



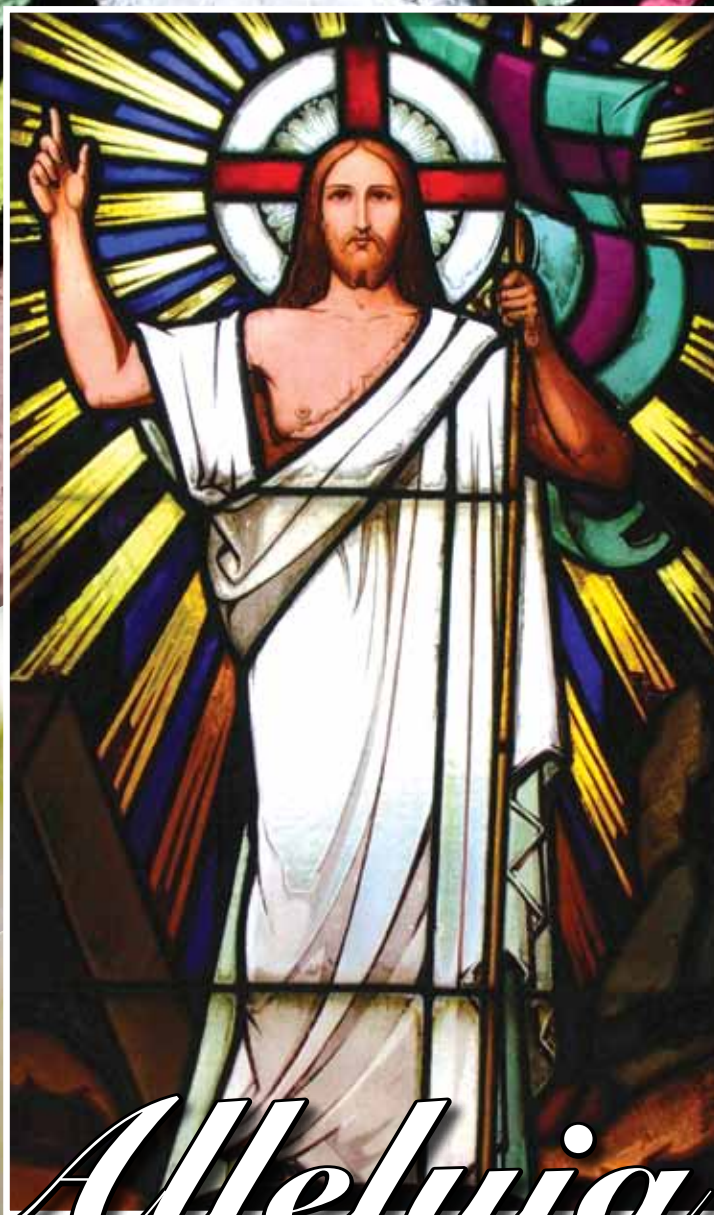
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It's How You See It

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He had a sign which read: "I am blind. Please Help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

When a man came walking by, he took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. Then he took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words on the back. He put the sign where it was, so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: 'Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.'"

Both signs told people the same thing... that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people they were extremely fortunate that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Dear Friends,

The moral of the story is to be thankful for what you have! Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a reason to cry, show life that you have 100 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop your fear . . . just remember that God is always near — he made you in his likeness and image!

Until next Month
Warmly, **Carolyn**

Happy Easter!



*May the Events of that First Easter Morning
Fill Your Lives with Hope and
Your Hearts with Love Today and Always!*

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*Nech udalosť toho prvého Veľkonočného rána naplní váš život
nádejou a vaše srdcia láskou dnes a navždy.*

A NIGHT TO HONOR HIS EMINENCE BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States of America, His Excellency Peter Burian and his wife hosted a dinner in honor of His Eminence, Theodore E. Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C., at the residence of the Ambassador in McLean, Virginia on Monday, 30 January 2012.

The invited guests of the Ambassador were the Most Reverend Joseph V. Adamec, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Mister Joseph T. Senko, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic in Pennsylvania; Mister Oliver Gunovsky, of the United States Department of Defense; Mrs. Monica Rokus, Art Director of the Breckenridge Design Group; Mister Fedor Roll, Counselor of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic; Mister Norbert Brada, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic; Mister Matthew Collins, nephew of Cardinal McCarrick; the Reverend David Vidal, Secretary to Cardinal McCarrick; and, myself.

Theodore E. McCarrick was born in New York City on 7 July 1930. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in history while attending the presbytery and was ordained to the presbyterate on 31 May 1958 by His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman. He served in several positions at The Catholic University of America in Washington prior to being named president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico in 1965. At the request of His Eminence, Terence Cardinal Cooke, he came back to New York to serve as a parochial vicar and also associate secretary for education



in the Archdiocese. Pope Paul VI named him auxiliary bishop of New York in 1977 and Pope John Paul II appointed him the first Bishop of Metuchen (New Jersey) in 1981 and in 1986, he became the fourth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. He was installed as the Archbishop of Washington in January 2001 and shortly after his installation, he was named cardinal by Pope John Paul II. Cardinal McCarrick became the Archbishop Emeritus of Washington in May 2006.

His Eminence serves on the following Vatican Pontifical Councils: Promoting Christian Unity; Justice and Peace; the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples; Latin America; and, the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See.

Cardinal McCarrick served on the Administrative, Doctrine, Laity, Latin America, and Mission Committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and chaired the Committees on Migration (twice), International Policy, Domestic Policy and Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. It is this latter committee that brought about the Cardinal's affection for the people in Central Europe, especially with the

Catholic Church in the Slovak Republic. Under that Committee, a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is taken up annually to assist the rebuilding of Catholic institutions in that part of the continent. Twenty-eight countries are supported by the funds of this collection that assist in the rebuilding and restoring of the Faith, in the forming and training of religious and priests, the building of youth centers and social service programs, the

development of catechetical programs and religious teacher formation, the establishment of mass media communication apostolates, the great material and spiritual needs for the Church in this area, and the support for the charitable works of the Church.

Ambassador Burian thanked all present for accepting his invitation to the evening's event and noted the friendship that he shared with His Eminence. During the course of the dinner and evening, there was a lively exchange of topics spanning from the different cities that the Cardinal had visited over the years in the Slovak Republic to the various persons who had crossed their paths during the course of their friendship. For me, it was a course in history - history of the Church; history of the Slovak Republic; history of an American cardinal; and, a history of a Slovak ambassador.

Thank you Cardinal McCarrick for all the accomplishments of your ministry in the Church and for all your humanitarian efforts! Ad Multos Annos!

Thank you Ambassador and Mrs. Burian for your most kind invitation to this wonderful dinner, your beautiful home, and for our years of friendship!

Kristina Derkits Headed to Drexel University

When Parkland, Emmaus, Southern Lehigh and other schools held recent college signing ceremonies, several athletes were spotlighted.

At Allen High School in Allentown, PA just one athlete was represented.

But in showcasing Kristina Derkits (S319 Allentown, PA), the school offered a prime example that Allen student-athletes are no different than kids at other schools when it comes to hard work and dedication leading to success.

Derkits is headed to Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA on a full scholarship, worth \$40,000 a year to play field hockey. Kristina worked hard and took advantage of the opportunity and now she's going to a Division I program.

No athletic program at Allen sends more student-athletes on to college, at all levels, than Karen Nilson's field hockey program.

Derkits is the third player Nilson has sent to Drexel alone, joining current Dragons sophomore Kristen Focht and Emily Horvat who played at the Philadelphia school from 2004-07.

Derkits was a four-year starter and a two-time captain and all-Lehigh Valley Conference selection. She finished her career with 23 goals and a school-record 60 assists.

Just as impressive is a GPA above 4.0 and the fact that she's in the top two percent of her senior class. We wish Kristina well and look forward to updates during her college years.



Allen High School field hockey player Kristina Derkits (center) is surrounded by her family and coach Karen Nilson (front left). Kristina, her brother and parents are all members of Branch 319, Allentown, PA.

From the Desk of the
National Secretary
Sue Ann M. Seich

As I begin this communiqué to you, I want you to know how fortunate I feel to be representing all of you. In the past few months I have had the pleasure of speaking with many of you on the phone. I have also received emails, cards or notes. Keeping the lines of communication open is so important to the success of our Association.



Recently we sent out the prizes to those who participated in the January magazine's "Winter Word Search". There were close to 400 members who participated. If for some reason you sent in the completed puzzle and did not receive a prize please let us know.

When verifying FCSLA membership for scholarships, puzzles, etc. it has come to our attention that many of our members have a very small amount of life insurance. Please review your certificates and make sure you have a sufficient amount of insurance to cover your final costs. Also check and make sure your beneficiaries are up to date. If you have a question, please call the Home Office, 1-800-464-4642 and ask for the department that will best answer your question. Our FCSLA office staff is available from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) weekdays.

Until next issue, may God keep you happy, healthy and loved.

Sue Ann M. Seich

ANNUAL DINNER HELD BY BRANCH W080

The member of Branch W080, in Clarkson, NE, celebrated Christmas with their annual dinner on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Fr. Timothy Forget led the group in prayer before a delicious noon buffet at the Brass Rail. A short meeting followed to review the year's various activities and plan new ones for 2012. Visiting and light-hearted entertainment with gifts completed the afternoon. Our next big gathering will be the annual breakfast meeting in April.



40th Wedding Anniversary

Anna and Jackson L. Hendershot celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 25, 2012. They were married in Scared Heart of Jesus Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA and currently belong to the Parish of Saint Andre Bessette in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Anna was born in Kacwin, Poland which belonged to Slovakia until World War



II. She was confirmed by the late Pope John Paul II when he was Cardinal of Krakow, Poland.

Anna and Jackson are the parents of twin daughters, Jennifer (James) Walker and Crystal (Steve) Curtis. They have a granddaughter, Jacqueline Walker.

Anna and Jackson are members of Sr. Branch 172 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.



Travis Fike and Stacy Splichal Exchange Vows

Stacy Marie Splichal and Travis Wade Fike were married in St. George Catholic Church, Munden, KS on September 17, 2011. Parents of the bride are Eddie and Cindy Splichal of Munden, KS. Parents of the groom are Jim and Sally Fike of Morrison, CO. Celebrant for the nuptial mass and vows was Fr. James Hoover of Concordia, KS.



Witnesses were Denise Crenshaw and Brandon Fike. Attendants were Kimberly Splichal, Audrey Splichal, Bonnie Johnson and Melodie Schneider; Justin Fike, Jim Fike, Justin Johnson and Steve Skundberg; flower girls were Ella Johnson and Tristyn Schneider; ring bearer was Jayden Schneider.

The reception was held at the Community Hall in Munden, KS.

The bride is a lifelong member of Branch W086, Munden, KS. She is a cosmetologist in Littleton, CO and the groom works as an in-home caretaker in the Denver, CO area. The newlyweds reside in Littleton, CO.

Branch W093 News

Branch W093, Prague, NE, held their annual meeting and breakfast on January 29, 2012. The meeting was opened with a prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report was given. Several committee members also gave reports. The officers were retained for another year. Seventy-five members attended the meeting and breakfast brunch. The breakfast was prepared by members of the branch.

Spring Eastern PA District Meeting Canceled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Eastern PA District Meeting scheduled for April 29th, 2012 has been canceled.

The District will meet again on Sunday, September 23, 2012 at the Northampton Community Center, Northampton, PA at 1:30 p.m. The meeting and dinner will be hosted by Branch 319. District President Veronica Bazik will communicate important information to branch president's throughout the summer months.

~ POSITION AVAILABLE ~ FCSLA FRATERNAL AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

Overview of the Position:

Development and implementation of FCSLA's Fraternal Program, including leadership in coordination of branch fraternal activities, recognition programs, matching funds, development and implementation of communication tools to members, agents and others regarding FCSLA's fraternal programs, as needed.

Desirable candidate is a self starter who is able to motivate others with good communication skills, demonstrated writing and speaking ability and who is able to promote leadership coordination; administrative abilities.

Desirable candidate possesses a college degree and/or experience in a management role; knowledge of and commitment to fraternalism, other relevant workplace and/or volunteer leadership experience. Position is located in the home office and requires some travel.

Those qualified should send resume to Cynthia M. Maleski, National President, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122-5634 by April 20, 2012.

The FCSLA . . . “A Family Affair — Spanning Generations”

Leona Cupka belongs to Branch 289 in Gary, IN, because her mother, the late Elizabeth Sohovich enrolled her when she was born. Elizabeth was the Financial Secretary of the branch and enrolled her seven children in the Association.

Leona did the same for her seven children, and when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along, she did the same thing — enrolling generation after generation in the FCSLA — keeping it all in the family.

Leona is President of Sr. Branch 289 and her sister Elizabeth Yurechko took over her late mother's job as Financial Secretary of the branch (she is also a former National Auditor) and another sister Elaine Ruzbasan is the branch Treasurer . . . really keeping it all in the family!



Some of the family representing the generations of FCSLA members — L-R: Granddaughter Jackie Howell, Leona Cupka (she is a mom, grandma, and great-grandmom) holding her great-granddaughter Julie Howell; Joan Lytle, Leona's daughter; granddaughter Christine Easterling holding her son Christopher, one of the great-grandchildren.

We Need Your Help!

We will be evaluating our delivery system for *Fraternally Yours* during the month of April 2012. Kindly email marie@fcsla.com or zjbazik@comcast.net if you receive your magazine after the 15th of the month or if your magazine is not delivered at all.

Please provide us with your name, address, zip code and the month where you have experienced delivery issues including when you finally received your copy of *Fraternally Yours*. You may also call Marie Dalpiaz at 1-800-464-4642, ext. 1033 with the same information.

The magazine is a fraternal benefit and we want you to receive it in a timely manner each month! Thanks for your help.

Carolyn Bazik, National Editor

Branch W080 Students Attend World Youth Day

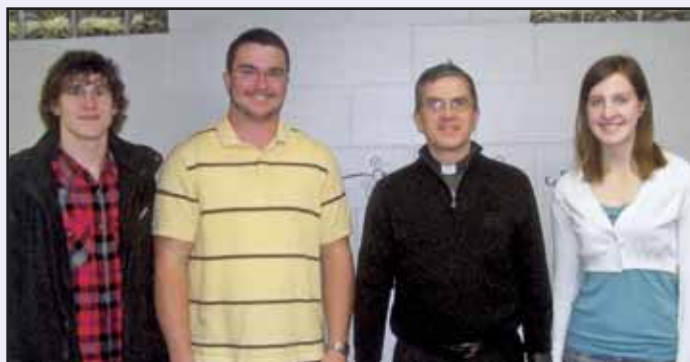
Several students from Clarkson and Leigh, NE treated parishioners to an informational presentation of their trip to Portugal and Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day, August 16-21, 2011. World Youth Day is a great worldwide encounter with the Pope which is celebrated every three years in a different country. They were encouraged by their pastor, Fr. Tom Forgét and accompanied by Fr. Bill Safranek of Wisner, NE.

Branch W080, Clarkson, NE awarded \$200 each to Michael Konicek, Austin Podany and Annie Brabec to help compensate a portion of their travel expenses to attend the Youth Day.

The branch thanks the young people for sharing their once-in-a-life time experience!



Erica Ehlers describes some of the historical sites in Lisbon, Portugal.



L-R: Michael Konicek, Austin Podany, Fr. Bill Safranek, and Erica Ehlers (not pictured is Annie Brabec).

Interesting Facts ABOUT SLOVAKIA

- ◆ The capital of Slovakia is Bratislava, which is also the largest city of the country.
- ◆ Majority of the people in Slovakia are Roman-Catholics, followed by Greek-Catholics, Protestants, Reformists and Orthodox.

FCSLA Supports Educational Facilities with Donations at Convention



Cynthia Maleski, as President-Elect, attended the community vilija at Holy Trinity R.C. Church in West Mifflin, PA, to present the \$12,000 convention check to the Principal of St. Agnes School and Rev. Joseph Grosko, Pastor, and our former National Chaplain. Jr. Pittsburgh Slovaks are standing in the foreground.



The students of St. Joseph School are pictured with the \$10,000 check. St. Joseph Catholic School in Beatrice, NE, was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA). The grant was used to fund the school's new security system, which is now fully operational. The students are members of Branch W187.



KINGS COLLEGE in Wilkes-Barre, PA recently received an \$8,000 grant from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA) that will be used to expand the College's faculty-led study abroad program offerings to Central and Eastern European countries, to develop a Slavic Cultures course that will become part of the King's curriculum, and to conduct public presentations on Slavic cultures.

The grant will provide scholarships for students to participate in a multi-week academic program to Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Poland in the summer of 2013. The

focus of the trip will be to establish connections between the Wyoming Valley history and community and the cultural practices and beliefs of present-day western Slavs, with a special emphasis on the role of the Catholic Church in the development of the cultures. King's will use institutional funds to send two faculty members to the destination countries this summer in order to conduct research and prepare the itinerary for the summer 2013 travel abroad experience.

Participating students and faculty members will share their experiences through public presentations upon their return.



Pictured at the check presentation is, seated from the left, Beth Admiraal, associate professor of political science at King's, director of the Public Policy and Social Research Institute, and co-leader of the study abroad experience; Father John Ryan, C.S.C., King's President; Magdalen Iskra, president of the local district of FCSLA; and Regina Molitoris, vice-president of the local district of FCSLA. Pictured standing, from left, is Freddie Pettit, vice-president for institutional advancement at King's; Renata Evan, a faculty member in the foreign languages department at King's and co-leader of the study abroad experience; Ann Dougher, district auditor of FCSLA; and Martha Iskra, a district trustee of FCSLA.



Members of Sr. Branch 211 and Jr. Branch 176, Kansas City, KS, warmly thank the FCSLA for the donation awarded to the **STRAWBERRY HILL ETHNIC MUSEUM** in Kansas City, KS, during the 40th National Convention in Baltimore, MD.



Pictured is L-R: Rosemary Gay, Betty Fetterling, Theresa Planac and museum curator Adrienne Nastav.

National Vice President Barbara Waller and National Editor Carolyn Bazik recently visited **NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL** in Pottsville, PA, to present the donation awarded to the school at the 40th National Convention in Baltimore, MD. The award is being used to update technology at the school.



L-R: National Vice President Barbara Waller congratulates Lee Labosky (S140, Lansford, PA) a teacher at the school who initiated the donation application while Mrs. Lynn Sabol, school principal and National Editor Carolyn Bazik look on and student Blair Bierman works on one of the new flat screen monitors purchased with the donation award.



L-R: Standing, National Vice President Barbara Waller; School Director of Development, Jennifer Daubert; High School Teacher, Lee Labosky; School Principal, Lynn Sabol; National Editor Carolyn Bazik are observing students using some of the new technology purchased with the FCSLA convention donation. Students seated are L-R: Tiffany Stanton, Sarah Slatick, Andy Kim and Blair Bierman.



SAINT MARK CHURCH in Bristol, PA, is thankful for a donation of \$5,000 from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association granted at the 2011 quadrennial convention in Baltimore, MD, for the parish school. Sr. Branch 172 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, also donated \$1,000 toward the school project. The funds will be used to replace computers and printers in

all nine classrooms and interactive whiteboards in three classrooms, a project that will cost \$9,098.



Frank Iskra (left), a parishioner of St. Mark parish and a member of Sr. Branch 172, presents two checks to Mrs. Angeline Clair, principal; and Reverend Dennis Mooney, in front of St. Mark Grotto outside the St. Mark School.



The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association held their National Convention in Baltimore, MD in October 2011, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Grants / Donations were presented to 142 Catholic churches, schools and various other worthwhile organizations. **ST. WENSESLAUS CHURCH** of Dodge,



L-R: Alice Maresh, Secretary of W008 and Marcella Chudomelka, Branch Treasurer presenting Fr. Patrick McLaughlin with the check, along with John Doernemann, president of the church council.

NE was awarded \$10,000 towards the renovation of their church hall and another \$5,000 for renovation of their Catholic school. Branch W008 of Dodge, NE also gave \$5,000 for the renovation of the parish hall. Alice Maresh was one of eight delegates from Nebraska who attended the convention.



MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Branch W187

Breakfast Benefit

Branch W187, Valparaiso, NE, held a matching funds project to raise funds for the Newman Center / St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The “A Great Problem to Have Campaign” is raising money for a comprehensive expansion of the center’s facilities and ministries that will benefit students at the University for years to come. The branch and center raised \$1,149 through preparing and hosting a breakfast which qualified for the \$500 matching grant through the Home Office.



L-R: Jude Werner, Director of Development for the Center, Darlene Blazek, W187 Branch President and Father Robert A. Matya, Pastor of the Newman Center / St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

From APRIL 1 through JUNE 30, 2012,
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*The Slovak Bowling Congress is proud to present
America’s Foremost Slovak Sports Event!*

70th National Bowling Tournament

Midway Lanes of the Akron, Canton, and Cleveland, OH area will host the 70th American Slovak National Bowling Tournament for 2012.

In 1939 two Slovak Brothers Steve “Doc” and Peter Hletko formed the Slovak Bowling Congress, and organized the first Slovak National Bowling Tournament. The first tournament was held in 1939 at St. Francis recreation in Milwaukee, WI. Two teams, ten bowlers participated in that first tournament.

Since that time the tournament has grown to almost 200 teams, 815 bowlers participating in the tournament still known as the Slovak Bowling Congress of America Slovak National Bowling Tournament. The 2012 tournament will cover the weekends of April 14th through the weekend of May 6th, in Akron, OH at Midway Lanes.

Past Slovak National Tournaments have been held in Milwaukee, Chicago, Youngstown, Cleveland, Lakewood, McKee’s Rocks, Warren, Cicero, Sharon, Hermitage, Struthers, Oak Forest, Natrona Heights, Farrel, Erie, Sandusky, and Detroit.

Past tournaments have enjoyed entry of 13,255 teams, 32,322 doubles teams, and 75,543 singles and 54,527 all-events bowlers. All time payouts totaled over \$830,970.01!

Entry of over 700 bowlers from some 160 cities throughout the United States and Canada is expected. Bowlers will be competing for a prize fund in excess of \$20,000.

As a special incentive to Slovak bowlers, the following Slovak organizations are offering special prizes and trophies to their members who participate in the tournament. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (Zenska Jednota), The First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), The National Slovak Society (N.S.S.), and the Slovak Catholic Sokol (Sokol).

For more information or questions on the tournament or the SBC, please contact John M. Golias, President of Slovak Bowling Congress of America at (440) 526-3657, (440) 526-3445, or Joe Harkulich at (330) 448-8630. We hope to see all Slovak bowlers at Midway Lanes in Akron, OH.

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance is once again awarding two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors. The students must reside in Ohio and be a member of FCSLA or another fraternal benefit society that is an OFA member.

Scholarship forms and a list of the fraternal benefit societies are available on line WWW.OHIOFC.ORG or by calling Joyce Lechman at 440-842-6489 or Barb Sekerak at 216-676-9332.

Cleveland District Holds First Meeting for 2012

The Cleveland District held their first meeting of the new year on February 18th.

In attendance were our newly elected National President Cynthia Maleski and her husband Andrzej Groch. We were very honored to have them attend.

The meeting started off with prayer and a luncheon which included mini sandwich trays, fruit and bakery which were provided by the branches.

Then it was time to get down to business with the scheduling of district meetings for the year as well as scheduling of events such as Join Hands Day, St. Anne's Day, The Fest and Christmas Party for the Light of Hearts Villa residents. Also discussed was what we would like to give the residents as a gift this year. There were many other topics with extended discussions.

The members in attendance were encouraged to attend the Fr. Furdek Lecture featuring former U.S. Ambassador

Vincent Obsitnik on February 27th, an event co-sponsored by FCSLA and FCSU.

The meeting concluded with Cynthia Maleski presenting the district with a small gift from her. District President Joyce Lechman, accepted a book titled Cleveland Slovaks by John T. Sabol and Lisa A. Alzo. President Maleski spoke about the importance of seizing every opportunity to help others and show our talents in the organizations where we serve members of our community.

Fr. Gonda said closing prayer. We then held our 50/50 raffle and gift raffle.

Thank you to all members that attended the meeting and gave their input.

Also, a big "thank you" from Joyce Lechman for their attendance at the lecture.

The next district meeting will be Saturday, April 21st at 12 noon at Light of Hearts Villa.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you belong to a household receiving two or more magazines or if you have recently moved and have a new address, you can alleviate both situations simply by using the form on page 17 and mailing to the home office address. We ask that one magazine per household be sufficient.





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!



LIZ PENDEVILLE (J115, Clairton, PA) an eighth grader at Burgettstown Middle School, has been elected President of her Student Council after serving on council for several years.

She plays soccer and softball and has sung in the school choir. She is very good at cooking and baking and wants to enter the hotel and food business.

Her proud grandmother Louise Dugas hopes to

travel to Slovakia with Liz this fall.

JR. BRANCH 46 ~ SAVE THE DATE!

Jr. Branch 46 of Lansford, PA, will host their annual "Christmas in July" event at Knoebel's Grove Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA, on Thursday, July 19th, 2012. Formal invitations will be sent in May.

Any other junior branches in the Eastern PA District that wish to participate should call Branch and District President Veronica Bazik at 570-645-5253 for more information.

SCF Seeks Contributors for 'Good Shepherd' Annual

Dobry Pastier (*The Good Shepherd*), edited by Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., and published annually by the Slovak Catholic Federation, compiles articles focusing on topics which are of interest to Slovak-American Catholics. The Federation is currently accepting articles for inclusion in the 2012 edition. Potential contributors should note that while the scope of the publication is broad, articles solely political in nature will not be accepted.

The deadline for all articles is **June 1, 2012**. Due to the publication schedule, articles received after the deadline will not be included in the annual. The annual will be available for distribution in the Fall of 2012.

In order to facilitate the editing and printing of *The Good Shepherd*, the following guidelines are established for authors who would like their work to be considered for inclusion in the annual:

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All articles must be type-written, double-spaced, in Microsoft WORD format in 12 point, Times New Roman font.
- It is strongly preferred that **English** articles be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie Ondus, SS.C.M., Editor, at: bernsscm@yahoo.com. In this age of modern technology, it is faster and more cost effective to work from a text that is provided digitally instead of having to retype the entire article.
- If it is not possible for an article to be e-mailed, a "hard copy" may be mailed to Sister Bernadette at Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698. **Please do not send photocopies of articles.**
- To be accepted for publication, articles must be between 3 and 10 typewritten pages. Articles fewer than three pages or beyond ten pages will not be accepted.

USE OF PHOTOS

- If at all possible, kindly send photos to accompany articles. **Photos must be included at the same time the article is sent to the Editor.** (If sending photos digitally, save as separate JPEGs to accompany the article.) Please indicate where photos are to be placed within the body of the article. Be sure to properly identify the persons, places and/or situations depicted in the photo(s). **If no indication is given as to where, within the article, the photos are to be inserted, the photos will not be used. Photocopies of photographs will not be used.**
- In the event that an article is e-mailed and photos are not included as attachments, the actual photographs, along with a hard copy of the article, must be mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie for inclusion in the article. (If more convenient, photos can also be saved to a CD which the printer can then link up with the article.) Once again, please be sure that the photos are properly identified and note where, within the article, the photos are to be inserted. Photos must always accompany the article for which they are intended.
- Captions must be included with the photos. This allows readers to better understand the relationship of the photo to the content of the article.

ARTICLES IN SLOVAK

- It is preferred that articles be written in English. Articles submitted in Slovak will be sent to a third party for editing. **Please note:** Articles submitted in Slovak that need to be typeset are set by a person who does not read Slovak; therefore, it is imperative that the author include all appropriate accent marks, diacritical letters, and other special characters. Correct punctuation is essential. Use commas and periods where appropriate, **not dashes**. **ALL SLOVAK ARTICLES NEED TO BE CHECKED FOR CORRECTNESS BEFORE THEY REACH THE TYPESETTER.**
- Slovak articles **can** be e-mailed to Sister Bernadette Marie, but a hard copy (including all accents) must also be mailed to her. (Please indicate that the article was both mailed and emailed.) Frequently, accent marks, diacritical characters, and other special characters do not come through properly when articles are e-mailed. Having a hard copy of the article, appropriately marked, will save valuable time and minimize errors.

As Editor, Sister Bernadette Marie retains the right to correct grammatical errors, delete repetitions, rearrange ideas to make them clearer, etc. Sister Bernadette Marie also retains the right to determine the appropriateness of articles for the publication. However, she will not substantially change the author's ideas without first consulting the author.

Our sincere thanks to all the faithful contributors to *The Good Shepherd*! Your contributions, year after year, ensure that the Slovak Catholic Federation is able to provide a quality annual which helps celebrate our Catholic faith, preserves our Slovak heritage, and allows our readers to stay in touch with what's happening in the Catholic Church, in Slovakia, and in the Slovak-American community.

We are looking forward to your contributions again this year.

Reverend Philip A. Altavilla, V.G.

National President, Slovak Catholic Federation

Find Your Slovak Roots

On Saturday, May 12, 2012, the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association, in collaboration with The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, will host a seminar on Slovak genealogical research, focusing on local history, research tips, and finding ancestral villages, presented by noted Slovak genealogist and author, Lisa Alzo. This four-hour workshop will be held from 1-5 p.m. in Room A of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library located at 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., in Mt. Lebanon, and will feature a roundtable session where people will be able to discuss their searches and possibly connect with others researching in the same area. Light refreshments will be served. Admission fee is \$5.00. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling Pam at (412) 531-2990. Participants are encouraged to bring documents, photographs, and a laptop or tablet computer (not required) for the networking session.



Liza A. Alzo grew up in Duquesne, and is a freelance writer, lecturer, and instructor. She received a Master of Fine Arts degree in nonfiction writing from the University of Pittsburgh and is the author of nine books, including *Three Slovak Women*, and *Slovak Pittsburgh*, and hundreds of magazine articles. Lisa has been researching Slovak roots for over 22 years, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International. Visit her website at www.lisaalzo.com.

Because of the Organization's involvement we are seeking volunteers to act as facilitators for the roundtables, to keep the discussion on topic and to ask specific questions to guide the discussion and to get people to interact. We are not seeking experts, only people interested in facilitating discussion. You would receive complete instructions plus a list of specific questions to keep the discussion properly focused.

Attendance is limited to 35. If you are interested in this opportunity, or have any questions, please call Pam at (412) 531-2990 or Albina Senko at (412) 343-5031.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Scholarship application guidelines and procedure forms for this year's \$1,000 scholarship are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Chairperson, Eileen S. Wilson, 396 Pilgrim Lane, Stratford, CT 06614 (mail requests only).

Among the requirements include that applicant, parent(s), grandparents must be a member of the Alliance for a minimum of three (3) years and of Slovak descent. Completed applications must be returned by May 11, 2012.

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport, Inc. is independent of any other Slovak Fraternal / Society.

Kent Dudince Sister City Association

10th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY BANQUET SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

Kent Elks Lodge Hall, Elks Lane — State Route 59
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1 pm. Social Hour / 2 p.m. Dinner / 3 p.m. Program

*Music by Johnny Pastirik Band
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~ Dancing following the program ~

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Make checks payable to:

**Kent-Dudince Sister City Association
1544 Vine Street, Kent, OH 44240**

For questions please call Rudy Bachna at (330) 673-3255

WPSCA Offers Summer Scholarship

For the seventh consecutive year, WPSCA is offering a scholarship to attend the Summer Slovak Language and Culture Program at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. WPSCA will award \$3,000 to cover transportation, tuition, room and board to the successful candidate. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full time student in the U.S.
- Must be of Slovak heritage
- Must not have previously attended the program
- Must apply to Comenius University for acceptance
- Must be willing to attend WPSCA events when requested to discuss the program.

The SAS Summer School is the oldest summer language school in Slovakia and is designed to enable students to improve and extend their Slovak language competency as well as increasing their level of expertise in Slovak literature and culture.

For further information or for an application, contact Joe Senko at (412) 531-2990. All completed applications must be received by WPSCA on or before April 15, 2012 at its office at Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.



IN MEMORIAM

GLADYS F. SPLICHAL Branch W086



Gladys F. Splichal, daughter of Mike and Frances (Chopp) Knedlik was born in rural Republic County, KS on March 4, 1921, and died in Belleville, KS on December 18, 2011.

She was a lifetime resident of Republic County. After graduating from high school she was united in marriage to John R. Splichal. They were members of St. George Parish, Munden, KS. She was a farmwife until the death of her husband after which she moved to Belleville, KS. She worked at the Republic County Hospital and the local womens' dress shop.

A Branch W086 Catholic Workman member, she was also a member of the parish council of the Catholic women, Republic County Czech Club, Munden Merry Makers and As You Like It Clubs.

Gladys is survived by one daughter Mary Jane Ruda and husband Richard of Lima, OH; two sons Raymond (Kathy), and Phillip (Sally) of Munden, KS; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

KATHLEEN "KAY" PISTEK Branch W051



Kathleen "Kay" Pistek, 83, of Britt, IA was born September 24, 1928 and passed away December 29, 2011, at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt with friends and family in prayer.

Kay Chizek was born at the family home in Britt to Joseph and Ella (Buckley) Chizek. Kay graduated from Britt High School in 1946 and received her teaching certificate at the college

in Cedar Falls. Kay taught at the Garfield Township School. On August 25, 1949 she married Leonard Pistek and left teaching to raise a family.

Leonard and Kay lived on the family farm during their married life. Kay was a devoted spouse, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She enjoyed fishing with grandpa, teaching her grandchildren card games (500), doing the crosswords with her sisters, baking kolaches and was faithful to daily prayer.

Kay was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Court of St. Catherine of Siena #284 CDA, Rosary Guild, FCSLA Branch W051 and the Legion Auxiliary.

Those surviving Kay are her loving husband, Leonard of Britt; her children: Francis (Elaine) Pistek of Garner, Mary (Dennis) Hutchinson of Charles City, Carol (Dave) Moline of Waterloo, Leonard (Cindy) Pistek of Britt, Barbara (Bill) Swift of Dell Rapids, SD, Joseph (Kim) Pistek of Albia, Teresa (Todd) Decker of Algona, Patricia (Paul) Birkey of Maplewood, MN, Paul (Julie) Pistek of Plymouth, 37 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

JOHN FRANCIS SKOK Sr. Branch 262

John Francis Skok, 87 of Arnold, PA, died January 9, 2012 in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. He was born October 3, 1924, in New Kensington, to the late Martin and Katarina Oravec Skok and was a lifelong resident of the local area. John was a World War II veteran of the Army and worked as a master carpenter for several contractors in the area.

He was a member of the former All Saints Church, Arnold, and the District Council of Carpenters Local 333, Pittsburgh. He enjoyed reading, spending time with his grandchildren, classical music, military history and was an avid Steelers and Pirates fan.

He is survived by his children, Jennifer Kepics of Brandon, FL, Patricia

Skok, of Wesley Chapel, FL, John J. (Bianca) Skok of Altair, TX, Michael (Brandy) Skok of Salsbury, NC, Mary (Doug) Klamann of Davenport, IA, Thomas (Kelly) Skok of Lansdale, Joseph (Aimee) Skok of Greensburg, and Rose (Bruce) Anderson of Richeyville; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kathryn (Ernest) Goralko of Tarentum, and Mary Lawrence of West Leechburg; sister-in-law Rita Skok of Frazer Township; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Ogurchuck Skok; brother, Paul Skok; and two nieces Paula Jean Skok and Kristen Skok Sosnick.

ROBERT F. JANECEK Branch W058



Robert F. "Bob" Janeczek, 81, of Wahoo, NE, died January 5, 2012 in Wahoo.

Janeczek was born April 18, 1930 in Wahoo to Frank and Rose (Styskal) Janeczek. He grew

up on a farm near Colon. He attended District 70 grade school and graduated from Wahoo High School in 1948.

He married Dolores Humlicek on May 8, 1951 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Prague. They lived in Wahoo and Plasi and then moved permanently to their farm near Wahoo in 1963. He worked as a machinist for Burlington Northern Railroad for 43 years, retiring in 1992. He also farmed during most of his life.

He was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus 1833, FCSLA Branch W058, collected antiques since the 1960's and was a charter member of Camp Creek Threshers Association. He was active in the International Association of Machinists Union for 60 years, belonged to the Fraternal

Order of Eagles, the Gathering of the Orange Club and other antique machinery clubs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Leonard.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Dan Janecek, Steve Janecek and Dave Janecek; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Scott Miller, Julie and Daryl Johnson, all of Wahoo; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

Memorials in his memory may be made to St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church or Camp Creek Threshers Association.

STEPHEN F. BALSHI **Sr. Branch 89**

Stephen Francis Balshi, MD, FACS, loving husband of Josephine Marie, proud and generous father, grandfather and great-grandfather died on December 16, 2011 in Bethlehem, PA at the age of 90.

Born February 1, 1921 in Bethlehem, PA to Helen A. and Stephen M. Balshi of Bethlehem, he attended Liberty High School (Class of 1938), graduated from Lehigh University with Honors (Class of 1942) and received his MD degree from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, PA, graduating as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (Class of 1945).

He married the "love of his life," Josephine Marie Bartos on June 9, 1945. Dr. Balshi was immediately assigned to the US Army Medical Corps and served active duty at the US Veterans Hospital in Coatesville, PA. After practicing general medicine for nine years, Dr. Balshi returned to Jefferson Medical College for a three year residency in otorhinolaryngology (ENT) which he completed in 1959. As a Board Certified ENT Surgeon, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He returned to Bethlehem, serving the community as an ENT surgeon, performing the first microscopic ear surgery to restore hear-

ing in the Lehigh Valley. He served as Chief of otolaryngology at St. Luke's first "Speech and Hearing Center" for the diagnosis and treatment of hearing, speech and vestibular disorders. Showing his tireless compassion for the afflicted and a genuine heart for the poor, Dr. Balshi spent 22 years staffing the hospitals free charity clinic each week. In 2008, he established the Fund for Vascular Research, Education and Technology at St. Luke's Hospital.

Dr. Balshi loved and lived his Catholic faith with humility and joy. He was an active and dedicated parishioner of Bethlehem's St. Anne's Catholic Church for 50 years. Post Vatican II, he became one of the first Lectors at St. Anne's and eventually served as a Eucharistic Minister. During his last few years, he and his wife have been active and supportive members of the Assumption B.V.M. Church in Center Valley, PA.

Dr. Balshi was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Josephine Marie, six children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His love and devotion to his family were unsurpassed.

ROBERT R. RIDL **Branch W121**

Robert R. Ridl, 82, passed away November 11, 2011, at the Boulder, Longmont Hospice Center in Louisville, CO. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Albina Ridl, brothers Edward and Otto and sister Edith Splichal.

Bob is survived by his wife Genevieve whom he married on October 5, 1953 in Dickinson, ND. Survived by his children, Kent (Barbara) Kim Clendenin, Scott (Annette) and Beth Ann (David) Wieder. Five granddaughters, two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

After graduation from the University of North Dakota, Bob moved his family to Omaha, NE where he worked for a National Accounting firm. In 1963 he had

the opportunity to move to Colorado retiring from the Colorado State Auditors Office in 1987. He continued his own accounting practice until his death.

Bob loved spending time at his cabin in the Colorado Mountains, traveling in his motor home, and other countries. His other passion first and foremost, was his God and family, and helping others.

Bob was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery with military honors on November 18, 2011.

ANNA E. TEMPERO **Sr. Branch 277**



Anna E. (Kushpaul) Temporo, 96, of North Huntingdon, PA, died November 26, 2011, at her home. She was born August 1, 1915 in Shafton, daughter of Theresa (Skorec) and

John Kushpaul. She was a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and its Christian Mothers Women's Guild in Irwin.

Anna was a graduate of Norwin High School Class of 1933. She was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and baking and was devoted to taking care of her family. In recent years, her hobby was crocheting lap robes and afghans, which she donated to local nursing home patients.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, James M. Temporo in 1999 and two sisters, Mary Ardellitz and Theresa Kushpaul Lauffer.

Surviving are two daughters, Anna Marie Temporo of Pittsburgh and Carmela Mae Temporo of North Huntingdon; a sister-in-law, Helen Isola of Greensburg and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Memorial contributions were made in Anna's name to the Church of the



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Immaculate Conception and were used to purchase a set of white vestments for her pastor.

ELAINE M. BUZICKY **Branch W051**

Elaine Margaret (Nowak) Buzicky, 78, of Britt, IA, passed away January 15, 2012 at Westview Care Center in Britt.

Elaine, the daughter of Joseph and Ella (Kalis) Nowak, was born June 23, 1933 at Wells, MN. She attended St. Casimir's Catholic School and Wells High School in Wells. She attended St. Mary's School of Nursing at Rochester, MN. Upon graduation, she worked at Wells Hospital as a nurse's aide for four years and Immanuel Hospital in Mankato, MN for a year.

On June 28, 1960, Elaine was married to John F. Buzicky at St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Wells. They farmed south of Duncan, IA and raised their five children.

Elaine was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and Rosary Society in Duncan, IA and a member of the Catholic Workman FCSLA Branch W051 where she served as reporter for 15 years. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #315 in Britt.

Elaine enjoyed her family, grandchildren, cooking and baking, embroidery, gardening and flowers.

She is survived by her five children, Myron Buzicky (Loida Martinez and son Christopher) of Queen Creek, AZ; Karen Connor (husband Brad and son Ian) of Britt; Mark Buzicky (wife Julie, daughter Ashlea and son Austin) of Queen Creek, AZ; Sharon Jannusch (husband Matt and son Luke) of Hudson, WI; and Mike Buzicky (wife Tina and sons Chase and Lake) of Hudson, WI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John in 2006, her parents, grandson Nicholas Connor, brothers Ray, Ambrose, and Jacob Nowak, and sisters Jane Schultz and Alvera Formanek.

SISTER MARY LORETTA **POLASKI** **Sr. Branch 542**

Sister Mary Loretta Polaski, 92, died peacefully on February 6, 2012. She was born in Donora, PA, and entered the community of Vincentian Sisters of Charity in 1934 from Transfiguration Parish, Mon City, PA. By the time the Vincentian Sisters merged with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in 2008, Sister Loretta had retired from her active ministry and became a part of the Prayer Ministry.

Sister Loretta served God and the Church for 78 years. She earned a Bachelor of Education degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. She ministered in the dioceses of Pittsburgh, PA, Greensburg, PA, Johnstown/Altoona, PA, Mobile, AL, Cape Girardeau, MO, and in St. Catharine, Ontario, Canada. Her gifts as a teacher, church organist and CCD instructor took her to many places throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Fonthill and Scarboro in Ontario, Canada. After more than 30 years of teaching, Sister Loretta served for 13 years in the area of Social Services in Montgomery, AL and for 27 years in Clerical/Medical Records in St. Vincent Hospital, Monet, MO and the Vincentian de Marillac in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sister was pre-deceased by parents John and Anna (Vargo), brothers John, William, Rudy and Edward. She is survived by her sister Mrs. Elmer (Gertrude) Butti, by nieces Amy Spornak, Margaret Babirad and nephew Daniel Polaski, as well as many great nieces, nephews, and friends and all her sisters of the SCN Community.

Memorial donations were made to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Office of Congregational Advancement, PO Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048-0009.

BERNIECE (ORRIS) YUROS **Sr. Branch 13**

Berniece (Orris) Yuros, 83, of Forest Hills, PA died February 1, 2012. She

was born July 18, 1928 in Braddock, PA and was a 1946 graduate of Scott High School.

The beloved wife of Joseph Yuros for 58 years, she was the loving mother of Maribeth (Michael) Colbaugh of Level Green, Patricia Ann (Joseph) Wojnar of Apollo, Janet (Pete) Sullivan of Forest Hills and loving grandmother of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Berniece was a retired secretary from the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Catholic Slovak Sokols.

Berniece enjoyed computer word games and competed with people around the nation via the Internet. She also enjoyed knitting, cooking and baking.

LILLIAN MAHALKO PLAVKO **Sr. Branch 88**

Lillian Mahalko Plavko, 82, of Monessen, PA, passed away suddenly, yet peacefully at her home on February 22, 2012. She was born in Monessen, to Afton Mahalko and Paraska Yavornisky Mahalko on December 6, 1929, the youngest of nine children. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edward R. Plavko Sr.

"Lil" was a cheerful and outgoing person, who had many relatives and friends in the Mon Valley that she treasured through life. She enjoyed travel, spending time with family, going to church and being active with her friends. She was a great cook and passed along many of her native traditions to her family. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Edward Jr. and wife, Kathy, of Cincinnati, OH, Carol and husband, Nick Onufer, of Lover, PA, Michael and wife, Kathy, of State College, PA, and James, of Harrisburg, PA. Also surviving are her grandchildren Amanda, Elizabeth and Mark Plavko and Nicholas Onufer Jr., all of whom she adored. Her trusted

helper Roy and his mother Mickey Stinogle were great friends and support for her over the years, and were like family to her. She is also survived by many loving Mahalko and Plavko family members including cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by all eight of her brothers and sisters.

Lillian was a proud member of the Epiphany of the Church in Monessen, the Catholic Business and Professional Women's Association, and the FCSLA.

GLADYS AGNES KUDEJ **Branch W051**

Gladys Agnes Kudej, 88, of Britt, IA, died February 8, 2012, at the Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt.

Gladys, the daughter of James and Mary (Formanek) Rokos, was born March 2, 1923, on a farm northwest of Garner. She graduated from Hayfield Consolidated High School in 1940.

On January 20, 1942, she was married to Robert M. Kudej at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. They lived on the Rokos farm north of Duncan where they raised their family and farmed. Gladys also worked in the dietary department at the Hancock County Memorial Hospital for 23 years. In 1995, after living on the farm for 53 years they retired and moved into Britt. Gladys enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, cooking, dancing and traveling.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Britt and former

member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan, Rosary Society, Catholic Workman FCSLA, Birthday Club, Garfield Hobby Club and the Britt Senior Citizens.

Gladys is survived by her four children: Wayne (Becky) Kudej of Britt, Sherry (Marvin) Buhr of Marion, Mary Lou (Darrell) Williams of Marion and Judy (Robert) Hubler of Cedar Rapids; eight grandchildren: Jennifer (Marty) Goepel, Jeff (Robin) Kudej, Andy (Angie) Kudej, Nick (Jessica) Kudej, Ryan (Michelle) Buhr, Ben (Angela) Williams, Kim (Jon) Livingston and Tyler Hubler; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob (June 13, 2000); her parents; grandson, Brent Hubler; and two sisters, Lillian (John) Dolphin and Alice (Frank) Hrubes.

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Červená Čiapočka

(Please enjoy the English translation of this story on Page 19)

Dávno predávno bolo jedno dievčatko, ktorému matka urobila na jej narodeniny červený kabát s kapucňou.

Pretože dievča malo ten kabát veľmi rado, nosilo ho všade. A preto ju každý volal červená čiapočka.

Jedno ráno pán Whittle drevorubač prišiel na návštevu a povedal červenej čiapočke:

“Tvoja babička je chorá – a tiež je jej smutno.

“Môžem jej niečo doniesť?” – červená čiapočka sa pýtala mamy.

“To ju poteší.” – Mama súhlasila. “Bude sa lepšie cítiť.”

Matka dala do košíka kekсы, žemle a lekvár. Červená čiapočka priložila cukríky. Potom obliekla červený kabát s kapucňou a vybrala sa k babičke. “Chod rovno k babičke” – povedala mama. “A s nikým sa nerozprávaj!”

“Buden ťa počúvať mama” – sľúbila červená čiapočka.

Vybrala sa na cestu s košíkom v ruke a v červenom kabáte s kapucňou.

Vtáci veselo spievali, keď červená čiapočka prechádzala cez les. Zajace a veveričky ju vítali a vtáci spievali v stromoch. “Dobré ráno priatelia” – povedala červená čiapočka.

“Lutujem, ale nemôžem sa zastaviť a hrať s vami.”

Popravila si kapucňu a spievala:

“Idem k babičke, do jej domu prídem.” “Počkaj, počkaj” – hlboký hlas sa ozval. “Tak kde ideš?” Veľký šedý vlk sa objavil z čučoriedkového kríka. “Prosím, nechaj ma prejsť” – dovedala červená čiapočka. “Ponáhľam sa.” Vlk sa pozrel do košíka: “Aké dobré veci sú v košíku.”

“To je všetko pre babičku” – povedala červená čiapočka.

“Odstúp.”

“Počkaj chvíľu,” povedal vlk priateľsky “Mala by si natrhať kvety pre babičku.”

“Nemala by som sa zastaviť” – zamysľala sa červená čiapočka.

“Niekoľko minút na tom predsa nezáleží.” Povedal vlk.

Tak červená čiapočka natrhala kvety. Kým urobila kyticu, vlk zmyzol. On sa vybral k babičke. “Toto je



ten dom” – povedal a zaklopal na dvere.

“Kto je tam?” Pýtala sa babička. “Červená čiapočka” – povedal vlk zmeneným hlasom. “Doniesla som ti dobré veci.”

“Boh ťa požehnaj” – “poď ďalej.” Povedala babička.

Vlk otvoril dvere. Babička sa zľakla, vyskočila z postele a vybehla von, rýchlo cez záhradu do lesa. Keď odišla, vlk si obliekol babičkynu nočnú košelu, dal si na nos jej okuliare a vliezol do jej postele. Za chvíľu počul, že niekto je pri dverách.

“Poď dovnútra” – volal vlk snažil sa napodobniť hlas babičky.

Červená čiapočka sa ponáhľala do domu. “Babička” – červená čiapočka prišla bližšie “aké veľké máš uši.”

“Aby som ťa mohla lepšie počuť,” povedal vlk príjemným hlasom. “A tvoje oči!” Povedala červená čiapočka. “Tie vyzerajú ako veľké zelené guľky.” “Tak ťa môžem lepšie vidieť moja drahá!” Povedal vlk.

“Ale babička” povedala červená čiapočka; “aké máš veľké zuby.” Zlý vlk si oblizol zuby.

“To aby som ťa mohol zjesť!” Odvrkol vlk a vyskočil z postele.

Ale červená čiapočka bola šikovná. Prebehla sem a tam a vrtela sa až vlkovi sa krútila hlava.

Potom vybehla von a stretla pána Whittle drevorubača.

“Vlk ma prenasleduje” – kričala červená čiapočka.

“A my budeme zase za ním” – povedala babička, lebo to bola ona čo privedla drevorubača do svojeho domu.

“Ty toto oľutuješ!” Pán Whittle povedal vlkovi. “Teraz sa ty strachuj!” Vlk zakňučal a utekal, aby si život zachránil. Drevorubač utekal za ním. “Všetko bude v poriadku” Babička povedala červenej čiapočke.

A tak sa aj stalo. Drevorubač prišiel naspäť sám. “Nemôžem vlka nájsť, nemyslím, že už prestane utekať!”

“Hurá” kričala červená čiapočka. “Ďakujem” povedala babička. Potom sa všetci traja posadili za stôl a jedli veci z košíka, čo priniesla červená čiapočka – kekсы, žemle, džem a cukríky.

Bol to vynikajúci deň!

Little Red Riding Hood

Retold by Mabel Watts

Many long summers ago, there was a little girl whose mother made her a red cape with a hood for her birthday. Because it was so pretty, she wore it here, there and everywhere. And that's why everyone called her Little Red Riding Hood.

One morning Mr. Whittle the woodcutter called at Little Red Riding Hood's cottage in the woods.

"Your grandmother is sick," he said, "and lonesome."

"May I take a basket of goodies to her?" Little Red Riding Hood asked her mother.

"That would cheer her up," Mother agreed. "It would make her feel better." Mother put some cookies and butter rolls and fresh elderberry jam into a basket. Little Red Riding Hood added a bag of colored jelly beans. Then she put on her red cape and kissed her mother good-bye.

"Keep to the path child," said Mother. "Don't loiter along the way. And don't talk to strangers."

"I'll do just as you say, Mother," promised Little Red Riding Hood.

Then off she skipped, with the basket over her arm and her red cape flying in the breeze.

The birds sang merrily as Little Red Riding Hood walked through the shadowy woods. Bunnies hopped. Squirrels scampered. "Good morning, friends," said Little Red Riding Hood.

"I'm sorry I can't stop to play with you today."

She pulled her hood onto her head and sang: "Here I go to Grandma's house, to Grandma's house I go!" "Ho! Ho!" said a gruff growly voice. "So that's where you're going!" And a great gray wolf pounced out from behind a blackberry bush.

"Please let me pass," said Little Red Riding Hood. "I must hurry!" The wolf peeped into the basket. "Mm — mm," he said. "All my favorites!"

"All Grandma's favorites!" said Little Red Riding Hood. "Oh, please move aside."

"Wait a minute," said the wolf, becoming friendly.

"Why not pick some flowers for your grandmother?"

"Well" . . . said Little Red Riding Hood, "I really shouldn't stop."

"A few minutes surely won't make any difference," said the wolf. So Little Red Riding Hood stopped to pick some bluebells and buttercups. By the time she had gathered a pretty bouquet, the wolf was gone.

He was bounding along to Grandmother's house.

"Here's the place," he said, and he knock — knock — knocked on the door.

"Who is there?" asked Grandmother.

"It's Little Red Riding Hood," called the wolf in a little girl voice. "I've brought you a basket of goodies."

"Bless your heart!" said Grandmother.

"Come in, dear!"

The wolf lifted the latch and laughed.

"Boo!" he said.

Grandmother hopped out of bed, and slipped through

the open door. Zip! She went through the cabbage patch. Zip! — through the woods.

After she had gone, the wicked wolf popped into one of Grandmother's nightgowns. Then he put on Grandmother's nightcap and spectacles and climbed into her bed.

Soon there was a knock on the door. "Lift the latch, dear, and come in," called the wolf, trying to sound like Grandmother.

Little Red Riding Hood hurried inside. "Why, Grandma," she said, coming closer, "what long furry ears you have!" "All the better to hear you, my dear," said the wolf in a cheerful voice. "And your eyes!" said Little Red Riding Hood. "Oh, my! They look like big green marbles." "All the better to see you, my dear!" said the wolf.

"My, oh my, Grandma," said Little Red Riding Hood, "what big white teeth you have!" The wily, wicked wolf licked his chops. "All the better to eat you!" he snapped, and he jumped out of bed. But Little Red Riding Hood was quick. She skipped and hopped and circled around the room until the wolf was dizzy.

Then she ran through the door — straight into the arms of Mr. Whittle the woodcutter. "The wolf is after me!" cried Little Red Riding Hood. "And we are after him!" added Grandmother, for she had brought the woodcutter to the cottage.

"You'll be sorry!" Mr. Whittle told the wolf. "Now it's your turn to be afraid."

The wolf yelped and ran for his life, with the woodcutter close behind.

"Everything's going to be alright now," Grandmother told Little Red Riding Hood.

And that's exactly how things turned out.

The woodcutter was soon back — all alone. "No more wolf," he said. "I don't think he'll ever stop running!"

"Hurry!" cried Little Red Riding Hood.

"Thank goodness!" said Grandmother. Then all three sat down to enjoy the goodies in Little Red Riding Hood's basket — the cookies, the butter rolls, the elderberry jam, and the jelly beans. The day was fine, after all.

Chicago District Announcements

The Chicago District Join Hands Day event will be playing bingo with our Vets at Hines VA Hospital, 5000 South 5th Ave., Building 217, 1st floor Dining Room, Hines, IL on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. For more information, see our website at <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/calendar.shtml> or contact Chicago District President, Mary Therese Tylus at 773-262-6621 or marytylus@comcast.net.

All Chicago, Indiana and Wisconsin FCCLA members are invited to the Chicago District's St. Anne's Celebration event on Thursday, July 26, 2012 with mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, IL with a luncheon to follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Garden Chalet in Chicago Ridge, IL. For more information see our website at <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/calendar.shtml> or contact Jarmila Hlubocky at 773-776-2167.

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NATIONAL TREASURER

John M. Janovec

Reverend Father, National Officers, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association:

Pochváleny Pan Ježíš Kristus!

Herewith I present to you the 2011 financial report of the FCSLA. Comparative balance sheets and income statements for the last two years are located at the end of this report. These statements are based on general ledger balances. Please refer to them during the following discussion.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE

A quick glance at the balance sheet reveals that assets grew during the year by \$40 million to reach a total of nearly \$675 million at December 31st. This represents an annualized growth rate of over 6%.

As always, the majority of FCSLA's assets are maintained in high quality, investment grade corporate bonds. The liability section of the balance sheet reveals the major claims against these assets: 35% of FCSLA debts are represented by life insurance reserves, while annuity reserves account for another 62%.

Turning to revenue sources on the income statement, a seismic shift occurred during the year. For the first time in several years, insurance premiums greatly outpaced annuity premiums. Both can be readily explained.

On the annuity side, in the second half of 2010 and then again early in 2011, the company took steps to manage annuity growth by capping deposits on select products. Accordingly, annuity premiums fell during the year. As explained in previous reports, this was done because it became increasingly difficult to profitably invest these monies given the high guaranteed interest rates that are embedded within them.

Meanwhile, on the life side, premiums rose dramatically. This is due, in large part, to an increasingly active licensed sales force. However, a very attractive commission and rate structure (vs. our competitors) has also fueled this growth. Recently, in conjunction with our actuaries (Bruce & Bruce), we have been examining our commission and rate structure to ensure that it meets our profitability goals and, at the same time, allows us to remain competitive. A final decision on any possible changes in the commission and rate structure is expected soon.

Investment income remained a strong component as it accounted for 45% of total revenues. Annualized ROI for the year was approximately 5.63%, a number which gets lower every year as higher-yielding bonds mature or get called, and are replaced by lower-yielding bonds which are more reflective of the current interest rate environment.

Next, let's examine the expense side of the income statement. From year to year, most changes occur in expenses directly associated with sales of our life and annuity products (increase in life reserves, increase in annuity reserves, commission expense) along with benefit payments made on these products (insurance benefits, annuity benefits, surrender benefits, post mortem benefits). Any remaining fluxes are usually accounted for by changes in operating costs associated with growing the business.

As many of you are aware, FCSLA held its quadrennial convention in Baltimore in October. There are significant costs associated with this convention, but most were accrued over the past four years and thus did not significantly impact current year results.

The biggest change on the expense side in 2011 was a dramatic increase in expenses associated with the strong surge in life insurance sales, namely the increase in life insurance reserves coupled with an increase in commission expenses. As was outlined in great detail in my 2010 annual report, due to these high reserving requirements and commission expenses, life insurance sales result in a significant profit "drain" in the year of sale, and only start to become profitable many years after the year of sale. At the end of the day, this profit "drain" resulted in an operating loss of approximately \$1.5 million during 2011.

Finally, the company suffered capital losses of nearly \$0.5 million during the year. The majority of this related to a preferred stock position in Ambac Financial, which filed for bankruptcy protection. After accounting for the capital loss, net loss for the year was ~ \$2 million.

This net loss flowed through to surplus and was one of the factors which caused surplus to decline during the year. The other factor was a \$2 million prior period accounting adjustment, which corrected for an actuarial error that caused annuity reserves to be understated by this amount at the end of 2010.

In accordance with accounting principles, the 2010 financial numbers were not re-stated for this actuarial error. If they had been, corrected operating profits for 2010 would have been approximately \$1.5 million.

INVESTMENTS

A complete listing of all bonds purchased, matured, or called during 2011 is included at the end of this report.

FCSLA FINANCIAL STRENGTH

The FCSLA solvency ratio stands at 114% at the end of 2011. This means that we have \$114 in assets to cover every \$100 in liabilities that we owe. By comparison, many companies our size are judged to be successful if they have solvency ratios of 105%.

Another sign of our financial strength is our A.M. Best rating. The fact that A.M. Best renewed our rating of A- ("Excellent") in 2011 speaks volumes about how solid they view our finances to be, as very few fraternal achieve the "A-" designation.

CLOSING REMARKS

As many of you know, after completing three full terms and nearly 14 years overall as National Treasurer, I have decided to retire from this position. However, as that chapter in my life closes, another one is set to open, as I will remain on the FCSLA Board in my new position as National Trustee.

As I make this transition, I have been reflecting on some major events that occurred during these past 14 years at FCSLA: assets have nearly tripled; a new home office headquarters building was constructed; and a licensed agent sales force was hired.

But two financial events had significant impacts on FCSLA during this time: one, of course, was the US economic collapse in late 2008, and the other was the development of a sustained



low interest rate environment in the past several years. This latter event promises to profoundly affect FCSLA for years to come. With no end in sight for low interest rates, I feel the biggest financial challenge facing FCSLA going forward will be to try and grow the asset base in a **profitable** manner.

Steps have already been taken in that direction by capping deposits on old annuity contracts and examining the commission and rate structure associated with our life insurance products. But make no mistake about it: despite its financial strength, FCSLA will have to continue to adapt to the challenging economic climate that we all find ourselves in. I am confident that the newly elected managing officers will be up to that task, and I wish them well as they take office in the new year.

In closing, I would like to thank the home office staff; I enjoyed my day-to-day interactions with you immensely. Also, it has been my privilege (and good fortune) to work with my fellow co-officers these past 14 years: Mary Ann Johaneck and Irene Drotleff. We truly epitomized what it means to be a management "team"!

And finally, it has been my pleasure to meet so many of you, our members. Your support of me over the years is truly appreciated!

BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 10,680,462.69	\$ 19,025,772.96	
Bonds	638,433,733.95	589,143,745.56	
Preferred Stock	5,998,660.16	7,030,430.87	
Common Stock	985,000.11	710,981.84	
Investment Income Due & Accrued	10,187,524.22	9,599,535.90	
Promissory Notes	0.00	42,444.86	
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	6,555,126.48	6,790,894.03	
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,932,683.48	1,697,251.37	
Other Assets	216,939.31	242,069.38	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 674,990,130.40	\$ 634,283,126.77	
LIABILITIES			
Life Reserves	\$ 209,243,000.08	\$ 181,573,000.08	
Annuity Reserves	363,688,999.50	346,047,000.50	
Death Claims Payable	731,540.90	669,802.84	
Unearned Premiums	619,804.00	555,548.00	
Matured Endowments	319,341.00	311,538.00	
Provision for Dividends Payable	2,157,000.00	2,000,000.00	
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	3,803,438.45	3,664,663.83	
Accrued Convention Donations	37,000.00	666,667.00	
Provision for Future Conventions	26,000.00	570,000.00	
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,134,049.00	6,907,565.00	
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,307,533.00	1,449,948.00	
Other Liabilities	2,203,567.92	1,800,442.75	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 590,271,273.85	\$ 546,216,176.00	
SURPLUS			
Total Surplus	\$84,718,856.55	\$ 88,066,950.78	
Total Liabilities and Surplus Funds	\$ 674,990,130.40	\$ 634,283,126.77	

INCOME STATEMENT For Period Ended			
INCOME	12/31/2011	12/31/2010	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 24,651,122.76	\$ 14,342,606.93	
Annuity Premiums	18,195,107.93	32,773,086.59	
Investment Income	35,676,121.72	34,390,651.34	

Amortization of Interest		
Maintenance Reserve	130,989.58	127,940.00
Rental Income	409,494.00	403,867.00
Other Revenue	19,747.32	42,788.41
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 79,082,583.31	\$ 82,080,940.27

EXPENSES			
Increase in Reserves - Life	\$ 27,670,000.00	\$ 12,931,000.00	
Increase in Reserves - Annuity	15,562,376.00	28,235,000.00	
Insurance Benefits	4,347,148.53	3,460,377.04	
Annuity Benefits	17,362,254.62	18,066,432.27	
Commission Expense	2,777,411.50	1,972,376.43	
Surrender Benefits	1,377,304.03	2,651,979.17	
Misc. Member Benefits	85,209.78	86,712.91	
Matured Endowments	22,945.31	10,194.98	
Donation Expenses	954,045.42	72,672.14	
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	(629,667.00)	333,334.00	
Convention Expenses	156,950.24	256,715.15	
Dividends to Members	2,110,661.82	2,064,947.55	
Post Mortem Benefits	1,000,247.00	815,890.33	
Bonus to Branches	921,562.00	893,474.00	
Fraternal Activities	129,600.82	176,909.12	
Bank Service Charges	59,440.36	83,131.84	
Data Processing Service Fees	324,960.05	333,841.86	
Accounting Fees	103,186.00	106,963.00	
Actuarial Fees	162,007.00	167,297.00	
Legal Fees	30,809.35	153,885.45	
Consulting Services	125,880.00	138,568.36	
Official Publications	336,850.00	334,880.35	
Scholarship Awards	253,500.00	241,608.75	
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	508,590.42	336,817.79	
Fees - Directors	115,070.32	115,070.32	
Salaries - Employees	1,446,596.61	1,399,339.45	
Salaries - Officers	438,410.71	437,920.04	
Interest Expense	238,515.60	257,151.36	
Tax Expense	288,465.02	285,564.61	
Depreciation Expense	293,360.86	286,330.20	
Utility Expense	89,777.31	81,765.46	
Postage and Printing	312,775.46	349,027.90	
Advertising	91,285.54	106,530.45	
Travel Expense	180,340.60	155,456.13	
Insurance Department Fees	86,775.48	78,353.09	
Sales Promotion	334,852.95	150,953.28	
Rental Expense	409,494.00	403,867.00	
Other Expense	590,776.40	486,025.33	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 80,669,770.11	\$ 78,518,364.11	
Income (Loss) from Operations	\$ (1,587,186.80)	\$ 3,562,576.16	
Capital Gains / Losses			
Capital Gain (Loss)	\$ (454,800.43)	\$ 24,922.69	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (2,041,987.23)	\$ 3,587,498.85	

BONDS ACQUIRED DURING 2011			
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JANUARY			
Bard C R Inc	4.211	01/15/2021	5,000,000.00
FEBRUARY			
Coca Cola Company Note	4.040	11/15/2020	5,000,000.00
Oracle Corp Note	4.110	07/15/2020	3,000,000.00
MARCH			
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	4.221	03/01/2021	5,000,000.00
Dover Corp	4.056	03/01/2021	3,000,000.00
Medtronic Inc Senior Notes	4.100	03/15/2021	5,000,000.00

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Charles Schwab Corp	4.061	07/22/2020	5,000,000.00
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JUNE

Blackrock Incorp	4.050	05/24/2021	2,000,000.00
Coca Cola Enterprises Inc Debs	4.001	02/01/2022	2,010,000.00

AUGUST

Proctor & Gamble Company	4.501	010/26/2029	3,000,000.00
Wal-Mart Stores Corp Notes	4.500	02/15/2030	3,000,000.00

SEPTEMBER

Cargill Inc Med-Term Notes	4.001	06/18/2027	3,000,000.00
Hewlett-Packard Co	4.100	09/15/2021	5,000,000.00

NOVEMBER

General Motors Corp Sr - Escrow		04/15/2016	300,000.00
General Motors Corp Sr - Escrow		06/15/2024	600,000.00
Target Corp	4.302	08/01/2028	1,580,000.00

DECEMBER

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp	4.400	05/01/2037	2,410,000.00
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp	4.451	08/15/2036	3,000,000.00
United Parcel Service Inc Sr Note	4.030	01/15/2038	1,907,000.00

TOTAL BONDS

58,807,000.00

STOCKS ACQUIRED DURING 2011

NOVEMBER

Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc.	20
Dana Holding Corporation	2,469
General Motors Company	3,680

DECEMBER

Orchard Supply Hardware CL-A	352
Orchard Supply Hardware Ser A	352

TOTAL SHARES

6,873

BONDS MATURED OR CALLED DURING 2011

BONDS	RATE	PAR
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JANUARY

Protective Life Secd Tr Med	6.100	600,000.00
Sprint Capital Corp Global Nts	7.630	1,000,000.00

FEBRUARY

Albertson's Inc, Senior Corp Nts	7.500	1,000,000.00
Campbell Soup Company	6.750	1,070,000.00

MARCH

Hertz Corp	7.400	200,000.00
Southeast TX Hsg Fin Corp Ser A	8.600	153.95

APRIL

GMAC Corporate Debentures	6.000	65,000.00
First Union Capital I Corp Nts	7.940	500,000.00
LA Agricultural Fin Auth Sec Rev	8.800	118.27

Youngstown Sister Cities Tour

15th Heritage Tour is set for July 10-24, 2012, with Jim and Kay Bench as tour guides. Tour will include churches, castles and historical sites in Bratislava, Piestany, Nitra, and more. Side trips to ancestral villages and relatives are available with advance notice. Approximately \$3,600 plus airline taxes. Contact Jim and Kay Bench, 428 West 4th Avenue, Derry, PA 15627, phone (724) 694-5101 or cell (724) 858-5843 or email jimbench@yahoo.com or Adventure International Travel, P.O. Box 770410, Lakewood, OH 44107 or phone (216) 228-7171 or toll free (800) 542-2487 or email paul@aits.webmail.com.

JUNE

CIT Group Incorp	7.000	21,296.00
Toys R Us Inc	7.630	2,000,000.00

JULY

America West Airlines Series 00-G	8.060	109,628.53
Bank of New York Company Inc	5.600	3,000,000.00

AUGUST

Bank of New York Co Inc Med Term	5.200	2,000,000.00
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SEPTEMBER

Ford Motor Company Debs	9.500	200,000.00
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OCTOBER

CIT Group Incorp	7.000	31,945.00
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NOVEMBER

Dana Corp	0.000	1,000,000.00
Dana Corp	0.000	500,000.00
General Motors Corp Notes	7.700	300,000.00
General Motors Corp Notes	8.100	600,000.00
Credit Suisse FB USA Inc	6.130	565,000.00
		14,763,141.75

STOCKS MATURED OR CALLED DURING 2011

SHARES	BOOK VALUE
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FEBRUARY

Public Svc Oklahoma	8,000.00	200,000.00
Repsol Internat'l Cap Ltd Ser A	10,000.00	250,000.00
	18,000.00	450,000.00



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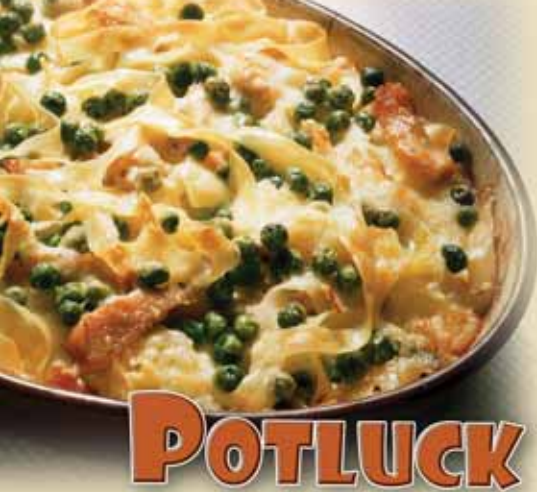
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POTLUCK

TAGLIATELLE GRATIN

- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 cup frozen peas
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 slices of bacon, chopped
- 3 spring onions, chopped
- 5 ounces heavy cream
- 1 egg yolk

- 1 ounce Brie, chopped
- 5 ounces fresh tagliatelle, or fettuccine
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cook pasta according to instructions, drain and set aside.

In a large saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add ½ teaspoon salt. Add cauliflower, and cook 3 minutes or until tender. Add peas and stir gently, cooking for 2 minutes longer. Remove cauliflower and peas with a slotted spoon, and set aside.

Heat large frying pan until hot. Add the bacon and fry for a few minutes, or until golden-brown. Drain most of grease from pan and discard grease. To the bacon, add spring onions. Continue to cook while stirring, until onions are golden-brown. Remove from the heat. Mix in the Brie, cauliflower and peas.

In a bowl, stir together the egg yolk and cream. Pour over the cooked pasta. Gently stir in all other ingredients.

Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper and spoon into an ovenproof dish.

Place under the broiler for a few minutes until golden-brown and serve immediately.

TEX-MEX ENCHILADAS

- 1 (18.5 oz.) can Chicken cheese enchilada soup
- 1 (10 oz.) can hot or mild enchilada sauce
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 2 cups shredded pepper Jack cheese (8 oz.)
- 12 corn tortillas (6 inch)
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Lime wedges, if desired

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium

bowl, stir together soup and enchilada sauce.

In large bowl, mix 1 cup soup mixture with the chicken, corn and 1 cup of the cheese. In small bowl, set aside ¾ cup soup mixture. Spread remaining 1½ cups soup mixture in ungreased 13x9-inch baking dish. On microwavable plate, stack tortillas and cover with paper towel; heat on high 1 minute to soften. Place about ¼ cup chicken mixture along middle of each tortilla. Roll up and place seam sides down in baking dish with sauce.

Pour ¾ cup soup mixture over enchiladas. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly around edges.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together tomatoes and cilantro. Spoon tomato mixture over each serving. Garnish with lime wedge, if desired.

LEMONY POTATO SALAD

- 3 pounds small boiling potatoes
- 1 cup chopped celery (about 4 ribs)
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup finely chopped chives
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Cover potatoes with water in a large pot and season well with salt. Bring to a boil, then simmer until tender, 12 to 20 minutes.

While potatoes cook, stir together celery, mayonnaise, chives, lemon zest and juice, sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, and ¾ teaspoon pepper in a large bowl.

Drain potatoes and cool completely, then halve or quarter. Add to dressing and toss to coat.

CHERRIES JUBILEE

- 2 tablespoons (¾ stick) unsalted butter
- ½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 pound fresh cherries, stemmed and pitted, or frozen pitted cherries, thawed, undrained
- Pinch of kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon bourbon or brandy
- Fresh lemon juice
- Vanilla ice cream

Melt butter in a large heavy skillet over medium heat. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add cherries and salt; stir to coat. Cook cherries, stirring occasionally, until juices are released and begin to reduce slightly, about 10 minutes. Remove pan from heat and stir in bourbon. Return pan to heat and simmer until juices thicken, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with lemon juice. Let cool slightly.

Spoon warm cherry mixture over ice cream.

WHOOPIE PIES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup Dutch-process cocoa powder
- 1¼ teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup well-shaken buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg

For filling

- 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 1¼ cups confectioners sugar
- 2 cups marshmallow cream such as Marshmallow Fluff
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Make cakes:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt in a bowl until combined. Stir together buttermilk and vanilla in a small bowl.

Beat together butter and brown sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer at medium-high speed until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes in a standing mixer or 5 minutes with a handheld, then add egg, beating until combined well. Reduce speed to low and alternately mix in flour mixture and buttermilk in batches, beginning and ending with flour, scraping down side of bowl occasionally, and mixing until smooth.

Spoon ¼-cup mounds of batter about 2 inches apart onto 2 large parchment lined baking sheets. Bake in upper and lower thirds of oven, switching position of sheets halfway through baking, until tops are puffed and cakes spring back when touched, 11 to 13 minutes. Transfer with a metal spatula to a rack to cool completely.

Make filling:

Beat together butter, confectioners sugar, marshmallow, and vanilla in a bowl with electric mixer at medium speed until smooth, about 3 minutes.

Assemble pies:

Spread a rounded tablespoon filling on flat sides of half of cakes and top with remaining cakes. Makes 8.





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