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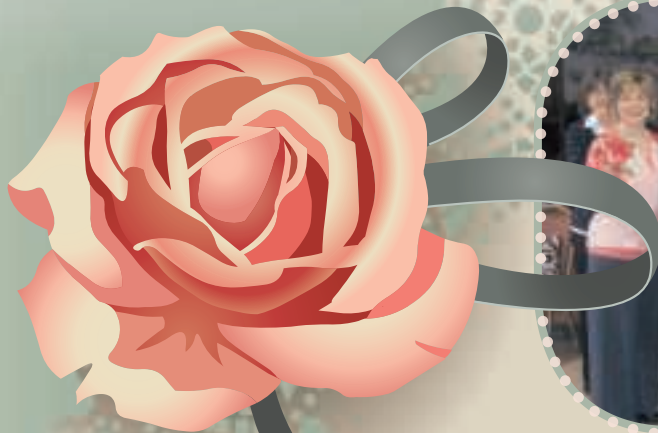
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## Reverend Dianiska District Celebrates 70th Anniversary



On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the members of the Reverend Dianiska District of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union honored the District's 70th anniversary with a Mass of Celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hughes Street, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania. A buffet dinner was served immediately following in the church hall.

The Reverend Dianiska District was founded in 1943 by Gabrielle Vavrek, national president of the LPSCU from 1931-1956. Mrs. Vavrek was a member of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and named the District after her pastor, Rev. Dr. Alexander Dianiska. Rev. Dr. Dianiska was born in Austria-Hungary on March 21, 1867, and immigrated in the United States in 1903. He was a very prominent Slovak priest who financially aided men and women to achieve an education. He was also one of the co-founders in establishing the congregation of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania.

The Reverend Dianiska District of the LPSCU is very proud of its Slovak heritage. We are grateful for the efforts of Mrs. Vavrek and Rev. Dr. Dianiska in forming our District.

The officers and members of the entire LPSCU congratulate the members of the Rev. Dianiska District in reaching this historic seven decade milestone. We wish them many more years of faithfully and lovingly serving their fellow members, the Church, and the community.



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- 13** — Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Summer Festival at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pennsylvania, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Basilica at the close of the Festival.
- 18** — Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.
- 20** — Reverend Dianiska District's Annual Youth Bowling Party and Luncheon at Modern Lanes, Exeter, Pennsylvania, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact your Branch Secretary by July 15th to make reservations.
- 20** — Deadline to send in a favorite Halloween memory. *See page 17 for details.*
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**
- 21** — Lehigh Valley Okres hosts an evening at the ballpark for its junior and adult members.

## AUGUST

- 24-9/3** — Consular Tour to Slovakia escorted by Joseph and Albina Senko.
- 31** — Deadline to apply for the LPSCU's 2013 Religious Awards.
- 31** — Deadline to apply for the LPSCU's 2013 Post Graduate Award.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** — Deadline to apply for a Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship.
- 2** — Deadline to submit matters for the LPSCU Board to consider at its Semiannual Meeting on September 20-22.
- 5-7** — American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting, Hollywood, Florida
- 15-17** — Slovak Catholic Federation Convention, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. See page 21 for new Convention details.
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**
- 20-22** — LPSCU Semiannual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *See page 4.*
- 22** — Luncheon hosted by the LPSCU Board at the Wyndham Hotel, Pittsburgh, in conjunction with the Semiannual Board Meeting. The Board will also attend the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue and Craig Street, Pittsburgh. LPSCU members are invited to attend both events.

## OCTOBER

- 7** — Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association presents "Uncle Andy," reminiscences about artist Andy Warhol by his nephew, Don Warhola.
- 13** — Reverend Dianiska District Meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Immaculate Church Hall, South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (Note time change for this meeting.) Branches 6 and 213 will host. Cleaning supplies for our *Make a Difference Day* donation will be collected.
- 27-29** — Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting, Hershey, Pennsylvania



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# Spiritual Advisor's Message

## Pilgrimage Notes



Fr. Altavilla

From April 14-26, 2013, I had the privilege of leading a Pilgrimage to both Rome, Italy, and Bratislava, Slovakia. At the urging of members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, this Pilgrimage was organized to celebrate some very significant anniversaries in the life of the Catholic Church.

With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, *Porta Fidei* (*The Door of Faith*), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" would begin on October 11, 2012, and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, 2012, the first day of the Year of Faith, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also marked the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. During the Year of Faith, Catholics have been asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism* so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The Year of Faith has been a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (*Porta Fidei*, 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

While in Rome to celebrate the Year of Faith, our group had the opportunity to attend the weekly General Audience on Wednesday, April 17, presided over by His Holiness, Pope Francis. During the audience, Pope Francis continued a reflection on parts of the Profession of Faith (the Creed) we pray at Sunday Mass. The Holy Father reflected on the statement in the Creed where we say that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus' earthly life culminated with the Ascension, when he passed from this world to the Father and was raised to sit on his right. At the end of his Gospel, Saint Luke gives a very concise account of the event of the Ascension. Luke writes, "Jesus led

his disciples out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24:50-53).

In concluding his teaching on this section of the Creed, Pope Francis said: "Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have the Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a

multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended

into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us."

Inspired by our Holy Father's words, which encouraged us to play our part in the mission of the Church, our group, later that same day, visited the Pontifical Slovak College (formerly the Slovak Institute) of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Under the direction of the late Bishop Andrew Grutka, the first bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana, and with the assistance of the Slovak Catholic Federation, our Slovak Catholic fraternal benefit societies and other committed individuals, the Institute, which later was raised to the dignity of a Pontifical College, was built in 1963, and thus is this year celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

As an opportunity to give thanks for the fifty year ministry of the Slovak Institute and College, His Eminence Cardinal Jozef Tomko, prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, celebrated Mass with our group, along with the faculty and priest-students who reside at the Slovak College. Back in the 1960s, then Father Jozef Tomko, along with his collaborators, came to America, seeking the assistance of American Catholics of Slovak background, to assist in the endeavor of building a residence for Slovak seminarians and priests in the Eternal City. During the Communist era, this important building also served as a printery, producing religious materials to be sent secretly into Slovakia. Slovak Catholics in America responded generously to the invitation to assist in its development. The current edifice was constructed and opened in 1963. It seemed quite appropriate that Cardinal Tomko, who helped spearhead the campaign to build the Slovak College, would be the celebrant

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*... my hope is that those who participated allowed the Holy Spirit to open the doors of their hearts wider to Christ ...*

**L-R: Rev. Philip A. Altavilla, SCF national president; Cardinal Jozef Tomko, prefect emeritus, Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples;**



**Dolores M. Evanko, LPSCU national trustee; Msgr. Vladimir Stahovec, rector, Pontifical College of Sts. Cyril and Methodius; and Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, SCF national 1st vice president.**

## LPSCU Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting Announced

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Semiannual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All subsequent sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until all Semiannual Meeting business has been completed.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Semiannual Meeting should be received **no later than September 2, 2013.**

## Pittsburgh Area Members

# You Are Invited . . .

### September 22, 2013

The LPSCU Board of Directors will be attending the 10:00 a.m. liturgy at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue and Craig Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, September 22, 2013. We respectfully invite officers and members of the LPSCU to join us for this Liturgy.

Following the service, you are invited to be our guests at a luncheon to be held at the Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), 100 Lytton Avenue, Pittsburgh. Reservations are required and can be made by calling our National Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Jo Savidge at 888-834-6614 or by e-mailing at [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org). Members will be guests of the LPSCU. Non-members may attend at a cost of \$25.00.

The Liturgy and luncheon are being held in conjunction with the LPSCU Semiannual Board Meeting. Come and meet the LPSCU Board of Directors!

**Deadline for reservations is September 1, 2013.**

## Lehigh Valley Okres Joins Hands to Fight Cancer

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, in conjunction with JOIN HANDS DAY, Lehigh Valley Okres members partnered with the Cancer Boutique of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to fight cancer with style in a clothing drive project. Approximately 10 Okres members participated in the project. In the weeks leading up to JOIN HANDS DAY, Okres members collected clean, gently used clothing from their families, friends, and neighbors.

On the morning of May 4th, Okres officers and members delivered the clothing to the Cancer Boutique located at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem. Present to receive the donated clothing was John Ferri of LPSCU Branch 83. (John volunteered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday each day of the Cancer Boutique's collection drive, which ran from May 1-18 this year.)

The collected clothing went on sale to the public from May 28 through June 1. All proceeds from the sale were donated to St. Luke's Cancer Center, Cancer Support Community, and St. Luke's Hospice in Bethlehem.

To complete their day, Okres members stopped to enjoy lunch at the Bethlehem Diner on Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem.



**From left, Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri, Mary Ann Ackerman, and Okres President Jean Kosalko drop off clothing donated by members of the Lehigh Valley Okres at the Cancer Boutique of Bethlehem.**

### Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

## The Importance of Life Insurance

In my opinion, life insurance is an essential item that every person should have. So much so, I believe that one is taking a great risk in not having it. Life is so unpredictable, anything can happen at any time during one's life. It is never too early to get life insurance; however, it can be too late. It is important to be prepared at all times. Even at my young age, I realize the importance that life insurance can have for many families. However, I believe that many young people do not realize the importance it has in their lives. This is because it generally does not cross their mind on a day-to-day basis. However, as was stated before, it is a very important investment due to life's unpredictability.

If something were to unexpectedly happen to someone, they would want to make sure that their family was taken care of. They would also want to make sure that there was enough money to pay any final expenses, such as funeral costs. I am thankful that my parents have bought their life insurance with such a good organization, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, so that we will be prepared if anything should ever come our way.

Therefore, it is my belief that acquiring life insurance from a very community oriented organization such as the LPSCU is important. It has taught me through the years not only the importance of having my own life insurance, but also serving the community relating to others and participating in functions. I am glad to be a member of the LPSCU for all these reasons.

**Teresa Toomey**  
Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA



# LPSCU 2013 RELIGIOUS AWARDS

(FOR APPLICANTS  
ENTERING RELIGIOUS LIFE)

- ☞ **St. John Vianney Award**
- ☞ **St. Theresa of the Little Flower**
- ☞ **St. André Bessette, C.S.C.**

**\$300 ANNUALLY**

The LPSCU is offering three separate Religious Awards for members entering Religious Life. They are:

☞ The **St. John Vianney Award** is offered to any male member of the LPSCU aspiring to the priesthood. The member may apply for the \$300 award upon entrance into an approved program of priestly formation. The award may be renewed for each successive year until ordination, provided the member re-applies for said award.

☞ The **St. Theresa of the Little Flower Award** is offered to any female member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life. The member may apply for the \$300 award upon completion of her first year of Novitiate. The award may be renewed annually until the member is professed as a religious nun, provided she re-applies for said award.

☞ The **St. André Bessette Award** is offered to a male member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life as a Brother in a religious congregation. He may apply for the \$300 award upon entrance into an approved program for Religious Brother formation. The award may be renewed for each successive year until completion of the program, provided the member re-applies for said award.

Following are the Guidelines for applying for each of the Religious Awards. All applicants must:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with a minimum \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Provide a wallet-size color photo with the application.
- Re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life (in order to receive the award each year of his/her religious training).

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined 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 are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be post-marked by August 31, 2013.**

Submit applications to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
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P.O. Box 32

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E-mail: [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpescu.org](http://www.lpescu.org)

## LPSCU Branch 52 – Where Are You?



### **BRANCH 52 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Anissa Harcarik** graduated from East Allegheny High School on June 7, 2013, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and The Future is Mine. She was in the East Allegheny Color Guard for three years. Anissa plans to attend Penn State University, Greater Allegheny Campus, in the field of Engineering. She is the daughter of Christopher and Frances Harcarik.

### **BRANCH 52 TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN**

**Ashley Owens** graduated from Bedford High School in Temperance, Michigan, on June 2, 2013. Her main interest in school centered around the arts, including photography, film, portraits, illustrations, and especially poetry. She has a collective book of poetry which she wrote over the years, and some of her writings will be presented at a cultural showing later this year. Ashley is the daughter of Heather Caris, granddaughter of Theresa Hearn and great-granddaughter of the late Helen Harcarik Fabyanic.



### **BRANCH 52 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Robert Christopher Tomasic** graduated from Jordan High School in Durham, North Carolina, on June 6, 2013. The North Carolina High School Athletic Association awarded Robert the Charles Adams Endowment Scholarship in wrestling. He has taken advanced placement and honors courses and plans to

attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Robert is the son of Marilyn and Christopher Tomasic, the grandson of the late George and Frances Tomasic, and the great-grandson of the late George and Elizabeth Tomasic.

### **BRANCH 52 TAYLORS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Karra K. Tomasic** graduated from Wade Hampton High School in Taylors, South Carolina, on June 6, 2013. Karra, a straight A student, will be attending Greenville Technical Institute on a full scholarship to study radiography and ultrasound. Karra is the daughter of Ernie and Joan Tomasic, and the granddaughter of Robert and Diane Tomasic, all members of LPSCU Branch 52.



**LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES**

The Lehigh Valley Okres held its 25th annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon on Sunday, May 5, 2013, with 40 members and guests in attendance. The event was held in the Lehigh Room at Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception was held from 12 noon until 12:30 p.m.

Immediately afterwards, Okres President Jean Kosalko welcomed all present and conducted a drawing of names of those in attendance to select a "Queen for the Day" and her Court. Helen Schweisgyt of Hellertown, Pennsylvania, was selected as the Queen. She was accompanied by Court members Michelle Shannon of Bethlehem and Monica Leavitt of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Queen was crowned by Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri. President Kosalko then offered a prayer before meals, after which the luncheon was served.

At the conclusion of the meal, President Kosalko introduced the Okres officers. She also introduced Cecilia B. Gaughan, national fraternal activities director; Margaret A. Ferri, national public relations director; Mary Ann Ackerman, LPSCU honorary vice president; and local Branch officers of Allentown Branches 38 and 40, Bethlehem Branches 83 and 130, and Hellertown Branch 196.

Special recognition was given to Mary Ann Ackerman, who was honored as the 2013 LPSCU Fraternalist of the Year. She was presented with a monetary gift from the Lehigh Valley Okres. Mary Ann expressed thanks for the gift and stated that she is overwhelmed to represent the LPSCU as its 2013 Fraternalist of the Year.

Special prizes of pink geranium potted plants were presented to Anna Balog, oldest mother present; Adria Geiger, youngest mother; Monica Anthony, mother with the most children; and Gayla Guempel, most recent mother. Five lucky winners who had a Blessed Mother sticker under their coffee cup won an Amish shoo-fly pie. Winners were Elizabeth Ackerman, Mary Ford, Mary Ann Roach, Sister M. Ruth, O.S.F., and Anna Sopko. Door prizes were also awarded.

President Kosalko thanked everyone for attending this beautiful event and the program concluded with a prayer offered by Sister M. Francine Garganta, O.S.F., of Bethlehem.



**Geranium plants were awarded to honorees Anna Balog (seated), oldest mother at 96, and, standing L-R, Adria Geiger, youngest mother; Monica Anthony, mother with the most children (6); and Gayla Guempel, most recent mother.**



**Mary Ann Ackerman (left), honored as the LPSCU 2013 Fraternalist of the Year, accepts a monetary gift and box of chocolates from Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri (right) as Okres President Jean Kosalko (center) extends her congratulations.**



**Honored as "Queen for the Day" at the Lehigh Valley Okres Mother/Daughter Luncheon is Helen Schweisgyt (center) with her Court, Michelle Shannon (left), first runner-up, and Monica Leavitt, second runner-up.**

**REVEREND DIANISKA DISTRICT**

A meeting of the Rev. Dianiska District of the LPSCU was held on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall, Swoyersville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by District President Mary Ann Ewasko. Mary Ann read a special prayer for all members and everyone recited The Lord's Prayer for the sick and deceased members of our District, especially for Madeleine Barush, who recently lost her husband. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Debbie Adamchak and Jean Kapral welcomed everyone to the District's first meeting of the year on behalf of host Branches 17 and 19.

Financial Secretary Marge Zinkavich read roll call. Barbara Kalish read the Secretary's report and Debbie Adamchak gave the Treasurer's report. Both reports were approved. Barbara Kalish read correspondence that included many thank you cards including one from Father Philip Altavilla for the Christmas gift and the invitation to the anniversary dinner. He regrettably cannot attend because



he'll be serving Mass in Europe, but promised to keep the District in his prayers on our special day. Cards were also received from the Catherine McCauley House for the cleaning supplies and check from *Make a Difference Day*; Amy Savidge and Elizabeth Knaub, scholarship recipients; and Allied Services for the gift from our Christmas Party and the matching funds from the LPSCU.

Final plans were made for the District's 70th Anniversary Mass and Dinner to be held on April 21, 2013, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Swoyersville. Mass is at 11:30 a.m. with a buffet dinner to follow in the church hall.

An announcement was made from the chairperson of the Youth Achievement Award committee that nominations are due on May 1, 2013, for young members between 13-18.

The District's Annual Youth Bowling Party will be held on July 20, 2013, at Modern Lanes, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact your Branch Secretary for details and to make reservations before July 15th. Please include the names, ages, and gender of the youth attending, plus the number of adults and any additional non-member youth planning to attend.

The District's next meeting will be held on October 13, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. (**note time change**) at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center, 134 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, hosted by Branches 6 and 213. All members are required to make full payment of the raffle tickets at this meeting. *Make a Difference Day* will be celebrated at this meeting and the Catherine McCauley House in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, will once again be the recipient of our donations. Sister Catherine, who took over as director of the Plymouth house from Sister Marie, said the cleaning supplies are a big help and they would appreciate them once again. Sister Catherine will personally come to our meeting to pick up the donations and to meet the members of the District that she appreciates so much. The staff were so appreciative of our donation that they put an article about it in their publication, *The Catherine McCauley Center Newsletter*.

The 115th anniversary of the LPSCU was announced. Districts and Branches are invited to host their own celebration of this event between November 21, 2013, and November 21, 2014.

The District's annual Christmas party, a family event open to all members of the District and the LPSCU, will be held on December 8, 2013, at the Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre. As always, everyone attending is asked to bring canned goods that will be donated to a local food bank. For more information, contact your Branch Secretary.

Susan Worth



**UTILIZATION REPORT**

	<b>For April 2013</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2013</b>
Prescriptions Filled:	17	82
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$ 1,290.32	\$ 4,559.61
ScriptSave Pricing:	\$ 531.14	\$ 2,401.08
Total Dollars Saved		
by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 759.31	\$ 2,158.53
Average Saved per		
Discounted Prescription:	\$ 47.46	\$ 30.40
Overall LPSCU Discounted		
Prescription Savings:	59.26%	49.11%

Our group's discounted prescription savings for April 2013 amounted to 59.267%. With our group's year to date 2013 discounted prescription savings averaging 49.11%, or \$30.40 per discounted prescription, it's easy to see how our members benefit from the program every day.

The ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Program is available at **NO COST** to you. There are **no monthly or ongoing fees, no limits on usage, and no income or age restrictions**. Your entire household can use the card to receive instant savings on brand name and generic prescriptions at over 62,000 participating pharmacies nationwide.

If you do not have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for any brand name or generic prescription you or a family member pays for out-of-pocket. If you have health insurance coverage, use the ScriptSave® card for everyone in your household and for any prescriptions that are excluded by Medicare Part D law. In addition to prescription savings, the ScriptSave® card also provides savings on vision care, hearing care, daily living products, and diabetes care and supplies.

If you do not have a ScriptSave® card, you may enroll online by visiting [www.scriptsave.com](http://www.scriptsave.com) and log-in with Group #195. On that web site, you can also find a participating pharmacy near you, look up drug pricing, and view the Preferred Medications List, health information, and more! Any LPSCU member (including the membership of LCA) can receive a ScriptSave® card at no cost. If you do not have access to a computer to apply for a card, call the Home Office and the Home Office will apply for a ScriptSave® card for you. You are eligible for the card as long as you are a member of the LPSCU (or LCA) in good standing.

**DISCOUNT ONLY—NOT INSURANCE. This program is not an insurance policy and does not provide insurance coverage. Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies. You may cancel your registration at any time by contacting Customer Care.**

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Branch Representative</b>	<b>Mar./Apr. 2013</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Total</b>
7*	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
19	Deborah Adamchak	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
38	Cecilia Gaughan	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
39	James Yocum	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
52	James Tomasic	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
64	Elva Silay	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
130	Margaret Ferri	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
156	Joan Ellen Friendak	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
209	Bro. Theodore Girard	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
L0163*	Home Office	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
		\$ 167,000.00	\$ 226,000.00

\*Sold through Home Office, not included in the Campaign

## Branch 83 Honors Retired Officers and Fraternalist of the Year

On May 22, 2013, officers of LPSCU Branch 83, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, hosted a luncheon at Stefano's Restaurant in Bethlehem for two branch officers who recently retired. Mary Ford offered a prayer before the luncheon was served.

Retired officers honored were Anna Balog, trustee, and Mary Ford, treasurer. Anna served as trustee for approximately 60 years and retired due to advanced age. Mary served as treasurer for 45 years and retired due to poor eyesight. Both officers were dedicated to their respective office and will be missed. They both plan to continue to participate in Branch events. Branch President Margaret A. Ferri presented each retiree with a monetary gift in appreciation for their length of service to the Branch.

Also honored at the luncheon was Mary Ann Ackerman, recipient of the LPSCU 2013 Fraternalist of the Year Award. Mary Ann has served as financial secretary of Branch 83 for



**Attendees at the Branch 83 luncheon are, seated L-R, Mary Ford, retired treasurer; Anna Balog, retired trustee; and Mary Ann Ackerman, LPSCU 2013 Fraternalist of the Year; and standing, L-R, Helen Bobeck, treasurer; Anna Sopko, vice president; Ann Marie Levering, Anna Balog's granddaughter; and Margaret A. Ferri, president.**



**Current officers of Branch 83 are, from left, Helen Bobeck, treasurer; Mary Ann Ackerman, financial secretary; Anna Sopko, vice president; and Margaret A. Ferri, president.**

over 50 years. She is a dedicated fraternalist and provides significant volunteer service to her fraternal and community. President Ferri congratulated Mary Ann and presented her with a monetary gift on behalf of the Branch.

Newly-elected officers, Vice President Anna Sopko and Treasurer Helen Bobeck, were introduced at the luncheon. President Ferri congratulated Anna and Helen and expressed her delight at having them serve as officers of Branch 83.

## Fr. Bernard Harcarik Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

On Sunday, May 5, 2013, Father Bernard Michael Harcarik, "Father Mike" to his parishioners at Prince of Peace Parish, South Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, offered an 11:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Church celebrating his 50th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Father Mike's extended family, many of whom are members of LPSCU Branch 52, were present to celebrate this special day with him. Following the Mass, all attended a luncheon at Salvatores in Baldwin Borough, Pennsylvania.

Father Mike was ordained on May 4, 1963. His First Mass was celebrated at St. Coleman's Church in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, where he grew up. He is presently serving as pastor of Prince of Peace.

Father Mike officiated at the wedding of Leo Priore and Mary Ellen Harcarik and sponsored James Harcarik Tomasic at his Confirmation many years ago.

This quiet, humble man with a quick wit is loved and respected by the members of Prince of Peace Parish. We wish him good health and many more years of ministering to his parish family.



**LPSCU Branch 52 members, all relatives, who attended Father Harcarik's 50th Anniversary Mass and Reception are, L-R: Leo Priore, James Harcarik Tomasic, Mary Ellen Harcarik Priore, Father Bernard Michael Harcarik, Gerald Harcarik, Angela Harcarik Fabyanic Skiffen, Sylvia Goda, and Christopher Harcarik. Missing from the photo are Gerald Harcarik's wife Tracy and son Jacob, Christopher Harcarik's wife Frances, and Father Mike's brother Thomas.**



## Preparations Underway for Slovak Day at Kennywood

Joseph Senko, treasurer of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee, reviews the financial report with committee members on May 4, 2013, at the Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Pictured with Joe, seated from left to right, are Mary Lou Wagner, WPSDC secretary; Dolores Sakal, WPSDC chairperson; and Rev. Joseph Grosko, WPSDC president. The Slovak Day food preparation schedule was also finalized.

This year's Slovak Day at Kennywood takes place on July 18. Kennywood Park admission fees were determined as follows: Funday tickets (ages 2 to 54): \$24. Seniors (ages 55 to 70): \$14. Seniors 70+: pay \$10 at the entrance gate. Tickets can be purchased by calling Dolores Sakal at 412-243-0438.

**Sylvia Goda**



## Sister Michael Ann Orlik Participates in International Assembly



**Sr. Michael Ann Orlik**

Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, recently participated in the assembly of the International Union of Superiors' General in Rome. The conference was attended by over 800 Sisters from 76 countries, who are leaders of their various religious communities throughout the world. The topic of the conference was, "The Service of Leadership According

to the Gospel," and featured speakers from North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The group had a private audience with Pope Francis, where he encouraged them to continue their ministry of "understanding, helping and loving." They also had opportunities to discuss and share how religious communities currently serve in many culturally diverse locations and varied circumstances, including areas where war, hunger, poverty, and environmental dangers are daily realities. They discussed "the authority of those who suffer," and considered how to implement better cooperation in the global community, where mercy and compassionate love must be translated into well thought-out strategies.

Sister Michael Ann was most impressed by the world view of the Church and of service as seen through the eyes of the religious women who serve. She felt a sense of solidarity among the 800 Sisters present. The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, whose headquarters is in Danville, currently serve in a variety of ministries throughout Pennsylvania, and in New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Texas.

**Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.**

## LPSCU Announces Three New Life Insurance Plans

Effective January 1, 2013, the LPSCU has implemented a 5 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 80; a 10 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 75; and a 15 Payment Life Plan for ages 0 to 70. Under these life insurance plans, there is a minimum purchase of life insurance required. For ages 0-70, the minimum life insurance purchase is \$5,000; for ages 71-80, the minimum life insurance purchase is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for the specified Plan Year period from issue date. If the insured dies within the specified Plan Year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

Each plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of the specified Plan Year period, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with any of these plans is entitled to all fraternal benefits of the LPSCU including educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount card, official publication, and discount car rental.

Any of these plans is perfect for both youth and adults – and especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within 5, 10, or 15 years.

The 15 Payment Life Plan is featured in this issue on page 12 The 5 Payment Life and 10 Payment Life Plans were featured in recent issues of *Zornicka*.

# EXCITING NEWS

for

## MEMBERS AGES 3 TO 15!

**ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS!** *The LPSCU is holding an Art Contest, the results of which will be featured in a very special 2017 Calendar. The calendar will be given to each delegate attending our 2016 National Convention and also be made available for distribution at LPSCU functions.*

### CONTEST RULES

1. Drawings must be created by LPSCU members who are between the ages of 3 and 15. (Age-related eligibility will be based on the date the drawing is received by the Fraternal Activities Director.)
2. Submit an **original picture** that you have drawn. You may choose any subject pertaining to any of the 12 months of the year. Artwork should be horizontal (or landscape) format (wider than it is tall), not vertical (or portrait) format (taller than it is wide).
3. Use unlined paper, poster board, or canvas. The ideal size is 11" x 8½". Drawings may not exceed 11" x 8½".
4. Use charcoal, ink, crayons, pastels, colored pencils, tempera, or watercolors. **Do not use magic markers.**
5. On a separate sheet of paper that accompanies your drawing, print your name, birthday (including year), full address, branch number, telephone number, and email address.
6. Place your drawing flat, protected between two sheets of heavy cardboard to keep it from being bent or folded, and mail it in a large envelope to the address below. (Don't forget to enclose your contact information!)
7. All entries must be **postmarked by November 25, 2015.**



Since there are 13 eligible ages, and 13 calendar pages available (each of 12 months plus the front cover), it is our intention to feature one drawing chosen from each age on those 13 pages. All submissions, however, will be featured somewhere in the calendar, so everyone's work will be recognized.

Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa – Here's a chance to encourage your children or grandchildren to show off their artistic talents and have their artwork printed for all to see! If they're a member of the LPSCU between the ages of 3 and 15, they're eligible to participate in this creative and fun activity.

Please send entries to:  
Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan  
325 Florida Avenue  
Whitehall, PA 18052

## Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, SS.C.M., Earns Doctor of Ministry Degree

Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, SS.C.M., received a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, on May 10, 2013. Sister Linda Marie was also awarded the *Father Theodore Labouré Award for Outstanding Scholarship for Doctor of Ministry* at the graduation ceremony. The award is presented by the Oblate



**Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., Ph.D., president of the Oblate School of Theology, and Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, SS.C.M., D.Min.**

School of Theology in recognition of students who have completed outstanding written scholarship in the final written component of the degree program. The award for the Doctor of Ministry degree is named after Fr. Theodore Labouré who served as professor and president of the Oblate School of Theology from 1908-1918. He was a scholar and missionary who served as a model of the highest ideals to be attended by a Doctor of Ministry degree recipient. Sister Linda Marie received the award for her project entitled "Living in History, Living in Hope: Women's Apostolic Religious Life in the United States."

Sister Linda Marie, originally from Pittston, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Saint Cyril Academy in Danville, Pennsylvania. She received a BA in English from Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania; an MA in Religious Studies from Saint Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and an MA in Education from Villanova University in Villanova, PA. She also studied at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and at LaSalle College in Philadelphia. She served as the General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius from 2004 to 2012 and served as a member of the Leadership Council of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius from 2000 to 2004. She was principal of Blessed Sacrament School in Charleston from 1989 to 2004.

During her years in ministry, Sister Linda Marie was a delegate to the National Congress on Catholic Schools for the 21st Century, sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association. She also served as Chair of the Charleston Diocesan Board of Christian Formation; was a member of the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Diocesan Commission on Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Concerns; was a member of the Harrisburg Diocesan Liturgical Commission; and served as Team Captain for one of the Harrisburg Diocesan Synod Commissions for Evangelization and Education.

**Have you signed up  
a new member lately?**



# Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

May 23, 2013 – Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees. The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from March 14, 2013, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

## Correspondence and Requests

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

- ❖ New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance requesting an ad in the 80th Annual Convention program book. *Approved \$100.00 for a full page ad.*
- ❖ Youngstown Sister Cities is requesting a donation of \$100.00 to assist with various projects. *Approved \$100.00.*

Membership dues of \$400.00 were paid to the Slovak League of America.

## Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts as of March and April 2013: M&T Bank – General Operating

Account, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account and Home Office – Branch Deposit Account. The committee reviewed the March 31, 2013, Quarterly Statement and Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet for March and April 2013.

## Bonds/Stocks/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided copies of all reports from March and April 2013, reviewing all activity including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, Bonds, and International Investments.

## Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge provided the committee with information on the proposals and paving of our parking lot and on the examination which will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

## Budget

The committee was provided and reviewed the budget for March and April 2013.

## Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013. There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Jo Savidge**  
National Secretary-Treasurer

## PFA Presents 2013 Legislative Award

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Legislative Committee recently presented the 2013 Legislative Award to Senator John T. Yudichak. Senator Yudichak is the chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. He is also a member of the following Senate committees: Appropriations, Aging and Youth, Local Government, and State Government. Senator Yudichak has authored important legislation including the Sgt. Baker Act to assist the families of Pennsylvania soldiers killed in the line of duty; the working Senior Citizens Full Benefits Act to protect older Pennsylvanians who return to the workforce; and the Waste Tire Act that toughens enforcement of waste-tire regulations.



**Pictured with Senator Yudichak are LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.**

## Member Mary Gaughan Performs at Disney

Mary Gaughan has just completed her junior year at Holly Springs High School, Holly Springs, North Carolina, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Mary is the brass captain of the school's marching band, and first trumpet chair in the school's wind ensemble. She also plays cornet in the Triangle Youth Brass Ensemble.



**Mary Gaughan**

The Holly Springs High School marching and concert bands were honored to have been selected to perform for thousands of spectators at the Disney World complex in Orlando, Florida, during the weekend of April 19, 2013. The Golden Hawks Regiment, HSHS's marching band, marched in the Magic Kingdom's parade on the evening of April 19th, and the concert band performed at Downtown Disney on the afternoon of April 20th.

Mary is the daughter of Tim and Beth Gaughan and granddaughter of Tom and Ceil Gaughan. All the Gaughans, including Mary's brother Pat, are members of LPSCU Branch 38, Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

# The 15 Payment Life Plan

Effective January 1, 2013, the LPSCU has implemented an economic and beneficial 15 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 through 70. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase amount of \$5,000 of life insurance. Premiums are payable for fifteen (15) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 15-year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

The plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of fifteen (15) years, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with a 15 Payment Life Plan is entitled to

all fraternal benefits of the LPSCU including educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount card, official publication, and discount car rental.

The 15 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid up within fifteen (15) years.

During these unstable economic times, the 15 Payment Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is economical and beneficial for estate planning and can especially help with the high cost of funeral expenses.

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 15 Payment Life insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual and quarterly premium rates are also available. Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office for more information.

## 15 PAYMENT 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	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.29	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.75
1	9.13	8.44	0.82	0.76
2	9.31	8.60	0.84	0.77
3	9.50	8.77	0.86	0.79
4	9.69	8.89	0.87	0.80
5	9.89	9.12	0.89	0.82
6	10.10	9.31	0.91	0.84
7	10.32	9.50	0.93	0.86
8	10.53	9.70	0.95	0.87
9	10.76	9.90	0.97	0.89
10	10.99	10.11	0.99	0.91
11	11.24	10.29	1.01	0.93
12	11.46	10.54	1.03	0.95
13	11.84	10.76	1.07	0.97
14	12.23	10.98	1.10	0.99
15	12.62	11.23	1.14	1.01
16	13.02	11.47	1.17	1.03
17	13.41	11.71	1.21	1.05
18	13.81	12.04	1.24	1.08
19	14.23	12.43	1.28	1.12
20	14.61	12.79	1.31	1.15
21	15.04	13.19	1.35	1.19
22	15.49	13.58	1.39	1.22
23	15.96	14.05	1.44	1.26
24	16.43	14.52	1.48	1.31
25	16.93	14.98	1.52	1.35
26	17.44	15.46	1.57	1.39
27	17.97	15.97	1.62	1.44
28	18.51	16.48	1.67	1.48
29	19.08	17.01	1.72	1.53
30	19.67	17.56	1.77	1.58
31	20.28	18.10	1.83	1.63
32	20.91	18.72	1.88	1.68
33	21.57	19.32	1.94	1.74
34	22.26	19.89	2.00	1.79
35	22.97	20.58	2.07	1.85

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
36	23.72	21.18	2.13	1.91
37	24.48	21.90	2.20	1.97
38	25.27	22.64	2.27	2.04
39	26.09	23.37	2.35	2.10
40	26.95	24.05	2.43	2.16
41	27.82	24.83	2.50	2.23
42	28.72	25.73	2.58	2.32
43	29.66	26.56	2.67	2.39
44	30.62	27.40	2.76	2.47
45	31.61	28.25	2.84	2.54
46	32.63	29.24	2.94	2.63
47	33.68	30.13	3.03	2.71
48	34.77	31.16	3.13	2.80
49	35.90	32.11	3.23	2.89
50	37.09	33.17	3.34	2.99
51	38.35	34.26	3.45	3.08
52	39.67	35.39	3.57	3.19
53	41.05	36.55	3.69	3.29
54	42.48	37.74	3.82	3.40
55	43.97	38.97	3.96	3.51
56	45.51	40.25	4.10	3.62
57	47.12	41.56	4.24	3.74
58	48.81	42.91	4.39	3.86
59	50.60	44.32	4.55	3.99
60	52.49	45.78	4.72	4.12
61	54.47	47.28	4.90	4.26
62	56.54	48.85	5.09	4.40
63	58.70	50.50	5.28	4.55
64	60.99	52.24	5.49	4.70
65	63.40	54.08	5.71	4.87
66	65.96	56.02	5.94	5.04
67	68.71	58.07	6.18	5.23
68	71.69	60.27	6.45	5.42
69	74.92	62.62	6.74	5.64
70	78.44	65.13	7.06	5.86



# Cynthia Maleski Honored by Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh

On March 16, 2013, Attorney Cynthia M. Maleski, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, was honored by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh (FSGP) as their 2013 Fraternalist of the Year. A testimonial banquet in her honor was held at the Sheraton-Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Each year the FSGP chooses an individual who displays active leadership in promoting the fraternal spirit and who has made valuable contributions to the fraternal benefit system.

Cynthia is a leader in the fraternal and Slovak communities, both regionally and nationally, and is an active promoter of our Slovak heritage. She serves on the executive boards of the Slovak Catholic Federation, the Slovak League of America, and the Board of Advisors of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. She has held various other leadership positions in many organizations in her community. Cynthia also served as Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner and Cabinet Secretary in the administration of the late Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey.

Cynthia is a member of LPSCU Branch 42 in Pittsburgh. Many members of the LPSCU's Pittsburgh District had the pleasure of attending the testimonial banquet in her honor. The banquet was very well attended by many fraternal members and distinguished guests, including the Slovak Ambassador to the United States, Peter Kmec.

The LPSCU congratulates Cynthia M. Maleski on being awarded the 2013 Fraternalist of the Year by the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. We are very proud of that she has been selected for this distinguished honor.

**Dolores Sakal**  
President, Pittsburgh District

## Can You Help Us?

The Home Office needs your help in locating the following members. Do you know where we can find them?

**Wilhemina A. DeGarmo**, Branch 197 (Home Office)  
Last Known Address: 4788 Four Seasons Drive,  
Liverpool, NY 13088-3610  
Named Beneficiary: Elizabeth Dayal or Donna Wills

**Margaret Zver**, Branch 83 (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania)  
Last Known Address: 507 Selfridge Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018  
Named Beneficiary: Joseph Zver

If you have any information on these members or the beneficiaries listed, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge by October 31, 2013, at 570-823-3513 or 888-834-6614, or by e-mailing [maryjo@lpscu.org](mailto:maryjo@lpscu.org).



**L-R: Ann Krohmaly, Ann Wargovich, Mary Heckel, Dolores Sakal, honoree Cynthia Maleski, Margaret Joschak, and Sue Andrejco.**



**L-R: Margaret Joschak, Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec, Mary Heckel, Joseph Senko, and Dolores Sakal.**

## Cooking Corner

### PEACHES AND CREAM CHEESECAKE

¾ cup flour	3½ oz. pkg. dry vanilla pudding, (not instant)
1 tsp. baking powder	1 egg
½ tsp. salt	½ cup milk
3 tsp. margarine	20 oz. can sliced peaches, drained (reserve juice)

#### Filling:

8 oz. cream cheese	3 Tbps. peach juice
½ cup sugar	

#### Topping:

1 Tbsp. sugar	½ tsp. cinnamon
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Combine flour, baking powder, salt, margarine, pudding, egg, and milk, and beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Pour into a greased 9" pie pan. Place the drained peaches over the batter. Combine cream cheese, sugar, and peach juice; beat 2 minutes at medium speed, then spoon filling to within 1" of edge of batter. Combine sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over cream cheese filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.





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## LPSCU Officers Attend FSNEPA Seminar

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania held its annual seminar on April 17, 2013, at the Home Office of the Polish National Union in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Representing the LPSCU were President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge. This day-long function included a presentation from Annette Szady, CPA, director, Pennsylvania Insurance Department Office of Corporate and Financial Regulation Bureau of Financial Examinations; Rick Pierchalski, chairman of the board, Medallion Wealth Management; and Allan Ferrone, vice president and chief actuary, CPS Actuaries, Inc.

Ms. Szady updated those present on regulatory topics including solvency, modernization initiatives, pre-planning questionnaire and exam kick-off meeting, Pennsylvania activities impacting fraternal organizations, modernization of fraternal governance, and insurer solvency and concerns, among others.

Mr. Pierchalski discussed investing in bonds versus equities, explaining the risks and advantages of each.

Mr. Ferrone's presentation explained Asset Valuation Reserve (AVR) and Risk Based Capital (RBC) and how they impact each individual's financial statement.

Each of the speakers are pictured below, along with some of the attendees present at the seminar.



## SS.C.M. Sisters to Hold Annual Summer Festival

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius invite you to their Summer Festival which will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pennsylvania. The Festival starts at 10:30 a.m. and runs until 5:00 p.m. There will be food, fun, arts and crafts, baked goods, games, and a flea market. Come and enjoy the festivities! Mass for Sunday will be celebrated in the Basilica at the Festival's close at 5:00 p.m.

**Sister John Vianney, SS.C.M.**

## Letters

Dear Ms. Kluchinski:

Thank you very much for your generous \$500 scholarship. I cannot fully express how meaningful it is to receive this level of support. I fully intend to utilize this award to its full potential and work hard to achieve my educational goal of becoming a Chemical Engineer at Penn State University Lehigh Valley.

Once again, thanks to your generous award, my family's financial burden has been lessened. This will allow me to focus more on what is most important in college-academics. I thank you sincerely for investing in my future.

Sincerely,

**Christopher Shannon**

Branch 130, Bethlehem, PA

Dear Mrs. Kluchinski and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for the 2013 College Award. I am very honored and appreciative to be a member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. I will gratefully put this scholarship toward my college career. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

**Grace Taglang**

Branch 38, Whitehall, PA

Ladies,

Youngstown-Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities would like to thank the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union for its donation of \$100. The money will be used for sports T-shirts and sweatshirts for children in villages near Nova Ves and Nitra, Slovakia. Jim and Kay Bench, tour guides, will take the items with them when they conduct the YSC 16th Heritage Tour to Slovakia on July 9-23.

**Bernadette Demechko**

Youngstown Sister Cities

**SIGN UP A  
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# Slovak Heritage Society Names 2013 Officers

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania held its Annual Meeting recently at the Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where elections were held for 2013 officers and Board members.

The Slovak Heritage Society was founded during the American Bicentennial in 1975 by Monsignor Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L., and Slovak cultural activist. The group's mission is "to advance an awareness of the Slovak heritage and culture among all people by means of education and social interaction." For additional information on the Society's programs and seasonal Slovak cultural events, visit its website: [www.shsnep.org](http://www.shsnep.org).

## LPSCU 2013 POST GRADUATE AWARD

### \$300 One-Time Award

The LPSCU is offering a \$300 Post-Graduate Award Benefit to our members who are awarded a Master's or Doctorate degree during the period from July 1, 2012 to August 30, 2013. Members are only eligible to receive this award one time.

Following are the Guidelines for applying for the Post Graduate Award. All applicants must:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for at least five (5) years with a minimum \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Provide a photocopy of the Master's or Doctorate degree received.
- Provide documentation that the degree was awarded between July 1, 2012 and August 30, 2013.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined and provide data indicated in order to be eligible. Applications missing data or with incomplete requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be post-marked by August 31, 2013.**

Submit applications to:

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

Phone - 570-823-3513 ❖ Toll free - 888-834-6614  
❖ Fax - 570-823-4464

E-mail - [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website - [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)



2013 SHS officers and Board members are, seated from left, Dorothy Sullivan, Nanticoke; Recording Secretary Anna M. Hudock, Wilkes-Barre; Dinner Chairperson Elaine Palischak, Plymouth; Society Chairperson Philip R. Tuhy, Wilkes-Barre; Membership Chairperson Mary Migatulski, Wilkes-Barre; and Financial Advisor Magdalen M. Benish, Plains. Standing, L-R: Joseph Kowatch, Edwardsville; Benevolent Chairperson Constance Plewniak, Wilkes-Barre Township; Society Chaplain Rev. John Albosta, Plains; Education Co-Chairperson Andrew Sofranko, Hanover Township; Michael Stretanski, Kingston; Anthony Palischak, Plymouth; Corresponding Secretary Bernadette Yencha, Wilkes-Barre; Treasurer Jackson Hendershot, Wilkes-Barre; and Public Relations Director William A. Zdancewicz, Edwardsville. (Education Co-Chairperson Helen Savinski, Swoyersville, is not pictured.)

## Lehigh Valley Okres Presents Matching Funds

On March 10, 2013, the Lehigh Valley Okres presented a Matching Funds check from the LPSCU to Millie Scrak, coordinator of the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The check represented matching funds collected by the Okres up to the amount of \$200.00. The Okres held a themed basket raffle last year at its Holiday Luncheon from which the sum of \$275.00 was collected.



Pictured L-R are: Dorothy Lichman of Allentown Branch 40; Jean Kosalko, president of the Lehigh Valley Okres; Millie Scrak, coordinator of the Allentown Diocesan Soup Kitchen; Margaret A. Ferri, treasurer of the Lehigh Valley Okres; and Cecilia B. Gaughan, national fraternal activities director.



# Gina Yocum Receives 2013 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship

The LPSCU is pleased to announce that Gina Yocum of Hazle Township, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2013 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship. Gina received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology with a GPA of 3.77 from Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania, in May 2013. Her objective is to obtain a clinical fellowship position in speech-language pathology.

Since January of this year, Gina has worked as a graduate student clinician at Hazleton General Hospital, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, where she evaluates and treats patients in an acute care setting and inpatient rehabilitation. Her patients range in age from 24-105 with a wide range of diagnoses including dysphagia, Parkinson's disease, dementia, cognitive/linguistic deficits, traumatic brain injury, aphasia, voice, and apraxia of speech.

Gina was a graduate student clinician for the Hazleton Area School District from August -December 2012 where she treated children aged 10-21 who were diagnosed with autism, Asperger's syndrome, intellectual disabilities, and Down syndrome, and including a number of students utilizing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ACC) devices.

As a graduate student clinician at Misericordia University

Speech-Language Hearing Center from September-December 2011 and from May-June 2012, Gina evaluated children from 3-17 in areas of articulation and phonology, language, and voice. She also treated children between 3-14 diagnosed with disorders of articulation and phonology, language, fluency, autism, and apraxia of speech.

Gina also served as a graduate student clinician at St. Paul's Early Intervention in Dallas from

January-April 2012 where she treated children aged 3-6 diagnosed with disorders of articulation and phonology, language delay, apraxia, autism, and intellectual disability.

From February to May of 2011, Gina was an undergraduate student clinician at Misericordia University Speech-Language Hearing Center. She was one of several undergraduate students selected to treat a client for a semester. She treated a pediatric client diagnosed with apraxia of speech for 30 minutes once a week.

Gina's honors include being named to the Dean's List from 2009-2013 and receiving annual Academic and Leadership Scholarships between 2009-2013. She is a Distinguished Honors graduate of Hazleton High School, Class of 2008, where she was a member of the marching band, chorus, and National Honor Society. She has CPR Certification from the American Heart Association and current Pennsylvania State and Federal clearances. She is a member of the National Student Speech Hearing Language Association (NSSHLA) and the Misericordia University Lion's Club.

Gina's volunteer service includes being a student mentor at Misericordia University Department of Speech-Language Pathology since 2011 and at Horses and Horizons, where she is a side walker for students participating in therapeutic horseback riding sessions. She is a member of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Hazleton where she sings in the parish choir. She has been a member of the parish youth group and an altar server. Her hobbies are running, cooking, and cake decorating.

Gina is a 4th generation member of LPSCU Branch 39 in Drums, Pennsylvania, where she participates in fraternal and community service activities. She is the daughter of James and Agnella Yocum. Her father currently serves as secretary-treasurer of Branch 39. Her grandmother, Mary Yocum of Drums, also served as secretary-treasurer of Branch 39, as did her great-grandmother, Julia Shindick.

The LPSCU is proud of Gina's outstanding achievements and accomplishments. She is most deserving of this year's Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations, Gina! The LPSCU wishes you continued success in your future health-care endeavors.



Gina Yocum

## Share Your Favorite Halloween Stories

Pumpkins, ghosts, and goblins are nice, but candy's what makes Halloween so much fun! Remember trick-or-treating as a kid? Oh, the excitement of knocking on neighbors' doors for free candy. You might still remember which families handed out the "good stuff" — chocolate bars, most likely — and which ones gave the dreaded "healthy" stuff like fruit. And who can forget the feeling of sizing up all your loot at the end of the night? That was sheer bliss!



We want to hear your favorite stories about Halloween. From trick-or-treating snafus to favorite candies of yesteryear, the tales can be about you or your children or grandchildren. We'll run our favorite stories in *Zornicka*. If you have fun Halloween photos, send those along also. Just be sure to have everything to us by the September/October issue's deadline of **July 20, 2013**.

Send them to: Cecilia B. Gaughan, Fraternal Activities Director, 325 Florida Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, or email: [cbgaughan@msn.com](mailto:cbgaughan@msn.com).

# PAS Performs at Slovak Embassy in Washington

The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble – PAS – was honored to accept an invitation to perform at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C., this past spring.

The Embassy opened its doors to the Washington public on Saturday, May 11, together with all embassies of the European Union countries and the delegation of the EU to the United States, as a part of an EU Open House event. Embassies offered to the public a rare look inside their premises and provided a unique opportunity to experience the heritage, traditions, and tourist attractions of the EU member countries. The popular event promotes both individual EU states as well as the European Union itself.

PAS performed four half-hour programs representing the Eastern and Horehron regions of Slovakia. The program from the Eastern region featured dances full of temperament with the *Krucena* (a couples twirling dance), *Verbunk* (a men's military dance), and *Cardas* (a two-step dance), plus songs of a lonely heart, and a fiery girls' circular dance called a *Karicka*. Concluding the set was a romantic suite of dances from Zemplin.

The Horehron program featured the precision and beauty of the dancers' stamping and rhythmic movements. It included the *Horehronsky Dupak* in which the young men and women impress each other with unique stamping and dancing skills. The program concluded with the *Odzemok* (men's axe dance). Each of the performances received thunderous applause.

For the lines of people waiting outside to get in to see the next presentation, the PAS orchestra and men entertained the throng with music and singing.

A highlight of the day was a private audience with the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic, Peter Kmec. He praised the group for exceeding everyone's expectations and attracting so many visitors. (Some 3,000 visitors toured the embassy and enjoyed the shows.)

PAS was truly a part of the splendor that is Slovakia, offering a diversity of music, songs, and dances to proudly display our cultural heritage at the Slovak Embassy.

For more information about PAS, please visit their website at [www.pasfolkensemble.com](http://www.pasfolkensemble.com).



## Member Amber Lynn Skiffen Weds Isaiah Saniatan

Amber Lynn Skiffen and Isaiah Jaymar Saniatan were recently united in marriage at St. Bernadine of Sienna Catholic Church in Woodland Hills, California.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at Westlake Village Inn, Westlake Village, California.

Following a honeymoon to the island of Kauai, Hawaii, the couple is residing in Woodland Hills. The bride is a registered nurse working at the Surgery of the Pacific in Santa Monica, California. The groom is a registered dietician working at Sherman Oaks Hospital in Sherman Oaks, California.

Amber Lynn is the daughter of Edward and Angela Fabyanic Skiffen of Irwin, Pennsylvania, and the granddaughter of the late Helen Harcarik Fabyanic. Isaiah is the son of Eugene and Carissa Saniatan of Jonesboro, Georgia.

Amber Lynn is a member of LPSCU Branch 52, North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

The LPSCU extends congratulations and best wishes to Amber Lynn and Isaiah on their marriage. We wish them good health and happiness during their life together.





# Josephine Royer Celebrates 90th Birthday

Josephine Royer, a member of the Reverend Dianiska District of the LPSCU and Branch 6, celebrated her 90th birthday on May 13, 2013.

Josephine (nee Metsko) was married to David W. Royer, who passed away in 1984. She is the mother of four: Susan (Del Worth), David (Carol), Jeffrey (Susan), and Mark (fiancée Debbie

Mattioli); grandmother to Delbert Worth (Teresa), David Royer, and Jonathan Royer; and great-grandmother to Alexis Mattioli, twins David and Abigail Worth, and Payton Mattioli.

Josephine was very active in her parish, Saint Stephen's in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, which is now All Saints Parish. She is an active member of the

District and of the Larksville American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of Larksville Boy Scout Mother's Club, the Larksville Volunteer Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary, and numerous Slovak clubs. She volunteered for many years at the Veterans' Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Josephine also enjoyed many trips to Atlantic City, New Jersey, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Slovakia to visit friends.

In celebration of Josephine's milestone birthday, a family dinner was held at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant in Wilkes-Barre.



Josephine Royer (right) is pictured with her daughter, Susan Worth, at the Reverend Dianiska District's 70th Anniversary banquet.

## 2013 PFA Legislative Luncheon Held

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance held its annual Legislative Luncheon at the State Capitol building in Harrisburg on May 7, 2013. In attendance at this affair were thirty fraternal leaders and over one hundred legislators. The atmosphere was informal with the lunch taking place outside the Lt. Governor's Office on the second floor of the Capitol. This allowed the fraternal representatives an opportunity to meet legislators as they exited from their morning session on a lunch break. Attending from the LPSCU were President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.

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## Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union 1st Quarter Report

Assets	1st Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2012
Investments .....	\$ 14,171,617.00	\$ 14,317,091.00
Certificate of Deposit .....	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Cash on Deposit .....	\$ 852,617.00	\$ 365,567.00
Mortgage Loans .....	\$ -	\$ 2,660.00
Real Estate Owned .....	\$ 128,704.00	\$ 134,737.00
Other Assets .....	\$ 61,233.00	\$ 62,181.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,310,171.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,978,236.00</b>
Liabilities & Fund Balance	1st Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2012
Fund Balance .....	\$ 3,963,769.00	\$ 3,887,980.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve .....	\$ 206,166.00	\$ 230,769.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee .....	\$ 97,624.00	\$ 84,356.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates .....	\$ 10,490,978.00	\$ 10,206,144.00
Other Liabilities .....	\$ 551,634.00	\$ 568,987.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,310,171.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,978,236.00</b>
Revenues	1st Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2012
Premium Income .....	\$ 37,728.00	\$ 50,141.00
Investment Income .....	\$ 197,088.00	\$ 202,827.00
Income - Other .....	\$ 9,674.00	\$ 10,001.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 244,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 262,969.00</b>
Expenses	1st Quarter 2013	1st Quarter 2012
Death Claims .....	\$ 77,647.00	\$ 119,063.00
Endowments .....	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 2,847.00
Cash Surrenders .....	\$ 14,333.00	\$ 19,737.00
Dividends .....	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in Aggregate Reserves .....	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Commissions (new and renewals) .....	\$ 2,077.00	\$ 1,290.00
General Operating Expenses .....	\$ 95,276.60	\$ 60,671.41
Officers and Committee Expenses .....	\$ 3,267.97	\$ 6,388.53
Actuarial/Accounting Expense .....	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 33,240.00
Investment Mgt. Fee .....	\$ 7,086.15	\$ 5,004.80
Official Publications .....	\$ 23,617.07	\$ 21,706.68
Travel Expense .....	\$ 1,294.24	\$ 1,892.99
Bureau and Association Dues .....	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 920.00
Donations .....	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 3,270.00
Scholarships .....	\$ (40.00)	\$ (500.00)
Fraternal Activities .....	\$ 1,889.97	\$ 1,108.59
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees .....	\$ 13,854.00	\$ 11,803.00
<b>Sub Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 275,758.00</b>	<b>\$ 306,443.00</b>
Net Gain/Loss From Operations .....	\$ (31,268.00)	\$ (43,474.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss) .....	\$ 46,506.00	\$ 12,273.00
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ (15,238.00)</b>	<b>\$ (31,201.00)</b>

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- ◆ Annuities are used to supplement retirement income, whereby at some point you stop paying into the annuity and start taking out.
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## Slovak Catholic Federation Convention Set for September 15-17

The Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation, announces that the 58th National Convention of the SCF will be held in the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania area, Sunday, September 15 through Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

The Convention Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. The Reverend Monsignor Thomas V. Banick, S.T.D., past president of the SCF, serves as pastor. The Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., S.T.L., bishop emeritus, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and episcopal moderator of the Federation, will be the main celebrant of the Convention Liturgy with Father Altavilla serving as homilist.

Following the Liturgy, a Banquet will be held East Mountain Inn & Suites, 600 Wildflower Drive at Route 115 (Exit 170A off I-81), Wilkes-Barre. A cash-bar cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., with a buffet-style dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. Cost per banquet ticket is \$40.00.

Convention sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday at the East Mountain Inn & Suites.

To commemorate this historical event, a Convention Book will be published. For more information on banquet tickets or to become a sponsor for the Convention Book, please contact Dolores M. Evanko, SCF national secretary-treasurer, at 570-454-5547 or e-mail: [jje@intergrafix.net](mailto:jje@intergrafix.net).

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support in this matter.

## Tyler Shaffer Receives First Communion

On May 5, 2013, Tyler Elizabeth Shaffer received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St. Maurice Church, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania.

Tyler is a member of LPSCU Branch 52, North Braddock, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Ty and Ramona Shaffer, sister of Taylor Lillian, and granddaughter of Bernard and Andrea Tomasic and Walter and Dana Shaffer.

Congratulations, Tyler! We are all very proud of you.

**James Harcarik Tomasic**



**Tyler Elizabeth Shaffer (right) with her little sister, Taylor Lillian.**

## Magdalen Benish Receives Volunteer Award

In conjunction with "National Volunteer Week," Geisinger Medical Center of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, held a special luncheon to honor its dedicated volunteers reaching milestones of service achievement. Over 200 individuals were in attendance for the event held at the East Mountain Inn in Wilkes-Barre.



Among the award recipients was Magdalen Benish of Plains, Pennsylvania, who was honored for 15 years of service at Geisinger South in Wilkes-Barre, where she serves in the Pastoral Care Unit in the Hospice and Rehabilitation Centers.

Magdalen is pictured at center above as she accepts her volunteer award from Barbara Coyle, Director of Volunteers at Geisinger Medical Center, and Chaplain Jim Clyde.

Magdalen is a board member of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and a member of LPSCU Branch 122 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The LPSCU congratulates Magdalen on her volunteer award. We are proud of this honor bestowed upon her.

## In Memoriam

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

Name	Branch	Location
Kathryn Horvath	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Marian Tokach	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Helen Pallo	24	Windber, PA
Anna M. Karolcik	28	Joliet, IL
Anna Bala	37	Plymouth, PA
Joan Yapsuga	38	Whitehall, PA
* Valerie V. Lentz	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Helen M. Senko	60	W. Hazleton, PA
William J. Crawford	65	Munhall, PA
Gery Jakub	76	White Oak, PA
Helen Stefanko	90	Johnstown, PA
* Agnes J. Garwin	109	Hammond, IN
* Christine Ronciak	109	Hammond, IN
Petras Bielinis	132	Campbell, OH
Helen M. Tych	132	Wilkes-Barre, PA
* Michele Knepper	156	Coaldale, PA
* Anne Mattis	163	Youngstown, OH
Marguerite Dorbish	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Julia Ceyba	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Alzbeta Kiral	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Genevieve Kogut	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
* William J. Martinkus	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Violet Pallo	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
* Irene Zurek	214	Duryea, PA
* William M. Franczak	216	Feasterville, PA

\*Multiple certificates

## Dear Junior Members,

On July 4, 1776, delegates to the Continental Congress gathered in Philadelphia's Independence Hall voted to accept the Declaration of Independence. On August 2 that same year, fifty-six of these brave men signed their names to this historic document, giving birth to a new nation as they declared their independence from Great Britain.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence? They willingly signed the document, all the while knowing that they were committing treason against the British Crown. If caught and captured, they risked being imprisoned or put to death. These men valued freedom, liberty, equality, and prosperity for all to such an extent that they found this fate worth the risk.

What kind of men were they? They came from a wide cross-section of the population. Twenty-five were lawyers or jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers or plantation owners. One was a teacher, one a musician, and one a printer. They were all well educated and men of means, and yet risked that very wealth to sign the Declaration of Independence. For not only could they lose their lives if captured by the British, but their homes, land, possessions, and money would be forfeit to the Crown.

Here is what happened to some of that brave fifty-six.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He had to sell his home and property to pay his debts, and he died in poverty.

Thomas Nelson, Jr. saw his home occupied by the British General Cornwallis. Nelson's home was later destroyed and he was bankrupt when he died.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in Congress without pay and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

Vandals and enemy soldiers looted the properties of Bartlett, Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Gwinnet, Walton, Heward, Rutledge, and Middleton; the latter four were captured and imprisoned.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. To punish him, the British jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

After signing the Declaration, Richard Stockton, a Supreme Court Justice, rushed back to his estate in an effort to protect his wife and children. Although he and his family found refuge with friends, a British sympathizer betrayed him and Stockton was pulled from his bed and beaten by British soldiers. He was jailed and starved. When he was finally released, his home and all of his possessions destroyed, he and his family were forced to live on charity.

John Hart was forced to flee from his wife's bedside as she lay dying. Their thirteen children fled for their lives. His



fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. He lived in forests and caves, finally returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Lewis Morris and Philip Livingston suffered fates similar to Hart's.

John Hancock, one of the wealthiest men in New England, lost most of his fortune during the war and gave over \$100,000 to the cause of freedom.

Caesar Rodney, a Delaware statesman, was gravely ill with facial cancer. His only hope was to return to England for treatment, yet Rodney sealed his fate by signing the Declara-

tion of Independence. He was one of several who fulfilled their pledge with their lives.

In all, five of the fifty-six were captured by the British and tortured. Twelve had their homes ransacked, looted, confiscated by the enemy, or burned to the ground. Seventeen lost their fortunes. Two lost their sons in the Army; another had two sons taken prisoners of war. Nine of the fifty-six lost their lives in the war, from wounds or hardships inflicted by the British.

It is important to remember that despite the hardships they faced, not a single one of them defected or failed to honor his pledge. Would you be willing to do the same? Through the great price these founding fathers were willing to pay, this nation was born.

**Cecilia B. Gaughan**, Fraternal Activities Director

## Arts and Crafts

### HOLIDAY INSTRUMENTS

We will soon celebrate the 4th of July, our nation's birthday. Will you join us?

One of the best ways to celebrate is with music. With these simple musical instruments that you can make at home, you'll be able to sing a patriotic tune or march in a 4th of July parade.

To make a **Tambourine**, you'll need two aluminum pie plates. Turn one pie plate upside down on top of the other, lining up the edges. With an adult's help, staple the pie plates together around the rims. Punch four or five holes evenly spaced around the rim of the plates. Pull colorful ribbons through each hole. Before tying the ribbons, add a bell to each knot so your tambourine will make music when you shake it.

**Maracas** are Latin-American musical instruments made from gourds filled with dried seeds. To make your own, use plastic bottles shaped like gourds and paint bright designs on them. Put dried beans, dried peas, or seeds in the bottles and screw on the lid. When you turn them upside down and shake them in time to the music, they will make a nice sound.



## Inexpensive Summer Fun

Summer is finally here. We all like to enjoy summer activities, but this may mean extra expenses that all this fun can bring. The typical family could end up spending hundreds of extra dollars for pool memberships, summer camp, or other organized activities. But having a great summer doesn't have to cost a lot. There are dozens of fun things to do that cost nothing at all!

The warm summer weather and longer days encourage us to be active in ways that aren't possible during the colder months. Here are some activities that can get you healthy and they don't cost a dime:

### Pedal Away!

– Pick one day a week when the whole family will go for a bike ride together. Pack plenty of water and be sure to wear sunscreen while you explore new places in your community and beyond.



**Take a Hike!** – Visit a local park and take a hike. Along the way be sure to notice the different wildflowers and trees, as well as birds and other wildlife.

**Get Wet!** – Head to the nearest water source. Don't have a pool membership? No problem! Get out the garden hose and hook up a sprinkler. You'll be cooled off in no time. Or perhaps there's a pond or creek near your house where you can wade or swim. Just be sure Mom and Dad know where you are and take all the precautions you would if you were swimming in a pool or the ocean.

**Get Back to Nature!** – You want to be outside because the weather is so nice, but you can also explore your crafty side. Make a mosaic with things you find in nature like tiny pinecones, acorns, shells, leaves, and pretty stones. Glue

## Facts About Lady Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a gift from France. It was unveiled in New York Harbor in 1886.

The statue's right arm and original torch crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times. They were originally shipped to the U.S. from France and put on display to raise money to finish the landmark. They were then returned to Paris to join the rest of Lady Liberty, which was then shipped back to America.

The Statue of Liberty weighs 225 tons, is more than 151 feet high, and stands on a 154-foot-high pedestal. Each sandal is 25 feet long. This is equivalent to a size 879 shoe! A single fingernail measures 13 x 10 inches and weighs about 3½ pounds.



them to a piece of poster board in an interesting design. It may surprise you just how artistic you can be!

**Have a Picnic!** – In the park or in your back yard. It won't cost a dime if you use last night's leftovers. Or invite your friends and make it a hobo picnic where everyone carries their own food wrapped in a bandanna and tied to a pole.

**Sleep Under the Stars!** – After your picnic, camp in your own backyard. Pitch a tent or use blankets draped over Mom's clothesline to create a shelter. Put your sleeping bag on a chaise lounge or on a tarp on the ground. Listen to the night sounds as you drift off to sleep. Maybe you'll even hear an owl!

**Go Bird Watching!** – Grab some binoculars and look for species of birds that are native to your area. Check your local library for a book on birds to help you identify what you're seeing. Remember that birds are most active in the early morning and early evening; like people, they don't like to be out in the heat of the day. If there are bird feeders or a bird bath in your yard, stand quietly and watch from a distance away. You can keep track of what you see in a notebook. The great thing about watching birds is that it costs nothing and it can be done almost anywhere. Who knows? This may become a lifelong hobby.

These activities will keep you plenty busy this summer!



## Kids in the Kitchen

### GLUTEN-FREE MERINGUE LOLLIPOPS

This recipe makes 25 pops. You'll need:

4 egg whites

1 cup sugar

25 ice cream sticks

Multicolored edible decorating stars

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Lightly coat two baking sheets with non-stick cooking spray. Using an electric mixer, beat egg whites at medium speed until frothy. Add sugar one tablespoon at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. (This will take about ten minutes.) Drop meringue by rounded tablespoons onto the baking sheets. Use a spoon to smooth peaks, but don't flatten. Insert craft sticks about ¼" into the bottom of each "cloud." Decorate tops with stars. Bake one hour, then turn off oven and leave pops in oven overnight.

These are great treats for birthday party giveaways. Use a permanent marker to write the name of each guest on the sticks before placing them into the meringue.

## Pilgrimage Notes

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of the Mass, celebrating the College's golden anniversary.

Following the festive Liturgy, a banquet was held in the dining room of the Slovak College. Representatives of the Slovak Catholic Federation, the Slovak League of America, and the four Slovak Catholic fraternal benefit societies offered greetings and congratulations to Monsignor Vladimir Stahovec, rector of the Pontifical Slovak College, and to the members of the College community. Both Dolores M. Evanko, LPSCU national trustee, and I had the privilege of representing the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and we offered greetings and best wishes on behalf of our National Officers, National Board of Directors, and the members of our beloved Society. Both Cardinal Tomko and Monsignor Stahovec offered their thanks for the support given for the building of the College and for the continued support given by many, especially through funds raised by the annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal, coordinated by the Slovak Catholic Federation.



**His Holiness, Pope Francis at the General Audience, Wednesday, April 17, 2013.**

Before our time in Rome concluded, we had the privilege of celebrating Mass at the tomb of Saint Peter in the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican and also in the Basilica of Saint Clement. Along with the remains of Pope Saint Clement, the mortal remains of Saint Cyril are also housed in this important basilica. Following the Mass at Saint Clement's, the group visited the excavations below the current-day basilica, which included a visit to the original tomb of Saint Cyril. The group also visited the Basilica of Saint Mary Major and viewed a special plaque which highlights the acceptance, by Pope Adrian, II, of the Divine Liturgy in the vernacular (Slavonic) that was developed by Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Following our time in the Eternal City, our group then journeyed to Slovakia, to participate in the celebration of the 1,150th anniversary of the arrival of the brother saints, Cyril and Methodius, in 863 A.D., to preach the Gospel to the Slavic peoples. In the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic, this year is a special Jubilee Year to honor the ministry of the

brother saints. Our itinerary included visits to sites that are significant to the life and ministry of Saints Cyril and Methodius while they lived among the Slavic peoples.

Of special importance were liturgies celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Emmeram, Nitra, where Methodius served as the first bishop; the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints Cyril and Methodius, Velehrad, the Czech Republic, where it is believed that Saint Methodius died; and the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows, Šaštín, which is the national pilgrimage site for Western Slovakia. In Šaštín, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Jozef Halko, Auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava and the delegate of the Slovak Bishops Conference to Slovaks Living Abroad, celebrated Mass for the pilgrims and offered an explanation of a relief of Our Lady of Sorrows in the basilica. As his homily, Bishop Halko offered an English translation of the homily given by Blessed Pope John Paul II when he visited Šaštín in 1995.

As organizer of this special Pilgrimage, I hope that those who participated allowed the Holy Spirit to open the doors of their hearts wider to Christ and to grow in their willingness to be modern-day evangelizers, those who share the Gospel message in word and deed.

"O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples through the brother Saints Cyril and Methodius, grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching, and perfect us as a people of one accord in true faith and right confession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

**Rev. Philip A. Altavilla**



**Most Reverend Jozef Halko, auxiliary bishop of Bratislava and the delegate of the Slovak Bishops Conference to Slovaks Living Abroad with pilgrims at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows, Šaštín, Slovakia.**