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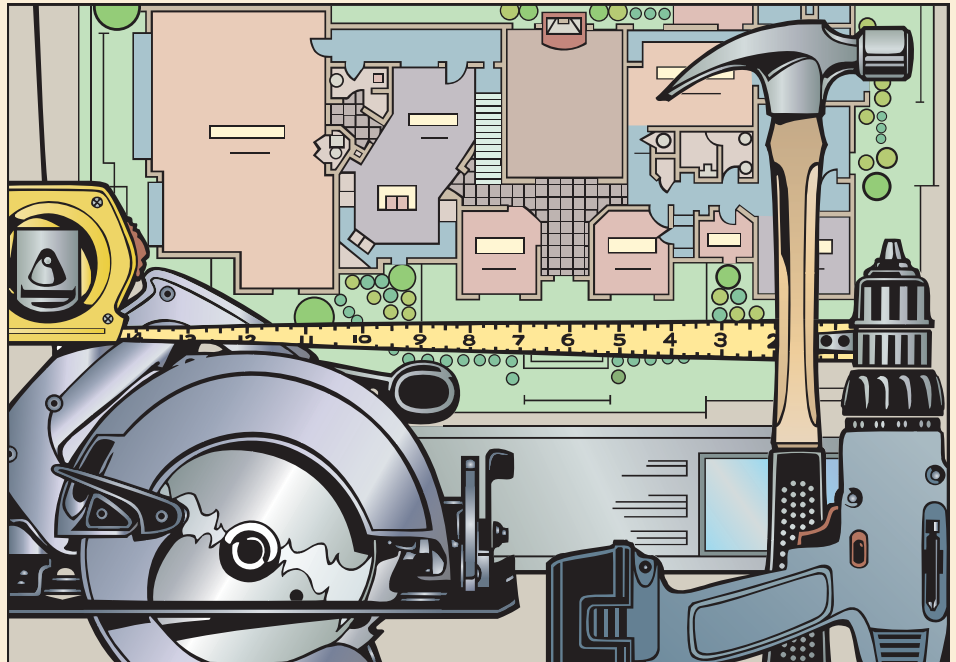
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HOW ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR LIFE?

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house building business, and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work and the builder came to inspect the house, the contractor handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none too well.

Dear Friends,

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, **reacting rather than acting**, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort.

Then often with shock we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized, we would have done it differently. Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only life you will ever build. Even if you live it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall says, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and the choices you make today. **Choose wisely!**

Until next month . . .

Warmly, **Carolyn**

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MORAL GUIDES FOR CATHOLICS – PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every now and then, I am approached by a parishioner about charities and like organizations that solicit monies for their particular causes and what is perceived as a “gift” to the person as a way of saying thank you for the contribution. I am sure you have received these in your own mailings such as address labels, book marks, all occasion cards, note pads, ink pens, calendars, etc. The question usually posed is, “Does the person who receives the solicitation with the “gift” have the obligation of sending the particular charity a monetary donation?” My immediate answer is that the person is not obligated, but in my own mind, I would not retain possession of the “gift”. Generally, I write a note back to the charity, thanking them for the “gift” but I am unable to contribute to their cause at this time and ask them to remove my name from their list. I explain to them that I have several charities that I contribute to on a regular basis and unable to take on any more. I write that I have set my limits financially, I appreciate their interest, I am not prejudiced towards their particular cause, and that I hope they are able to be successful in fulfilling their mission.

From my own experience, I know that I cannot contribute to every cause that passes by my desk. But to the ones that I have aligned myself with over the years, I have been faithful in contributing to them, I have researched and made sure of the integrity of the organizations, and I do not feel “guilty” about not being able to make donations to others. I am almost sure that it would not surprise you that the majority of my contributions go to the Catholic Church. Even then, I know that I am limited

financially to support all the efforts of all the Catholic institutions within the Church but I remain faithful to the ones I have chosen.

For example, a way that I support the universal Church structure is through contributing to the mission appeals that take place twice a year in our parishes, i.e., in the summer and in the autumn. For years, the bishops of our country have encouraged missionaries to bring their on hands experiences to the minds, hearts and souls of parishioners throughout the United States. Usually a particular missionary is assigned to the parish for a weekend and enlightens us about his/her experiences in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many parts of the world either during the homily or at the end of Mass. In the autumn all of us are reminded of our obligations to pray for and financially assist the Church’s evangelization efforts in the world. *World Mission Sunday* is celebrated this year on the weekend of 20-21 October. In 1925 Pope Pius XI established *World Mission Sunday* in order to “foster understanding of the greatness of the missionary task, encourage zeal among the clergy and the people, and offer an opportunity to make the Society of the Propagation of the Faith ever more widely known and encourage offerings for the missions” [2012 *World Missionary Sunday Handout*].

One of the ways I support our diocesan structure is through *The Annual Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church*. This appeal usually takes place in the spring sometime after the celebration of Easter. Each priest in the diocese receives an invitation to contribute to the appeal. There is a suggested monetary amount that assists the priest in making his

decision of what is expected of him. (Now that I think about it, I really do not know if each priest receives this invitation...and/or if there is a *monetary suggestion* on their card, too...and/or if their *suggested amount* goes up each year...hmmm!?!). Parishioners are invited by their pastors to be as generous as they are able to this appeal. Each parish has a goal and the monies are divided primarily for the works of the Catholic Charities agency in our diocese and secondarily for the works in our diocesan chancery.

The local parish of the Catholic Church is the major target of my contributions. The local parish is the grassroots of the Church that brings about our on hands experience of community, Faith, and Sacraments. It is the place where we are enriched, refreshed, educated, and renewed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You know the needs of your parish and how much finances are necessary for the upkeep of the structures, the wages of those who are employed there, and monies needed to promote the Gospel. It is in the parish that we see our contributions put into action.

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the third paragraph of article 2043 states: “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities”. In my article to you in August, I wrote how important it is for us to give of our TIME for the needs of our Church and the institutions associated with the Catholic Church. Last month, I pointed out how important it is that we give of our TALENTS in serving the Church and its institutions. And it is just as important that we share our TREASURES within the Catholic Church to best of our abilities.

50th Anniversary Observed



Stephen and Anna Gaydosh, of Amherst, OH, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Stephen and the former Anna Meade were married by Rev. Bernard Brady on June 2, 1962 in St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Elyria, OH.

They renewed their vows at St. Joseph Church, Amherst, OH, with Rev.

Lawrence Martello officiating. After the mass a reception was held in the church hall with family and friends.

God has blessed the couple with three children and their spouses, Mark (Kim) Gaydosh, Marie (Tim) DeRuchie, and Nancy (Lane) Solak.

They have eight grandchildren, Crystal, Nicole, Felicia, Kristina, Bryan, Austin, Samantha and Shannon and 2 great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Madalin.

Stephen served in the U.S. Army. He retired from U.S. Steel Corporation in Lorain, OH. Anna retired from the Amherst Schools as a Teacher's Aide.

They are both members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Sr. Branch 114 in Lorain, OH. They continue to follow the Slovak holiday traditions during Easter and Christmas.

He uses his free time making model airplanes, bowling and waxing his 1965 Mustang.

Her hobbies are baking, genealogy, and photography.

Their most cherished memories are the times they spend with their family and friends.



ZROSTLIK'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Paul and Margaret (Baker) Zrostlik of Garber, IA were married June 11, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma, IA. The couple's children are son Michael and his wife Julia of Garner, IA, and their two children, Anna and Nicholas; daughter Jane of Garner, IA; son Steven of Ames, IA, and son Marvin of Eldridge, IA.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with a reception/dance at the Duncan Community Hall in Duncan, IA.

Cards can be sent to Paul and Margaret Zrostlik at 645 W. Sixth Street, Garner, IA, 50438. They are members of Branch W051, Duncan, IA.



Send us your Wedding Anniversary and Birthday Announcements!
zjbazik@comcast.net

Ervin Hanus Celebrates 80th Birthday

Ervin J. Hanus will celebrate his 80th birthday with a family gathering. Born September 13, 1932, to Albin and Mary (Dvorak) Hanus on the family farm at 2029 PP Ave Traer, IA, where he still lives. He had two brothers and one sister.

He married Irene Mareska on January 5, 1954, while serving in the Army during the Korean conflict.

There are five children and 13 grandchildren (four married and one great-grandson).

Ervin's jobs included farming, carpentry work, State Liquor store clerk, and on the nursing staff at Iowa Veterans home.



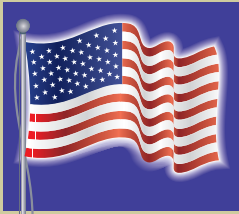

St. Ann's Branch 114
Lorain, OH
ANNUAL BINGO AND SOCIAL
Sunday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m.

at the
AMERICAN SLOVAK CLUB
2915 Broadway, Lorain, OH

All members are invited to attend.

Please call President Bernadette Robertson at 440-282-8594 to make your reservations.

EDWARD SILVENT WWII Veteran Honored



Edward A. Silvent, West Wyoming, an 88-year-old World War II veteran, was recently extended a formal invitation by Andrew Schiavello, president of Honor Flight Philadelphia, Springfield, PA, and its board of

directors, to attend the inaugural, guardian-supported, Tour of Honor to Washington, DC, April 12, 2012.

The one-day tour, with departure from Edgemont, PA, included bus service with breakfast, and arrival at the World War II Memorial; departure for Korea, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorial; a tour of Washington, DC; lunch: Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard; Iwo Jima Memorial, group photo; also, time permitting, the Navy and Air Force Memorial, Air and Space Museum, Chantilly, VA, to see the World War II aircraft, Enola Gay and the space shuttle, Enterprise, and return to Edgemont for dinner and entertainment at the Trattoria Giuseppe.

Although he could not attend, he thanked Mr. Schiavello for the written tribute and honor extended.

With brothers Francis and John (deceased), he served a combined 12 years in the military until war's end, in the European, Asiatic and Middle Eastern theaters. Francis's service included the EAME and Pacific theaters.

Their array of medals includes ribbons and campaign stars for Europe, North Africa, Sicily, Foggia-Italy, the Bronze Star Medal, and several Presidential Unit Citations. The 94th Pursuit Squadron was commanded by Eddie Rickenbacker during World War One, during which he was awarded the prestigious War Cross by the French. When his squadron won its first Presidential Unit Citation, the French added a unique decoration, called a fourragere, with colors of the War Cross, both to him and the squadron.

When the 94th Fighter Squadron, Silvent's unit, was awarded its first Presidential Unit Citation in North Africa during World War Two, for strafing bombing and escort missions, Eddie arrived with War Department authority for the squadron's officers and enlisted men to wear the fourragere, with identical colors of the War Cross, around the shoulder.

Silvent said that, when men and women clothe themselves with the uniform, they become one with our flag; their service stamps upon their hearts and indescribable pride known only to them; and, the remembrance of their sacrifices by their loved ones and friends justifies their serving and having served their country.

His wife Marguerite, is president of Branch 36, Swoyersville, PA. Their family, extended families and friends own FCSLA's insurance and annuity products.



Jennifer Brickman and Danielle Duke, two Home Office employees and Sr. Branch 525 members, checked off another item from their bucket lists after completing races at the Cleveland Marathon.

Jennifer started training for running events in 2010. After running several 5K's, 10K's and seven half marathons (13.1 miles), she felt she trained enough to run a full marathon (26.2 miles). On Sunday, May 20, 2012, Jennifer completed in her first marathon in 5 hours and 4 minutes. Her husband, Eric Brickman (also a Sr.



Branch 525 member) was a huge motivator throughout her training process. He completed his third marathon at this event in 4 hours and 7 minutes, finishing in time to cheer Jennifer on at the finish line.

Danielle also participated in the Cleveland Marathon, taking on the challenge of completing her first half marathon. She crossed the finish line in 2 hours and 48 minutes after running 13.1 miles around Cleveland and Lakewood, OH.

Both Jennifer and Danielle are extremely proud of their accomplishment. Jennifer plans to continue running and Danielle said that she would like to start



training for a triathlon in the near future.

Indiana Slovak Day Celebration 2013

Mark your calendars for the Slovak Day Celebration in Northwest Indiana. June 23, 2013 we will celebrate mass, enjoy traditional Slovak dancing, eat and enjoy all things Slovak. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/SlovakDayCelebration>

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SLOVAKIA AND THE MAYOR OF BRATISLAVA VISITS CLEVELAND, OHIO

FCSLA's National President Cynthia M. Maleski and National Treasurer Stephen C. Hudak, along with National Auditor Barbara A. Sekerak, Cleveland District President Joyce Lechman and past-National President Mary Ann S. Johaneck represented FCSLA at the event honoring U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Theodore Sedgwick and Milan Ftáčnik, the Mayor of Bratislava.

The event, which was co-sponsored by World Affairs Council and Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities, was held on June 14, 2012 at the Union Club in downtown Cleveland. Guests

enjoyed an evening program, which featured a reception, and presentation by the Mayor followed by a Q&A session. The goal for this visit was to strengthen the relationship of Slovak-Americans in the Cleveland area with Slovaks living in the Bratislava area.

On Saturday, June 16, 2012, FCSLA National President Cynthia M. Maleski had the honor of joining the Ambassador and Mayor at Wade Oval for a wreath laying ceremony at the Statue of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik. General Milan Rastislav Štefánik was a well-known politician and diplomat who played a significant role with independence of Czecho-Slovakia. The statue is located in the general area of the Slovak Cultural Gardens in Cleveland, OH. A tree plant-



President Cynthia M. Maleski poses with the Mayor of Bratislava, Milan Ftáčnik, and U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia, Theodore Sedgwick, in front of the Statue of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik located in the Slovak Cultural Gardens in Cleveland, OH.

ing ceremony also took place in the Slovak Gardens during their visit.



National President Cynthia M. Maleski, along with National Treasurer Stephen C. Hudak and National Auditor Barbara A. Sekerak, presented the Mayor of Bratislava, Milan Ftáčnik, and U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Theodore Sedgwick, with a copy of FCSLA's authentic Slovak-American Cookbook at the Union Club on June 14, 2012.



From **OCTOBER 1** through **DECEMBER 31, 2012**,
older FCSLA annuities (issued prior to 2005)
with a guaranteed minimum rate of

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guaranteed minimum rate of

3.00%

will earn a yield of 3.0453%.



Slovak League of America's 55th Congress

National President Cynthia M. Maleski and National Secretary Sue Ann M. Seich represented FCSLA at the Slovak League of America's 55th Congress in Bridgeport, CT on June 8-9, 2012.

Our National President, Cynthia Maleski addressed the Congress at its banquet on behalf of all Slovak-American fraternalists. She stated that Slovak-Americans should work together to help build a stronger community in the States and further promote the ongoing mission and vision of the Slovak League of America.

The Slovak League of America is a non-governmental pro democracy organization that promotes the interests of Slovaks in America, protects Slovaks living in Slovakia and raises awareness of Slovak culture and traditions. It was founded in Cleveland, OH in 1907. The Slovak League of America currently represents those of Slovak descent in the United States.

RESOLUTION OF THE 55TH CONGRESS OF THE SLOVAK LEAGUE OF AMERICA

As the 55th Congress of the Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Americans of Slovak ancestry, is called to order in the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, June 8-9, 2012;

And as this Congress calls us the delegates and the entire Slovak League of America community to look forward, to push on, and to continue to espouse the ideals and purposes set in place by our founders, Reverend Stephen Furdek and Peter P. Rovnianek in 1907 in Cleveland, Ohio.

So we, the members of the Resolution Committee with forward-looking vision and deepened awareness of the unified spirit of this Congress, present the following resolution:

Whereas, the Catholic Church in the Republic of Slovakia prepares to mark in the year of Our Lord 2013 the 1,150th anniversary of the evangelizing work of its principal patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius; And

Whereas, the Republic of Slovakia will mark the 20th year as a sovereign, independent nation on January 1, 2013; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America played a significant role in the establishment of the first Republic of Czecho-Slovakia in 1919 with the blessings of then President of the United States of America, Woodrow Wilson; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America for more than a century has hosted various programs promoting Slovak culture, heritage and history in the United States; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America continues to promote higher education among Americans of Slovak ancestry and has assisted hundreds of students through its very generous scholarship program; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America has published numerous works in both the Slovak and English languages related to the culture, heritage and history of Slovakia; And

Whereas, since the independence of the Republic of Slovakia was declared on January 1, 1993, the Slovak League of America has partici-

pated in numerous educational and cultural exchange projects between the United States and Slovakia; And

Whereas, since its earliest days, the Slovak League of America has enjoyed the full support of the Slovak fraternal societies in the United States which enjoy institutional membership; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America is delighted to have the retired United States Ambassador to Slovakia, the Honorable Vincent Obsitnik deliver the principal English address at the 55th Congress banquet; And

Whereas, the Slovak League of America welcomes Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska, the oldest and most prominent Slovak cultural institution founded in 1863 and will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 2013, and because over the years, our two organizations have enjoyed a close collaboration, we are delighted to have Mr. Tkac deliver the principal Slovak address at the 55th Congress banquet; And

Whereas, this 55th Congress is honored to have Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, a distinguished and well-known Slovak American educator and historian, deliver the Keynote Address; And

Whereas, we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the local 55th Congress committee under the very capable leadership of

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Principal national officers elected by the delegates of the congress, include from the left, Jozef Kovac, Detroit, MI, third vice president; Justine Wesnak, Schnecksville, PA, second vice president; Daniel F. Tanzone, Yonkers, NY, president; W. Nina Holy, Pompton Plains, NJ, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Mikulas Halko, Mt. Kisco, NY, first vice president; and John G. Duch, who served as Congress chairperson.



Marian Tkac, center, the president of Matica Slovenska, the oldest Slovak cultural organization in the world which will observe its 150th anniversary in 2013, gave the principal Slovak address at the banquet of the 55th Congress of the Slovak League of America. Mr. Tkac is shown with some of the Congress delegates including, from the left, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, SS.C.M., director of Jankola Library in Danville, PA; Theresa M. Kluchinski, president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union; W. Nina Holy, secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League; National President Cynthia M. Maleski; and Andrew M. Rajec, president of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Matica Slovenska has enjoyed a close collaboration with the American Slovak community over the years, except during the 40-year Communist period in Czecho-Slovakia.

Branch 7 & Branch 77 Announce Scholarship Winners

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, St. Mary Sr. Branch 7, and St. Julius Jr. Branch 77 in Streator, IL, have announced two scholarship winners for the upcoming school year. This year's recipients are Lucas Johnson and Kevin Killian.

Lucas is the son of Amy and Kelly Johnson of Kankakee, IL, and the grandson of Maryann and Greg Melvin of Streator, IL. Lucas attended St. Joseph School in Bradley, IL where he was active in the Leadership Team, Math Team, Chess Club, football, basketball, and baseball. He will be attend-

ing Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee where he will continue his academic and sporting activities, adding the Fishing Club to his list. Lucas is an active member of his parish, St. Joseph's, in Bradley, where he is an altar server and Eucharistic Minister.

Kevin is the son of Jackie and Patrick Killian of Wheaton, IL, and the grandson of Dick and Ella Killian, and Don and Claudette Bednar of Streator, IL. Kevin attended St. Michael School in Wheaton where he was his class Spelling Bee winner, four-time Poetry Elocution Competition winner, and active in football and basketball. He will be attending St. Francis High School in Wheaton where he hopes to join the Math Team as well as continue playing football and baseball. Kevin is an active member of his parish, St. Michael's in Wheaton, where he is an altar server. He has two brothers and a sister, who are all members of the FCCLA.



L-R: Jerry Ftacek, Vice President of Branch 7; Ella Killian, President of Branch 7; Mary Lou Senko, President of Branch 77; Lucas Johnson, Kelly Johnson, and Amy Johnson.



L-R: Jerry Ftacek, Vice President of Branch 7; Jackie Killian, Kevin Killian, Ella Killian, President of Branch 7; and Mary Lou Senko, President of Branch 77.

Nine Members of Branch W018 Honored with Scholarships

On July 25th, Branch W018 honored its three national scholarship winners and six branch scholarship winners with dinner and games at Dave & Busters. National scholarship winners from the branch are Tyler Bilek, Katlyn Riley, and Brenden McElligott. The branch scholarship winners are Katie Peterson, Pat Bilek, Michael Jelinek, Michael Adams, Alyssa McElligott, and Nathaniel Zuroske. After dinner, a short program, and presentation of certificates, the winners and their families made their way to the games and spent the rest of their evening in pursuit of the assorted prizes offered to game winners.



Branch W018 President Bob Hladik with the scholarship winners.

Heather deHaas Graduates from Perry High School

Heather deHaas (S522), granddaughter of Joanne Drury, an employee of the Home Office. Heather graduated with many honors from Perry High School. She was salutatorian of her class and 2010 prom queen. Heather was a great leader in sports to include soccer, softball, swim team, and dance captain of the Buccaneers Show Choir. Heather enjoys art. She received a blue ribbon and honorable mention for a

self portrait and "Shattered Reflection" picture, which was shown at Lakeland Community College. Heather will be attending Ohio Wesleyan College this fall.



Graduates from Marietta College

Jacob Andrew Klimkowski (S77, McKeesport, PA) graduated from Marietta College in Marietta, OH on Sunday, May 13, 2012. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was also inducted into the Honor Societies of Kappa Mu Epsilon and Pi Epsilon Tau and the recipient of the Capstone Award. Jacob has accepted a position with South Western Energy in Houston, TX.



Jacob was a recipient of the FCSLA College Sophomore Scholarship in 2010. He was a 2008 graduate of Ambridge High School and the son of Cheryl-Ann Glus (S77) and the stepson of Ronald Glus (S77) of South Heights, PA and the step-grandson on Anne Glus (S77) and the step-nephew of FCSLA National Court of Appeals member Carol Yurechko.

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our well-known Slovak fraternal and cultural leader, Eileen Salamon Wilson for its efforts which have ensured the success of our Congress;

Finally, we also take this opportunity to extend best wishes and the promise of continued cooperation with the Office of the Association of Slovaks Living Abroad in Bratislava (Urad pre Slovakov zijucich v zahraničí) and its new president, Igor Furdik.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Slovak League of America accepts the direction as well as the challenges as put forth by this 55th Congress in the spirit in which they were offered — with great clarity and enthusiasm always with our focus on maintaining the ideals and purposes for which the Slovak League of America was founded 105 years ago.

May God bless us and may God bless the Slovak League of America.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdivic
Resolutions Committee Chairperson

Dolores M. Evanko
Committee Secretary

COMBINED CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The FCSLA Anna Hurban District of Chicago is hosting their Annual Combined Senior Branch Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 1, 2012. It will take place at the Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park, IL. The event begins with raffle sales at 11:00 a.m., with the luncheon following at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The raffle drawings begin at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Please RSVP by November 19, 2012 to your Senior Branch Officer.

Sr. Branch 44 and Jr. Branch 112 Scholarship Winners

Agnes C. Farcosky, Financial Secretary of Sr. Branch 44, Mt. Pleasant, PA, presenting College Scholarships to Nicole Marie Matis, a student at Penn State, Fayette Campus and Taylor Nitkiewicz, a student at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Absent



from the picture is Alexa S. Franko, Penn State Main campus and Justin Vidakovich, Bucknell University.



Jr. Branch 112 Grade School Scholarship Winners. Pictured L-R: Agnes C. Farcosky, Kaitlyn Urban, scholarship recipient from Somerset, PA; Loretta Hunker, Jr. Order-Secretary-Treasurer; Logan Sefchik from Mt. Pleasant, PA, Elizabeth Butler, recording secretary. Absent from the picture is Anthony Speeney from Connellsville, PA.

Branch W130 Enjoys Annual Potluck Picnic

Fifty-seven members enjoyed the annual FCSLA Potluck picnic on Sunday, July 15 at the Clutier Legion Hall. Fried chicken, tea, and lemonade were provided by the lodge. Brandon Klosterman of Marshalltown was the recipient of the local lodge \$500 scholarship. Brandon is the son of Mary Buresh of Marshalltown and the grandson of Ed Buresh of Traer.



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John Paul Sevcik was awarded a \$1250 National Scholarship. John Paul is the son of Joe and Lisa Sevcik of Cedar Falls. The afternoon was spent playing bingo. With many winners going home with muskmelons, watermelons, gift cards, and door prizes.



We Want to Hear From You!

- Did your children, grandchildren receive special awards or achievements in school?
- Baptisms? Confirmations? New Members?
- Participated in Volunteer and Community Projects?

If they are members of the FCSLA please send us a photo and short article about their special achievements!



JOSEPH DOUGLAS COLLURA, son of Joseph Collura and JaneAnn Peluso-Collura, received his First Holy Communion at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Avon Lake, OH on May 5, 2012. Joseph and his cousins are members of Jr. Branch 457. Their great-great-grandparents, Andro and Agnes (Hudak) Svec and John and Susi (Hugo) Sevec, were Slovak immigrants.



ETHAN JACK BODO made his First Holy Communion on May 6, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mineral Ridge, OH. Ethan has a brother Derek and two sisters, Anna and Lara who are also members of Jr. Branch 169. His father Mark Bodo and grandmother Marsha Robinson are members of Sr. Branch 169. His great-grandmother Anne Angle also was a member of Sr. Branch 169.



EMMA KAHNK is a Heartland Hoedowner, which is a local dance/clogging team based out of Elkhorn, NE. They perform at over 50 events annually. The Heartland Hoedowners have won metro, regional and national honors. They were chosen to perform in the 2012 Macy's Day Parade.

Emma has been dancing since she was 3 years old and clogging since the age of 6. She loves to clog and often times is found clogging around the house. It's hard to keep her feet still which is pretty common among the Hoedowners.

She attends St. Patrick's Catholic School in Elkhorn, NE, and is in 6th grade. Her proud parents are Alan and Suzanne Kahnk.

Emma has an FCSLA policy in Branch W018 thanks to her grandmother, Helen Pecha, who not only purchased, Catholic Workman (now FCSLA) policies for all 8 of her own children, but also all 19 of her grandchildren and Emma is the 19th grandchild to benefit from membership of this wonderful organization.

Chicago District Junior Branch Christmas Party

All Chicago District Junior Members are invited to a Christmas Party sponsored by the Chicago Junior Branches and District on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. Simon Parish Gymnasium, 5135 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL.

For more information about this exciting event, please go to the Chicago District Website found on www.fcsla.org to view the calendar of events and other important information.

Elizabeth Masola Travels to Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary

Little did Elizabeth Masola (Sr. Branch 10/Cleveland) know that her love of music would some day lead her to a stop in Slovakia!

Liz will begin her senior year at Bay High School the fall of 2012. BHS is known for an excellent music program. Under the direction of Mr. Darren Allen, Liz has proved she is a leader. Being selected as "Out-

standing Marcher of The Year" in both her freshman and junior years, Liz has her sights set on earning the "Outstanding Marcher of The Year" award for her senior year as well.

Last year Mr. Allen recommended that Liz come on Saturday to the Cleveland Institute of Music and try out for the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. Liz auditioned on a Saturday and was placed in the CYWS II Symphonic group that

day. She continued to attend each and every Saturday rehearsal during the school year. This is in addition to her regular day at school, taking private trumpet lessons, playing in the Marching Band during the fall, then Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, not to mention extra curricular activities and friends! Through it all Liz is still able to maintain over a 3.5 grade point average.

Being a part of the CYWS, you are afforded many opportunities to perform at professional music halls. Liz has played on the stage at Severance Music Hall on several occasions, but most recently Liz performed in the Countries of Poland and Hungary. The Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, directed by Dr. Gary Ciepluch, has the opportunity to travel every other year. This year the trip was to Poland and Hungary. When Elizabeth found out about this once in a lifetime trip we knew she had to go. Not only would she be performing in some of the most beautiful churches, she would be traveling through Slovakia. She knew that this was the country her great-grandparents lived in before coming to America.

On June 20th, Liz boarded a bus headed to Detroit where part of the 130 travelers boarded a plane to Paris, France where they boarded their connecting flight to Germany. After landing in Berlin, Germany they boarded a bus and traveled to their first destination – Gorzow, Poland where they performed their first concert in the Gorzow Concert Hall. Then the CYWS group traveled to Wroclaw for a day of sightseeing. From Wroclaw it was on to Krakow where their second concert was performed at historic St. Catherine's Church. Then Liz and the group had the opportunity to tour the Auschwitz concentration camp for a sobering experience.

From Krakow the group traveled to Zakopane where they played their third concert in the Holy Cross Church of Zakopane. They departed Zakopane and headed to Budapest, Hungary. It was on this leg of the trip that they traveled through Slovakia. Much to the disappointment of Elizabeth, the tour only included a rest stop in Slovakia, but Liz got off the bus and had her picture taken (below) as she stood in the homeland of her great-grandparents.

Budapest was the location of the CYWS final concert of the tour at St. Stephen's Basilica, the largest church in Hungary.

To be a part of the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, a student must audition each year. When Elizabeth auditioned for the 2012-2013 season she was placed in Group I, which is the most prestigious group and the pieces played are more difficult.



SHARE Garden Volunteers in McLean, Virginia



During the month of July, the McNeill siblings, members of Jr. Branch 158 and grandchildren of Margaret A. Buss of Schnecksville, PA (Sr. Branch 319), volunteered their time by watering and weeding their parish's community garden plot in McLean, VA. All produce grown in the SHARE garden is donated to needy families in the area. (L-R: Steven (6), Candice (6), Matthew (7) and Christian (4) McNeill)

FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The FCSLA and St. Anne's Branch 66 and the Guardian Angel Society Branch 470 awarded Four College Scholarships Wednesday, July 18 at Chippers Restaurant in Streator, IL to Ashley Siadek, Manhattan, IL, Alexandra Oak of Kansas City, MO, Gloria Schmitz of DeKalb, IL, and Brianna Lucas of Streator, IL.

Ashley Siadek is the daughter of Jerry Lori (Danko) Siadek of Manhattan, IL and granddaughter of Ray and Maria Danko, Streator. Ashley is a 2008 graduate of Lincoln-Way Central High School, New Lenox, IL. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science with honors from Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO) this past spring. Ashley maintained the Dean's List for all four undergraduate years. She is presently working towards a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy at Saint Louis University. While at Saint Louis University, Ashley was enrolled in the Honors Program and was involved in an inner-city community service program called the Micah Program. Ashley was also involved in the Campus Ministry at SLU.

Gloria Schmitz is the daughter of Lori Schmitz of DeKalb, IL. Gloria graduated from Aurora Christian High School in Aurora, IL in 2010. She is currently about to enter her junior year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gloria is majoring in Global Studies with a concentration in Governance, focusing on International Trade Negotiations and also pursuing a minor in Spanish language. Gloria's goal is to one day work for the United States Foreign Services in an embassy abroad, hopefully in Sweden or Spain, or to work in International Trade Negotiations between countries.

Brianna Lucas is the daughter of Greg and Susie Lucas of Streator and the granddaughter of Richard and Dorothy Lucas of Streator, Sandy Neyers of Dana, and the late Darrell McMullen of Marseilles. Brianna is currently entering her senior year at Bradley University and planning to graduate in May of 2013 with a bachelor Science Degree in Health Science and a minor in Business Administration. She has been on the Bradley Dance Team since her freshman year in addition to being involved in

the Health Science Organization. National Society of Leadership and Success, and volunteering at OSF Saint Francis in Peoria. Brianna has also been on the Dean's List for four semesters at Bradley. She plans on continuing her education in graduate school to pursue a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.

Alexandra Oak is the daughter of Bob Oak, who also was a FCSLA scholarship recipient and they live in Kansas City, MO. Alexandria was a three sport All-Stater in volleyball, basketball and track. She was also a state champion this past track season in the 400 meter dash. Lexie concluded her senior year by being chosen The Kansas City Star Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. In the fall, Alexandria will be attending the University of Nebraska on both an academic and athletic scholarship and will be running track for the Husker. At this time, Alexandria is undecided on her major but hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

Honored Scholarship Recipients



President Leona Cupka presents Jillian Bridgeman a scholarship gift with her proud parents Carol and Mike Bridgeman looking on.

and Mike Bridgeman. Jillian was presented a gift from Branch 289 President Leona Cupka.

Sr. Branch 289 member Cameron Collins was unable to attend the brunch.

Jr. Branch 184 member Benjamin Winger was unable to attend but his mother Regina and his grandparents Mary Ann and Don Weber attended on his behalf. His mother accepted his gift from Jr. Branch President Ann Fedorchak.

We wish much success to these students in all their future endeavors.

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, officers of Sr. Branch 289 and Jr. Branch 184 of Gary, IN honored their scholarship recipients and their families at a brunch at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster.

Honorees: Sr. Branch 289 member Jillian Bridgeman attended with her parents Carol



Regina Winger mother of Benjamin accepts the scholarship gift from President Ann Fedorchak with Benjamin's grandparents Mary Ann and Don Weber looking on.



L-R, seated: Susie Lucas, mother of Brianna Lucas, Scholarship Winner, Gloria Schmitz Scholarship Winner daughter of Lynn Schmitz. Back row Greg Lucas Father of Brianna, Stephanie Boik, Financial Secretary of St. Anne's Branch 66, Lucille Swain, President of St. Anne's Branch 66, Jane Soltis, Treasurer of the Guardian Angel Society Branch 470 and Anna Mae Negray Secretary of Guardian Angel Society Branch 470.



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IN MEMORIAM

CARL YURECHKO **Sr. Branch 289**



Carl J. Yurechko, age 82, of Merrillville, IN, passed away on May 9, 2012. Carl was a member of Sr. Branch 289 in Gary, IN. Carl was a retired employee of U.S. Steel after 32 years and Burns Funeral Home after 18 years.

Carl was a member and past officer of Knights of Columbus St. Thomas Council #1347. Carl was an originator and charter member of Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Venegas Assembly, 4th Degree. He was one of the pioneers of the Tootsie Roll Campaign sponsored by the K of C. Carl also served 2 years as Indiana State Warden and was state retention chairman of the Indiana State Knights of Columbus. He was Chairman of Slovak Day for 39 years. He was a former member of Holy Trinity Church in Gary and a current member of St. Joan of Arc in Merrillville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Yurechko and son, William. Carl was survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Elizabeth "Betty" (nee Sohovich) Yurechko of Merrillville; 4 children, Kathleen Yurechko of Ft. Wayne, John (Carol) Yurechko of Hebron, Michael (Marsha) Yurechko of Valparaiso, and Patricia (William) Bielak of Hobart; 11 grandchildren, Edward (Kim) Pavich, Christopher (Trudy Barnes) Pavich, Christine (J. T.) Eads, Samantha Yurechko, Jason (Missy) Yurechko, Tracey Yurechko (Robin Peeler), Jennifer Yurechko (fiancé Steve Gard), Sarah (Marcus) Rowe, Melissa Yurechko, Matthew Yurechko, and Amanda Bielak (Glen Peterson), and 7 great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Gibault School, Terre Haute, IN.

HELEN MARY MOSES **Sr. Branch 108**

Helen M. Moses, 81, Woodridge, NY, died at home on June 4. She was the wife of John S. Moses for 60 years.

She was the daughter of the late

Michael and Mary Spegar of Blakely. She graduated from Blakely High School in 1948.

She married John in 1951, and had five children, Stephen, Sue, Judy, John and Peter. She was an at-home mom, demanding, yet loving. Her children have been near all their lives.

Besides her and children, Helen is also survived by 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; three siblings, Maggie and Mike from Blakely; and Matilda from Albuquerque, NM.

A sister, Monica, also predeceased her in 2008.

JOHN D. HRITZ **Sr. Branch 262**



John D. Hritz, age 90, died February 2012. Beloved husband of Olga V. (nee Horvat); loving father of Michael R. (Beth); dear brother of Raymond (deceased). U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. Member of South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association and the

FCSLA Sr. Branch 262.

CYRIL M. KUNCL **Branch W013**



Cyril M. Kuncl, 90, of Lincoln, formerly of Prague, died November 8, 2011 at Have-lock Manor in Lincoln, NE.

Kuncl was born on July 28, 1921 to Anton and Rose (Vavak) Kuncl in Prague. He served

from December 1942 to January 1946 in the United States Navy Seabees during World War II. After his discharge, he was a dominating pitcher for the Pioneer Baseball League and was considered by the Chicago Cubs.

On November 23, 1948, he married Wilma Novotny at St. Mary Catholic Church in Valparaiso. They lived on a farm west of Prague where he farmed, raised ca-

pons, delivered gas for Hakel's Skelly Service and raised five children.

He was a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and was an active member of the American Legion, first in Prague and then in Weston.

He was preceded in death by his wife; brothers, Ernest, Charles, Joe, Victor, Tony and Henry Kuncl; sisters, Cecilia Edins, Betty Kremla and Rose Cink.

He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Terry Peirce of Eagle, Laurie and Brian Sjolseth of Dripping Springs, TX, Patricia and Rick Smith, Nixa, MO, Wendy and Chris Reber of Omaha; son and daughter-in-law, David and Mary Kuncl of Lincoln; granddaughter, Olivia Reber; sister and spouse, Vicki and Carl Nelson of Wahoo.

Memorials may be made to the Nebraska Stroke Association, Neumann High Booster Club or family's choice.

ANNE IRENE **(SUGERIK) LASKY** **Sr. Branch 114**



Anne Irene Lasky (nee Sugerik) 95, born May 4, 1916, beloved wife of the late George Lasky, went home to be with the Lord on April 28, 2012; dear mother of Kenneth G. (Joanne), Barbara Homer (Donald), Richard E.

(Lenore), and Rosemary Kozar.

She also leaves behind nine grandchildren and one predeceased granddaughter and eighteen great-grandchildren.

She was a dedicated teacher at St. Charles School in Parma, OH for 30 years. After retirement, she was an honored volunteer teacher at Paul Dunbar Elementary in Cleveland, Renwood Elementary in Parma, Shamrock Elementary in Barberton and Tropical Elementary School in Plantation, FL, until the age of 93.

In 2010 she moved to Blue Ridge, GA and was an active parishioner at St. Anthony's Parish. Family suggests contributions to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 1448, 967 E. Main St., Blue Ridge, GA 30513.

ANNE E. (SABO) GLUS
Sr. Branch 77



Anne E. Sabo Glus, age 90, formerly of McKeesport, PA has gone to rest in the arms of our Savior Jesus Christ on August 7, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of the late John Glus, Jr. and loving mother of Ronald (Cheryl-Ann) Glus and Carol (Anthony) Yurechko.

Cherished grandmother of Jeremy (Katie), Steven (Vicky), Andrew (Justina) and Jennifer. Great-grandmother of Alexis and Michael Anthony.

Anne was a longtime beautician at LaRosa Beauty Shop in McKeesport, PA. She was a former member of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church and current member of Holy Angels R.C. Church and member of the FCSLA Branch 77.

LORRAINE A. KREMLACEK
Branch W013



Lorraine A. Kremlacek, 79, of Prague, NE died February 29 at her home in Prague.

She was born November 15, 1932 to Frank E. and Anna (Fiedler) Bartek in Weston, NE and graduated from Weston High School in 1950.

She was united in marriage to Joe R. Kremlacek on August 20, 1955 at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Weston. She was employed at the Saunders County ASCS office, Russell Stovers in Lincoln and the Wahoo Bakery and Wahoo Newspaper.

She was a parishioner at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Prague, a member of the Rosary Society and the FCSLA Branch W013.

She was preceded in death by parents; her husband; a son; brothers, Charles, Edward and Leonard Bartek; and sister, Rose Benes.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Tami Kremlacek of

Fremont, Randal Kremlacek and friend Amy Flaugh of Morse Bluff, Joe and Diane Kremlacek Jr. of Yutan; daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Dave Vrana, Sharon Matulka and friend Rich Mullen, all of Prague, Sandra and Norman Kavan of Cedar Bluffs, and Connie and Joel Bruns of Wakefield; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandson; five step grandchildren; brother and sisters-in-law, Milo and Rose Marie Bartek, Delores Bartek, Jean Bartek; and special friend, Lavern Paneitz; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be made to St. John Church or donor's choice.

ADOLPH A. SLOUP
Branch W013



Adolph A. Sloup, 88, of Prague, NE died July 15 at Merrick Manor in Fremont.

Sloup was born October 12, 1923 to James and Adela (Prochaska) Sloup in Prague. He attended St. John's Grade School and District #104 School and later graduated from Prague High School.

He married Marcella M. Kaspar on January 31, 1950 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Prague. They lived on his family's homesteaded farm northwest of Prague for many years until moving into Prague in 1971. He farmed for many years and worked at Valmont Industries until retiring from there in 1986. In his retirement, he helped take care of the parish grounds and cemetery of St. John the Baptist Church, of which he was a parishioner his whole life.

He was a 69-year member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1833 and a lifetime member of the FCSLA Branch W013, formerly the Catholic Workman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and spouse, Rev. Ernest Sloup and James and Marie Sloup; nephews, Paul Sloup and Gerald Sloup; and infant nephew, Joseph Sloup.

He is survived by his wife Marcie; children and spouses, David and Diane Sloup of Prague, Catherine and David

Adams of Omaha, Elizabeth and Brian Hartwick of Buffalo Creek, CO, Jeff Sloup of Prague and Jeanine and Rodney Naker of Plano, TX; 9 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Adelyne and Roland Koranda of Wahoo.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Building Fund or the Prague Rescue Squad.

Svoboda Funeral Home in Wahoo is in charge of the arrangements.

JERRY J. PODANY
Branch W080



Jerry J. Podany, 94, of Omaha, died May 29, 2012, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln, NE.

He was born October 22, 1917, in Clarkson, to Jan and Frances (Kucera)

Podany. He attended school in Clarkson. On September 10, 1940, he married Blanche Podany at Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Clarkson. They farmed in the Clarkson area for a few years until moving to Omaha around 1945. He worked for U.S. Cold Storage as a supervisor for more than 30 years. He enjoyed raising flowers and vegetables in his garden, caring for his yard and helping his neighbors with their yard work. He was a member of the Catholic Workmen for more than 80 years.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Podany, of Omaha, NE; a daughter, Jan (Gene) Hruska of Lincoln, NE; a son, Jerry (Amanda) Podany of Los Angeles, CA; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jan and Frances Podany; three brothers; and one sister.

**HAVE YOU
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Activities of Branch W137



FCSLA Branch W137 held a family bike ride June 23, 2012 at Sokol Park. Thirty-five participants rode and enjoyed lunch.



Carolyn Morrissey received her FCSLA High School Scholarship check from her mother, Barb Drahozal Morrissey, President of W137.

Most recent branch event was held Sunday, September 9, 2012, September fest. This was an adult only beer tasting event with food and door prizes.

The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary.

The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honoring Mary. It protects the Church from false teachings and keeps her safe from the attacks from the Enemy.

Branch 114 Celebrates St. Ann's Day

Members of Branch 114 celebrated St. Ann's Day with a luncheon at the American Slovak Club.

President Bernadette Robertson honored scholarship winner Sarah Grandon while her parents Paul and Joanne Grandon looked on. Other scholarship winners were Christine Andeka and Brian Gavron who could not be present.

Also honored were Steve and Anna Gaydosh for being married 50 years and were presented a check from Branch 114. (see page 4)

A delicious luncheon was served and everyone enjoyed this special day.



President Bernadette Robertson conducting the meeting. Note our beautiful St. Ann statue!



Bernadette presenting Sarah Grandon, scholarship winner with a check as her parents Paul and Joanne Grandon look on.



▲ Attending St. Ann Day and scholarship presentation was member Diane Santos visiting from Largo, FL, (4th from left).

◀ Congratulatory cake for all scholarship winners.

Scenes from 2012 Slovak Day *at Kennywood Amusement Park*



L-R: Cynthia Maleski, National President; Jim Deak, FCSLA Home Office Staff; Sue Ann Seich, National Secretary; Stephen Hudak, National Treasurer and Al Heiles, FCSLA Regional Sales Manager.



Helping with Children's Games at 89th Slovak Day, Kennywood Park, an old Zenska Jednota tradition: Al Heiles, Mary Lou Wagner, Secretary Slovak Day (red shirt) also Branch 13-granddaughter of Mary Haydu (past National Trustee) and Cynthia Maleski, National President.



Larry Golofski, National Vice President (center) and his family, including Ann Golofski (left), and Jackie and Regis Dugan (right), members of Branch 13.

Sr. Branch 376 Holds Meeting and Celebration

Sr. Branch 376 held it's Spring Meeting at Klemmer's Banquet Center in Milwaukee, WI. Virginia Sedlacek, retired President of Sr. Branch 300 and Jr. Branch 181, was welcomed and honored as our newest member, along with all Sr. Branch 300 and Jr. Branch 181 members. Virginia has been a hard worker for the FCSLA and kept her branch together for many years. Now that she has retired, we are delighted that she and her branches have joined us!

In honor of all the past members of Sr. Branch 300 and Jr. Branch 181, Branch 376 will be donating \$1,000 each to two parishes in Slovakia that need some assistance.

Members voted to give \$100 to Fr. Paul Maslach from Sacred Heart Church, who is celebrating the 50-Year Anniversary of his Ordination this year. Also, members presented a check for \$2,500 to Mark Petersen to help support the Tatra Dancers for their upcoming trip to Slovakia, where they have been invited to dance; and we also sponsored our Branch member who is part of the dance group. Prayers were said for our departed members, especially Ann and Ron Rzentkowski, and also Fr. Tony Polyak.

Members can look forward to the Christmas Luncheon on December 8th. God watch over all members as we enjoy our summer months!



Anna Hurban District of Chicago Hosts St. Anne's Day Celebration

The Anna Hurban District of Chicago hosted the St. Anne's Day Celebration on July 26, 2012 at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, IL. The District was honored to have our National Chaplain, Monsignor Peter M. Polando celebrate the mass with assistance from Deacon Joseph Stalcup and altar servers from St. Linus parish. Our golden-voiced cantor for the mass was Sue Raymond (\$455) accompanied by St. Linus' organist, Mike Glowacki; lectors included Mary Therese Tylus (\$485), Jarmila Hlubocky (\$295), who read the Slovak reading, and Karen Morgenroth (\$455) reading the prayers of the faithful. Judy Tybor-Knizner (\$339) was the crucifer and gift bearers were Irene Zittman (\$181) and Carol Rosenthal (\$421). Prior to mass, FCSLA members from the Chicago District, Okres Helen Kocan (Lake County, IN/Joliet IL) and the Louise M. Yash District (WI) began the celebration with rolls and coffee. After

mass, a luncheon was held at the Garden Chalet (Chicago Ridge) with door prizes and split the pot raffle.

A huge thank you to all of the Chicago District and Branch Officers and members who shared their time and talents from picking up and serving the rolls and coffee before mass, to the fulfillment of the various roles during mass, the centerpiece coordinators, and the coordinators of the luncheon and raffles. Without your time and talents, this event would not have been such a success! A special thank you goes to the parish family of St. Linus and its pastor, Fr. William Corcoran, for the use of their facilities.

All who attended had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's celebration, which will be hosted by the Louise M. Yash District in Wisconsin. (To see additional photos from this event go to: <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/gallery.php>)





Chicago District Attends Honorary Consul of Slovakia for Chicago and Meets President of Slovakia

After the NATO Summit held in Chicago in mid-May, five Chicago District members represented the Home Office at the installation ceremony of Naperville resident, Rosemary Macko Wisnosky as honorary consul of Slovakia in the Chicago area on May 21, 2012.

The ceremony was attended by approximately 400 people, all by special invitation. As a special surprise, the President of Slovakia, Ivan Gasparovic, also attended the installation ceremony before returning home from the NATO Summit.

The ceremony and reception were held at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL where Mrs. Wisnosky serves as a trustee for the university, which has been educating students since 1887 and was

founded by immigrants from Slovakia and Czech. Mrs. Wisnosky's accomplishments in promoting Slovakia and the Slovak culture here in the Chicago area are many and varied. Her most prominent accomplishment is the establishment of the Sister Cities partnership between Naperville and Nitra, Slovakia which was formalized almost 20 years ago. She is well known in the area for her tireless advocacy and support of Slovakia and her efforts to develop a partnership between businesses from the State of Illinois and U.S. businesses and businesses from Slovakia. Her duties as honorary consul will be to help organize official Slovak visits, develop Slovak commercial, economic and tourist events, extend assistance to

scientists, teachers, students, and assist citizens of the Slovak Republic abroad who find themselves in "distress" as defined by international law.

After the ceremony, the five Chicago District members, through their own member interpreter, were able to meet with the President of Slovakia and he graciously consented to having his photo taken with them and the new Chicago honorary consul for our magazine. President Gasparovic stated to the Chicago District members representing our organization that he was familiar with the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. (To see additional photos from this event go to: <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/gallery.php>)



The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey Benefit

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will host their annual Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 4, 2012. "Celebrating the 90th Year Anniversary of Our Foundation" is this year's theme. The benefit will celebrate the significant events marking the 90 years of service the Benedictine Monks have provided in the Cleveland area and throughout Ohio.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, OH 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

Entertainment will be provided by *The John Pastirik Band ~ The Slovak Polka King*. Catering will be provided by Billy

Hricovec of Tom's Country Place. The beautiful flower arrangements are donated by Orban's Flowers. There will be a silent Slovak Auction held after the main program. The benefit concludes around 4:00 p.m. with the Monks singing *The Ultima*.

Please join us in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you can not attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated. The ticket price is \$65.00 with additional sponsorships available, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions.

For reservations and additional information please contact Rose Stiflar at Saint Andrew's Abbey at 216-721-5300 ext. 0 or Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179. Please make reservations by October 22, 2012.

FCSLA EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Transition Meeting — January 16, 2012

0100.00 Call to Order/Prayer

President Mary Ann S. Johaneck called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Home Office, Beachwood, OH. The meeting was opened with prayer by Msgr. Peter M. Polando.

0200.00 Opening Business

0200.01 Roll Call

Secretary Irene J. Drotleff was asked to call the roll. Members present were:

Msgr. Peter M. Polando	Chaplain
Mary Ann S. Johaneck	President
Rosemary A. Mlinarich	Vice President
Irene J. Drotleff	Secretary
John M. Janovec	Treasurer
Cynthia M. Maleski	Trustee
Virginia A. Holmes	Trustee

0200.02 Approval of Minutes of 12/06/11

Msgr. Peter M. Polando moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of 12/06/11 as presented.

Motion Adopted

0300.00 Adjournment

Irene J. Drotleff moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Motion Adopted

Attest:

Date: June 12, 2012

Mary Ann S. Johaneck, President
Irene J. Drotleff, Secretary
Msgr. Peter M. Polando, Chaplain
John M. Janovec, Treasurer
Rosemary Mlinarich, Vice President
Cynthia Maleski, Trustee
Virginia A. Holmes, Trustee

1st Quarterly Meeting January 16, 2012

0100.00 Call to Order/Prayer

President Cynthia M. Maleski called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. at the Home Office, Beachwood, OH. The meeting was opened with prayer by Msgr. Peter M. Polando.

Christmas Oplatky 2012

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers are available from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 19, 2012.

The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$3.00. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$5.75 and upwards depending upon the number of packets ordered and the rising costs of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to **Jankola Library** is expected before receiving an order.

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.

0200.00 Opening Business

0200.01 Roll Call

Secretary Sue Ann Seich was asked to call the roll. Members present were:

Msgr. Peter M. Polando	Chaplain
Cynthia M. Maleski	President
Irene J. Drotleff	Vice President
Sue Ann Seich	Secretary
Stephen C. Hudak	Treasurer
John M. Janovec	Trustee
Virginia A. Holmes	Trustee

0200.02 Approval of Agenda

John M. Janovec moved and it was seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Adopted

0300.00 President's Comments

President Maleski welcomed the experienced and the new members to the Executive Finance Committee Meeting and expressed her appreciation on behalf of the association.

0300.01 Conflict of Interest Statement

Msgr. Peter M. Polando moved and it was seconded that the Board of Directors renew their Conflict of Interest Statement annually at the First Quarterly Board Meeting.

Motion Adopted

0400.00 Treasurer's Report

Stephen C. Hudak stated there was no report at the present time.

0500.00 Unfinished/New Business

0500.01 Annuity Interest Yield — April 1, 2012-June 30, 2012

Stephen C. Hudak moved and it was seconded to recommend to the Board of Directors, that the annuity annual yield remain at each contract's minimum guaranteed rate effective April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Motion Adopted

0500.02 Donations

Monsignor Peter M. Polando motioned and it was seconded to defer all donations until the March meeting.

Motion Adopted

0600.00 Meeting Dates for 2012

The dates for 2012 will be decided at the full Board of Directors meeting.

0700.00 Adjourn

Stephen C. Hudak moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Attest:

Date: June 12, 2012

Cynthia M. Maleski, President
Sue Ann M. Seich, Secretary
Msgr. Peter M. Polando, Chaplain
Stephen C. Hudak, Treasurer
Irene J. Drotleff, Vice President
John M. Janovec, Trustee
Virginia A. Holmes, Trustee

Makek's Fishermen Band – *Standing the Test of Time*

In 1932 Malek Bros. Accordion Band was born. Little did they know, the same music they started would continue for another 80 years. Syl played the sax and clarinet, while Ed played the accordion and guitar. Malek's Accordion Band played mostly in the northern half of Iowa and the southern part of Minnesota playing up to 200 dances a year. In the 1960's, Syl decided to take a rest from the music industry but Ed and the trumpet player, Marv Lackore, kept the band going along with their kids, and changed the name to L & M Family Affair. In the mid 1970's Syl's son Bob picked up the band and changed the name to Malek Fishermen Band. The current band features Bob Malek, his son Eric Malek, Eric's wife Kimberly (Sandhurst) Malek, and Bob's cousin, Ron Hrubes all members of Branch W051 in Duncan, IA.



Holds Annual Meeting in Wilkes-Barre, PA

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently held its Annual meeting at the Gus Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Shown are the newly elected Officers and Board Members for 2012-2013.



Seated from left are Financial Advisor Magdalen Benish, Plains; Dorothy Sullivan, Nanticoke; Society Chairperson Philip R. Tuhy, Wilkes-Barre; Secretary Anna Hudock, Wilkes-Barre; and Dinner Chairperson Elaine Palischak, Plymouth. Standing from left are Constance Plewniak, Wilkes-Barre; Corresponding Secretary Bernadette Yench, Wilkes-Barre; Michael Stretanski, Kingston; Andrew Sofranko, Hanover Township; Joseph Kowatch, Kingston; Society Chaplain Rev. John Albosta, Waymart; Treasurer Jackson Hendershot, Wilkes-Barre; Anthony Palischak, Plymouth; Membership Chairperson Mary Migatulski, Wilkes-Barre; Public Relations Director William Zdancewicz, Edwardsville; and Helen Savinski, Swoyersville.

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

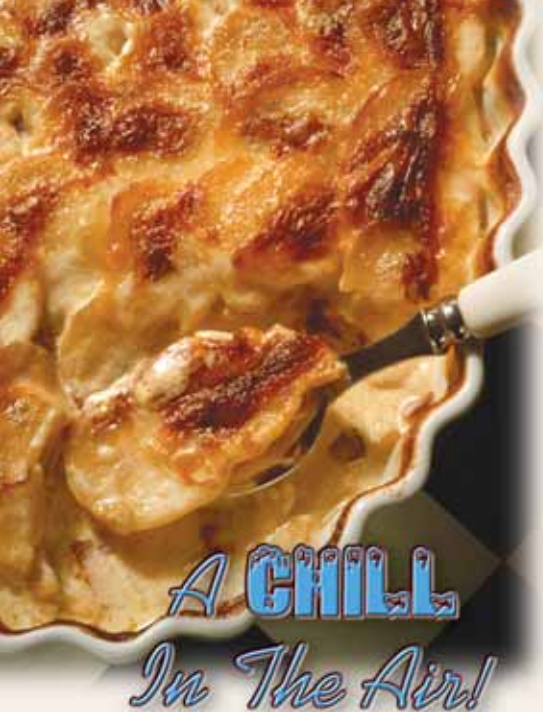
BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 2012

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 23,799,033.65
Bonds	659,374,506.34
Preferred Stock	5,530,960.16
Common Stock	984,981.63
Investment Income Due and Accrued	10,709,190.95
Bond Liquidating Trust	0.00
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,405,481.08
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,052,870.92
Other Assets	165,628.24
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 709,022,652.97
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 236,607,059.08
Annuity Reserves	373,470,007.33
Death Claims Payable	724,403.23
Unearned Premiums	611,387.00
Matured Endowments	330,598.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	2,199,310.00
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,885,630.79
Accrued Convention Donations	160,900.00
Provision for Future Conventions	117,000.00
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,535,242.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,256,555.00
Other Liabilities	1,624,348.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 627,522,441.22
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 81,500,211.76
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 81,500,211.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 709,022,652.97

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Seven Months Ending July 31, 2012

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 24,596,685.89
Annuity Premiums	12,989,877.19
Investment Income	21,625,370.10
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	51,686.00
Rental Income	243,169.00
Other Revenue	7,855.50
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 59,514,643.68
EXPENSE	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 27,364,059.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	9,524,007.83
Insurance Benefits	2,646,049.19
Annuity Benefits	12,953,737.87
Commission Expense	2,770,808.07
Surrender Benefits	1,314,720.97
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	44,503.10
Matured Endowments	13,596.36
Donation Expenses	159,349.77
Convention Expenses	98,833.30
Dividends to Members	1,258,188.42
Post Mortem Benefits	591,106.74
Bonus to Branches	525,000.00
Fraternal Activities	36,873.99
Bank Service Charges	18,625.93
Data Processing Service Fees	134,181.49
Accounting Fees	96,484.70
Actuarial Fees	135,065.00
Legal Fees	1,264.00
Consulting Fees	59,120.00
Official Publications	202,386.22
Scholarship Awards	251,307.00
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	208,085.29
Fees — Directors	92,037.74
Salaries — Employees	785,330.93
Salaries — Officers	255,354.19
Interest Expense	141,425.63
Tax Expense	177,638.79
Depreciation Expense	172,221.00
Utility Expense	51,044.30
Postage and Printing	191,772.45
Advertising	57,605.00
Travel Expense	90,104.38
Insurance Department Fees	65,209.66
Sales Promotion	98,367.60
Rental Expense	243,169.00
Other Expense	356,578.37
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 63,185,213.28
Income (Loss) from Operations	\$ (3,670,569.60)
Capital Gains (Loss)	\$ 1,110,117.81
NET INCOME (Loss)	\$ (2,560,451.79)



SCALLOPED POTATO GRATIN

- 1½ cups heavy cream
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Butter
- 2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into ⅛-inch thick slices
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for broiling.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a saucepan, heat up the cream with a sprig of thyme, chopped garlic and nutmeg.

While cream is heating up, butter a casserole dish. Place a layer of potato in an overlapping pattern and season with salt and pepper. Remove cream from heat, then pour a little over the potatoes. Top with some grated Parmesan. Make 2 more layers. Bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Sprinkle some more Parmesan and broil until cheese browns, about 5 minutes.

EASY CROCKPOT CHILI

- 2 pounds coarsely ground beef round or chuck
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 (15 oz.) cans red kidney beans, drained
- 2 (14 1/2 oz.) cans tomatoes, drained
- 1 green pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 2 to 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- salt, to taste

In a large skillet, brown ground beef

with the chopped onion. Put the ground beef, onions, and other ingredients in a 3½ to 5-quart slow cooker. Stir well. Cover and cook on low for 9 to 11 hours.

WHISKEY & BEER BBQ CHICKEN SLIDERS

Sauce:

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 can (12 oz.) beer
- 2 tablespoons whiskey
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic-pepper blend
- ½ teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 to 2 teaspoons Buffalo wing sauce or other hot sauce

Sandwiches:

- 1 deli rotisserie chicken (unflavored), skin and bones removed, shredded (about 4 cups)
- 12 slider buns, split
- 12 pimiento-stuffed green olives, if desired

In 2-quart saucepan, heat sauce ingredients to boiling over medium heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching.

Remove half of the sauce to 2-cup liquid measuring cup; set aside. Stir shredded chicken into remaining sauce in saucepan until evenly coated. Heat over medium-low heat until hot.

Place about ⅓ cup chicken mixture on bottom of each slider bun; top with bun top. Garnish each sandwich with green olive. Serve with remaining sauce.

CARAMELIZED ONION DIP

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups thinly sliced onion
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage leaves
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Potato chips, for serving

Heat oil in heavy medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Add onions and sage. Cover and cook until onions are deep golden brown, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.

Whisk together mayonnaise and sour cream in a medium bowl to blend. Stir in the cooled caramelized onions, salt, and pepper. Cover dip and refrigerate until flavors blend, about 2 hours.

COMPANY BROCCOLI THREE-CHEESE BAKE

- 1 can (2.8 oz.) French-fried onions
- 2 bags (24 oz. each) frozen broccoli and three cheese sauce

- 1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese, cut into cubes

- ¼ cup chopped red bell pepper, if desired

- ½ teaspoon red pepper sauce

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Reserve 1 cup French-fried onions for topping.

In 5-quart Dutch oven, mix remaining onions, the broccoli, cream cheese, bell pepper and red pepper sauce. Cover; cook over medium-low heat about 20 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking, until sauce chips are melted. Transfer to ungreased 2- to 3-quart casserole.

Bake uncovered 20 to 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Sprinkle reserved onions around outer edge of casserole; bake 5 minutes longer.

GARLIC-ROMANO SWEET POTATO FRIES

- 1 lb. sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 10 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon sweet Hungarian paprika
- Kosher salt
- Freshly grated Romano cheese

Cut potatoes into ¼ inch-thick strips. Transfer to a gallon size resealable plastic bag. Add the olive oil, garlic and paprika; seal bag. Shake well to combine; let stand 30 minutes at room temperature.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line baking sheet with nonstick aluminum foil.

Spread potatoes in a single layer on foil-lined baking sheet. Bake 25 minutes. Carefully turn potatoes; sprinkle with cheese. Bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes, until browned.

Remove from the oven; turn over again. Let stand 5 minutes.

Serve with dipping sauce of choice (such as blue cheese or ranch).

APPLE CRUNCH

- 4 to 6 medium cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter, cut in small pieces

Topping

- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 egg

Mix apples, 1 cup of sugar and cinnamon; place in a greased 8-inch baking dish. Dot with the 1 tablespoon of butter.

Combine topping ingredients; stir until blended then pour over apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

The FCSLA Mission Statement

Established in 1892, the FCSLA provides financial security to its members nationwide through its premier life insurance and annuity products. Sales of these products allow FCSLA to serve both its members and the community with fraternal and charitable opportunities that promote Catholic and Slavic traditions.

The FCSLA Vision is to:

- *Promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of the members through fraternal and charitable activities in our communities*
- *Promote our Slovak Catholic values and traditions and all Slavic cultures*
- *Be a premier Fraternal Benefit Society that offers quality financial products and benefits*