa, Rome.

In these last days, I am going to finish my first level – bachelorship. The 22nd and 26th of June this year will be the last exams to receive the Bachelor's degree. According to statutes of our faculty, those who frequented whatever university from all over the world, now they are in the integrated year. It means that they have the other lessons, especially those, which in my case, they had not received in the seminary and have relationship with history. After this integrated year, they can start the second level – License's degree. Well, from September I would like to continue my studies to receive the License's degree in History of the Church.

Once more, many thanks for your financial help and I crave you abundance of Divine Blessings. I pray for you.

Yours sincerely,

Milan Kerdik

Pontifical College of Sts. Cyril & Methodius
Rome, Italy

P.S. Sorry if my English is not very good, but it is already 11 years when I finished English officially. All that I remember is from my head with help of vocabulary.

Dear LPSCU,

I'm honored to be the recipient of the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Award. I appreciate your generosity. I know that this award will help me complete my education. Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,

Alicia Yanac

Branch 1, Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Salute Our Troops & Veterans

See details on page 19

SCF Annual Appeal Mid-Year Report

Since 1978, the Slovak Catholic Federation has been conducting the SS. Cyril and Methodius Annual Appeal which begins each year in the month of February during the weekend closest to the Feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius. This year to date, I am happy to report that **\$29,643.27** has been collected. The appeal continues during the entire calendar year 2009.

In its 31st 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, "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 Board of Directors, along with a number of local branches, wreaths, assemblies, districts, and lodges.

For 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 (formerly 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 that belongs to the Slovak Conference of Religious. These communities are the 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 upcoming fraternal events along with several national fraternal 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 2008, this Annual Appeal totaled around \$53,777.80.

Individuals, groups, branches, districts, etc., are all welcome to make a donation to this Appeal. Make all checks payable to "Slovak Catholic Federation" and send them to Dolores Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer, 173 Berner Avenue, Hazleton, PA 18201.

I pray that Almighty God reward all of us who participate in the support of the Church in Slovakia through the Slovak Catholic Federation's Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal.

Fr. Andrew S. Hvozdic
Appeal Coordinator

New Jersey Fraternal Congress Celebrates Flag Day



Directors of the New Jersey Fraternal Congress celebrated Flag Day in June. Pictured above, L-R, are: Anthony Beke, William Penn Association; Theresa Kluchinski, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union; Phyllis Rooney, Polish Beneficial Association; Halina Kalitka, Polish National Alliance of the United States; Cynthia Macon, Royal Arcanum; Joseph Minarovich, First Catholic Slovak Union; Charlotte Androckitis, Polish Union of the USA; Steven Pogorelec, Slovak Catholic Sokol; Carol Tranter, CSA Fraternal Life; Priscilla Hunyady, Hungarian Reformed Federation of America; Edward Ciesla, Polish Falcons of America; Monica Kanopka, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Robert Galdon, Royal Arcanum; Frederick Durso, Knights of Columbus; Milan Kovac, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA; Richard Cecchi, Workmen's Benefit Fund of the USA; and Christine McMullan, Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA.

Pittsburgh Fraternal Societies to Sponsor "Kidz" Bowling Event

The Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh is proud to announce that it is sponsoring the Third Annual "Kidz Bowling for Kidz" event for its youth members ages 5 to 18. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The concept was developed to bring young members from all FSGP fraternal organizations together for an event to raise money for other children. As fraternalists, we emphasize volunteerism, charitable works, and the concept of brotherhood. So, we thought – What better way to show our youth fraternalism in action than to have them participate in a fun event with youth from a variety of societies while raising money for children in need?

The FSGP was so pleased with the response to the event the last two years in which 120 children participated and raised over \$12,000 for Children's Hospital that it decided to make this an annual event. The benefit is open to all fraternal society youth members and their non-member friends. All participants must have at least \$25 in sponsorship monies promised in order to enter. There will be no cost for them to bowl, and the FSGP will provide food, prizes, and commemorative T-shirts.

The benefit will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at Princess Lanes in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, which is in the South Pittsburgh area. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with bowling at 1:00 p.m. All participants must be registered in order to bowl. LPSCU youth who are interested in bowling at this event can call LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge at the Home Office (toll free 888/834-6614) to request an entry form for registration.

LPSCU Announces 2009 Scholarship Recipients

STEPHANIE GILL

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Villanova University
Villanova, Pennsylvania
Member of Branch 213
Dallas, Pennsylvania

MICHAEL MARTIN KLOPHAUS

Pipersville, Pennsylvania
Freshman
St. Joseph's University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Member of Branch 38
Whitehall, Pennsylvania

JON LINSENMANN

Bath, Pennsylvania
Junior
Purdue University
College of Engineering
West Lafayette, Indiana
Member of Branch 122
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

DANIELLE LOMBARDO

Exeter, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Penn State University — Lehman Campus
Lehman, Pennsylvania
Member of Branch 6
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

EVAN WYSE MARTINO

Bethesda, Maryland
Freshman
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Member of Branch 19
Swoyersville, Pennsylvania

JAMES EUGENE MATTERN, JR.

Tyrone, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Lock Haven University
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania
Member of Branch 24
Windber, Pennsylvania

JOSEPH JOHN MATVYA

Mars, Pennsylvania
Freshman
University of Dayton
Dayton, Ohio
Member of Branch 42
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NICOLE VAN ETEN

Dallas, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Florida International University
Miami, Florida
Member of Branch 213
Dallas, Pennsylvania

MEGAN MICHELLE WAGNER

Lansford, Pennsylvania
Freshman
Bloomsburg University
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
Member of Branch 156
Coaldale, Pennsylvania

DEREK WARING

Wilmington, Delaware
Freshman
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware
Member of Branch 33
Hazleton, Pennsylvania

*Congratulations
to All Our Winners!*

Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

May 20, 2009

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the April 22, 2009, Executive Finance Committee meeting with one correction.

Correspondence

The committee acknowledged all the correspondence read.

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of April 30, 2009: M&T Bank – General Operating Account, M&T Bank – Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from April 30, 2009, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, International Investments, Schedule D-Parts 3 and 4. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Pennsylvania Insurance Department Audit, Vector Security, and advertising on the radio.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

June 24, 2009

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the May 20, 2009, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

Requests

The committee acknowledged all requests and approved the following:

- ❖ New Jersey Fraternal Congress requesting an ad for the 76th Annual Meeting program book. *Approved \$100.00*
- ❖ Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association requesting an ad in the 86th Annual Slovak Day program book. *Approved \$120.00*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of May 31, 2009: M&T Bank – General Operating Account, M&T Bank – Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from May 31, 2009, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common

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Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, International Investments, Schedule D-Parts 3 and 4. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Pennsylvania Insurance Department Audit, Unclaimed Property, and QuickBooks Accounting System.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

July 22, 2009

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the June 24, 2009, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

Requests

The committee acknowledged all requests and approved the following:

- ❖ Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh requesting a donation for “Kidz Bowling for Kidz” event. Proceeds will benefit the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. *Approved \$100.00*
- ❖ Gift for John and Margaret Ferri for receiving the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal. *Approved \$150.00*

Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of June 30, 2009: M&T Bank – General Operating Account, M&T Bank – Home Office Checking Account and Smith Barney Checking Account.

Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from June 30, 2009, reviewing all activity, including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, International Investments, Schedule D-Parts 3 and 4. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

Other Business

The committee discussed the following: Unclaimed Property, giveaways, IT Contract, scanning, and QuickBooks.

President Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge received an invitation to meet with the Ambassador of Slovakia on July 31, 2009. All leaders of the Slovak organizations will attend.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Savidge

National Secretary-Treasurer

Support Your Local Branch
— Participate in Branch Activities —



Join Our Kids' Corner!

Can you tell us about a good book you just read?

Can you write a poem about anything?

Can you draw a picture?

Can you tell us about your family traditions?

Can you tell us about a sport or instrument you play?

If you can and would like to join us in a new feature – *The Kids' Corner* – we will print it in the *Zornicka*. Wouldn't it be fun to see your article or drawing in a magazine? Send your work to us along with your name, address, age, and Branch number. (Work cannot be returned so be sure to make a copy for yourself.) Hope to hear from you soon!

Send your submissions to:



Cecilia B. Gaughan
Fraternal Activities Director
325 Florida Avenue
Whitehall, PA 18052
or email to:
cbgaughan@msn.com



Anthony C. Bucha Named NFCA "Fraternal MVP"

The National Fraternal Congress of America, the trade association of America's fraternal benefit societies, named Anthony C. Bucha, a member of LPSCU Branch 38, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, as a "Fraternal MVP" (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of June 15, 2009. Anthony, who is the 2009 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award winner, had his name submitted by the LPSCU as best representing "the spirit of fraternalism and volunteerism."

The NFCA recognizes Fraternal MVPs as "Fraternalists-in-Action" who volunteer their time and energy to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors. In recognizing Anthony as a "true fraternalist," NFCA Board Chair Barbara A. Cheaney said, "As a Fraternal MVP, Anthony Bucha embodies the heart of fraternalism through his hard work, dedication and generosity."

Anthony's outstanding accomplishments, which set him apart as our 2009 Youth Achievement awardee, were featured on the front cover of the May/June issue of *Zornicka*.

The LPSCU congratulates Anthony C. Bucha 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.

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- 17** — Free Slovak film showing: "Copper Tower" at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 18** — Pittsburgh District Card Party at the Comfort Inn, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- 24** — Make a Difference Day (See page 19 for more details.)
- 25-27** — PFC Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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- 1** — "Kidz Bowling for Kidz" event, sponsored by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh and benefiting Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, at Princess Lanes, Whitehall (South Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania. Registration at 11:30 a.m.; bowling at 1:00 p.m. (See page 15 for more details.)
- 14** — Free Slovak film showing: "If I Had a Gun" at 1:00 p.m. at South Side Library, 2205 E. Carson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February Zornicka.**
- 29** — Rev. Baloga Okres annual Christmas Party. Location to be announced. Branches 163 and 180 will host.

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- 5** — LPSCU Teleconference Meeting
- 6** — Rev. Dianiska District's annual Christmas Party at Wyoming Hose Company, 3rd Street, Wyoming, Pennsylvania. Branches 37, 58, and 94 will host. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to local food banks. Contact your Branch Secretary before November 25th to make a reservation.
- 6** — Lehigh Valley Okres Christmas Party in the Lehigh Room, Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, beginning at 12:00 noon. Call your Okres officers or Branch Secretary by November 30th to make a reservation.
- 9** — Msgr. Beeda District Christmas Party at St. Joseph's Rectory, 600 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- 13** — Pittsburgh District Christmas Party at the Comfort Inn, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

NOTICE

REGARDING SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES & PHOTOS

When submitting articles and photos for publication in *Zornicka* to the Public Relations Director, Margaret A. Ferri, please **include a phone number** with your name. That way, if there is any question regarding the material you submit, it will make it easier to contact you.

LPSCU to Honor Our Military and Veterans

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

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



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

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

A few examples of Honorariums/Memorials follow:

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

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

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

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

Deadline for submitting a veterans/military tribute is September 25, 2009.

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.

Make a Difference on October 24th!

Each October, millions of Americans participate in "Make a Difference Day," a national celebration of community outreach. This year's volunteer event takes place on Saturday, October 24.



Everyone wants to help make the world a better place, so why not see what YOU can do to reach out to others? We encourage all our LPSCU and LCA members to take part in this worthwhile project, whether as individuals or through their Branch or District.

Select a project that suits your interests and abilities and make the necessary arrangements to see it through. Don't know what to choose? Volunteer to cook or serve a meal at a homeless shelter. Shop for a neighbor who is homebound. Do yard work for an elderly or handicapped person. Visit someone in a nursing home or veterans' hospital. Help clean up a park or public playground. Read to a visually impaired person. Write an encouraging letter or send a care package to a serviceman or woman serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. There are literally thousands of small ways each of us can help make a difference in the lives of those around us. The reward of knowing that your good deed helped to brighten someone's day is priceless.

For more information and ideas, check out the link at <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>.

We would like to hear from everyone who "makes a difference" on October 24th. Please send a brief article about your project, along with your name, Branch number and/or District, and a photo to Public Relations Director Margaret A. Ferri. We will report on your volunteer efforts in the *Zornicka*.

**Remember ~
One person can
make a difference!**

Slovak Virtuosos Perform for SCF Delegates

In conjunction with the 57th National Convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation held in the Lehigh Valley on April 26-28, 2009, the Cardinal Tomko Chapter hosted a Slovak Heritage Night for delegates on Monday, April 27. The event was held at St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church social hall in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The ladies of the parish prepared and served a Slovak dinner of holubky and kielbasa to the delegates at 5:00 p.m. Following the meal, delegates viewed displays of Slovak



Karol Danis plays the violin, accompanied by his brother, Norbert, on the piano.

crystal, linens, dolls, pottery and artifacts. At 7:00 p.m., delegates and parishioners were entertained by a trio of young virtuosos from the Slovak Republic, who

performed in concert in the church, which was filled to capacity. The musical trio consisted of a violinist, pianist, and opera singer. The first performer was Karol Danis, a 16-year-old violinist from Sereď, Slovakia. At the age of three, Karol started taking violin lessons from his father. At the age of six, he began his studies of the violin at Bratislava State Conservatory. Since 2000, Karol has won major violin competitions in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Germany.

Norbert Danis, 18, who is Karol's brother, was the pianist. He began studying piano at the age of four. Norbert is a graduate of Bratislava State Conservatory as an extraordinary student. He also received numerous awards in international piano competition and national competition of Conservatory students.



Pavol Kuban sings "Panis Angelicus" as his first solo, accompanied by Iveta Sabova on the piano.



Chatting after the concert are, L-R: Dr. Daniela Sliacka, Cardinal Jozef Tomko, Norbert Danis, Karol Danis, Pavol Kuban, Iveta Sabova, and Bishop Joseph V. Adamec.

Also performing was Pavol Kuban, a 19-year-old opera singer from Dolný Kubin, Slovakia. Pavol is a 2008 graduate of Bratislava State Conservatory in the field of opera singing and continues to study and perform. He has won many competitions including the Martin Franc International Opera Festival in Italy in 2007, the Mikuláš Schneider-Trnavský International Vocal Competition in Trnava, Slovakia, in 2008, and Slovak Conservatory student competitions. Pavol speaks four languages, Slovak, German, Czech, and Italian. He is currently studying English.

Iveta Sabova, head of the Accompaniment Department at Bratislava State Conservatory, accompanied Pavol on the piano. She is a major personality on the Slovak arts scene and has performed as a soloist with prestigious orchestras and chamber ensembles in Slovakia and throughout Europe. Iveta is currently completing her doctorate in piano at the Academy of the Performing Arts in Bratislava and is a piano instructor at Bratislava State Conservatory.

Serving as the mistress of ceremonies during the concert was Dr. Daniela Sliacka, assistant director at Bratislava State Conservatory.

The group performed works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Wieniawski, and Slovak composer Eugene Suchon. The young Slovak virtuosos were well received by the assembly who honored them with many standing ovations.

Following the concert, Msgr. Robert F. Kozel, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, thanked the Slovak musicians for their outstanding performance and praised them for their remarkable talent. Everyone was invited to the social hall for refreshments and to meet the performers.

Along with the Cardinal Tomko Chapter and St. John the Baptist Church, the Embassy of Slovakia and the Consulate General of Slovakia sponsored the concert. The trio enjoyed a two-week visit to the United States as part of World Artists Experience, a non-profit organization bringing international understanding through cultural and citizen diplomacy. They also performed in Washington, D.C., Annapolis and Baltimore, Maryland, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and New York City.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The LPSCU is seeking information on the whereabouts of the members and/or their beneficiaries listed below who have monies coming to them in the form of an insurance death claim or an endowment. If you have any information on any of the members or beneficiaries listed, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge **by October 25, 2009** at 570/823-3513, toll-free at 888/834-6614, or by e-mail: marujo@lpscu.org. If we do not hear from you by this date, these funds will be reported as unclaimed funds and transferred to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, to whom further claims must be directed.

— UNKNOWN DEATHS —

Last Name	First Name	Name of Beneficiary	Branch Location	Last Known Address
Borovka	Maria	Aaron Kincade	Chicago, IL	5430 S. Rockwell, Chicago, IL
Bujokas	Antanas	Kazys Bujokas	Cleveland, OH	Unknown
Debulski	Joseph	Frances Debulski	Chicago, IL	3854 West 217th Street, Matteson, IL
Demchak	Maria	Dolores Petruce	Freeland, PA	Freeland, PA
Dufault	Julia	George Dufault	Pittston, PA	Pittston, PA
Glevauskas	Marcelle	Genevieve Glebauskas	Norwood, MA	3 Water Street, Assonet, MA
Hajdu	Mary	John Hajdu	Pittsburgh, PA	4301 Haldane St., Pittsburgh, PA
Jasso	Maria	Francis R. Jasso	Pittsburgh, PA	1002 Ivanhoe St., Natrona Heights, PA
Jatis	Ann	Jack and John Jatis	Chicago, IL	3444 Eagle Lake Rd., Monee, IL
Jatis	John	Ann Jatis	Chicago, IL	3444 Eagle Lake Rd., Monee, IL
Kalinauskas	Ona	Della Oswald	Wilkes-Barre, PA	2226 N. 30th St., Phoenix, AZ
Kaminskas	William	Mary Ann Kaminskas	Cleveland, OH	96 Green Rd., Willoughby, OH
Kulisauskas	Vincas	Stase Kulisauskiene	Athal, MS	193 Main Street, Athol, MA
Lukac	Jozef	Anna Lukas	Johnstown, PA	1000 W. Ridgewood Dr., Cleveland, OH
Malimauskas	Juze	Arthur Schmitt	Chicago, IL	28 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL
Mazilausky	Lucy	Josephine Mazilausky	Westville, IL	225 Victor Street, Westville, IL
Nedzviniskas	Anele	Unknown	Worcester, MA	27 Euclid Ave., Worcester, MA
Norusis	Constance	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Novak	Andrew J.	Andrew & Alma Novak	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh, PA
Pabilionis	Feliksas	Izabele Pabilionis	Omaha, NE	17046 Parthenia St., Northridge, CA
Pabilionis	Izabele	Feliksas Pabilionis	Omaha, NE	17046 Parthenia St., Northridge, CA
Petchell	Joseph G.	Anna F. Petchell	So. Boston, MA	111 Warren Ave., Wollaston, MA
Ragazinskas	Antanina	Adomas Ragazinskas	Cleveland, OH	Lakewood, OH
Rinks	Ruth	David P. Rinks	Pittston, PA	Exeter, PA
Ritsky	Terezia	Betty Brock	Wilkes-Barre, PA	193322 Evening Hill Dr., Huntington Beach, CA
Skaparas	Kaz	Unknown	Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia, PA
Stankevicius	Matthew	Stella Stankevicius	Exeter, PA	109 Sycamore Ct., Niskayuna, NY
Stasiunas	Stanis	Unknown	Ansonia, MA	78 Lake Street, Athol, MA
Stepanik	Sophia	John Stepanik	Johnstown, PA	2364 Chip Pointe Circle, Warrington, PA
Thompson	Mary C.	Thomas Thompson	Port Griffith, PA	91 Patton Drive, Springboro, OH
Thompson	Stella R.	Estate of Stella R. Thompson	Willoughby, OH	Eastlake, OH
Trepkus	Kazys	Unknown	Moline, IL	Moline, IL
Wagner	Elizabeth	Eleanor K Boyle	Northampton, PA	619 Second St., Whitehall, PA
Wisnouskas	Anthony	Mary Wisnouskas	W. Pittston, PA	P.O. Box 480, Filshear, TX 77441
Zaikas	Jonas	Silvestras Zaikas	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Unknown
Zemgulis	Stanley M.	Matthew & Anna Zemgulis	Hartford, CT	390 New Britain Ave., Hartford, CT
Zidzik	Veronica	George Zidzik	Weirton, W.VA	119 Preston Ave., Weirton, WV
Zuromskis	Rev. John	Mrs. John Harvey	W. Pittston, PA	8355 Via Serena, Boca Raton, FL

— UNPAID DOCUMENTS —

Last Name	First Name	Branch Location	Last Known Address
Baum	Christine	Johnstown, PA	10 Home Street, Johnstown, PA 15906
George	Jacqueline	Exeter, PA	c/o John Ermel 325 McLean St., Dupont, PA 18641-1326
Haberman	Deborah	Munhall, PA	565 McMichael Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Iksala	Vaclavas	Kearny, NJ	Unknown
Jones	Joseph A.	Mahanoy City, PA	611 Vosseler St., Bound Brook, NJ 08805-1243
Korhnak	John M.	Munhall, PA	5960 McPherson Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102
Kracun	Mary D.	Hazleton, PA	2325 Caminito Recodo, San Diego, CA
Lumbis	Anthony J.	Wilkes-Barre, PA	113 Lakeview Drive, Sweet Valley, PA 18656-2429
Mickolchik	Mary	Luzerne, PA	46 Lake Street, Webster, NY 14580
Poklenba	Jeremy	Wilkes-Barre, PA	9905 Clintmoor Rd., Boca Raton, FL
Svonovec, Jr.	Andrew	Campbell, OH	17082 East 19th Place, Aurora, CO
Wojnarowski	Laurie L.	Stratford, CT	209 Centennial Dr., Milford, CT 06460-1680

Dear Junior Members,

When someone describes to you a person who is walking barefoot with a pot on his head and scattering seeds, whom do you think of? Johnny Appleseed, of course! Although he sounds like he belongs in a fairytale or novel, he was an actual person.

Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman. He was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on September 26, 1774. John was a nurseryman who realized there was a real need to supply seeds and seedlings to the frontier lands in the midwest as pioneer Americans settled beyond the boundaries of the original colonies.

In order to assure the stability of newly established homesteads in the West, the government required each settler to plant at least 50 apple trees on their lands. Transporting live trees was difficult, so John Chapman packed a horseload of apple seeds into the territory of Ohio in 1801. It is written that he planted his first nursery there near Licking Creek. Chapman obtained his apple seeds for free from local cider mills. It was a mutually beneficial arrangement because the more apple trees that were planted, the more the cider mills would prosper from increased business.

The popular image of Johnny Appleseed had him spreading apple seeds at random everywhere he went. But in



fact, he planted nurseries, fenced them in to protect them from livestock, and left them in the care of a local who would later sell or barter for the trees. He would return every year or two to check on the progress of his nurseries. Many of them were located in north-central Ohio, but Chapman also established nurseries in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.

His purpose was not for material gain. Indeed, he often gave away his seeds and seedlings, as well as clothing or goods, to those in need. Chapman negotiated disputes between the early settlers and the American Indians and he was happy to share his religious beliefs with anyone who was willing to listen. A deeply religious man, he led a very simple life. His favorite book was the Bible, and he carried it everywhere. Johnny Appleseed's dream was for a land where blossoming apple trees were everywhere and where no one would be hungry.

The apple Chapman usually planted was a tart green apple called a Rambo. He spent nearly 50 years of his life in the American wilderness, planting apple seeds. Johnny was a gentle and kind man; he slept outdoors and walked barefoot around the countryside. He was a friend to everyone.

John Chapman was planting trees in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, area when he died at the age of 70 in 1845. He is buried in the former Archer Park (now called Johnny Appleseed Park) and his gravesite is an historic landmark.

Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director

Halloween Safety Tips

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween. Following a few basic safety rules and using common sense should help you remember the night as a fun and enjoyable time.



- Wear light colored costumes that can be easily seen by motorists.
- Never trick or treat alone; always travel in a group. And younger children should always have a parent or adult go with them.
- Avoid poorly lit streets or those without sidewalks.
- Stay within your neighborhood; only visit the homes of people you know.
- Never approach anyone in an automobile, especially at night.
- All the daytime safety rules still apply on Halloween: Cross the street at a crosswalk or with a traffic light; look both ways before you cross.
- Remember that most communities set a time limit for trick or treating, so stick to it.
- Before eating any of your treats, make sure an adult has looked them over.

And Mom and Dad – Know the route your kids plan to take if you aren't going with them!

Follow these basic rules and you will all have a wonderful time.

Kids in the Kitchen

HALLOWEEN TREATS

You can make these fun Halloween magic wands with Mother's help.

You will need pretzel rods, candy sprinkles, vegetable oil, and orange and purple melting wafers. (Check the cake decorating/baking section of your local craft store for these.)

Melt 1 cup each of orange and purple melting wafers in the microwave. Stir 1 tsp. of vegetable oil into color. Dip pretzel rods into melted wafers and roll in candy sprinkles. Place on wax paper and refrigerate for 5 minutes. When the coating has hardened, you can set your wands upright in a glass jar for serving.

Once you've finished carving your jack-o-lantern, don't throw those pumpkin seeds away!

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees while you rinse the seeds to clean off any pumpkin residue. Toss the seeds with 2 tsp. vegetable oil. Spread evenly on a baking sheet, and sprinkle with seasoning (1 tsp sugar, 1 tsp. salt, and ½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice, curry powder, or chili powder). Roast until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Cool and store in an airtight container. These make a tasty and nutritious snack.



Autumn Dates to Remember

Many memorable events happened in the month of September. For instance, Benjamin H. Day launched America's first penny newspaper (1833). In 1956, a telephone ring marked the first overseas telephone call. Mickey Mantle hit a 643-foot long home run, the longest in a regular major-league game (1960). And Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in the fabled tennis "Battle of the Sexes" (1973).

Nome, Alaska's "**Great Bathtub Race**" takes place every year on Labor Day in September. Contestants are wheeled down the street in tubs filled with water. One person sits in the tub with appropriate bath paraphernalia while fellow team members push and pull the tub down the main street of town. Each team crossing the finish line must have a bar of soap, towel, bath mat and at least 10 gallons of water in the tub. The winning team gets trophies and earn possession of a statue of Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy taking a bath, which has been handed down every year since the race began.

September 13, 2009, is **Grandparents' Day**. Don't forget to give them a call or a big hug on their special day. And listen to them! They have a wealth of life experiences to share.

September 15-21 marks "**National Dance Lover's Week.**" Have a dance-a-thon and get your grandparents to lead off with their old classics like the jitterbug or twist. Then you can reciprocate by showing them one of your modern numbers.

September 19th marks the start of **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year, and **Autumn begins** on September 22nd.

This year, September's full moon rises the night of September 18th. The full moon that occurs nearest to the fall equinox is called a **harvest moon** because farmers can continue their harvest late into the night by the light of the moon. Some studies have also shown that birds rely on the harvest moon to begin their migration.



There are also some memorable occurrences that took place in October. Although a day of "thanksgiving" was celebrated at various times by settlers throughout the colonies, the 13 original Colonies did not collectively celebrate Thanksgiving until October 1777. A patent for a paper bag machine was awarded to Francis Wolle of Jacobsburg, Pennsylvania, on October 26, 1852. "National Geographic" magazine published its premier issue in October of 1888. In October of 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

On October 14th, we celebrate **Columbus Day**. Since he made his discovery of the New World, 28 U.S. cities have been named after him. Can you find them all?

On the fourth Saturday of October (this year Oct. 24) we mark "**Make a Difference Day.**" Did you know that each year on Make a Difference Day, former President Jimmie Carter gets out his hammer and saw and helps to build or rebuild housing in an underprivileged area of the country?

Why not think about what you can do to help out someone in your community on Make a Difference Day?



We celebrate **Halloween** on October 31st. This holiday was once known as "All Hallow's Eve" (hallow meaning holy) because it was the evening before All Saints Day, which honors all the saints in heaven. It's funny to think that a day we now mark with candy and costumes had its beginnings as a religious observance.

The School Bus

Let's see how much you know about that cheery yellow school bus you ride on each day.

How many kids do you think ride school buses back and forth every school day? More than 23 million!

Is this true or false? School buses have the best safety record of any form of transportation, even the family car. Are you surprised that it's true? According to the National Safety Council, yellow school buses are 172 times safer than your family automobile, 8 times safer than passenger trains, 8 times safer than scheduled airlines, 4 times safer than transit buses, and 4 times safer than intercity buses.

And did you know that the average school bus weighs 10 tons – and that's *without* students.

Canada and the United States have specially built, painted, and equipped school buses that are equipped with specialized traffic warning devices. They are commonly painted the familiar yellow-orange color officially known as "National School Bus Chrome Yellow." Do you know why? This color was chosen because it's the easiest to see in the semi-darkness of early morning and late afternoon when most school buses are on the road.

Can you guess how kids got to school when your great-grandparents were little? Many walked, of course, but some states had laws that approved public funding to give students a lift to school and back by horse and buggy.

"The Danger Zone" is the 10-foot area around the school bus. Students should always use extreme caution when in "The Danger Zone" because this is the area in which the bus driver cannot see. Students must follow the driver's instructions to assure a safe crossing.

School bus drivers are required by law to receive more training than any other driver in the state. And school bus drivers are checked by the Department of Justice and/or the FBI prior to receiving a license to drive a school bus.

The first school bus used to transport students to and from school was horse-drawn, introduced in 1827 by George Shillibeer for a Quaker school at Abney Park in Stoke Newington, London, England. It carried 25 children.



Charity in Truth

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As the Holy Father reflects on the importance of the development of peoples and what is necessary for true progress in that development, he writes to remind the world that, connected to everything we say and do, must be our dependency on God, the giver and sustainer of human life. The pope writes, “. . . without God, development is either denied, or entrusted exclusively to man, who falls into the trap of thinking he can bring about his own salvation and ends up promoting a dehumanized form of development.” He further writes: “Only if we are aware of our calling, as individuals and as a community, to be part of God’s family as his sons and daughters, will we be able to generate a new vision and muster new energy in the service of a truly integral humanism. The greatest service to development, then, is a Christian humanism that enkindles charity and takes its lead from truth, accepting both as a lasting gift from God. Openness to God makes us open towards our brothers and sisters and towards an understanding of life as a joyful task to be accomplished in a spirit of solidarity” (*paragraph 78*).

Although a limited space prevents a more full, in-depth examination of this important document, I believe that it is safe to say the guiding principle that Pope Benedict hopes and prays that all people of good-will — especially those who claim to be Christian — would operate their lives by may be found in an important passage from St. Paul’s Letter to Romans where Paul writes: “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:9-10). Let us pray that Pope Benedict’s encyclical may help encourage humankind to work together as a single family, committed to creating a world of respect, justice and peace.

Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, V.E.

Cooking Corner

BLUEBERRY CAKE

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| 2 cups flour | ¾ cup sugar |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1 egg |
| ½ tsp. salt | ½ cup milk |
| ¼ cup butter | 2 cups blueberries |

Cream butter, sugar, egg, and milk until smooth.

Add dry ingredients and mix. Fold in berries. Pour into 9” x 13” greased pan.

Crumb Topping

- ½ tsp. cinnamon
 - ¾ cup sugar
 - ¾ cup flour
 - ¼ cup butter
- Mix ingredients

together. Cut with a knife until crumbs form. Sprinkle over cake batter and bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.



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Unfinished Business

The Board reviewed the following:

- ♦ Marsh Affinity Program
- ♦ Branch Restructuring
- ♦ Branch Procedures and Policies

New Business

The Board discussed the following:

- ♦ Pennsylvania Insurance Department
- ♦ IRS Examination
- ♦ Procedural Manuals
- ♦ Disaster Recovery
- ♦ Reinsurance
- ♦ Life and Health Foundation for Education

The meeting was adjourned until Sunday.

Sunday, March 29, 2009

President Kluchinski called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and offered a prayer. Rev. Philip Altavilla was excused.

President Kluchinski asked committees to meet and then give their reports.

Committee Reports

The following committees provided a report:

- ♦ Campaign Committee
- ♦ Youth Achievement Award
- ♦ Fraternalist of the Year Award
- ♦ Membership and Benefit Committee
- ♦ Ann (Shinal) Cichy Award
- ♦ Educational Committee
- ♦ Fraternal Activities

Good of the Union

For the remainder of the meeting, the Board had an open discussion on items that should be in the Procedural Manual and for the good of the Union.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday.

Monday, March 30, 2009

The Board worked on Branch Procedures for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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National Secretary-Treasurer

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