



Branch Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2016



From the Desk of our National President... Cynthia M. Maleski

Happy Valentines' Day, Everyone!

Hope your Valentine's Day is filled with all kinds of expressions of LOVE. We can also celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius who brought the Christian (Catholic) faith to the Slavic people many hundreds of years ago.

As we celebrate together, don't forget to also celebrate with fellow branch members at a Mardi Gras party or a family gathering before we begin the season of Lent. We can all celebrate by calling our friends and neighbors over for a batch of ceregi (fried doughnuts) or a delicious treat of palachinki (crepes)! What a simple and economical way to get together where we can teach our younger family members the secrets of our recipes!

BRANCH REMINDERS



TAX DOCUMENT / FRATERNAL REPORT / BRANCH CARD/ – **Were DUE January 31, 2015!** In order to receive your branch compensation check, you need to complete **all 3** and return them to the Home Office ASAP!



JOIN HANDS DAY It is never too early to start planning your Join Hands Day project. The sooner you plan it the sooner you can invite your branch members to participate. Join Hands Day is about uniting the older generation with the younger generation in a day of volunteering. Instead of pointing out differences in each other, that often times distance one another, this day is intended to bring everyone's awareness of how beneficial aiding each other can be.



SUGGESTIONS / IDEAS / QUESTIONS – Branch Officers are requested to submit their ideas, suggestions, questions to their District President for the District Presidents' meeting. Your District President will submit them for consideration on the agenda.



PREMIUMS – Branches **SHOULD NOT** be paying the premiums for their members. Rebates and Illegal Inducement definition: **"No person shall pay, allow, give, offer, or knowingly receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate of premium payable on the policy,** or any special favor or advantage in the dividends or other benefits or any other valuable consideration or inducement."



MEMBERS INFORMATION – As branch officers you receive confidential information on your branch members. Help FCSLA keep our members' information safe. Please make sure you shred annually any documents that have members names, addresses, certificate numbers, etc. Do not just throw them in the trash cans.



BRANCH ACTIVITIES – Branches should have at least one branch activity a year, try doing a Matching Funds project, have branch meetings, plan a Join Hands Day, make donations, etc. Make sure you keep track throughout the year! You will be amazed of what your branch does on a yearly basis.

Why do you need a Licensed Agent / Recommender? To help your branch GROW!

Times have changed. We as an organization need to keep up with the times. One of our goals as an organization is to GROW our membership. In order to GROW we need to continue to sign up new members. Most States require you to be licensed to write an application or have restrictions on how much you can sell. If you do not want to be licensed then you should work with a licensed FCSLA agent or recommender in your area.

MARCH 2016

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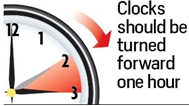




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Feb 28	Feb 29	1 Matching Funds J-011 Back Pack Buddies project thru 3/31	2	3	4	5 W-033 Mass for the Living & De- ceased Members
6 Cleveland District Lenten Retreat W-033 Annual Breakfast & Raffle	7	8	9 Branches S-081 & J-058 Monthly Meeting	10	11 Matching Funds S-055 Seafood Dinner	12 Time to change your clocks also remember to change the batteries in your Smoke Detectors 
13 Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m.  Branch S-161 Len- ten Mass followed by branch meeting Helen Kocan Dis- trict Meeting	14	15	16 Branches S-172 & J-362 Monthly Meeting	17 	18	19
20  Spring Begins! Branch W-130 Annual Brunch for 2015 deceased members families	21	22	23	24 	25 Home Office Closed 	26
27 	28	29	30	31	April 1 April Fool's Day	April 2