



Ella Josephine Brickman RECEIVES 2018 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Ella Josephine Brickman of Chardon, Ohio, a member of LPSCU's Youngstown, Ohio Branch 180 for 19 years, has been selected as the recipient of our 2018 Youth Achievement Award. She was nominated for the award by her mother, Kelli Brickman.

Ella attended Chardon High School in Chardon, where she graduated with Honors. While in high school, she volunteered for a community toy drive with the National Honor Society, Christmas caroled for a canned food drive, and collected donations for the high school's music program, "Thank a Giver" (TAG). Ella was also a Senior Mentor for the incoming freshmen.

Ella's awards and achievements are numerous and impressive. In addition to receiving an Honors diploma, she received Senior recognition for playing the flute. She was a member of the National Thespian Society and served as Band Council historian for her Junior and Senior years. Ella received the Crescendo Club's Band Scholarship and Chardon Community Action's Scholarship.

Ella has been a member in Life Teen, a senior high youth group at St. Mary Church in Chardon, where she has also served the community parish through working the Lenten Fish Fry and being a part of the Life Teen Choir. She has also served in leadership roles on the Life Teen Leadership and as a director for the Confirmation retreat.

The Life Teen Youth Minister of St. Mary Church states, "Ella is a rare type of student who combines exceptional leadership ability and also maintains a willingness and eagerness to learn and to help others."

She is presently attending Capital University in Bexley, Ohio, with a major in English/Creative Writing and a minor in Spanish.

Ella has outstanding credentials and has exhibited ambition, achievement, and dedication to all of the activities in which she has participated at her school, church, and community organizations to qualify her for this award. It is with great pride that the LPSCU presents Ella Josephine Brickman with the 2018 Youth Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Ella!



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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 1** – Slovak National Room Annual Festival at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning (first floor) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. featuring entertainment, homemade Slovak food and cookies. Contact Dolores Sakal (412-243-0438) with any questions.
- 4** – Illiana Okres Social Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana. Contact Joan Hladek (815-895-0431 or joan.hladek@gmail.com) for detailed information and to make a reservation.
- 4** – LPSCU Branch 39 invites members and guests to attend 9:45 a.m. Mass at the Church of Saint Joseph, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, to be followed by a breakfast buffet at Premier Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania. Contact Jim Yocum (570-436-6792 or email jpyocum@ptd.net) to make a reservation.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2019 *Zornicka*.**
- 25** – Pittsburgh District's Christmas Party at 1:00 p.m. at Banquets Unlimited, 200 Bridge Street, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. Contact your Branch Secretary or Dolores Sakal (412-243-0438) by November 19 if you plan to attend.

DECEMBER

- 1** – LPSCU Branch 39 Christmas Party at Grotto Pizza, 3445 Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania, at 6:00 p.m. A Matching Funds event will be held at the party. Contact Jim Yocum (570-436-6792 or email jpyocum@ptd.net) to make a reservation.
- 2** – Rev. Dianiska District's Christmas Party at Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branch 19 will host. A Special Gifts Raffle will be held in conjunction with the LPSCU's Matching Funds program.
- 2-3** – Pick-up dates for LPSCU Branch 213's Christmas Wreath fundraiser. *See page 24 for details.*
- 3** – United Slovak Societies Traditional Christmas Eve *Vilija* Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio. For advance tickets (\$22) and reservations, call Pam at 440-245-5146. Reservations must be made 10 days prior to the event. Open to the public.
- 7** – Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas Party at Booty's Restaurant, Route 309, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Make reservations with Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263.
- 8** – LPSCU Board Meeting (Telephone Conference)

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A Message from Our National Spiritual Advisor

WE REMEMBER

On November 2, the Feast of All Souls Day, we come together as a Church to celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. And throughout the month of November, we remember our deceased brothers and sisters through our prayers.

Praying for all those who have gone before us has always been a rich part of our Catholic faith tradition. A beautiful way to remember a deceased loved one is by having a Mass offered for their intention. As we pray for them, they in turn pray for us. Many parishes set up a special prayer location in the church where members of the parish display a picture of a deceased loved one who died in the past year. Some parishes will have a special remembrance candle bearing the name of the deceased placed in the sanctuary area that will burn throughout the month. During the month of November, one can say that the Church in a prayerful way celebrates its Memorial Days: the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls.

If your schedule permits, attend Mass on All Souls Day. Visit the cemetery and offer a prayer at the grave of your deceased family member. Pray for all the souls who yearn to see the face of God. Pray for those who have no one else to pray for them. Make time throughout the month of November to remember those who have gone before us in prayer.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Blessings,
Father Bob

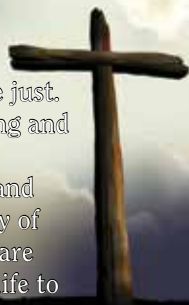


Rev. Robert L. Seeman

A Prayer for the Feast of All Souls

Lord God, you are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again.

Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come.



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a Blessed and Merry Christmas,
and a New Year Filled
with Health and Happiness!*

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- 9** – Illiana Okres Business Meeting at 1:30 p.m. at White Fence Farm, Romeoville, Illinois. Contact Joan Hladek (815-895-0431 or joan.hladek@gmail.com) for detailed information and to make a reservation.
- 9** – Lehigh Valley Okres Holiday Luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A themed gift basket raffle fundraiser and Matching Funds event will be held at the luncheon.
- 12** – FSNEPA Christmas Social, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- 31** – United Slovak Societies Silvester Steak Fry from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain, Ohio. For advance tickets (\$25) and reservations, call Pam at 440-245-5146. Reservations must be made 10 days prior to the event. Open to the public.

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JANUARY

- 18** – March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for March/April Zornicka.**

MARCH

- 13-14** – LPSCU Internal Audit
- 15-16** – LPSCU Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All correspondence relative to this meeting must be received by the Home Office by February 15, 2019.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for May/June Zornicka.**

APRIL

- 1-2** – Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Passaic, New Jersey

MAY

- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for July/August Zornicka.**

JUNE

- 8** – LPSCU Mid-Year Meeting (Telephone Conference)

JULY

- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October Zornicka.**

Matvyas Celebrate 71st Anniversary

The LPSCU would like to congratulate Andrew and Emerentiana Matvya on the occasion of their 71st Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated on September 6, 2018. Emerentiana is a member of LPSCU Branch 42, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We wish you both many more happy years!



Emerentiana and Andrew Matvya on their wedding day.

Branch 39 Plans Christmas Party

LPSCU Branch 39 will hold a Christmas Party for Branch members on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at Grotto Pizza, 3445 Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Branch members planning to attend should make a reservation with Jim Yocum by calling 570-436-6792 or emailing him at jpyocum@ptd.net by November 25th.

Branch 39 will be holding a Matching Funds event at the party. As part of the LPSCU Matching Funds Program, the Branch will donate \$100, along with any monetary donations received at the party, to the Catholic Relief Services. The donations will be accompanied by the matching funds received from the LPSCU Home Office. Catholic Relief Services is a humanitarian aid organization which helps the poor and vulnerable overseas by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

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A Message from Our Spiritual Protector

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Veselé Vianoce a veľmi šťastný nový rok!



We read in the Bible, "In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night. An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' Now it happened that when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told. ~ Luke 2: 8-12; 15-19

This event, the birth of Jesus Christ, renews in us the love of God made incarnate in His Son. Like the angels, we are His messengers here on earth proclaiming God's "Good News" of His Love in our daily lives.

St. Paul shows us three ways that we can love one another during Christmas time and throughout the year. We are to encourage them, help them with their burdens, and be a role model of forgiveness.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, we read that we are to "encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1Thes. 5:11) Leo Buscaglia once said, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he writes: "Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2) We are called to show them God's love by helping them through times of crisis. Sometimes a simple prayer is all we have to offer. "Heavenly Father, thank You for being our everlasting source of strength during our trials and tribulations. Even when our hearts are broken, You provide a hope that tomorrow will be better. You are with me and my loved ones always." ~ *Anonymous*

St. Paul also writes that we should be "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (Col. 3:13). When we forgive others we give them an example of how they should forgive, just like Christ dying on the Cross for us. "Forgiveness is the final form of Love." ~ *Reinhold Niebuhr*

By opening our hearts, as the shepherds did who bravely followed their simple faith, we too can follow our faith bravely. At this time, let us look to the crib and pray to truly follow this mystery of LOVE.

PEACE

Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

The Importance of Life Insurance

As I prepare to graduate high school and begin college, I pause to reflect how this new chapter will impact my present and future. This reflection has many paths but one that is certain is taking sensible and conscious steps to ensure that my family will be taken care of when I cannot. No one wants to think about life insurance as a young adult, but that thought comes from love and reassurance for family. Life insurance is an investment that, no matter what path you may take in life, is a solid decision for your family's future.

We all want to live long, healthy lives with our loved ones but I have many family examples showing me, again all different paths taken, one consistent avenue in preparing for the future is having life insurance. This gives me peace of mind for my future generations and makes the journey easier.

Zebulon Chisdock

Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

LPSCU Board of Directors Announces Annual Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, March 15, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Subsequent session will be held on Saturday, March 16.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. All correspondence relative to this Annual Meeting should be received no later than February 15, 2019.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, members of the Pittsburgh District held their annual Summer picnic/meeting at White Oak Park in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. The picnic was hosted by Branch 65 members Janice and Dave Matthews. They served hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, salad, corn on the cob, fruit, and cookies. Everything was delicious. A huge thank you to them for planning and executing this event.

The meeting was brought to order by District President Dolores Sakal. Updates were given by the District Secretary and Treasurer. The dates for the Fall events were decided upon, pending confirmation from the venues chosen. A Chinese Auction was held and door prizes were given to all who attended. Though a storm was brewing in the area, the weather held out and everyone had a wonderful time.

Some of the attendees are pictured below.

Donna M. Powell



PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

On Sunday, Sept 9, 2018, the Pittsburgh District held a meeting at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Homestead, Pennsylvania. Attendance at the meeting was low due to horrible rainstorms from the aftereffects of Hurricane Gordon. Those who attended were served a delicious luncheon of spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and cake.

The order of business was to firm up the year-end events. President Dolores Sakal advised that the annual card party is scheduled for October 28 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church for members and guests. Tickets for the event were handed out to the Branches. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, November 25, at Banquets Unlimited in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania .

A Chinese auction was held and everyone received a door prize. The next meeting will be held in the first quarter of 2019.

Donna M. Powell



Seated, L-R: Geraldine Kallay, Janet Lawrence, Dolores Sakal, and Mary Ann Bowman. Standing, L-R: Maggie Powell, Jim Tomasic, Margaret Joschak, Thomas Bowman, Mary Ann Bowman, Helen Lorinc, Susan Ondrejco, and Anna Ondrejco.

ILLIANA OKRES

Members of Illinois and Indiana Branches of the LPSCU are invited to attend the following:

Social Meeting

Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
Center for Performing Arts
Munster, Indiana

Business Meeting

Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
White Fence Farm
Romeoville, Illinois

LPSCU members living in the Indiana and Illinois area are invited to attend either or both meetings. Contact Joan Hladek (815-895-0431 or joan.hladek@gmail.com) to make a reservation or for detailed information.

Rev. Dianiska District to Hold Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Reverend Dianiska District will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branch 19 will host.

LPSCU Holds Semi-Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio

The LPSCU Board of Directors held its Semi-Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 28, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Upon completion of all agenda items, board members visited St. Andrew Svorad Abbey and the Slovak Institute Library.

St. Andrew Svorad Abbey is a Benedictine Monastery located in Cleveland. Right Reverend Gary Hoover, OSB, is the current Abbot at the Abbey and also serves as the LPSCU's Spiritual Protector. During our visit, Abbot Gary provided us with a tour of the Abbey and the Slovak Institute Library, which is housed therein. Father Michael Brunovsky, OSB, joined us in the library along with the Library's Director, Milan Kobulsky.

The LPSCU donated a set of bound *Zornickas* to the Slovak Institute Library.

Board Members joined the community for Vespers, followed by dinner. President Kluchinski later presented Abbot Gary with a donation for the Abbey on behalf of the LPSCU.



L-R: Theresa Kluchinski, Margaret Jollimore, Milan Kobulsky, Jim Yocum, Dolores Evanko, Mary Jo Savidge, Abbot Gary Hoover, Reverend Robert Seeman, Anita Gregory, and Joan Hladek.

Indiana Branches Donate to Veterans' Cause

While attending the Indiana Fraternal Alliance Meeting in Kokomo, Indiana, August 23-24, 2018, Joan Hladek and Renee Hladek, LPSCU's delegates to the meeting, made LPSCU's contributions to the Alliance's sponsored charity for this meeting. The charity was Jefferson Street Commons, a facility that provides permanent, supportive housing (apartments) for chronically homeless veterans. This facility first provides a home and then surrounds the veterans with services that will help with their stabilization. Several items from the facility's wish list to furnish an apartment were provided from the Home Office and Branches 109 and 79 – two microwave ovens, a set of dishes, glass baking dishes, and a hand mixer – for which the facility's manager gave a heartfelt "thank you" to all the fraternal attendees at the meeting and that donated items.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018



President Kluchinski presents Abbot Hoover with a donation for the Abbey.

Klarissa Rinker Receives Anne (Shinal) Cichy Award



The LPSCU is pleased to announce that Klarissa Rinker of Wanamie, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2018 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship.

Klarissa graduated from Greater Nanticoke Area High School in 2016 and currently attends Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. While attending high school,

she made the Dean's List for two years. She was also involved in the Pep Squad and Marching Band and Irish Step Dancing with the Kerry Dancers. Klarissa also volunteered in her community, helping at the Salvation Army with Vacation Bible School, distributing food and toys at Christmas, and distributing items to patients at local nursing homes.

Klarissa is a member of LPSCU Branch 213, Dallas, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Jason and Kimberly Rinker and granddaughter of Judith Rinker, who is employed at the Home Office of the LPSCU.

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

Congratulations, Klarissa! Wishing you continued success as you pursue your studies in Nursing.

Member Margaret Ferri Celebrates Milestone Birthday

On September 22, 2018, Margaret A. Ferri celebrated her 90th birthday at a party held in her honor at the Historic Sun Inn in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The celebration was hosted by her children, Jack of New Market, Maryland; David of New York City; and Patricia Kienzle of Malvern, Pennsylvania. Twenty-eight family members attended the party which commenced at noon with a cocktail hour, followed by a luncheon.

At the conclusion of the meal, Jack proudly spoke about his mother's various activities and accomplishments over the past years. He surprised her by presenting her with a framed Greeting from the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington, D.C. The Greeting was signed by Michal Lanik, consul of the Slovak Republic, and congratulated Margaret on reaching her 90th birthday milestone and for her many years of preserving Slovak heritage in America, which is a testament for future generations.

The Greeting also depicts highlights of Margaret's Slovak activities which include being a life-long member of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, serving as Public Relations Director for 21 years, chairing its 100th Anniversary Patron Book, and serving as Secretary of Bethlehem Branch 130 for 56 years. Further, as an active member of the Slovak Catholic Federation since 1988, she has attended pilgrimages to various villages and churches in Slovakia, Austria, and Poland; she often pens Slovak-related articles for the *Good Shepherd*, an annual publication issued by the SCF; and she chaired the 2009 SCF National Convention in Bethlehem. She is currently serving her 23rd year as President of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF. The Chapter offers an annual scholarship to a seminarian/priest from Slovakia to study at the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome. Lastly,



Birthday celebrant Margaret Ferri (front left) with her husband, John. Behind the couple are their children, David Ferri, Patricia Kienzle, and Jack Ferri.



Margaret and John Ferri are seated with their great-granddaughter, Carmella San Severino. Behind them are, from left, granddaughter Tori Kienzle holding great-grandson Salvatore San Severino; granddaughter Nicole Ferri holding great-grandson Luca San Severino; and granddaughters Angelina Ferri and Jenna Kienzle. Missing from the photo are grandsons Jace and Tate Kienzle who are away at college.

the Greeting refers to the National Slovak Society of the U.S.A., with headquarters in McMurray, Pennsylvania, which selected Margaret as its Fraternalist of the Year in 2015 for her volunteer service to her church and community.

Margaret has always been proud of her Slovak heritage. The Greeting from the Embassy of the Slovak Republic on her 90th birthday is a lasting keepsake she will always cherish.

The entire John Ferri, Jack Ferri, Rand Kienzle, and Dom San Severino families are members of LPSCU Bethlehem Branch 83/130.

The LPSCU congratulates Margaret on this birthday milestone and wishes her many happy and healthy years to come.

Pittsburgh District Plans Christmas Party

The Pittsburgh District's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, November 25, starting at 1:00 p.m. at Banquets Unlimited, 200 Bridge Street, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. Entertainment will follow the dinner.

Reservations are required. Please contact your Branch Secretary or Dolores Sakal (412-243-0438) by November 19 if you plan to attend.

❖ NOTICE OF VACANCY ❖

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Public Relations Director is a hired position of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. This position is part-time with an estimated 10 to 20 hours per week. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the LPSCU.
- Represent the LPSCU at functions as requested (e.g., seminars, local socials, meetings, etc.)
- Shall portray, project and promote the public image and interests of the LPSCU through the media.
- Shall prepare and publicize activities and meetings of the LPSCU and its affiliates.
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- Maintain/coordinate the publication with printing firm/company.
- Monitor and maintain LPSCU Website.
- Develop/monitor and maintain social media avenues, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Responsible for providing reports to the Board of Directors.
- Coordinate reimbursement of LPSCU Branch/District functions.

REQUIREMENTS: Background in communications helpful, especially various forms of social media. Use of Microsoft Office programs, such as Word, Excel, and Power Point, as well as excellent organizational and writing/communication skills.

A written resume shall be submitted which states qualifications, personal background and history, as well as past experience.

Any member wishing to be considered for this position should send a resume to the attention of the LPSCU President, P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0032.

Msgr. Beeda District Plans Christmas Party

The Msgr. Beeda District will usher in the holiday season at its annual Christmas party to be held on Friday, December 7, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Booty's Restaurant, Route 309, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Any LPSCU member planning to attend must contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) to make a reservation. The cost will be \$15.00. There will be plenty of food, a raffle, and much camaraderie. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Bernice Clark	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Martha Augustine*	7	Exeter, PA
Linda Kohut*	7	Exeter, PA
Marlene Novitsky	39	Hazle Twp., PA
Michael Vracar	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Sandra Yaniga*	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Mary Glasser	52	North Braddock, PA
Mary Hyziak	60	W. Hazleton, PA
Agnes Bechtold	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Dorothy Hess	65	Munhall, PA
Timothy Kallay	65	Munhall, PA
George Biros	76	White Oak, PA
Mary Johnson	79	Whiting, IN
Louise Holva	83	Bethlehem, PA
Joseph Datko	90	Johnstown, PA
Blanka Luptak	109	Hammond, IN
Elizabeth A. Rardin	109	Hammond, IN
Thomas Check	122	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joseph Choclos	124	Hazleton, PA
Frieda Straka	131	Reading, PA
Susan Burns	132	Campbell, OH
Dolores Hvasta	132	Campbell, OH
Emanuelis Jarasunas	132	Campbell, OH
Rita Kline	132	Campbell, OH
Jennifer DeJulio	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Marcella Hregdovic	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Cyril Kepic	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Roberta Serechin*	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Michael S. Farkas*	204	Northampton, PA
John Minar*	204	Northampton, PA
Phyllis Roman	204	Northampton, PA

*Multiple certificates

Cooking Corner

AUNT FLORENCE'S FUDGE

In a very heavy saucepan, combine the following:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 small can evaporated milk
- 20 marshmallows

Melt all ingredients and bring to a boil. Boil for 4½ minutes. Remove from stove.

Add a bit of vanilla and 1 bag of chocolate chips. Mix together well. Pour into a greased 8 x 8-inch pan or a loaf pan. You can also use a greased decorative Christmas tree mold.

Cool completely before cutting.



LPSCU PRIVACY STATEMENT

Our Privacy Commitment

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union (LPSCU), a fraternal life insurance society, shares your concern about privacy. We believe in protecting the confidentiality and security of the information we collect. This notice describes our privacy policy and how we treat the information we receive about you.

Why we collect and how we use information

We use the information we collected about you for business purposes with respect to our insurance and fraternal relationship with you. The business purposes include evaluating a request for our products, services or benefits; evaluating benefit claims; administering our products, services or benefits; and processing transactions requested by you. We may also use the information to contact you about other products and services we provide.

How we collect information

Much of the personal information that we have comes directly from you. The information you give us when you apply for our products or services generally provides the information we need. If we need to verify information or need additional information, we may obtain this information from third parties such as health care providers. Information collected may relate to your employment, finances, health, avocations, or other personal characteristics.

How we protect information

We treat the information we collect about you in a confidential manner. Our employees are required to protect the confidentiality of this information. Your personal information is available only to our employees who may need to see it to fulfill and service your needs. We maintain safeguards to protect the information and our employees are required to comply with our established policies. Should your relationship with us end, your personal information will remain protected in accordance with our privacy practices as outlined in this notice.

What we do with personal information we collect

We do not disclose your personal information to companies or organizations not affiliated with us that would use the information we have provided them to contact you about their own products and services. We may disclose information about you in order for us to conduct our business, or where law requires disclosure. For example, information may be disclosed to others to enable them to provide business services for us, such as performing general administrative activities. We may use your personal information for marketing purposes or to help with your overall insurance program. Information may also be disclosed for audit or research purposes, or to law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Further Information

As required by law, we will notify you of our privacy policy annually.

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Gabriella Kupsho Receives Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Gabriella Kupsho of Drums, Pennsylvania, a member of Branch 60, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has been selected as the first recipient of The Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award.

Gabriella is attending Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where her field of study is Biomedical Engineering. Gabby's passion for science and research began years ago while attending MMI Preparatory School in Freeland, Pennsylvania. Her curriculum included all honors level coursework.

Gabriella's awards and achievements are numerous and impressive. They include: Recipient of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Excellence Award in Botany; Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Oerlien Junior High Excellence Award at the State level; Academic Excellence Awards in Mathematics, History, and Spanish; and Penn State Hazleton Annual STEM Research Fair 1st Place Award, along with many others.

The Science Department Chair at MMI Preparatory School writes, "Gabby has proven herself to me as an educator of peers, a person of compassion and dedication and an individual who has a vested, intrinsic curiosity in helping others through the field of science."

The Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award was established through the generosity of Lynda's parents, Peggy and Frank Posivak, for students pursuing a degree in or relating to the fields of Math, Science, or Technology.

It is with great pride that the LPSCU announces Gabriella Kupsho as the first recipient of The Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award. Congratulations, Gabriella!



Gabriella Kupsho

U.S. Welcomes New Slovak Ambassador

Effective September 1, 2018, Ivan Korcok has been appointed Slovak Ambassador to the United States. He replaces Peter Kmec whose term has expired. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Korcok was the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. He also held several positions representing the Slovak Republic at the European Union and NATO. Ambassador Korcok was born in Banska Bystrica. He is married and has two sons.



Ivan Korcok

Branch 60 Holds Mass and Breakfast Fundraiser

LPSCU Branch 60 held a Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, August 5, 2018. The Mass for the living and deceased members of Branch 60 was held at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. A breakfast buffet followed at Premier Catering & Events, Route 309, Hazleton.

Eighteen LPSCU members and two guests enjoyed the delicious breakfast and spent an enjoyable morning together. Gift cards from Perkins Restaurant, Regal Cinemas, and Milkhouse Creamery were raffled off to three lucky winners: Stephanie Busher, Donna Yocum, and Jonathan Gregory. LPSCU members also donated to Branch 60's Matching Funds Project. That amount was added to the donation that was given by the Branch.

Branch 60 Vice President Mary Ann Litchock later presented the check to Amanda Deisroth, director of the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter located at 214 W. Walnut Street, Hazleton. Amanda was extremely excited and grateful for the donation. The LPSCU will add an additional \$50.00 in Matching Funds to conclude our fundraiser. We know the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter will use the donation to help the less fortunate of our community.

Thank you to all who attended our event and who donated to our project.



Seated are, L-R, Anita, John, Chris and Melina Gregory. Standing, L-R, Cameron, Jonathan and Jodi Gregory.



Branch 60 Vice President Mary Ann Litchock (right) presents the Branch's Matching Funds donation to Amanda Deisroth (left), director of Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton.



From left, Marge Stahura, Gina, James, Donna and Agnella Yocum, and Matt Car.



Enjoying breakfast are, from left, Cilka Nemeth, John Guza, Mary Ann Litchock, Dolores Evanko, and Mary Kish.

SS.C.M. Sisters Offer Christmas Oplatky

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will once again be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 14.

The *Oplatky*, in packages of five, are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$7.50 and upward, depending upon the number of packs ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs.

Payment, to Jankola Library, is required before orders will be shipped. For more information or to place an order, contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 1002 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SLOVAK



K DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK



On July 19, 2018, people of Slovak heritage travelled from near and far to participate in the 95th annual Slovak American Nationality Day at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. The picnic pavilions were a bustle of activity with children's games, fraternal and cultural displays, entertainment provided by the PAS Junior Dance Group, Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks, the Pittsburgh Slovaks, and a Slovak sing-along.

The LPSCU's Pittsburgh District's display table was manned by Sylvia Goda and Celeste Palcsey. The table contained pamphlets of all of the LPSCU offerings, give-aways, and a display of treasured heirlooms.

Slovak Honorary Consul Joseph Senko, a member of the Pittsburgh District, introduced the guest speaker, Richard Rasi, deputy prime minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Information. Mr. Rasi was accompanied by a bevy of correspondents from several Slovak TV and radio stations. Several of the volunteers were interviewed by the Slovak press.

A Eucharistic celebration was held at 4:00 p.m. in the main pavilion. The principal celebrant was Fr. Edward Mazich, O.S.B., from St. Vincent Archabbey. Co-celebrants were from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Altoona-Johnstown dioceses and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. The organist was Leonard Potemra. Karen Humphrey and Maura Ward served as cantors. Dolores Sakal, president of the Pittsburgh District, did the readings.

The Slovak kitchen was busy all day, eventually selling out of all of their tasty offerings, including stuffed cabbage dinners, perogies, paskas, and cherigis that were all made by volunteers.

A huge thank you to all of the Slovak American Nationality Day volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the day a huge success. The following LPSCU members were instrumental in helping to do so: Sylvia Goda, Mary Heckel, Margaret Joschak, Gerri Kallay, Helen Lorinc, Dolores Sakal, Celeste Palcsey, Sue Ondrejco, Joe and Albina Senko, and David Palcsey Jr.

This event is held the third Thursday in July every year. Make plans to join us next year to celebrate our Slovak heritage!

Donna M. Powell

LPSCU 10 Payment Life Plan

The LPSCU offers an economical and beneficial 10 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 to 75. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase requirement of life insurance. For those ages 0-70, the minimum purchase amount is \$5,000; for ages 71-75, the minimum purchase amount is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for ten (10) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 10-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 ten 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 10 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 10 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within ten years.

During these unstable economic times, the 10 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 10 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.

10 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	10.45	9.07	0.94	0.82
1	10.74	9.34	0.97	0.84
2	11.06	9.63	1.00	0.87
3	11.41	9.94	1.03	0.89
4	11.78	10.11	1.06	0.91
5	12.17	10.60	1.10	0.95
6	12.57	10.95	1.13	0.99
7	12.99	11.31	1.17	1.02
8	13.42	11.69	1.21	1.05
9	13.87	12.07	1.25	1.09
10	14.33	12.47	1.29	1.12
11	14.81	12.80	1.33	1.15
12	15.30	13.31	1.38	1.20
13	15.80	13.75	1.42	1.24
14	16.32	14.15	1.47	1.27
15	16.84	14.66	1.52	1.32
16	17.36	15.13	1.56	1.36
17	17.89	15.62	1.61	1.41
18	18.42	16.12	1.66	1.45
19	18.98	16.64	1.71	1.50
20	19.54	17.18	1.76	1.55
21	20.12	17.73	1.81	1.60
22	20.73	18.20	1.87	1.64
23	21.35	18.87	1.92	1.70
24	21.99	19.50	1.98	1.76
25	22.66	20.13	2.04	1.81
26	23.34	20.78	2.10	1.87
27	24.05	21.45	2.16	1.93
28	24.78	22.14	2.23	1.99
29	25.53	22.85	2.30	2.06
30	26.31	23.59	2.37	2.12
31	27.12	24.26	2.44	2.18
32	27.97	25.13	2.52	2.26
33	28.85	25.94	2.60	2.33
34	29.75	26.62	2.68	2.40
35	30.69	27.62	2.76	2.49
36	31.65	28.31	2.85	2.55
37	32.65	29.32	2.94	2.64

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
38	33.69	30.33	3.03	2.73
39	34.74	31.28	3.13	2.82
40	35.83	32.01	3.22	2.88
41	36.96	33.02	3.33	2.97
42	38.11	34.34	3.43	3.09
43	39.30	35.38	3.54	3.18
44	40.51	36.39	3.65	3.28
45	41.75	37.40	3.76	3.37
46	43.02	38.75	3.87	3.49
47	44.31	39.76	3.99	3.58
48	45.63	41.11	4.11	3.70
49	47.00	42.18	4.23	3.80
50	48.42	43.51	4.36	3.92
51	49.94	44.87	4.49	4.04
52	51.53	46.27	4.64	4.16
53	53.17	47.70	4.79	4.29
54	54.86	49.17	4.94	4.43
55	56.60	50.67	5.09	4.56
56	58.38	52.21	5.25	4.70
57	60.22	53.78	5.42	4.84
58	62.13	55.39	5.59	4.99
59	64.13	57.04	5.77	5.13
60	66.21	58.73	5.96	5.29
61	68.36	60.48	6.15	5.44
62	70.59	62.28	6.35	5.61
63	72.87	64.14	6.56	5.77
64	75.22	66.07	6.77	5.95
65	77.66	68.08	6.99	6.13
66	80.19	70.17	7.22	6.32
67	82.85	72.36	7.46	6.51
68	85.68	74.64	7.71	6.72
69	88.70	77.03	7.98	6.93
70	91.96	79.54	8.28	7.16
71	95.48	82.18	8.59	7.40
72	99.26	84.96	8.93	7.65
73	103.32	87.91	9.30	7.91
74	107.71	91.04	9.69	8.19
75	112.50	94.39	10.13	8.50

SS.C.M. Appeal Update

The 2018 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is nearing the end. Funds raised in this annual Appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius to assist with its day to day operations. The College is the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

For many years, a second collection in Slovak parishes provided most of the funds for the Appeal. Today, the Appeal relies upon the generosity of our Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, their Branches and Districts, and individual members of the clergy, religious, and laity, in addition to collections from Slovak parishes. Thank you to all who have already made their donation to the 40th Annual Appeal. For anyone who has not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this page and mailing it, along with your check, to the address provided.

Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and all donations, no matter the amount, are formally acknowledged. **As of September 15, the 2018 Appeal has raised \$25,247.81 from 143 donations.** Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. **Donations received after December 1, 2018, will be credited toward the 2019 Appeal.**

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak fraternal organizations for cultural, religious, and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, V.F., supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, Pennsylvania. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.

2018 Annual SS.C.M. Appeal

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Amount \$ _____

Please make check payable to

Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta
First Vice President
Slovak Catholic Federation
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
120 Jefferson Street
Swedesburg, PA 19405

Slovak Radio Hour Holds 36th Annual Dinner-Dance

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour has hosted an annual dinner-dance for the past 36 years. The Slovak Radio Hour, hosted by Susan and Rudy Ondrejco, is made possible because of the funds raised during this annual event. It is the only fundraiser held by the program, which airs on WPIT 96.5 FM or 730 AM every Sunday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This year's event was held on Sunday, September 16, at the Westwood Golf Club, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Attending this year's dinner were LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, and Trustee Dolores Evanko.



Some of the LPSCU members who attended the recent Slovak Radio Hour dinner-dance.



Pictured with LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski (left) is the National President of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Cynthia Maleski.

New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	JULY/AUG. 2018	Year-to-Date Total
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

LPSCU Members Enjoy Evening at the Ballpark

LPSCU Branch 39 sponsored an Evening at the Ballpark to see the New York Yankees Triple-A affiliate Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders on Friday, August 4. Members of Branch 39 and Branch 19 attended the game, which turned into a double-header as a result of the previous night's game being postponed due to rain.

The Railriders battled against the Buffalo Bisons at PNC Field in Moosic, Pennsylvania. They won the first game by a score of 3-1 but came up short at the end of the second game, losing 4-6.

A Matching Funds project was held as part of the event. LPSCU members donated \$100 and Branch 39 made an additional donation of \$100. Combined with the \$100 Matching Funds donation from the LPSCU Home Office, a total of \$300 was raised and presented to Catholic Social Services in Hazleton, earmarked for their food pantry.

Members who attended the event are pictured.



L-R: Branch 39 members Johanna Milot, Agnella Yocum, and Jim Yocum present a Matching Funds donation check to Lee Ann Lywiski and Stephanie Cuadros of Catholic Social Services.

Lehigh Valley Okres to Hold Holiday Luncheon

The Lehigh Valley Okres will hold a Holiday Luncheon on December 9, 2018, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception will begin at noon, followed by a Holiday Buffet at 12:45 p.m.

A Matching Fund Raffle featuring themed gift baskets will be held at this event for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. We ask our members to donate a themed gift basket for the raffle.

We will also participate in the "Toys for Tots" Program sponsored by the Marine Corps. We would appreciate if attendees could bring an unwrapped toy to the luncheon for donation to this worthwhile cause.

This festive event is open to all LPSCU members. For reservations, please call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 before December 1.

Rev. Dianiska District to Hold Matching Fund Event

Members of the Rev. Dianiska District will hold a Special Gifts Raffle at their Christmas party on December 2, 2018. The event will be held in conjunction with the LPSCU's Matching Funds Program and will benefit Candy's Place.

Candy's Place is a cancer wellness and resource center providing support to cancer patients and their loved ones. Free services include support groups, consults, a lending library, workshops, and cancer resource materials. Candy's Place is located at 190 Welles Street, Suite 120, in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. For further information on Candy's Place, call 570-714-8800 or visit their website at <https://cancerwellnessnepa.org/>.

We are asking our District members (or any LPSCU member) to support our project by donating a gift or by attending the Christmas party. All donated gifts, valued at a minimum of \$10, will be raffled off at the party.

For further information, please contact Debbie Adamchak at 570-696-1663 or Jean Kapral at 570-287-1328.

Zornicka Contributors: Send items to zornicka@lpscu.org

SCF Appeals to Organists and Music Directors

Musicians who are or were part of the music ministry in Slovak national parishes and religious communities, your assistance is requested. The Evangelization and Spirituality Committee of the Slovak Catholic Federation is seeking translations of Slovak hymns that were used in your parishes or chapels. Perhaps local translations were provided by music directors, organists, clergy, parishioners, or community members.

The SCF hopes to compile, review, compare, and edit some of our beautiful hymns. The goal is to prepare these hymns to be sent to national liturgical music publishers in the hope that our entire nation may prayerfully benefit from these beautiful texts and melodies. All categories of hymns – general, seasonal, sanctoral, and occasional – will be considered.

In addition to these hymns, there is a request to individuals in the Slovak-American community who are well versed in the Slovak and English languages *and* who have a lyrical and poetic sense *and* who would be willing to provide their expertise to help refine these translations, to please contact the SCF.

Anyone seeing this article is kindly asked to share it with all those individuals they may know who have had a role in Slovak hymn translation. Please refer information, questions, and contacts to michael@cbhs.edu. Thank you for your enthusiastic response.

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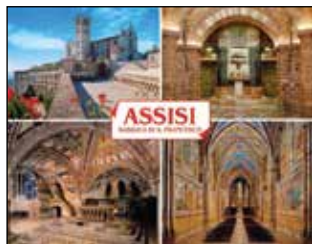
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 St. Theresa of the Little Flower

Comments: _____

Dear Ms. Savidge,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients for the 2018 Scholarship Award. I am extremely humbled and honored to have been given this award.

Be assured that my scholarship funds are being applied to my tuition at Gettysburg College. I will be pursuing Medicine as my career.

Thank you again for presenting this scholarship to me. I hope to make you very proud and will put the investment you made in my education to good use.

Sincerely,
Andrew P. Adam
Branch 60, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear Ms. Savidge,

I wish to thank the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union for granting me the Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award. I appreciate the consideration and time you took in reviewing my application and selecting me as the recipient of this award. I am working very hard to maintain a good academic standing in my Nursing Degree and I am active in student life on campus.

Thank you again for the generous award.

With my sincerest thanks,
Klarissa Rinker
Branch 213, Dallas, PA

Dear Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 to Bridging at the American Fraternal Association's 2018 annual meeting. This donation will allow us to provide donated furniture and other household items to low-income individuals and families that will fill their homes with hope!

Actually, Bridging serves more than 4,400 families transitioning out of homelessness and poverty in the Twin Cities area. 90% have a total household income under \$20,000. Half

of those who benefit from Bridging are children under the age of 18.

Heartwarming stories and joyful tears from the families we serve are common at Bridging. One client, Melvin, was living out of his suitcase, sleeping on a flat air mattress, and cooking in aluminum pans from the Dollar Store. Before he came, he didn't know what to expect from his Bridging appointment.

"I thought it would be nice, but this is beautiful. This is starting me out on a new life. I didn't have anything when I walked through these doors but a half-blown-up air mattress."

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for making a donation that changes lives.

Sincerely,
Mark Wilkening
Executive Director, Bridging
Bloomington, MN

To All,

We greatly appreciate your gift [of the Wedding Cross]. It will be displayed in our new home we will be moving into in September. Thank you for thinking of us.

**Ria (Victoria) Lombardo
and Sean O'Sullivan**
Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Dear Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union,

Thank you for your donation of the material listed below to the University of Pittsburgh:

7 Books: "The Zornicka"

No goods or services were received for this contribution.

Thank you again for your donation; we are grateful to you for making this material available to the University of Pittsburgh community.

Sincerely,
Ginger Randolph
Gift and Exchange Department
University of Pittsburgh

United Slovak Societies Announces Activities

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Ohio, of which LPSCU Lorain Branch 77 is a member, will be hosting the following upcoming activities. Any member of LPSCU Branch 77 is invited to attend. All activities will be held at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Avenue, Lorain.

A traditional Christmas Eve Dinner (*Vilija*) will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 by advance sale. This event is open to the public.

A Silvester Steak Fry will be held on December 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 by advance sale. This event is open to the public.

Ticket sales and reservations close 10 days prior to the event. All tickets and reservations can be obtained by calling Pam at 440-245-5146.

Branch 39 Plans Mass and Breakfast

Members and guests of LPSCU Branch 39, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania, will attend Mass together on Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 9:45 a.m. at the Church of Saint Joseph, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Following the liturgy, members and their guests will enjoy a breakfast buffet at Premier Catering, Route 309, Hazle Township.

Branch 39 will be holding a Matching Funds event at the breakfast. The Branch will donate \$100, along with any donations received at the event. The donations, along with the matching funds received from the LPSCU Home Office, will be given to the Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. The mission of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.

LPSCU Attends American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting

The American Fraternal Alliance held its annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 5-7, 2018. Representing the LPSCU at the meeting were President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.

Some of the topics at this year's meeting included: The Importance of Diversity on Non-Profit Boards; Technology; Motivating and Rewarding Your Sales Force; Navigating the Perfect Storm of Financial Regulation, Product Regulation and Cost Containment; and How to Make Lasting and Impactful Connections with Members.

Each year the AFA selects a local non-profit organization that will benefit through donations of member societies. This year the organization selected was Bridging. Through the effective reuse of donated items, Bridging improves lives by providing quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Bridging serves over 85 households (300 people) each week who are given a sense of dignity and stability as they rebuild their lives.



From left, LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski, Polish National Union Secretary General John Andrzejewski, Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec, and Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme President Michael Horvath.



LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge (right) present a donation to Bridging's Donor Relations Manager, Maggie Mau (center).



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Referral of a Non-Member Could Put EXTRA CASH in Your Pocket!

If you refer a new member to the LPSCU and they join, you can earn up to \$50 per referral, depending upon the amount of insurance purchased.

What you receive is based on Annual Premium Income received:

- \$200.00 or less awards you with \$10.00
- \$201.00 to \$400.00 awards you \$20.00
- \$401.00 to \$600.00 awards you \$30.00
- \$601.00 to \$800.00 awards you \$40.00
- \$801.00 and above awards you \$50.00

Just provide the Home Office with the name, address, phone number and/or e-mail address of anyone you think could be a potential new member. If a purchase is made, you will receive extra cash!!!

Contact the Home Office by calling 570-823-3514 or toll free at 888-834-6614, e-mailing lpscu@lpscu.org, or mailing the information to the Home Office address.

Lehigh Valley Okres Holiday Raffle Planned

In conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Funds Program, Lehigh Valley Okres members will prepare themed gift baskets to be raffled off at their Holiday Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, in the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The raffle will benefit the Carmelite Monastery, 3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

LPSCU members from the Lehigh Valley area are asked to support this worthwhile project by either donating a themed gift basket or by attending the Holiday Luncheon and purchasing raffle tickets towards a basket. For further information, call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945.

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- ❖ The LPSCU Flexible Annuity is a flexible-premium, deferred annuity that accepts ongoing deposits of as little as \$100 per month.
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Allentown Diocesan Mass Held for Married Couples

On Sunday, September 23, 2018, LPSCU members John and Margaret Ferri attended the annual Allentown Diocesan Anniversary Mass for married couples at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Anniversary Mass was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. to honor married couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years. John and Margaret celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past June 20. They were very excited to participate in this special anniversary celebration.

The main celebrant of the Mass was the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, with Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons as concelebrant and Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli as master of ceremonies.

Bishop Schlert was also the homilist. His inspiring homily specifically honored the 180 married couples in attendance. At the conclusion of the homily, the anniversary couples were asked to stand and face each other. Holding one others' right hands, they repeated their marriage vows when instructed by Bishop Schlert.

Prior to the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Schlert congratulated all the couples collectively and then, starting with 70 years of marriage, asked them to stand for recognition. Prior to John and Margaret's group celebrating 65 years of marriage, there were seven couples that celebrated more than 65 years. Each anniversary couple was presented with a commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Schlert.

The anniversary celebration concluded with a reception in the parish social hall for all anniversary couples and guests.

John and Margaret Ferri are members of LPSCU Branch 83. They reside in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.



John and Margaret Ferri

Remember to notify the Home Office if your address changes!

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Your inscription may be personalized to recognize a loved one or special event with "In honor of ...", "In memory of ...", or "In celebration of ...". Or you may also choose to simply have your name, the family name, or business name inscribed on a Leaf or Stone. Restrictions as to space and number of characters are listed below, based on whether you choose a fraternal Leaf (\$100) or larger Stone (\$500).

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

Please complete the Reservation Form below (a photocopy is also acceptable) and return it, along with your check, payable to LPSCU, to:

LPSCU
P.O. Box 32
Wilkes-Barre, PA
18703-0032

All proceeds received fund our Scholarship Program.

Name _____

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

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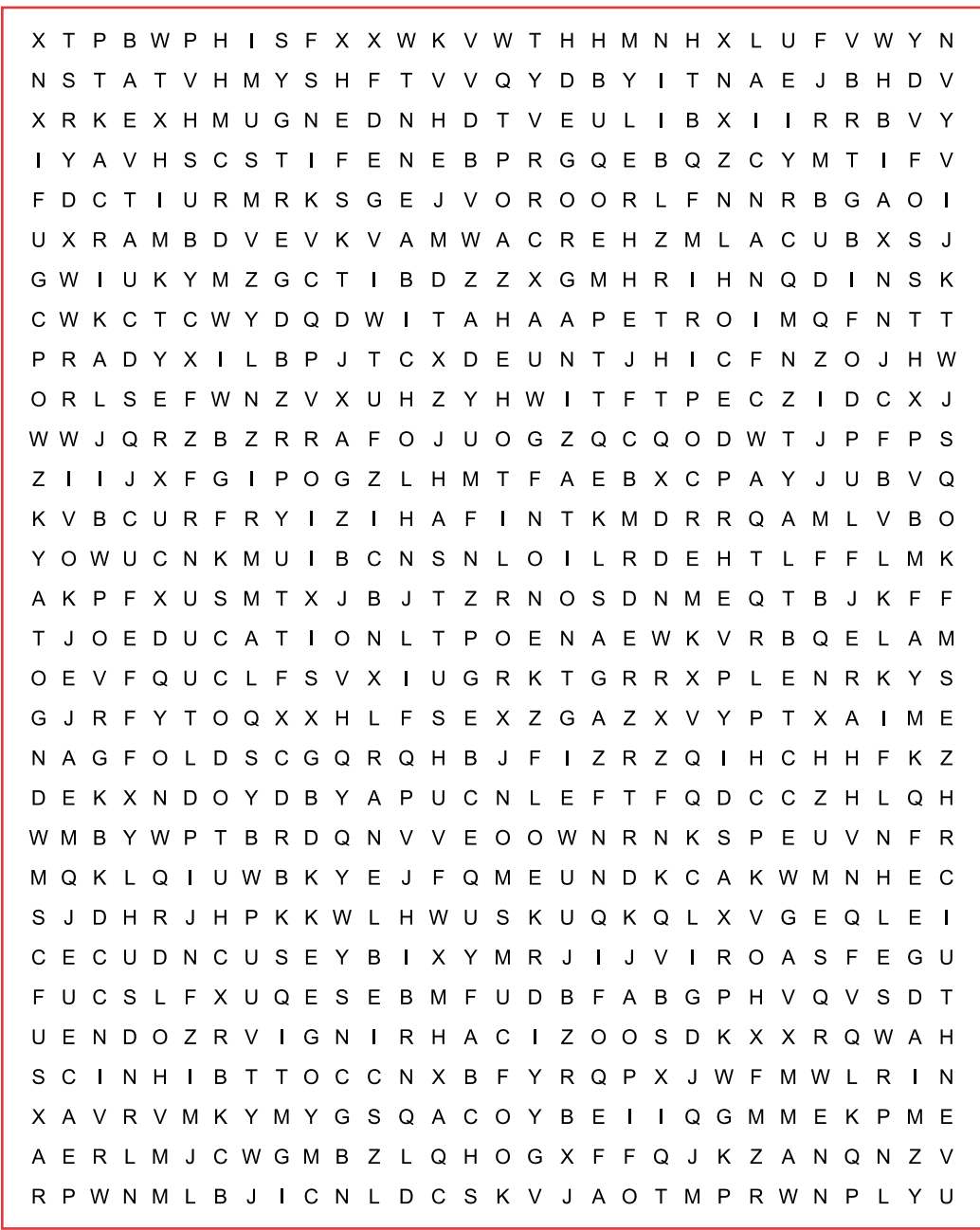


Junior Branch Journal

November 21, 1898-2018 – Happy 120th Birthday LPSCU!

With foresight and determination, a group of eight immigrant women who were gathered at a social event envisioned the need to organize so they could help themselves to better adjust to and participate in the American way of life. From that meeting, a bright idea was conceived to organize a fraternal benefit society for the purpose of providing financial protection for its membership. Antonia Virusky, Paulina Petro, Marta Kuntz, Maria Lapchak, Anna Tkac, Maria Hanisek, Maria Yeager, and Maria Pjatek - We salute you!

See if you can find all the LPSCU-related words hidden in the puzzle below.



- BENEFITS
- EDUCATION
- FAMILY
- FINANCIAL
- FRATERNAL
- GENERATIONS
- HANISEK
- KUNTZ
- LAPCHAK
- ORGANIZATION
- PEACE
- PETRO
- PJATEK
- PROTECTION
- SECURITY
- SERVICE
- TKAC
- VIRUSKY
- YEAGER
- ZORNICKA



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The Slovak Nativity

In Slovakia, Christmas trees are decorated as in most other places where Christmas is celebrated, but Slovaks traditionally use fruits, angel-shaped baked goods, candies and other sweets, and homemade wooden ornaments, besides the usual colored lights. The tree will not be taken down until Epiphany on January 6.

The nativity scene, called "Bethlehem," is placed beneath the Christmas tree. Distinctive nativity scenes and traditions have been created around the world and are displayed during the Christmas season in churches, homes, shopping malls and other venues, and occasionally on public lands and in public buildings.



There are two very special "Bethlehems" on permanent display in the world. These nativity scenes are carved from wood. Apart from Christ's birth in the town of Bethlehem, the carvings show the history of the Slovak nation. Bethlehem is incorporated into the scenery of the most important Slovak monuments. It depicts life, work habits, and traditional activities of the Slovak people (shepherds, miners, wine growers, loggers, craftsmen, potters, carpenters, and blacksmiths). The scene of Jesus' birth is situated in the middle of the pieces. There are also the dominant features of castles and cathedrals. In the background is Mount Kriváň, one of the Tatra peaks and a symbol of Slovak nationality.



The Slovak Animated Wood Carving, which is on display at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum in McMurray, Pennsylvania, is a masterpiece by Jozef Pekara, Vlado Tomko, and Miloš Karabin, carvers native to Rajecké Teplice. It took the skilled masters two and a half years to create the carving. The piece of work is 3½ feet wide, 6 feet deep, and 8 feet high.



Put seeing one of these wonders on your bucket list!

The other Slovak Animated Wood Carving is on display in Rajecká Lesná, Slovakia. Jozef Pekar carved the entire masterpiece himself. The piece of work is 8 feet wide, 28 feet long, and 10 feet high. This Slovak Bethlehem was opened and blessed on Sunday, November 26, 1995.

Hey Kids ~

Watch your mailbox for a special invitation to participate in the LPSCU Christmas Coloring Contest! Everyone's a winner (from First Place to Honorable Mention), so send in your entries by December 31, 2018, to claim your prize!



PERIODICAL

A Matching Funds Project *LPSCU Branch 213 Christmas Fundraiser*

*All proceeds benefit St. Andrew's Parish
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*



- ❖ 24" Wreath - Douglas Fir with Boxwood Accents \$13.00
- ❖ Stand \$ 4.00

With Choice of Bow:

Red Velvet ❖ Burgundy Velvet ❖ Red & Green Plaid
Fundraiser is being held in conjunction with
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Two Pick-up Dates:

- ❖ December 2nd -
St. Andrew's Parish in Wilkes-Barre (10-11 a.m.)
- ❖ December 3rd -
LPSCU Home Office in Wilkes-Barre

Delivery of items can be arranged
with LPSCU Branch 213 Secretary/Treasurer.

Anyone interested in ordering should contact
Branch 213 Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski
at 570-829-5410 or 570-817-4657 (call or text).

Payment must accompany order.

Still Available!

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