



## *Paul Gregory Jason* Receives 2015 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award



Paul Gregory Jason, 17, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of the 2015 LPSCU Youth Achievement Award. Paul is the son of Paul and Diane Jason. He has a younger sister, Marissa. All of the Jasons are members of LPSCU Branch 6. Paul was nominated for the award by his mother.

Paul is a junior at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre where he is an outstanding student. He has received numerous awards including the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science 1st Award Region 2, and Academic Achievement awards in Theology, Spanish, and History. One of Paul's teachers mentioned that achievement is something which he strives for each and every day and described him as a humble, kind boy with a genuine heart. He goes above and beyond to help his peers in any way he can. Paul also finds time for extracurricular activities at school, such as being a member of the golf team, Chess and Latin clubs, and PJAS team.

Paul has been a Karate student since the age of five and has achieved the level of Black Belt through honor, respect, and perseverance. In 2014, he received the Black Belt of Excellence Award and was awarded a First Degree Black Belt. Paul also takes art lessons and in 2014 he won a blue ribbon at the Luzerne County Fair for his duck painting in acrylics.

Paul serves his community by volunteering for the Wilkes-Barre Township Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Party. He realizes the importance of giving back to others.

Faith plays an important part in Paul's life. For three years he has been a Junior Lector at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at St. Mary's Church. He has also helped at various activities including the Parish Bazaar and their Trunk or Treat event.

Paul has been a member of Branch 6 for 17 years. His grandmother, Mary Ann Ewasko, serves as Branch Secretary. On the District level, Paul is a regular volunteer for their youth activities, the annual Christmas party, and LPSCU anniversary celebrations. He has also volunteered for Make a Difference Day by visiting nursing homes and playing the piano.

The LPSCU extends congratulations to Paul on receiving the 2015 Youth Achievement Award. We are proud of his achievements and accomplishments and wish him well for a bright and successful future.



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# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER

- 8-10/21** — Fall Slovak Language Classes sponsored by Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association begin at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This year's classes will be directed toward intermediate and advanced students only.
- 10-11** — Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 10-12** — American Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 11-20** — 2015 Slovak Heritage Tour, a 10-day, small group tour from Slovakia Heritage Tours.
- 12** — Slovak Catholic Federation Pilgrimage, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
- 14** — WPSCA-sponsored program, "From the Velvet Revolution to European Union," presented by Bozena Hilko at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free to WPSCA members and the public.
- 18-20** — LPSCU Semi-annual Meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- 20** — 30th Anniversary of the Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar at Garden Charet Banquets, 11000 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, Illinois. Registration at noon with talk beginning at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations to attend by September 10. *More details on page 14.*
- 20** — **Deadline to submit articles for November/December 2015 Zornicka.**
- 28** — Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any member planning to attend should call Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by September 21.

## OCTOBER

- 4** — Rev. Dianiska District Meeting at North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 6 and 213 will host. Our "Make a Difference Day" project will be featured.
- 5** — WPSCA-sponsored program, "Summer School in Slovakia," a video presentation by Bethany Kaylor at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free to WPSCA members and the public.
- 10** — Lehigh Valley Okres Luncheon Meeting at Bethlehem Municipal Golf Clubhouse, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 12:30 p.m. All LPSCU members are welcome. Call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 before October 5 to make a reservation.

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# The Way of the Cross (Stations)

## PART IV — Conclusion

By Thomas (Harcarik) Fabyanic, Branch 52, North Braddock, Pennsylvania

In previous issues of *Zornicka*, we described the early stages of the origins of the Way of the Cross (Stations); the initial and early planning and efforts to purchase and install the Stations on property located near Hume, Virginia, owned by Thomas (Harcarik) Fabyanic and his wife, Patricia, as well as the numerous, significant, and often inexplicable delays in completing the project. From the last of these, there emerged a belief that our efforts to complete a major but nonetheless simple task were being thwarted by an opposing and determined power who recognized the great blessings accorded to those who pray the Stations. This concluding article will describe the last phase of what can only be described as the “final battle” between us and a determined adversary. Additionally, we will relate the near miraculous events that followed completion of the *Via Crucis*.

The Stations arrived at our home in mid-2013. Within a few days, my brother-in-law, Mike Gasparro, came to assist with the installation phase. Due to his earlier detailed planning for the platforms and support structures, we quickly mounted the latter to the former. We then decided to abandon our previous plan to attach the Stations to the platforms before mounting them on the posts. Instead, we elected to mount the platforms on the posts and then secure the Stations to the platforms. The effort went “like clockwork.” All platforms were mounted to the posts with ease in less than two days. Then the long awaited hour arrived. We placed and secured Station I to its platform.

We stood back and gazed at the sight. There before us was the statue of Christ the King, head slightly bowed but majestic in appearance, about to embark on his epic journey to Calvary. Behind him sat the superstitious pagan, Pilate, washing his hands while his face reflected some remorse for condemning a man he knew to be innocent.

Since Mike had to return to his home in Bedford, I solicited assistance from a fellow parishioner and Holy Name member. He had followed the effort from its start and on numerous occasions had offered his services, so he readily agreed to assist at this juncture. He and I mounted Stations II through VI in one afternoon. Then, adversity (our adversary?) struck! The four holes in the base of number VII were misaligned slightly and three of the holes were smaller than required. As a result, the Station could not be aligned on the platform. When contacted, the vendor agreed to return the Station to his facility and correct the deficiencies. Time estimate: four to six weeks! The vendor also agreed to provide two missing stainless steel bolts necessary to attach the crucifix to the base of Station XII. Before returning Station VII, we made precise measurements of holes and checked the alignment on all remaining stations. Fortunately, they met specifications.

The vendor returned the correctly

modified Station VII and delivered the stainless steel bolts for Station XII in record time, thus giving us hope of project completion before the coming winter of 2013-2014. However, when we attached the crucifix to the base of Station XII with the newly delivered bolts, we discovered a further discrepancy. The station base of Station XII where the crucifix is inserted contained a small protrusion that prevented vertical alignment of the crucifix. Inwardly I silently said, “NO, NO, NO! Not another problem!” What a disappointment after almost three years of work and prayer! A near total sense of frustration overcame me and I barely heard the vendor’s craftsman say he might be able to correct the discrepancy but would need to return the piece to his shop. Perhaps his words were muted somewhat by another guttural voice I seemingly had heard before. The message this time: “I’m not done with you yet!” And indeed he was not.

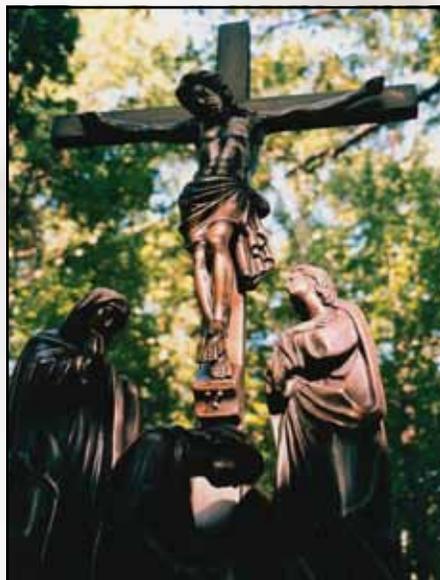
Within a few weeks, a call from the vendor advised that they were unable to correct the discrepancy and had directed the manufacturer to fabricate another entire Station XII to original specifications. Time estimate: three months or less. Within that period the vendor called again to say the manufacturer had completed construction but for some reason had failed to insert the aluminum strip inside the base to help secure the toggle bolts. As a consequence, yet another Station XII had to be constructed. More delay and another major disappointment! The words I seemingly had heard months before came to mind: “I’m not done with you yet.”

Within two months (a period of continuous prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ), the vendor delivered the finished and final product. It was perfect in every respect. Fortunately, my son Michael came for a short visit and we installed the remaining Stations, with Station XII being the last one. We first mounted the large base to the platform and then attached the crucifix. Then we both stepped back and gazed at the sight

before us. For a moment, the mountain seemed to fall silent; we heard no sound from birds, squirrels, or other animals; the leaves remained still; there was nothing but silence as we viewed Christ on the Cross. This moment, after three years of frustration, work, and prayer, yielded to some emotion. I bowed my head and fervently said, “Thank you, God.”

The project, although basically complete, needed crosses placed on each Station. Since Michael had to depart, I again called my brother-in-law, Mike Gasparro. I reminded him that he was here at the start and needed to be here at the end. He came immediately.

We began the effort to attach the crosses at Station XIV and worked our way back to Station I. It went “without a hitch” – very routine until we reached



**Station XII, the one that gave us the most difficulty to complete.**

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# 2015 CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

## *Award Recipients*



**DANIEL BALAS**  
6th Grade  
**Sf. Nicholas-St. Mary  
Catholic School**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
**Branch 122**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA



**RACHEL BOSCHELE**  
7th Grade  
**Cathedral Catholic  
Academy**  
Johnstown, PA  
**Branch 90**  
Johnstown, PA



**RACHEL M. BOWMAN**  
8th Grade  
**Northside Catholic School**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
**Branch 64**  
Pittsburgh, PA



**JOHN C. GEORGE, JR.**  
7th Grade  
**Devon Preparatory  
School**  
Devon, PA  
**Branch 6**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA



**ISABELLA HORVAT**  
2nd Grade  
**Our Lady of the Angels  
Academy**  
Lansford, PA  
**Branch 156**  
Coaldale, PA



**KATIE KONTRIK**  
5th Grade  
**Northside Catholic School**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
**Branch 64**  
Pittsburgh, PA



**GAVIN KRUEGER**  
4th Grade  
**St. John the Evangelist  
School**  
St. John, IN  
**Branch 194**  
Chicago, IL



**MA KRUEGER**  
Kindergarten  
**St. John the Evangelist  
School**  
St. John, IN  
**Branch 194**  
Chicago, IL



**HANNAH PERRY**  
7th Grade  
**School of the Incarnation**  
Gambrills, MD  
**Branch 40**  
Allentown, PA



**OLIVIA PERRY**  
2nd Grade  
**School of the Incarnation**  
Gambrills, MD  
**Branch 40**  
Allentown, PA



**ALEX ROBINSON**  
8th Grade  
**Holy Trinity Catholic  
Middle School**  
Charlotte, NC  
**Branch 90**  
Johnstown, PA



**LANEY M. SCHULZ**  
6th Grade  
**Sf. Nicholas-St. Mary  
Catholic School**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
**Branch 6**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA

## Jeffrey Kosalko to Receive Award for Courageous Rescue Attempt

Jeffrey Kosalko of Hellertown, Pennsylvania, was recently selected to receive the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award for heroically risking his own life or serious injury in an attempt to save another from death or injury by fire. Jeffrey was nominated for this prestigious award by his co-worker, Robert Justis, as the result of Jeffrey's bravery in a fire that occurred on September 10, 2014, in Conyngham Township, Pennsylvania. On that day, while Jeffrey was driving down State Route 229 from Lilly Lake to his home in Hellertown, he noticed smoke coming from a garage at the back of a home on South River Street. He stopped and notified a resident of the home that smoke was coming from the garage and asked her to call 911. The woman told him that her husband was in the garage, whereupon Jeffrey ran to the structure and attempted to save the man, sadly, to no avail. (An article detailing Jeffrey's heroic rescue attempt appeared in the November/December 2014 *Zornicka* on page 7.)

Jeffrey will be presented with the award at the 10th Anniversary of the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award Celebration scheduled for October 6, 2015, on the grounds of Coca-Cola Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The event sponsors are the Burn Prevention Network and the Regional Burn Center of Lehigh Valley Health Network and the presenting sponsor is Valley Preferred.

Jeffrey is an Emergency Medical Service employee and a state fire instructor in the Lehigh Valley. He is the son of Jean Kosalko and the late John Kosalko and is a member of LPSCU Branch 196, Hellertown, of which Jean is secretary. He also has a brother (Eric), sister-in-law (Tiffany), niece (Alexandria), and nephew (Benjamin). All are members of Branch 196.

The LPSCU congratulates Jeffrey Kosalko on being selected to receive the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award. We are very proud to have a fine young man like Jeffrey as one of our members.

## Lehigh Valley Okres to Hold Matching Fund Event

In conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund Program, members of the Lehigh Valley Okres will hold a themed gift basket raffle for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery, 3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. The Carmelite Monastery is undergoing extensive necessary renovations and repairs, and our financial assistance at this time would be greatly appreciated.

For the Matching Fund event, Okres members will prepare themed gift baskets and raffle them off at their Holiday Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015, in the Lehigh Room of the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We ask our Lehigh Valley area LPSCU members 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.

## NJ-NY Fraternal Alliance Celebrates Flag Day

Directors of the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance celebrated Flag Day this past June while attending a scheduled meeting of the Alliance. Those in attendance included LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski, past president of the Alliance, and LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, who is a current director of the Alliance.

The meeting was held at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City, New Jersey, which is also the venue for the Alliance's annual meeting in October.

Pictured below are all the current and past officers and directors of the Alliance in attendance.



## LPSCU Branch 213 Announces Matching Fund Project

Join LPSCU  
Branch 213  
in a fun evening of painting  
and vino benefiting the  
Live with Autism Foundation

Friday, November 13, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per person  
(includes all supplies)

Mountaintop Gift Gallery  
273 S Mountain Road

Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

**A gift card raffle will also be held!**

Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending must contact Branch 213 Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski at 570-829-5410 or cell 570-817-4657 (call or text)

**Payment must accompany reservation.**

Anyone wishing to donate a gift card may do so by contacting Theresa at the numbers above or by mailing them to Theresa at 446 Mountain Oaks Drive, Laurel Run, PA 18706

Additional information will be provided when reservation is received.

# LPSCU 20 PAYMENT LIFE PLAN

The 20 Payment Life Insurance Plan offered by the LPSCU is an economical and beneficial plan for anyone age 0 to 70. The ages and limits of insurance coverage for Non-Medical Rates are: 0-40, \$30,000; 41-60, \$20,000; 61-70, \$5,000. The LPSCU does, however, reserve the right to require a medical examination on any applicant.

Premiums are low and can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The key feature of this plan is that premiums are paid for a period of twenty years and then the certificate is paid in full. Coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. In the event of death prior to twenty years, the face amount of the policy is paid to the insured's named beneficiary(ies), except as provided within the

contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

A member with a 20 Payment Life Insurance 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.

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 20 Payment Life Insurance Plan. The Premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semi-annual and quarterly premium rates are also available by contacting your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.

## 20 Payment Life Premium Rates per \$1,000 Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	8.04	7.75	0.72	0.70
1	8.13	7.83	0.73	0.70
2	8.22	7.92	0.74	0.71
3	8.32	8.01	0.75	0.72
4	8.41	8.10	0.76	0.73
5	8.51	8.19	0.77	0.74
6	8.61	8.29	0.77	0.75
7	8.72	8.38	0.78	0.75
8	8.82	8.48	0.79	0.76
9	8.93	8.58	0.80	0.77
10	9.03	8.68	0.81	0.78
11	9.15	8.78	0.82	0.79
12	9.22	8.89	0.83	0.80
13	9.53	8.99	0.86	0.81
14	9.84	9.10	0.89	0.82
15	10.16	9.21	0.91	0.83
16	10.48	9.32	0.94	0.84
17	10.80	9.43	0.97	0.85
18	11.12	9.65	1.00	0.87
19	11.46	9.97	1.03	0.90
20	11.73	10.23	1.06	0.92
21	12.07	10.55	1.09	0.95
22	12.43	10.89	1.12	0.98
23	12.81	11.24	1.15	1.01
24	13.19	11.61	1.19	1.04
25	13.59	11.98	1.22	1.08
26	14.00	12.36	1.26	1.11
28	14.86	13.18	1.34	1.19
29	15.32	13.61	1.38	1.22
30	15.79	14.05	1.42	1.26
31	16.28	14.51	1.47	1.31
32	16.79	14.98	1.51	1.35
33	17.33	15.46	1.56	1.39
34	17.89	15.96	1.61	1.44
35	18.47	16.47	1.66	1.48

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
36	19.08	17.02	1.72	1.53
37	19.71	17.58	1.77	1.58
39	21.04	18.76	1.89	1.69
40	21.75	19.39	1.96	1.75
41	22.47	20.04	2.02	1.80
42	23.23	20.71	2.09	1.86
43	24.02	21.41	2.16	1.93
44	24.83	22.14	2.23	1.99
45	25.67	22.90	2.31	2.06
46	26.54	23.68	2.39	2.13
47	27.45	24.48	2.47	2.20
48	28.39	25.32	2.56	2.28
49	29.38	26.20	2.64	2.36
50	30.43	27.09	2.74	2.44
51	31.53	28.02	2.84	2.52
52	32.68	28.99	2.94	2.61
53	33.90	29.98	3.05	2.70
54	35.17	31.01	3.17	2.79
55	36.50	32.08	3.29	2.89
56	37.89	33.19	3.41	2.99
57	39.35	34.34	3.54	3.09
58	40.90	35.54	3.68	3.20
59	42.55	36.79	3.83	3.31
60	44.31	38.11	3.99	3.43
61	46.16	39.46	4.15	3.55
62	48.11	40.88	4.33	3.68
63	50.18	42.39	4.52	3.82
64	52.39	43.99	4.72	3.96
65	54.76	45.71	4.93	4.11
66	57.29	47.54	5.16	4.28
67	60.04	49.50	5.40	4.46
68	63.06	51.61	5.68	4.64
69	66.35	53.90	5.97	4.85
70	69.97	56.37	6.30	5.07

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 .... \$12.00
- ❖ Stand ..... \$ 4.00
- ❖ Cemetery Clip - Douglas Fir with Boxwood Accents ....\$20.00

*With Choice of Bow:*

Red Velvet ❖ Burgundy Velvet ❖ Red & Green Plaid  
 Fundraiser is being held in conjunction with  
 Decker Florist, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

*Two Delivery Dates:*

- ❖ December 5th and 6th - St. Andrew's Parish in Wilkes-Barre
- ❖ December 7th - 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.*

## LPSCU Seeking Independent Agents/Recommenders

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is seeking licensed independent agents/ recommenders to represent the Society and market our Life Insurance and Annuity products. Interested individuals do not need to be a member of the Society. Currently we are licensed to sell in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Massachusetts.

Please call or e-mail President Theresa Kluchinski at 888-834-6614 or [Theresa@lpscuh.org](mailto:Theresa@lpscuh.org).

## Slovak Catholic Federation SS.C.M. Appeal Mid-Year Report

The halfway point of the 2015 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal has recently passed. Most of the funds from this annual Appeal are used to aid the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 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. Donations to the Appeal also benefit those Slovak communities of men and women Religious which have a counterpart in the United States represented on the Conference of Slovak Religious.

While collections taken up in parishes of Slovak ancestry at one time provided the bulk of the donations, today the Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors. If you have already made your donation to the 37th Annual Appeal, thank you. If not, please consider doing so by filling out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it, along with your check, to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. **As of June 30, the 2015 Appeal has raised \$14,253.** Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the annual Saints Cyril and Methodius 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 Slovak Catholic fraternal organizations for cultural, religious, and educational needs. Serving as Episcopal Moderator is the Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, D.D., bishop emeritus of Altoona-Johnstown. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic, 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 Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serves as first vice president of the Federation and is the Appeal coordinator.*

### 37th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to*  
**Slovak Catholic Federation** and mail to:  
 Dolores Evanko, National Secretary/Treasurer  
 Slovak Catholic Federation  
 173 Berner Avenue  
 Hazleton, PA 18201

# Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

June 4, 2015 ❖ Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees.

The committee reviewed and accepted the Minutes from the April 9, 2015, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

## Correspondence/Requests

The committee acknowledged the correspondence read and approved the following:

- ❖ Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance requesting a donation for the PFA Scholarship Program. *Approved \$50.00.*
- ❖ Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association requesting a \$200.00 ad in the program book for a concert in Pittsburgh by a children's choir from Slovakia. *Approved \$200.00.*
- ❖ Pittsburgh Slovaks requesting a donation for the 59th International Pittsburgh Folk Festival. *Approved \$200.00.*
- ❖ The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association requesting an ad for the 92nd Annual Slovak Day and a donation of two gift cards. *Approved a \$150.00 page ad and two \$25.00 gift cards.*

## Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts: M&T Bank – General Operating Account and the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account for March and April 2015. The committee reviewed the Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet for March and April 2015. The committee reviewed the Quarterly Statement for March 2015.

## CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for relatives of the following individuals, most of whom are members of the former LCA:

Amelia Bogliene, Tucson, Arizona  
John R. Cizovsky, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Helen A. Glass, Exeter, Pennsylvania  
Adele Gustas (Gustaff), Cape May, New Jersey  
Jerome Kuzmick (Kuzmickas), Forest City, Pennsylvania

If you have any information regarding relatives of the above-listed names, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge as soon as possible at 570-823-3513 or toll free 888-834-6614 or by email at [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org).



## Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided and reviewed all activity from March and April 2015 including CDs, Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, and International Bonds. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

## Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported on the following: Approval of fraternal licenses and renovations of the back room in the Home Office.

## Budget

The budget was provided and reviewed.

## Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 20, 2015. There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

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

## Two Branch 52 Members Graduate from High School

Patrick Tomasic, a member of LPSCU Branch 52, graduated from Voyager Academy High School in Durham, North Carolina, on May 28, 2015, and is attending East Carolina University this fall.

Patrick was active in his high school community and was voted Mr. Viking (Homecoming King). He also did well academically and athletically and was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Conference with 130 career wins. He placed 3rd in the State in the 1A Division for his weight class (152).

Patrick is the son of Marilyn and Christopher Tomasic, grandson of the late Frances and George Tomasic, and the great-grandson of the late Elizabeth and George Tomasic, Sr.

Alec M. Woods, another Branch 52 member, graduated from Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 24, 2015, with commencement exercises held at neighboring Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall.

Alec did well academically and received five scholarship offers. He is attending the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg this fall, majoring in Information Technology.

Alec is the son of Michele Tomasic, president of Branch 52. He is the grandson of Mary Ann and William Tomasic and the great-grandson of the late Elizabeth and George Tomasic.

The LPSCU congratulates Patrick and Alec on their graduation from high school. We wish them both continued success in their future educational pursuits.



**Patrick Tomasic**



**Alec Woods**

## Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

# Minutes of the Board Conference Call Meeting

June 13, 2015

### **Call to Order – Prayer**

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

### **Roll Call**

All were present except for Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, who was excused.

### **Welcome Remarks**

President Kluchinski thanked everyone for attending.

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

The agenda for the meeting was approved, along with the Minutes from the April 17-18, 2015 Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence/Requests**

The Board was provided with all correspondence received. There were no donation requests.

### **Financial Report**

Board members were provided and reviewed the following information:

- ❖ Quarterly Statement – March 2015
- ❖ Month End Balance Sheet/Revenue and Expense Statement
- ❖ Summary Market Value 2015
- ❖ Transaction Summary Report
- ❖ Pension
- ❖ Budget

### **Unfinished Business**

The Board was provided and reviewed information on the following:

- ❖ Guaranteed Issue
- ❖ District Guidelines
- ❖ Branch Update
- ❖ Reinsurance

### **Home Office**

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge provided the Board with a report on the following:

- ❖ Fraternal Licenses
- ❖ Remodeling of the back room in the Home Office

### **Convention**

The Board was provided with information on the 2016 LPSCU Convention.

### **Meetings/Reports of Attendees**

The Board was provided with reports from the following:

- ❖ President Theresa Kluchinski – Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania Seminar and the American Fraternal Alliance Mid-Year Meeting.
- ❖ Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge – Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania Seminar and the American Fraternal Alliance Mid-Year Meeting.

### **Planning Committee**

The Board was provided information on items that the Planning Committee will work on.

### **Officer Reports**

The following quarterly reports were provided and reviewed:

- ❖ Vice President – Anita Gregory
- ❖ Chairperson of Trustees – Mary Ann Ewasko
- ❖ Trustees – Dolores Evanko, Margaret Jollimore, Joan Hladek, and James Yocum
- ❖ Fraternal Activities Director – Susan Ondrejco
- ❖ Public Relations Director – Margaret Ferri

### **Committee Reports**

The Board was provided and reviewed the following reports:

- ❖ Campaign Committee – Chairperson Dolores Evanko
- ❖ Educational Committee – Chairperson Joan Hladek
- ❖ Fraternalist of the Year Committee - Chairperson Margaret Ferri
- ❖ Youth Achievement Award Committee – Chairperson Anita Gregory
- ❖ Cookbook Committee – Chairperson Margaret Ferri

### **Audit Report**

Chairperson of Trustees Mary Ann Ewasko read the Audit Report of 2014. There were two recommendations made. A response to the report will be provided at the September 2015 meeting by President Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge.

### **New Business**

The Board reviewed information on the following:

- ❖ Annuity Rate
- ❖ Branch Deposit Rate
- ❖ Strategic Plan

### **Calendar of Events**

The Board was provided and reviewed the calendar of events for the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

## CONVENTION TRAVEL DATES FOR DELEGATES

Travel dates for delegates attending next year's LPSCU National Convention are: **Arrival on Friday, June 24, 2016** and **Departure on Monday, June 27, 2016**. These dates are being provided in order that those delegates who are traveling by bus or air can make travel arrangements in ample time prior to the Convention.

**LPSCU Board of Directors**

## Lehigh Valley Okres to Hold Holiday Luncheon

The Lehigh Valley Okres will hold a Holiday Luncheon on December 6, 2015, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A punch reception will start at noon followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. A Matching Fund Raffle for themed gift baskets will be held at this event for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. We request that our members 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 those attending the luncheon could bring an unwrapped toy to donate to this worthy cause.

This festive event is open to all LPSCU members. To make a reservation, please call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 **before November 28, 2015.**

## In Memoriam

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

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
*Leonard R. Gosnell	24	Windber, PA
Helen Lucas	24	Windber, PA
Raymond J. Gush	37	Plymouth, PA
Edward Dronginis	60	W. Hazleton, PA
Helen Sipics	62	Northampton, PA
Dorothy Lazur	65	Munhall, PA
Joseph E. Sotak III	132	Campbell, OH
Robert Tych	132	Campbell, OH
Helen P. Tarrant	153	Perth Amboy, NJ
*John D. Mack	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Thomas E. Mack	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Charmaine Potenza	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
*Thomas F. Sisko	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Helen Richards	214	Duryea, PA

\*Multiple certificates

## Jankola Library Offering 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 26 until December 18, 2015.

The *Oplatky* come five per package and are thermal-sealed. They can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$6.00 and upwards, depending upon the number of packets ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Payment, made 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, 580 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

## Slovak Heritage Society Installs 2015-2016 Officers and Board

Officers and Board Members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania for 2015-2016 were recently installed at ceremonies following elections at the group's Annual Meeting held at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania was founded by Msgr. Francis J. Beeda, S.T.L., and Slovak cultural activists during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The Society hosts seasonal Slovak cultural events. Most recently, the group followed through on plans for a special room honoring Father Joseph Murgas in the King's College facilities on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. Formal dedication of the Room was held this past summer.

For information on the Society's programs, visit its website – [www.shsnepa.org](http://www.shsnepa.org).



**Seated L-R: Dorothy Sullivan, Nanticoke; Dinner Chair Elaine Palischak, Plymouth; Society Chair Philip R. Tuhy, Wilkes-Barre; and Membership Chair Mary Migatulski, Wilkes-Barre. Standing, L-R: Corresponding Secretary Bernadette Yench, Wilkes-Barre; Recording Secretary Anna Hudock, Wilkes-Barre; Financial Adviser Magdalen M. Benish, Plains; Education Co-Chair Andrew Sofranko, Hanover Township; Michael Stretanski, Kingston; Joseph Kowatch, Kingston; Treasurer Jackson Hendershot, Wilkes-Barre; Anthony Palishak, Plymouth; Connie Plewniak, Wilkes-Barre Township; Education Co-Chair Helen Savinski, Swoyersville; and Public Relations Director William A. Zdanczewicz, Edwardsville.**

## New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	May/June 2015	Year-to-Date Total
7*	Maureen Grohowski	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
64	Elva Silay	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
130	Margaret Ferri	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
194	Ann Dobias	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

\*Sold through Home Office, not included in Campaign

## Member Completes Residency in Emergency Medicine

Dr. Jesse Schafer completed the Emergency Medicine Residency Program through the Department of Emergency Medicine at Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, this past June. As a resident physician, he was a co-investigator in several research and quality improvement projects. He was the Emergency Resident Quality Improvement Leader in the Blood Culture Collection Improvement Project, a project aimed at improving blood culture collection in the emergency department and thus reducing the number of contaminated specimens. Additionally he co-authored several abstracts and publications relating to emergency medicine, particularly in developing countries. Dr. Schafer was also the Lead Resident Representative to the Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. Schafer is currently working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, with a Fellowship in Emergency Ultrasound. He will continue to work on QI projects and global emergency medicine ultrasound education development.

Jesse is a past recipient of several LPSCU educational awards and received the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Scholarship in 2008. He was the Fraternal MVP for the week of September 22, 2008.

Dr. Schafer has been a member of LPSCU Branch 172 since birth. He is the son of Helen Schafer of Tucson, Arizona, and the grandson of the late Rose Tunney, long-time secretary of Branch 172 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He says, "I am honored to be a part of this organization and grateful to the LPSCU for the ways they have helped me along my educational path."

We congratulate Dr. Jesse Schafer on completing his residency and wish him well in his continued career in emergency medicine.

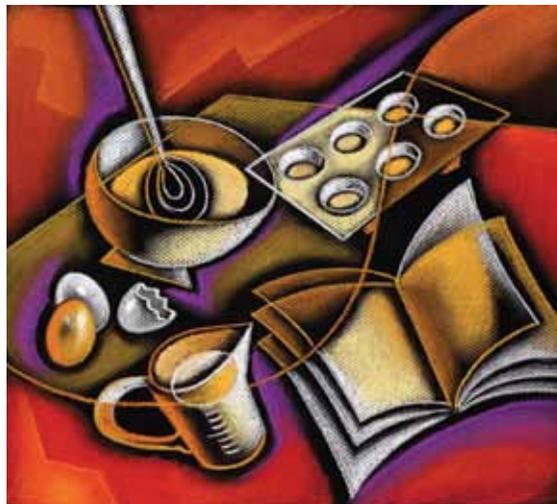


**Dr. Jesse Schafer (right) is pictured with his mother, Helen Schafer, and her husband, John Avazier, at the graduation ceremony which was held at the MIT Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts.**

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**

**Final Deadline  
December 31, 2015!**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!  
HELP US MAKE OUR  
CONVENTION COOKBOOK  
A BIG SUCCESS**



**Wouldn't you love to share  
some of your favorite family recipes  
with other members of the LPSCU?**

Recipes must be typed on 8½ x 11 paper  
and mailed to:

LPSCU Cookbook  
Margaret A. Ferri  
428 East Frankford Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-2915  
or you can email them to  
[cookbook2016@outlook.com](mailto:cookbook2016@outlook.com).

Please include your name, address, and a phone  
number (in case we have any questions  
about ingredients).

Your name will be published with your recipe.

### **IMPORTANT!**

We will not accept copyrighted recipes nor recipes  
taken from another recipe book.

We need your family-tested recipes in order to  
authenticate our own LPSCU recipe book.

**Recipes will only be accepted  
until December 31, 2015**

**SEND US YOURS TODAY!**

# Celebrating Another Successful Slovak Day at



The 92nd Slovak Day, held on July 16, 2015, at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, was a huge success. The great weather contributed to a wonderful turnout of both young and old to celebrate their Slovak heritage. The Slovak kitchen was bustling with activity all day and the delicious aroma of Slovak favorites like stuffed cabbage, halushki, kielbasa, and ceregi brought in large crowds. By the end of the day, the kitchen was sold out. Several of our LPSCU members helped in the kitchen, at the ceregi table, and at the Chinese Auction.

The Pittsburgh Area Slovaks (PAS) had a cultural display in one of the pavilions consisting of homemade Christmas treats including gingerbread houses, apples, and cookies. Entertainment by the PAS Junior Dance Group, Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks, PAS Dance Ensemble, and Pittsburgh Slovaks took place throughout the day.

The fraternal groups had table displays in the main pavilion filled with giveaways and literature. Our LPSCU table was very festive with balloons and posters filled with information on the offerings of our organization. Jim Tomasic did a fine job with our exhibit. He was helped out by Sylvia Goda and some of our other members.

Children's games were offered for the youngest members of the lodges with most everyone leaving with a prize and a bag full of goodies before they went off to enjoy the rides at the park.

The highlight of every Slovak Day at Kennywood is the Eucharistic celebration in the main pavilion. This year's Mass was led by the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, the newest bishop of the Greensburg Diocese, along with the clergy and deacons of the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Altoona-Johnstown dioceses. Reverend Joseph R. Grosko, president of the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee, welcomed everyone to the celebration.

The 92nd Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Committee officers, including General Chairperson Dolores Gress Sakal and Rev. Grosko, as well as the entire Slovak Day Committee thank everyone for their continued support and assistance in pulling together months of planning and hard work to create another successful Slovak Day at Kennywood.

DONNA POWELL, *Publicity Chair, Pittsburgh District*



L-R: Dolores Sakal, chairperson of the Slovak Day Committee; Rt. Rev. Edward Malesic, bishop of the Greensburg Diocese; Mary Lou Wagner and Joseph Senko, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Slovak Day Committee.

## Seminar to Mark 30th Anniversary

The 30th Anniversary of the Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar will be held September 20, 2015, at Garden Chalet Banquets, 11000 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, Illinois. Registration will begin at noon. At 12:45 p.m., a talk will be given by Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB, of St. Andrew Slovak Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio. He will speak about the monks' roots in Lisle, Illinois, their service in the Chicago area, and the establishment of the Abbey in Cleveland. A family-style lunch will follow.

The cost for the event is \$25.00 if a reservation is made by September 10. Reservations received after September 10 will be \$30.00. (No reservations at the door.) Send your reservation check to John Jurcenko, 7113 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. For more information, call Geri Hletko at 708-387-7812 or John Jurcenko at 773-763-0810.

**Bob Magruder**

## LPSCU 2nd Quarter Report

Assets	2nd Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2014
Investments.....	\$ 15,182,889.00	\$ 15,210,923.00
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Cash on Deposit.....	\$ 333,636.00	\$ 333,424.00
Mortgage Loans.....	\$ -	\$ -
Real Estate Owned.....	\$ 125,662.00	\$ 129,048.00
Other Assets.....	\$ 46,203.00	\$ 49,275.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$ 15,784,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,818,670.00</b>
Liabilities & Fund Balance	2nd Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2014
Fund Balance.....	\$ 4,066,422.00	\$ 4,123,958.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	\$ 144,306.00	\$ 157,772.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee.....	\$ 126,399.00	\$ 125,362.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates.....	\$ 10,985,719.00	\$ 10,833,022.00
Other Liabilities.....	\$ 461,544.00	\$ 482,556.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$ 15,784,390.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,722,670.00</b>
Revenues	2nd Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2014
Premium Income.....	\$ 113,979.00	\$ 178,895.00
Investment Income.....	\$ 427,579.00	\$ 364,681.00
Income - Other.....	\$ 19,448.00	\$ 18,225.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$ 561,006.00</b>	<b>\$ 561,801.00</b>
Expenses	2nd Quarter 2015	2nd Quarter 2014
Death Claims.....	\$ 132,156.00	\$ 137,904.00
Endowments.....	\$ 25,412.00	\$ 7,056.00
Cash Surrenders.....	\$ 18,040.00	\$ 44,813.00
Annuity Benefits.....	\$ 30,193.00	\$ -
Dividends.....	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in aggregate reserves.....	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
Commissions (new and renewals).....	\$ 1,479.00	\$ 1,470.00
General Operating Expenses.....	\$ 145,119.55	\$ 162,263.42
Officers and Committee Expenses.....	\$ 8,785.56	\$ 12,720.49
Actuarial/Accounting Expense.....	\$ 54,050.00	\$ 56,380.00
Investment Mgt. Fee.....	\$ 12,165.95	\$ 14,157.06
Official Publications.....	\$ 38,176.55	\$ 22,327.19
Travel Expense.....	\$ 1,975.51	\$ 2,988.73
Bureau and Association Dues.....	\$ 4,935.00	\$ 5,035.00
Donations.....	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 5,105.00
Scholarships.....	\$ (100.00)	\$ -
Fraternal Activities.....	\$ 4,568.88	\$ 6,135.11
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees.....	\$ 19,341.00	\$ 19,341.00
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 563,746.00</b>	<b>\$ 632,696.00</b>
Net Gain/Loss From Operations.....	\$ (2,740.00)	\$ (70,895.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss).....	\$ (3,711.00)	\$ 11,920.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$ (6,450.00)</b>	<b>\$ (58,975.00)</b>

## Luke Schafer Graduates from Elementary School

Luke Schafer graduated from High Peaks Elementary School in Boulder, Colorado, on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The theme of the graduation was "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" based on a book by Dr. Seuss. The students sang songs, recited poems, and paid tribute to their parents, teachers, and the school principal. The fifth grade teachers awarded each graduate with a diploma.

A reception followed in the cafeteria, which was decorated in the Dr. Seuss theme. Cupcakes and cookies were served, also decorated according to the theme, making the graduation a very festive event.

Luke will be attending Summit Middle School, also in Boulder, this fall. He is the son of David and Dr. Jacqueline Schafer, and the brother of Jude Schafer. His grandmother is Helen Schafer of Tucson, Arizona. All are members of LPSCU Branch 172.



**Recent graduate Luke Schafer is pictured with his younger brother, Jude.**

## Letters

Dear LPSCU,

I am honored and very grateful to receive a College Award from LPSCU. Thank you for the scholarship. It will help me very much as I begin my college career at Temple University.

**Alison J. Wehr**

Branch 130, Bethlehem, PA

Dear LPSCU,

Thank you for the very generous scholarship award. I will put it to good use in this upcoming semester. I know my grandmother, Cecilia Gaughan, would have been proud.

Sincerely,

**Michael DeFazio**

Branch 38, Whitehall, PA

## NSS Names Margaret Ferri Its Fraternalist of the Year



**Margaret A. Ferri**

Congratulations to Margaret A. Ferri, who has been selected as the National Slovak Society Life 2015 Fraternalist of the Year! Marge is a member of NSS Assembly L102 and was nominated by Sharon Wesnak. NSS Life will make a donation in Marge's name to the charity of her choice.

Marge worked as a Legal Secretary/Paralegal for a corporate law firm for 42 years until her retirement in 2007. She has also been a Longaberger Home Sales

Consultant for the past 12 years and enjoys volunteering for various fundraisers for charitable organizations.

On Join Hands Day in May, she organizes a yearly clothing drive for the Cancer Boutique in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where she solicits clothing from neighbors, friends, and family. The proceeds raised are donated for cancer research and to help cancer patients.

Marge has been president of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation for 20 years. She chairs two annual bake sales, one at Easter and the other at Christmas, a bingo social in September, and is a member of the Kids Peace Auxiliary of Bethlehem. This organization raises funds for abused and homeless children and their autism program. Other funds are donated to Slovak seminarians at the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome for tuition, room, and board. Marge has been a member of the Bethlehem Chapter of UNICO for 15 years. UNICO is an Italian-American volunteer service organization whose motto is "Service Before Self." Marge received the Chapter's President's Award in 2014 for outstanding service through her charitable efforts.

Marge is an active member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish (now known as Incarnation of Our Lord Parish) in Bethlehem, where she served as secretary of the Activities Group for 25 years. She also volunteers for the Daughters of Penelope of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral where she helps raise funds for various programs.

Marge and her husband John were honored when each received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal, which is the highest honor granted by the Pope to a layperson for service.

Marge is a great leader and organizer with the ability to motivate children as well as adults to work together for so many worthy events.

She has been married to John Ferri for 61 years. The couple has three children – John, David, and Patricia – six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Congratulations, Marge, you have really earned this award!

The officers and members of the LPSCU would also like to congratulate our member Margaret A. Ferri upon receiving this honor.

*The majority of this article was taken from the July 2015 issue of the fraternal magazine of the National Slovak Society and is used with their permission.*

## LPSCU Announces 2015 Catholic High School Award Recipients



**KARA LEE HALDEMAN**

*Senior*  
Saint Francis Catholic High School  
Gainesville, FL  
Branch 122  
Wilkes-Barre, PA

**NADINE THERESA KALLAY**

*Sophomore*  
Clearwater Central Catholic High School  
Clearwater, FL  
Branch 65  
Munhall, PA



**SEAN KONTRIK**

*Freshman*  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School  
Coraopolis, PA  
Branch 64  
Pittsburgh, PA



**IVAN KORPICIS**

*Junior*  
Bethlehem Catholic High School  
Bethlehem, PA  
Branch 130  
Bethlehem, PA



**JOZEF KORPICIS**

*Freshman*  
Bethlehem Catholic High School  
Bethlehem, PA  
Branch 130  
Bethlehem, PA



**ALEXANDRA McHALE**

*Freshman*  
Holy Redeemer High School  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Branch 14  
Port Griffith, PA



## Congratulations!

## LPSCU Attends Legislative Luncheon

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance held its annual Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on May 12, 2015. Twenty-eight fraternal leaders attended the affair with over one hundred legislators.

The atmosphere was informal with lunch set up outside the Lt. Governor's office on the second floor of the Capitol building. This allowed our fraternal representatives the opportunity to meet legislators as they exited from their morning session on a lunch break.

President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge represented the LPSCU at the Legislative Luncheon and took the opportunity to speak to several members of the House of Representatives.

Pictured below are State Representative Eddie Day Pushinski, President Kluchinski, State Representative Nickolas Kotik (who is also the 2015 Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance President), and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO SUBMITTED ARTWORK FOR OUR CALENDAR CONTEST

The LPSCU is sad to report that artwork submitted by our Junior members to the late Fraternal Activities Director Cecilia B. Gaughan has not been able to be located since her death. We apologize to the Junior members whose artwork has been lost.

We ask that Junior members re-submit a duplicate of their previously submitted artwork or prepare a new entry for the Calendar Contest. Detailed information about the contest appears on this page at right.

Please send your entries to the LPSCU Home Office, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**The deadline for submission of artwork has been extended to January 25, 2016.**

# 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 LPSCU Home Office.)
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 (wider than it is tall) with a maximum size of 11" x 8½".
3. Use unlined drawing paper or poster board.
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 January 25, 2016.**



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:  
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
Convention Calendar Art Contest  
71 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701



## UTILIZATION REPORT

	For June 2015	Year-to-Date 2015
Prescriptions Filled:	10	47
Normal Retail Pricing:	\$ 616.01	\$ 2,590.41
Discount Program Pricing:	\$ 238.68	\$ 1,110.79
Total Dollars Saved		
by LPSCU Cardholders:	\$ 377.33	\$ 1,479.62
Average Saved per Discounted Prescription:	\$ 53.90	\$ 41.10
Overall LPSCU Discounted Prescription Savings:	68.91%	60.74%

June 2015 was a fantastic savings month for our Script-Save® card members. Our group's discounted prescription savings for the month amounted to 68.91%! With our group's year-to-date 2015 discounted prescription savings averaging 60.74%, or \$41.10 per discounted prescription, it's easy to see how our members benefit from the program every day. During these tough economic times, a ScriptSave® card will provide savings to you on your prescriptions.

The ScriptSave® Prescription 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 who is not insured and for any prescriptions that are excluded by Medicare Part D law or drugs not covered by your health insurance. In addition to prescription savings, the ScriptSave® card also provides savings on vision and Lasik, hearing, diabetic supplies, lab testing, chiropractic, X-ray/imaging, fitness/safety/medical supplies, and gym memberships.

If you do not have a ScriptSave® card, you may enroll online by visiting [www.scriptsave.com](http://www.scriptsave.com) and logging in with Group #S1000. 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.

**Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies. The range of the discounts will vary depending on the type of provider and services rendered. This program does not make payments directly to providers. Members are required to pay for all health care services. You may cancel your registration at any time or file a complaint by contacting Customer Care. This program is administered by Medical Security Card Company, LLC (MSC) of Tucson, AZ.**

**Easy Money!**  
*Want to earn \$25?*  
 Send us your e-mail address!



E-mail [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) providing us with your name, address (including city, state and zip) and date of birth. It's that easy!

You will be entered into a quarterly drawing to win \$25.00!

The only other requirement is - you must be a member of the LPSCU!

Not a member and want to be?  
 E-mail us for information!

**Easy Money!**

**QUARTERLY WINNER**

Hannah Mamay from Branch 130, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is our first **Easy Money!** quarterly drawing winner. We received an e-mail for Hannah and her entry was selected from all those received. Congratulations, Hannah!

## Four Generations Attend Flag Day Event

Four generations of the Bernard Shinal family attended the 2015 Flag Day event held at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders ballpark this past June. Pictured below, L-R, are Franklin, who is being held by his grandfather, Eugene, Franklin's dad Jeff, and his great-grandpop Bernard. Franklin, Eugene, and Jeff are members of LPSCU Branch 213 while Bernard Shinal belongs to Branch 6.



## Branch 213 Celebrates Flag Day at the Ballpark

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, LPSCU Branch 213 hosted a group of 14 members and two guests at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders baseball game in Moosic, Pennsylvania. The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders, an affiliate of the New York Yankees, played the Rochester Red Wings at 7:05 p.m. It was a great day for a ballgame with the Railriders winning by a score of 9-2.

LPSCU Branch 213 member Alex Seymour threw out a first pitch while his parents (Kevin and Kelly) and brother (Jacob) cheered him on. Alex is pictured below throwing the first pitch along with a photo of the souvenir ball he received. Great job Alex!



## LPSCU, FSNEPA Mark Flag Day with Veterans

LPSCU National President Theresa Kluchinski and National Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge joined other fraternal leaders of the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania on June 8, 2015, at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to participate in a Flag Day ceremony marking the 65th anniversary of the Act of Congress proclaiming June 14th as National Flag Day.

After presentation of a monetary gift from FSNEPA, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all the veterans in attendance. Everyone was a winner!

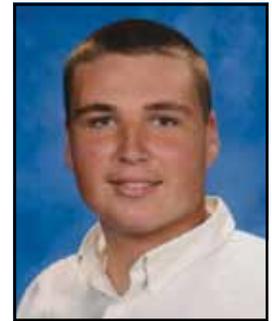
Pictured below are some the participants who helped with the event.



## Father, Son Receive LPSCU Scholarships Thirty-seven Years Apart



**Richard Kallay, Sr.**  
Freshman  
Florida Technological University  
Orlando, Florida  
Branch 65  
Homestead, Pennsylvania



**Richard Kallay, Jr.**  
Freshman  
The University of Akron  
Akron, Ohio  
Branch 65  
Munhall, Pennsylvania

In 1978, Richard Kallay was awarded a college scholarship by the LPSCU after graduating from Largo Senior High School in Largo, Florida. He subsequently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida Technological University (now called the University of Central Florida).

In 2015, his son, also named Richard, was also awarded a scholarship by the LPSCU. Richard Jr. received an athletic scholarship from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, and will join the Akron Zips football team in September.

Young Richard, his dad, mother Bobbie, and sister Nadine reside in Largo and are members of Branch 65 in Munhall, Pennsylvania. Nadine just received an LPSCU Catholic High School Award.

## Cooking Corner

### BLUEBERRY CRUMB CAKE

#### **Batter**

1 ½ sticks margarine	3 tsp. baking powder
1 ½ cups sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs	½ cup milk
3 cups flour	Blueberry pie filling

#### **Topping**

⅓ cup flour	½ cup sugar
3 Tbsp. margarine	

Cream margarine. Add sugar and eggs and beat well. Add flour, baking powder, vanilla, and milk. Batter will be thick. Spread half of batter in a 9x13-inch greased pan. Spread pie filling over batter. Top with remaining batter. Mix topping ingredients until crumbly and sprinkle over cake. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until done.



# Calendar of Events

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- 11 — Mass for living and deceased members of the Msgr. Beeda District at 9:45 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.
- 25 — Pittsburgh District's Card Party at St. Maximilian Kolbe Hall, Homestead, Pennsylvania.

## NOVEMBER

- 2 — WPSA-sponsored program, "Slovak Music and Songs," presented by Jerry Jumba at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free to WPSA members and the public.
- 13 — Branch 213 Matching Fund Project, a fun evening of painting and vino at Mountaintop Gift Gallery at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited so sign up early! See page 9 for all the details.
- 20 — **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2016 Zornicka.**
- 27 — Msgr. Beeda District's Christmas Party at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in the church cafeteria, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any member planning to attend should call Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by November 13. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.
- 29 — Pittsburgh District's Christmas Party at Westwood Golf Club, West Miffling, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. Please make a reservation with your Branch Secretary before November 23.

## DECEMBER

- 6 — Rev. Dianiska District's Annual Christmas Party at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center, Market

Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branches 6 and 213 will host.

- 6 — Lehigh Valley Okres Holiday Luncheon at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Conference Center, Routes 22 and 512, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Punch reception at noon followed by luncheon. A Matching Fund raffle will be held and "Toys for Tots" donations collected. Call Marge Ferri at 610-866-8945 before November 28 to make a reservation.
- 7 — WPSA-sponsored program, "Slovak Show and Tell," at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free to WPSA members and the public.
- 7 — Deadline to apply for a Scholarship Grant from the Slovak League of America. See page 24 for details.
- 12 — LPSCU Board Meeting (Telephone Conference)
- 31 — Final deadline to submit a family recipe for our Convention Cookbook. See page 11 for details.

## ❖ 2016 ❖ JANUARY

- 20 — **Deadline to submit articles for March/April 2016 Zornicka.**
- 25 — Deadline to submit artwork for our 2017 Convention Calendar. See page 16 for details.

## JUNE

- 24-27 — 41st National LPSCU Convention, The Eisenhower Complex, 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Delegates due to arrive Friday, June 24 and depart Monday, June 27. The Convention Mass and Banquet is Sunday, June 26.

### Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

## The Importance of Life Insurance

Being 17 years old, one does not think about life insurance or the importance of it. But as I get ready to attend college, my future is starting to be in the fore-front of my mind. With that being said, my future means getting older, more responsibilities, and "looking beyond next year."

One aspect of "more responsibilities" is thinking of your loved ones and how your life impacts theirs. The decisions you make personally, professionally, and financially are not only for you, but for your family. Life insurance is part of the "sound financial sense."

Life insurance has become a staple in providing yourself and your family financial security during difficult times. It shows your loved ones that you were thinking of them and that you want the best for them when you are no longer able to provide for them.

In closing, life insurance is an important part of my future financial planning, as it has been for years by my family.

**Cecelia Anne Chisdock**  
Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA

## Lehigh Valley Okres Plans Luncheon, Invites New Members

The Lehigh Valley Okres will host a luncheon meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Clubhouse, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The Okres cordially invites LPSCU members of the Lehigh Valley Area to attend this meeting.

Over the course of the past year, we have lost many members due to illness and death. We would like to increase our member base and urge existing members to invite any potential members they may know to the meeting. If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who has expressed an interest in the LPSCU, this is a great chance for them to get to know other LPSCU members and to learn what our wonderful organization is all about.

We will be finalizing plans for our Holiday Luncheon at this meeting and will discuss activities for next year. There is plenty of parking near the front of the clubhouse. (Do not park in the lower level parking lot because then you will have to walk up a road to the clubhouse.) Please call Marge Ferri (610-866-8945) **before October 5, 2015**, to make a reservation.

## FLEXIBLE ANNUITY

### 1st Year's Interest Rate is 3.5%



- ◆ The LPSCU Flexible Annuity is a flexible-premium, deferred annuity that accepts ongoing deposits of as little as \$100 per month.
- ◆ An annuity is a long-term investment where the interest earned is accumulated and compounded.
- ◆ Annuities are used to supplement retirement income, whereby at some point you stop paying into the annuity and start taking out.
- ◆ Upon maturity, LPSCU offers a number of distribution options, giving our members the convenience of selecting the one that is best suited for them.
- ◆ LPSCU's competitive interest rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors; however, your rate will never go below the guaranteed minimum rate established by the annuity contract.
- ◆ You can become a member of the LPSCU by purchasing an annuity and you can own an annuity regardless of your health status.
- ◆ Deposits can be made at your convenience!
- ◆ Minimum deposit is \$100.00.
- ◆ After the sixth year, there is no LPSCU penalty on annuity withdrawals.
- ◆ If the annuitant dies prior to settlement, funds on deposit are payable directly to the named beneficiary(ies).

- ◆ Settlement Options:
  - Payment of a specified amount.
  - Payments for a specified period.
  - Life Annuity.
- ◆ Payment options can be monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, depending upon your needs.
- ◆ Prior to settlement, annuitant may withdraw the Cash Surrender Value at any time; however, the minimum withdrawal amount is \$250.00.

NOTE: *Withdrawals taken prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% Early Withdrawal Penalty by the Internal Revenue Service.*



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*For more information  
about our  
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# SS.C.M. Sisters Mark Milestone Jubilees

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members.

The celebration included a Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius concelebrated by Rev. John Kemper, S.S., of Baltimore, Maryland, provincial superior of the Sulpician Fathers; Rev. Msgr. Ronald Cellini, pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish, Bluffton, South Carolina; Rev. Kenneth Seegar, pastor of St. Andre Bessette Parish, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Rev. John Szada, chaplain of Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Elysburg, Pennsylvania; and Rev. Patrick Divine of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Rev. Mr. Thomas Baranoski, St. Joseph Parish, Charleston, South Carolina, served as Deacon of the Word.

The Liturgy was followed by a dinner to which the friends, family, and Community members of the celebrants were invited.



**Celebrating anniversaries were, front row, L-R: Sister Michaeline Bitsko (70 years), Sister Gerard Greskovic (70 years), Sister Noel Stasko (65 years), Sister Isidore Tomascak (65 years), and Sister Virginia Zapotocky (50 years); middle row: Sister Carol Marie Walsh (55 years), Sister Gloria Marie Kascak (60 years), Sister Donna Marie Ivanko (60 years), Sister Irene Marie Gaydos (45 years), Sister Denise Marie Fallat (55 years), and Sister Madonna Figura (50 years); back row: Sister Christopher Godlewski (55 years), Sister Agnes Marie Winter (45 years), Sister Joanne Marie Schutz (45 years), Sister Loretta Marie Hrubec (45 years), Sister Pamela Smith (40 years), and Sister Virginia Dewan (55 years).**

## Our Mission is . . .

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



The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently serve in the dioceses of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Charleston, South Carolina, Gary, Indiana, and Harrisburg and Scranton, Pennsylvania.

**Sister Barbara Sable**



**From left, Sisters Denise Marie, Joanne Marie, Agnes Marie, Loretta Marie, and Irene Marie prepare for the entrance processional before the Jubilee Liturgy.**

## WPSCA Announces Upcoming Slovak Heritage Programs

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association has scheduled the following Slovak Heritage Programs to be held at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

**September 14, 2015** – The topic will be “From the Velvet Revolution to European Union” presented by Bozena Hilko, instructor for the WPSCA Slovak language classes and native of Slovakia. She will give a brief history of what transpired in Slovakia during this period.

**October 5, 2015** – The topic will be “Summer School in Slovakia” with Bethany Kaylor, WPSCA 2014 scholarship winner, speaking about her experiences attending the summer language and culture classes at Comenius University in Bratislava. Since Bethany is still a student at the University of Oregon, her presentation will be made via video.

**November 2, 2015** – The topic will be “Slovak Music and Songs” with Jerry Jumba, the famous Slovak musician, presenting his translation of Slovak songs.

**December 7, 2015** – The final presentation for the year will be a “Show and Tell” which will be an opportunity for everyone to participate. Bring your memorabilia from Slovakia – photos, books, souvenirs, etc. – for everyone to see. Each presenter will have five minutes to tell us all about it. St. Nicholas will also be visiting!

The programs are free for both members and non-members of the WPSCA.



# Junior Branch Journal



## September's Flower

Each month has a flower that symbolizes the month of someone's birth. September's flower is the forget-me-not and is a symbol of enduring love. It is one of the flowers seen quite often repeated in Slovak embroideries and other folk art. Legend has it that, as a pair of young lovers strolled beside the Danube River, the



maid saw a cluster of lovely blossoms on the opposite bank. To please her, the young man plunged into the river, swam across and retrieved the blooms. On his return, however, a sudden undercurrent bore him away. As he was swept out to sea, he threw the bouquet of blossoms to his beloved calling "Forget me not!" With such a romantic beginning, it's understandable that this delicate flower has come to signify love and remembrance in the language of flowers.

## Kids in the Kitchen

### AMAZING APPLESAUCE

#### Ingredients:

- 2 small red apples
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 pinches of cinnamon

#### Directions:

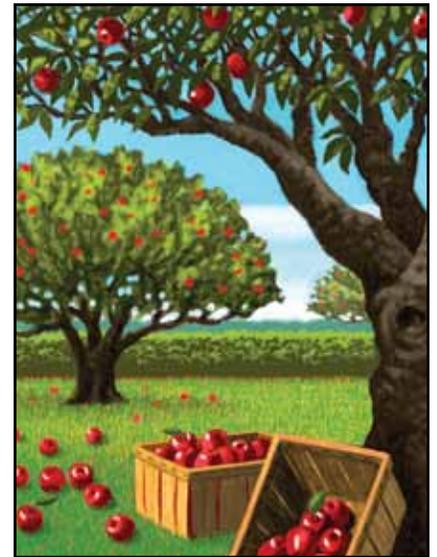
1. Peel the apples and cut them into small pieces. Throw out the core.
2. Put the apple pieces and lemon juice into a blender or food processor. Blend until the mixture is very smooth.
3. Pour the mixture into two small bowls and stir in the sugar and cinnamon.

## Johnny Appleseed Day - September 26

Johnny Appleseed Day honors one of America's great legends. Johnny Appleseed - real name John Chapman - was a real person. He was among the many American settlers who were captivated by the movement west across the continent. As he travelled west, he planted apple trees along the way, and sold trees to settlers. With every apple tree that was planted, his legend grew.

### A Little About the Legend of Johnny Appleseed

- John Chapman was born on September 26, 1774.
- He was a nurseryman who started out planting trees in western New York and Pennsylvania.
- During Chapman's life, the "West" was places like Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.
- John Chapman was a deeply religious person. He was known to preach during his travels.
- According to legend, Johnny Appleseed led a simple life and wanted little. He rarely accepted money and often donated any money he received.
- It is believed that he died on March 11, 1845, from what was referred to as the "winter plague." The actual date of his death has been disputed.



There is a lot of "legend" or folklore in stories written about Johnny Appleseed. By its definition, over the years, legends grow bigger than life. It also appears that there is some link between Johnny Appleseed and very early Arbor Day celebrations.

Celebrate the day with an apple rich menu. Include fresh apples for snacks, and some applesauce or apple pie for dessert. And, make plans to plant an apple tree!

## *The Way of the Cross (Stations)*

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Station II. With tools in hand, we approached the Station. When we reached it, Mike shouted, "Look! There's my knife!" And there it was, in plain view, after three years. He picked it up, examined it, closed and opened the blade, and said, "It's perfect!" We were both dumbfounded and looked at each other in amazement. After a few moments I said to Mike, "Your prayers to St. Pio are answered." He nodded in agreement. We enthusiastically mounted the crosses on Stations II and I and then walked the short distance to my home, both of us talking about finding the knife.

When we reached the house, I picked up two copies of the *Way of the Cross*, according to St. Alphonsus Liguori. I said, "Mike, how long has it been since you last said the Stations?" "Not sure," he answered. "Probably 30 years." I handed him a copy of the *Way of the Cross* and said, "Let's go!" And so we did.

At dinner that night, the knife story dominated the conversation. At one point Mike asked me if I had found the knife earlier and "planted" it there for him to find. I assured him that was not the case and that I last saw it three years earlier when we installed the posts. With some reluctance, he finally admitted that St. Pio offered the only plausible explanation.

A few weeks later, Mike told the story of the Stations (and his knife!) to my cousin, James (Harcarik) Tomasic, who took an immediate interest in the Stations, particularly the extent of the difficulties in project completion. James then traveled to our Virginia home for a visit. After a tour of the Stations and extensive discussions about the enormous difficulties encountered during the three years leading up to completion, we invited him to pray the Stations. Like Mike Gasparro, 30 or so years had passed since he last made the Stations, but he readily accepted the offer.

Since then, numerous others have prayed the Stations here on Big Cobbler Mountain and others are eager to come. This enthusiasm clearly demonstrates that God often does not confer blessings to singular individuals, such as me and my wife, but to a broader audience of the faithful. It is in this way that God increases their faith and instills in their wills the courage and strength necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations called for by their respective state in life. So be it! But as for me and my wife, the Stations also stand like sentinels on the mountain, a reminder of where it all started for us. Specifically, it was the Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ and, in particular, its final phrase "...and lead me on towards Heaven by Way of Thy Cross." Amen.

## Slovak League of America Offers 10 Scholarship Grants

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1907, will offer ten \$1,000 college scholarship grants to students of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled as full time students in a college, university, or professional school. These grants are available to both students in the undergraduate and graduate level of study. The grants will be awarded in late December 2015 and made payable directly to the student.

These scholarship grants are given in memory of Doctors Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner of Rye, New York. Dr. Ladislav Hinterbuchner served for many years as the national first vice president of the Slovak League of America. A native of Slovakia, he and his wife, Dr. Catherine Hinterbuchner, were active in the work of the Slovak League as well as other Slovak American cultural projects over the years. This year's scholarship grants are designated as the Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner Memorial Grants.

Applicants are asked to prepare a study paper of no less than five, type-written double-spaced pages on some theme from Slovak history or culture. Through the preparation of this paper, hopefully the applicant enjoys a learning experience, acquiring a better appreciation of his/her rich Slovak heritage. The completed application, a head and shoulders photo, along with the study paper in hard copy are to be returned by the **deadline date of December 7, 2015**. The scholarship grants will be paid directly to the individual student by December 30, 2015. For an application, write: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison Street, Passaic, NJ 07055; telephone daily Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (973) 472-8993.

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1972 to assist American students of Slovak ancestry in their quest for a good education. To date, more than 200 students have received scholarship grants from this fund. Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make checks payable to: Slovak League Scholarship Fund and send same to the address listed above. We encourage students of Slovak ancestry to make application for this year's scholarship grants honoring the memory of Doctors Ladislav P. and Catherine Hinterbuchner.