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# Life Apologies

## Some situations for you to ponder this month . . .

■ You probably remember me from the other day. I was the one who reacted very slowly to the green traffic light. When you honked your horn, I realized I was holding up traffic, so please accept my apology. However, I do want you to know why I seemed in a daze. You see, I was just at the doctor's office getting the results of the biopsy I had two weeks ago, and I was wondering how I would tell my husband and children that I have cancer. My eyes were still stinging from crying, so, quite simply I didn't even see the light change. Perhaps I should not have been driving, but I didn't want to miss my appointment and there was no one else to take me.

■ And you over there, yes you. I was the one in the express lane at the supermarket. I know you are only supposed to take 12 items or less and I had a basket full. Please accept my apology. My mind was on my youngest daughter who ran away from home, and she's just sixteen. I was so distraught then. You see, she somehow got in with the wrong crowd and started using drugs and drinking. I was remembering what a pretty little girl she had been most of her life. I know you were perturbed along with others in line. Please, accept my apology.



■ I remember you from the department store last week. I was so mean to you, when you were doing your job to the best of your ability. I acted so childish. Please accept my apology. You see, I arrived home from work just yesterday and discovered that my wife had left me. But I should never have taken it out on you. Please, accept my apology.

The above are fictitious incidents, and yet they express a very real truth.

*Dear Friends,*

*The old saying about judging others before you have "walked a mile in their shoes," is a much needed reminder. This month perhaps we could all try to be more cognizant of the fact that there are problems and situations in the lives of others of which we are totally unaware. So, maybe before we become frustrated in similar circumstances, and find we are momentarily inconvenienced or suffering through a pointless tirade, we should stop and think for a moment and understand that things may be going on in other's lives which have caused them to be slower, absentminded or angry. Patience, as they say, is a virtue!*

*Until Next Month,  
Warmly, Carolyn*

# EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MERCY: ~ PAPAL REFERENCES TO MERCY ~

**Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, D. Min., J.C.L., National Chaplain**

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In preparation of and for use during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization of the Holy See came out with a series of booklets as pastoral guides for this celebratory year. *Our Sunday Visitor* has published this series here in the United States and I found them to be most helpful for me as a spiritual resource on my pilgrimage of mercy. One in the series is entitled, “*Mercy in the Teachings of the Popes*” and I thought that I would use this month’s space to share with you some of the thoughts of recent popes that you and I remember during our life times and that of our present Holy Father of their thoughts of mercy during their speeches and teachings.

As he convoked the Second Vatican Council, Saint Pope John XXIII reminded the Fathers of the Council that “...it is evident, as always, that the truth of the Lord will remain forever. We see, in fact, as one age succeeds another, that the opinions of men follow one another and exclude each other. And often errors vanish as quickly as they arise, like fog before the sun. The Church has always opposed these errors. Frequently she has condemned them with the greatest severity. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity. She considers that she meets the needs of the present day by demonstrating the validity of her teachings rather than by condemnations.... That being so, the Catholic Church, raising the torch of religious truth by means of this Ecumenical Council, desires to show herself to be the loving mother of all, benign, patient, full of mercy and goodness toward the brethren who are separated from her” [11 October 1962].

In his homily while celebrating the Stations of the Cross at the Coliseum in Rome on Good Friday, Blessed Pope Paul VI stated, “Participating in the cross

of Christ is to receive all the benefits the Cross has obtained for us, namely, God’s mercy and, therefore, our salvation. This is the way in which the goodness of the Lord is revealed to us; he has chosen it in order to redeem us. He has opened his heart to us, and the love of God has been manifested to us, along with his desire to take our place vis-à-vis any responsibility for our failings and the punishments we should have had to endure for these failings. It is, therefore, the gift of mercy that we accept when we say that we want to take the cross of Christ into our arms” [6 April 1966].

Saint John Paul II, who in 1983 inaugurated an Extraordinary Jubilee Year in commemoration of the nineteen hundred and fiftieth year anniversary of Christ’s death on the cross, noted in his *Bull of Indiction of the Great Jubilee Year 2000 (Incarnationis mysterium)* that “One sign of the mercy of God, which is especially necessary today, is the sign of charity, which opens our eyes to the needs of those who are poor and excluded. Such is the situation affecting vast sectors of society and casting its shadow of death upon whole peoples.... It is clear, therefore, that there can be no real progress without effective cooperation between the peoples of every language, race, nationality, and religion. The abuses of power that result in some dominating others must stop: such abuses are sinful and unjust. Whoever is concerned to accumulate treasure only on earth (see *Matthew 6:19*) ‘is not rich in the sight of God’ (*Luke 12:21*)” [Paragraph 12, 29 November 1998].

“Indeed, mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message” declared Pope Benedict XVI on the Second Sunday of Easter in 2008. He went on to say that mercy; “is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and

show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man, and therefore for us. When the Church has to recall an unrecognized truth or a betrayed good, she always does so impelled by merciful love, so that men and women may have life and have it abundantly (see *John 10:10*). From divine mercy, which brings peace to hearts, genuine peace flows into the world, peace between different peoples, cultures, and religions” [Divine Mercy Sunday, 30 March 2008].

Finally, Pope Francis gave Catholics a guide of what a merciful heart is composed of in his *Message for Lent 2015* as he wrote: “A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart that lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters, and, ultimately, a poor heart, one that realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others. During this Lent, then brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: ‘Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum’: Make our hearts like yours (*Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference” [Paragraph 3, 4 October 2014].

These are just a few paragraphs of what *mercy* was and is for the chief shepherds of our Church. They are their reflections and knowledge of the teachings of the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, whose guidance of the Church today is ultimately the Holy Spirit. May the words of our Holy Fathers continue be an inspiration for us, called to be a people of mercy and forgiveness in this Extraordinary Year of Mercy and always!



# Message from our National President

## CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



Dear fellow fraternalists,

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. As I write this column, I recall with joy and satisfaction our 41st Quadrennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky last October. For those of us who had the privilege of being there, we remember the recitation of the rosary both in English and in Slovak. Let us again celebrate together the

month dedicated in this special way to the Blessed Mother and enjoy the vocal and mental prayer in this devotion. As we walk with Our Lady, we meditate on the great mysteries of our faith together.

We also celebrate the recent canonization of St. Theresa of Calcutta, who can now intervene for all the poor of this earth, whether they are poor in worldly means or those of us who are poor through loneliness or isolation.

All members of our association are fortunate indeed that our products allow us to build our financial secu-

rity and provide a vehicle where we can join an active branch to share with each other and those in our local communities.

We have the opportunity before us to also share our mission, common faith and traditions with two societies which we hope to bring into our association through mergers. Please take a few moments to ponder how these steps embrace the message of inclusion and sharing that is the essence of our faith and mission.

Our 125th Anniversary Steering Committee continues to plan ways we can celebrate next year. It is not too early to save the date of the weekend of Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, 2017 as a major celebration weekend for us. Look for more information in the coming months.

Fraternally,

**Cynthia M. Maleski**

## Sister Mary Theresa Gebura SND, Celebrates 60th Jubilee



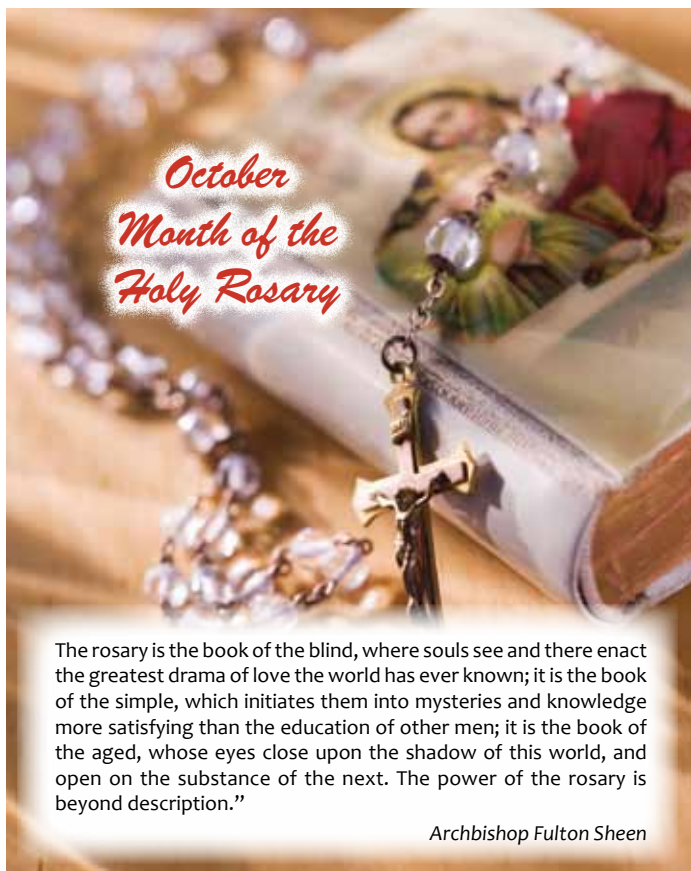
Sister Theresa Gebura SND, a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame, recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of professing her final vows to the community in service to God and the Church.

On June 26, 2016 Sister Theresa Gebura renewed her religious vows at a special Mass for all Notre Dame Sisters celebrating anniversaries at the Notre Dame Motherhouse in Chardon, OH, Rev. Jerome Lajack (President of SR 408) concelebrated at the Mass. A reception followed in the Auditorium for families and friends.

For six decades, Sister Theresa was dedicated to food service ministry in many schools, including Notre Dame College; Gesu, University Hts.; St. Gregory, South Euclid; and Julie Billiart School, Lyndhurst; all in Ohio. She assisted with food planning at the Health Care Center and Provincial Center dining room and served in the craft ministry. Most recently she was a therapy dog handler and devotes herself to prayer, presence, praise and works at the Annual BBQ in the country kitchen.

Sister Theresa is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Gebura (both deceased) sister of Joseph, Helen Gebura (Secretary/ Treasurer SR 408 Lakewood, OH), Frank (deceased), Ann Tacchite (deceased), Mary Budosh (deceased), and Marge Schwartz (deceased).

Sister Theresa Gebura is a lifetime member of S408.



The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

## New Jr. Branch 540 Opens in David City, Nebraska

On August 10th the FCSLA opened a Junior branch (J540) to partner with the Senior branch that has been open for a few years. Congrats to agent Mike Moravec and Branch Secretary George Cunningham.

The evening started with Mass at the beautiful St. Mary's Church. Fr. Corey Harrison was the celebrant. After Mass the attendants were treated to pizza and bowling. We had a very nice turn out including St.



Mary's Pastor Rev. Bernard Kimminau, Rev. Corey Harrison, Mike Moravec, wife Laura and family, George Cunningham, wife Marie and grandchildren. Everyone had fun bowling ... and don't let Rev. Kimminau fool you, he is a pretty good bowler!

A special thank you to Carol Struebing for helping me with making the arrangements. Congratulations and welcome to the FCSLA Family Branch J540!



## FCSLA Accepting Applications For National Secretary Position

As mandated by the changes to the bylaws (approved at October 2014 Special Convention), The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of National Secretary.

The **NATIONAL SECRETARY** directs the operating activities of the Association on a full time basis and reports to the National President. The minimum qualifications for such position include a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university, and ten years experience, demonstrating communication, organization and managerial skills. Insurance and/or fraternal benefit society experience a plus.

Parties interested in this full-time position at the Association's headquarters, meeting the above qualifications, should submit a detailed resumé and cover letter to National President Cynthia Maleski, Esq., FCSLA National Headquarters, 24950 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH 44122 no later than November 15, 2016.





## Helen Kocan District Attends Baseball Game

The Helen Kocan District gathered on Sunday, August 28, 2016 to attend a Gary SouthShore RailCats baseball game against the Kansas City T-Bones. Junior branches 58, 184, 317, and 348, along with senior branches 81, 289, 409, and 452, enjoyed a day of fraternal fun watching the game and celebrating their heritage. Everyone who

attended was treated to a Slugger Meal and giveaways from the home office and their branches. To show our district fraternalism, those who had the yellow Helen Kocan District t-shirt were asked to wear them. One section of the ballpark was reserved for our district, and the yellow t-shirts were highly visible. As special guests, FCSLA members

were able to lead the 7<sup>th</sup> inning song of Take Me Out to the Ballgame. This is the third year that our district has used the RailCats Stadium as our junior's summer event. We hope to continue getting together as a district annually. It is nice to see our fraternal friends before everyone has to go back to school, and it gets too busy to get together.



### Luke Delvecchio is a Sr. Branch 484 Scholarship Winner

Congratulating this year's scholarship winner, Luke Delvecchio, are Anne Marie Bachman, branch treasurer; Delores Krempasky, financial secretary and Dolores Neupauer, branch president. All are members of FCSLA Senior Branch #484. Luke will be a junior at Penn State University main campus this year.



### Donations Wanted for National Museum of American History

The FCSLA has been contacted by the American Fraternal Alliance to contribute meaningful artifacts for possible display during various exhibit times at the National Museum of American History (the Smithsonian) about our society's history. If you would like to have any of your historical items (either branch or personal) considered for a donation, please contact Kelly Shedlock at 1-800-464-4642 ext. 1051 as soon as possible. Examples of items might include an original edition FCSLA cookbook, old photographs, old badges or pins, items from our national and local giving projects, patriotic celebrations, etc.

## *Demechkos' Celebrate 60th Anniversary with Family and Friends*



**Bernie and Ed Demechko celebrating 60 years of marriage.**

Bernie (Slanina) and Edward Demechko, Youngstown, OH, celebrated their 60th anniversary at Seagrove Beach, FL, on the Gulf Shore in July. They were married on May 12, 1956, at St. Matthias Church in Youngstown, OH. They scheduled their anniversary celebration for summer when

more of their descendants could attend. Twenty-six of their twenty-eight family members were at the weeklong reunion.

A dinner at Angelina's Restaurant was held for the couple and hosted by the children: Paula (Larry) Langston, Oklahoma City, OK; Laura (Ron Kaplan), Austin, TX; Eddie Demechko, Medina, OH; Mark (Rudi) Demechko, Copley, OH; and Mary (Grant) Shelley, Youngstown, OH; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

After dinner the group returned to the beach house where the living room had been transformed into a pirates' ship with all family members dressed in eye patches; skull and crossbones hats, and kerchiefs.

Bernie and Ed were held hostage until they completed "The Newly Wed Game" to make sure they were still compatible. Son, Mark, dressed in outlandish clothes, wig, and mustache, was the emcee and asked Bernie and Ed five questions each about the other person. Since they answered 60% correctly, they were given many gifts includ-



**Bernie and Ed playing "The Newly Wed Game" with son, Mark, dressed as a "Far out emcee."**



**The Demechko family pose for a group photo.**

ing a framed congratulatory letter signed by President and Michelle Obama.

All members of the family belong to either Branch J192 or S161. Bernie serves as Financial Secretary of those Branches and is also President of the Youngstown District.

### **Branch W006 Holds Annual Picnic Supper**

On July 16, 2016 FCSLA Branch W006 at Heun, Nebraska (rural Clarkson) held their annual picnic supper. Following Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the branch members enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato salad and several flavors of ice cream provided by the branch. The Branch W006 officers and their wives hosted the event. After a

delicious meal, Jessilyn Sayers and Jacob Grate were acknowledged for winning national scholarships. Several local branch scholarships were announced. Two of the lucky recipients, Jessilyn Sayers and Christian Sobota were present to receive their Branch scholarships. Several door prizes were awarded, courtesy of Branch W006. The remaining time was spent visiting with branch members who had traveled a distance to attend the event, reminiscing and catching up on times past. Free refreshments were available throughout the evening. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.



**Jessilyn Sayers winner of a Branch W006 Scholarship and a National FCSLA Scholarship along with Christian Sobota winner of a Branch W006 scholarship.**



**Scholarship winners Jessilyn Sayers and Christian Sobota with W006 Officers Rolland Svec, Larry Kuzel and Gene Sobota.**



## Branch W130 Potluck Picnic Held in July

Fifty-one members and guests enjoyed the annual FCSLA Lodge W130 potluck picnic on Sunday, July 17 at the Legion Hall, Clutier, IA. The lodge provided the chicken and drinks.

Special guests were Nicole Lowe, winner of the W130 \$500 scholarship. Nicole is the daughter of Tom and Teresa Lowe of Dysart, and plans to attend UNI, Cedar Falls, IA in the fall.



**Nicole Lowe receiving her \$500 Scholarship**



**Miss Czech-Slovak of Iowa, Linda Babinat with W130 Branch officers, L-R: Richard Linhart, Michael Kubik, David Svoboda, Paul Svoboda, Bev and Warren Colvin, and Shirley Kubik.**



**President Paul Svoboda's family: Kason, Katie, Jarrett, and Jason showing off their winnings.**

Also present was Linda Babinat, daughter of Leo and Lisa Babinat of Clutier. Linda was crowned Miss Czech-Slovak of Iowa 2016-17, and spoke to the group about what her title entails. Linda will be a sophomore at Loras College in Dubuque, IA this fall.

Many cantaloupes, watermelons, gift cards, and door prizes were won playing bingo. A fun afternoon was had by all.



**Vice President Bev Colvin's grandchildren: AJ, Jack, Jamie, and Riley with Linda Babinat, Miss Czech-Slovak of Iowa 2016.**

## Michaela Steager is National Scholarship Winner

FCSLA Branch W055 of Sacred Heart Parish, Cedar Hill in rural Morse Bluff, NE, honored member Michaela Steager, national scholarship winner, at a brunch after Mass on August 14. Michaela will be a junior at Doane College at Crete, NE. Michaela was presented her award by Father Jeremy Hazuka also a member of FCSLA. Michaela has been Miss Nebraska Czech Slovak Queen this past year and was just crowned Miss USA Czech Slovak Queen on August 7.



## ANNA HURBAN CHICAGO DISTRICT

*Branches Invites You to the  
5th Annual Junior Christmas Party*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Frankfort, Illinois

With Special Guest Saint Nicholas

\$15 per person

*Raffles • Hoolligan • Crafts • Photo Booth*

**All members are invited.**

To purchase tickets  
contact Lorraine Gibas  
at 630-728-7518  
or a Chicago Branch Officer.  
Deadline for tickets is  
October 22, 2016.





## Emily Starn Earns Doctorate in Nursing Practice

Emily Starn, a member of McKeesport Branch 77, a recipient of a FCSLA Scholarship, earned her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Robert Morris University this past May where she was a commencement speaker. Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Carlow University in 2009. Emily has been employed by UPMC as a registered nurse since she interned with them while in her junior year at Carlow. While attending Robert Morris University, Emily worked as a graduate assistant in the nursing department. She was accepted into the Patient Safety



Emily Starn with her parents, William and Sue Starn.

and Jonas Salk Fellowship with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. Emily received the Alvin J. Rogal Grant for her graduate research project and intends to publish her work.

She traveled to Nicaragua this past fall on a medical mission trip where she provided medical care to the underprivileged and supervised undergraduate nurses. Emily was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, an honor society



Emily is pictured here with her Baba, Marion Greeland, a McKeesport Branch 77 Officer.

for nurses where she is the vice president of the chapter. Since receiving her doctorate, Emily has returned to school to earn a certification as a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner while studying for her national certification later this summer. Emily is grateful to Branch 77 for the scholarship which helped her to reach her academic goal.

## Annual Pre-Holiday Party

For Members of Branch 81

November 13, 2016

DYNASTY BANQUETS

4141 Calumet Avenue, Hammond, Indiana

Reservations Required

Call Mary — 659-7270 or 659-5376

All are Invited to Attend!

## Branch 66 Honors Scholarship Winners

Branch 66, Streator, IL recently honored their scholarship winners. The winners are:

**JESSICA ZAVADA**, daughter of Gary and Kim Zavada. She is attending Illinois State University where her program of study is Special Education.

**LYDIA SCHULTZ**, daughter of Jason and Heidi Schultz, a 7th grade student attending St. Michael School in Streator. She plays volleyball, is a member of the drama club and she plays the flute in the band.

**BETHANY JOST**, daughter of Lisa and Rob Jost, a 3rd grade student at St. Michael School in Wheaton, IL. Her hobbies include swimming, soccer and she participates with the Girl Scouts.

**SETH LOCASCIO**, son of Dirk and Debbie Locascio is a first grade student at St. Walter School in Roselle, IL. He enjoys legos and swimming, His favorite subject is math. He hopes to one day become a meteorologist and storm chaser.



Standing, L-R: Mary Ellen Lair, S66 Secretary; Jane Soltis, S66 President & Treasurer; Amy Straw, J470 Treasurer; Anna Mae Negray, J470 Secretary; Seated, L-R: Jessica Zavada and her mother Kim Zavada.



Standing, L-R: Mary Ellen Lair, S66 Secretary; Jane Soltis, S66 President & Treasurer; Amy Straw, J470 Treasurer; Anna Mae Negray, J470 Secretary; Seated, L-R: Judy Schultz, grandmother of Lydia; Lydia Schultz; Bethany Jost; Lisa Jost, mother of Bethany.

## James Wright Baptism

A plethora of St. Louis Sr. Branch S101 and J011 members encircle its newest FCSLA member, **JAMES MIKLOVIC WRIGHT** at his Baptism. James is cradled by his mother, Ann Wright, the Branch Vice President. Also pictured, holding Jr. Branch member Lincoln, is the Branch Treasurer, Margaret Lyons.



## Four Generations of FCSLA Members in McKeesport

Pictured are four generations of FCSLA members, members of McKeesport Sr. Branch 77 and Jr. Branch 32 from left to right: Great Grandma Florence Keyes, twins Evie and Alex Nevi, Mom Natalie Nevi, and Grammy Judy Hornfeck.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR BRANCH W093, TABOR, SD

**October 23** – Annual Halloween Party – 5:00 p.m. Potluck – Prizes for Best Costume-all ages, meeting and games too, in Beseda Hall.

**November 13** – District 13 South Dakota State Meeting – Host W060, Tyndall at Noon. Request that ALL South Dakota members attend. RSVP for meal count to District Officer.

Monthly meetings and locations are subject to change. Direct any questions about the calendar of events to Joyce Sestak at 605-463-2268.

## New 5th Generation Members

Twins Hailey and Madison, born January 20, 2016 are held by their parents. Nathan Crawley holds Madison and Trish Crawley holds Hailey. The twins are 5th generation FCSLA members in the Kendi-Crawley Family. Their proud Dad, Uncles/Godfathers Tyler and Richard are 4th generation members. Thrilled Bubba and Zedo, Patricia and Richard Crawley are 3rd generation FCSLA members.



## Daniel J. Macey Receives FCSLA Scholarship

Daniel J. Macey (SZJ0) son of Carl A. and Terri L. Macey, West Lake, OH recently received a scholarship from FCSLA. Daniel is beginning his studies in Business Administration/Hotel Management at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. Consistent with its Catholic identity and Mercy heritage, Mercyhurst University educates women and men in a culture where faith and reason flourish together, where the beauty and power of the liberal arts combine with an appreciation for the dignity of work and a commitment to serving others.



## ANNA HURBAN CHICAGO DISTRICT Invites You To Their Annual Senior Christmas Party



**December 3, 2016** / Tickets \$20 per person

For information contact a Chicago Branch Officer  
or Lorraine Gibas at 630-728-7518.

Deadline for tickets is November 19, 2016.



## Branch W033 Donates to Memorial Renovation Project

Branch W033 of Spillville, IA was honored to donate \$250 to the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Bandstand Renovation Project in Spillville, IA. The Memorial is 97 years old and will hold a dedication on its 100th Anniversary, July 4, 2019. The project is headed up by The American Legion Clarence Bily



FCSLA Branch W033 Secretary Rebecca Kuhn presents a \$250 check to Commander of American Legion Clarence Bily Post 467 Larry Spalla.

Post 467 Commander Larry Spalla and Supervisor Auxiliary Secretary Renee Wagner. They removed concrete, sod and existing plants, re-wired the lamp posts, added flood lights and a newly vented ceiling. Stamped decorative concrete was put in the entire area surrounding the bandstand and large potted plants were added. The floor of the bandstand was sealed and epoxied with military emblems added. Hand railing will be added to the steps and the curbs around the outside will be painted. The bandstand holds the names of all the veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Iraq wars on brass plaques around the outside walls of the bandstand. The new cemented walkway will provide a safer surface for walking or wheelchairs. The branch is proud to be a part of this wonderful project working with the community to honor our veterans. Band concerts are still held in the bandstand and the community gladly welcomes visitors who come to see the beautiful churches, the Bily Clocks, and Veteran Memorials.



The 97-year-old Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Bandstand is shown completed as of July 4, 2016. There is some additional work to be completed such as railings to be placed on the steps and painting curbs on the outside rim.



The area of The Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Bandstand, Spillville, IA dedicated to Clarence C. Haug, Major General, who served 34 years and retired in Spillville, IA.

## Hamrock/Sammartino Wedding

The wedding of Jenna Hamrock of Poland, OH and Lawrence Sarmartino of Boardman took place July 18, 2015, at Holy Family Church. Monsignor Peter M. Polando officiated the ceremony for the daughter of Bonnie and Jim Hamrock of Poland, OH and son of Laura Sarmartino of Boardman.

The reception took place at The Lake Club. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They reside in Poland, OH.

Jenna is a fourth generation FCSLA member of Branch S169, Youngstown, OH and she is a past scholarship winner. Jenna holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from YSU and a master's degree in nurse anesthesia from the University of Akron. She is a certified Ohio registered nurse anesthetist at the Surgical Hospital at Southwards in Boardman, OH.

Lawrence is a graduate of John Carroll University with a bachelor's degree in education. He is an English and history teacher and varsity assistant football coach with the Lowellville Local Schools in Lowellville, OH.



The Vietnam Plaque, one of seven such plaques at the Soldiers & Sailors Bandstand, Spillville, IA listing the names of the Spillville veterans that served in this war. Other similar plaques list the names of veterans from other wars.

# MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

## Sr. Branch 88

### Osterhaut Library Benefit

Recently Sr. Branch 88 of Monessen, PA sponsored a Matching Funds Project for Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Monessen. The officers and members sold \$2,266 in 1/2 take tickets at the parish festival.



## Sr. Branch 177

### Center for Victims Benefit

Sr. Branch 177 sponsored a team to walk for the benefit of Center For Victims in the Annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The walk was held at Stage AE on the North Shore in Pittsburgh, PA. Members from S177, J115 and friends formed a team to collect pledges and collected a total of \$550. Members walked through the pouring rain, but it did not dampen their spirits. The funds were donated to the Center For Victims to continue to provide individuals, families, and communities of Allegheny County a comprehensive response to help heal from the trauma and harm caused by all forms of violence



Junior and Senior branch members and friends in the rain at the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community to benefit Center for Victims.

and crime, including domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, physical assaults, child and elder abuse, homicide, robbery, and burglary. After the walk a luncheon was held at the Sonoma Grill in Pittsburgh. Everyone enjoyed the matching fund activity. Sr. Branch 177 and the Center For Victims thanks FCSLA for the Matching Funds program that made this donation possible.



The luncheon at Sonoma Grill.



## Sr. Branch 111

### Festival of Nations Slovak Food Booth

Members of Sr. Branch 111, Charleroi, PA with the help of church members from Mary, Mother of the Church held a successful matching funds activity. They made "home-made Slovak food" which they sold at their Slovak Booth at the church sponsored "Festival of Nations." They raised \$3,289 and brought together members and volunteers for a wonderful cause!



L-R: Donna Mocilan, Joanne Mocilan, Elaine Weiss, Father Jerry Mikonis, Agnes Braunegg and Barbara Lombardi.



## Sr. Branch 313

### 24th Annual Spartan Scramble

Saint Joseph High School has served students and families within Sr. Branch 313's (Natrona Heights, PA) community for 100 years. On Monday, June 13, 2016, members sponsored SJHS's 24th Annual Spartan Scramble: Golf, Dinner, and Auction.

This annual fundraiser brings together students, parents, alumni, and friends in support of Saint Joseph High School, allowing SJHS to maintain academic excellence, while keeping tuition as affordable as possible. The day of fun and fellowship began



FCSLA members Beverly and Tom Kaniecki.

with 18 holes of golf and ended with a dinner and auction. FCSLA members helped to ensure the success of this event through their involvement with planning and promotion. On the day of the event, members assisted with various activities, especially the Chinese Auction. The event raised approximately \$32,000 in total, with the Chinese Auction bringing in \$2,231.



## Sr. Branch 630

### Golf Tournament

Members of Sr. Branch 630, Buffalo, NY hosted a golf tournament to raise funds for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo. Pictured in the photo holding the FCSLA sign are President Lynn Zakowicz and member Mary Jane Schichtel. (Other Branch 630 members in the photo include Ryan Sobczak, Recording Secretary Tom Franczyk, Mike Sobczak, Jim Kaminski, Frank Fialkiewicz II and Frank Fialkiewicz III.)



## Celebrated St. Ann's Day

Members of S114 and J198 celebrated St. Ann's Day in Lorain, OH and welcomed the scholarship winners and their families at this month's business meeting held on July 17, 2016 at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH.

During the meeting, President Bernie Danevich recognized Senior Branch National FCSLA Scholarship winners: Chelsea Brandt, college freshman, \$1,250; and Kaitlyn Knick, graduate school, \$1,750. In addition, they and other applicants who applied for scholarships Emily Bibeck, Ariel Jones, Megan Knick were awarded a branch scholarship toward college expenses. Following, Betty Boone, J198 Secretary/Treasurer honored FCSLA elementary and high school scholarship winners Leah Shutic, 3rd grade, \$750 and Abigail Desko, \$1,000, who along with Ryan Szczepanik received a monetary scholarship from the Junior Branch. All were congratulated and told how proud the branch is of their achievements. A light luncheon was served to all with cake for dessert. The meeting ended with a raffle and gifts from S114 and from FCSLA followed by a prayer and adjournment.



L-R: Abigail Desko, High School Junior Award; Betty Boone, Branch Secretary/Treasurer; Leah Shutic, 3rd Grade Award.



L-R: Megan Knick, Kaitlyn Knick, FCSLA Graduate School Award; Branch President, Bernie Danevich; Emily Bobek.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP  
A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?



## Branches S101 and J011 Holds Flag Retirement Ceremony

*"There is a debt of service due from every man to his country, proportional to the bounties which nature and fortune have measured to him."*

Thomas Jefferson wrote these words 20 years after he wrote the Declaration of Independence, whose 240th anniversary we celebrated on this past Fourth of July. When the United State Flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire, but rather "retire" them as a symbol of America's honor, courage, and strength. St. Louis, MO Branches S101 and J011 collected 37 worn, tattered and otherwise unserviceable flags and re-



spectfully "retired" then during a Flag Retirement ceremony on July 4th after the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Thomas Jefferson also wrote, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." On the 4th of July, we gave thanks to live in a country where citizens from every generation willingly and courageously raised their hands to stand the watch supporting "Old Glory." We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic Ocean not to find soil for their ploughs, but to secure liberty for their souls. Freedom is not this country's gift to the world; freedom is the Almighty's gift to every man and woman in this world.



Senior Branch members Joshua and Jacob Miklovic (USMC Veterans) and Junior Branch members Cub Scout Sam and Audrey Miklovic participated in the St. Mary Magdalen Flag Retirement Ceremony.



## Sr. Branch 114 Annual Bingo Social

St. Ann Senior Branch 114 invites all of its members to the annual Bingo Social. It is to be held on Sunday, October 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway in Lorain, OH. Please make your reservations no later than October 11th by phoning Bernie Danevich at 440-960-2605 or Marge Thomas at 440-288-1492.

## Performs at Slovak Day in Kennywood Park

The Rocco children recently performed with the Pittsburgh Area Slovaks at Slovak Day in Kennywood Park. Their grandmother and great-aunt attended the event. The family are three generations of FCSLA policy holders.



From left: Dr. Sylvia (Bartos) Mulvihill (Sr. Branch 433), Silvana Rocco, Antonin Rocco, Joanne Bartos (Sr. Branch 317), Chiara Rocco, Dominic Rocco, and Gianni Rocco. The Rocco children are all members of Jr. Branch 126.



## Installation of New Leadership Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville, Pennsylvania

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius installed new leadership at a Liturgy on Sunday, August 14 in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA. New leaders are: Sister Michael Ann Orlik, General Superior; Sister Barbara



**Newly installed Community Leaders are blessed during the Liturgy.**

Sable, Sister Deborah Marie Borneman, Sister Linda Marie Bolinski and Sister Madonna Figura; Councilors.

The Principal Celebrant and Homilist was Rev. James Serowik from Endicott, NY; Concelebrating the Liturgy was Rev. John Kemper, P.S.S., Provincial Superior of the Sulpician Fathers. Visiting Clergy included Very Reverend

Timothy Cremeens from Wilkes-Barre. The Installation Liturgy was followed by a reception and dinner.



**(L-R) Sister Barbara Sable, Sister Michael Ann Orlik, Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, Sister Deborah Marie Borneman, Sister Madonna Figura.**



**Liturgy concelebrants (L-R) Rev. James Serowik and Rev. John Kemper.**

## FCSLA Executive Committee Transition Meeting

**January 27, 2016**

### CALL TO ORDER/PRAYER

President Cynthia M. Maleski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Home Office, Beachwood, Ohio. President Maleski called upon our National Chaplain, Msgr. Peter M. Polando to open the meeting with prayer.

### OPENING BUSINESS

#### Roll Call

Retiring Secretary Sue Ann M. 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 M. Seich	Secretary
Stephen C. Hudak	Treasurer
John M. Janovec	Trustee
Virginia A. Holmes	Trustee

#### Approval of Agenda

Msgr. Polando moved and Trustee Virginia A. Holmes seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

#### Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2015

Trustee John M. Janovec moved and Treasurer Stephen C. Hudak seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Maleski thanked all members on the Executive Committee for their service and attendance at all quarterly meetings. She thanked Vice President Irene J. Drotleff and Trustee Janovec for their years of service and dedication to our Association.

President Maleski also thanked National Treasurer Hudak and National Secretary Seich for their serving the last four years with her as managing officers.

President Maleski also stated that she looks forward to the next four years with the newly elected officers and the challenges ahead of us.

### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Drotleff moved and Trustee Janovec seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with a prayer led by Msgr. Polando.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

ATTEST:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

*More FCSLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
to Appear in the November issue of Fraternally Yours.*



# IN MEMORIAM

## ELIZABETH DEDINSKY, S452



Elizabeth T. "Liz" Dedinsky (nee Pieters), 96, of Whiting, IN, passed away peacefully July 25, 2015. She was the beloved wife of late Joseph A. Dedinsky who passed away February 12, 1977; she is survived by her loving children David Dedinsky; Joseph (Maria) Dedinsky; Elizabeth (late Roy J.) Ortiz; James (Nancy) Dedinsky; Nancy (Dann) Schlegel and Timothy Dedinsky; fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; sister-in-laws, Betty (late Gene) Vrane and Millie (late Lloyd) Guzek. She was a lifelong resident of the house she was born in. Liz was a devoted member of Immaculate Conception Church, Whiting and was a past president of the St. Ann Sodality. She was a member of the Daughter of Isabella, past president of the FCSLA Helen Kocan District and officer of FCSLA Branches 348 & 452. Proud of her Slovak ancestry, Liz served on the annual Lake County Slovak Day Committee for many years. She was a graduate of Whiting High School Class of 1937 and was a retiree of the former American Trust & Savings Bank, Whiting. Liz was very proud of her entire family, she loved and cherished everyone. Liz loved cooking and baking for her family and anyone who stopped to visit, always having chocolate chip cookies (with that special ingredient) on hand. She enjoyed gardening and watching her kids and grandkids grow. She was one of a kind and we all had the privilege of being loved by her.

## MARY TRCA, W051



Mary Trca began her rest in the arms of Jesus on June 27, 2016. On September 23, 1942, she married Arnold Trca, and they farmed near Britt, IA. Upon Arnold's death on December 13, 1962, Mary continued to live on the farm, moving into town in 1977. Being a fantastic cook and baker, she worked at Trca's A & W, the Britt Country Club, and The Halfway, treating customers to her many creations that would make their taste buds dance! Her dedication to her Catholic faith and the Lord Jesus Christ propelled her to become a servant in His name. This was evident in her every day activities, centered on her love of family, who continue to be blessed by the life she shared with them. She is survived by her son Ronald (Valerie), daughter Nancy (Peterson), brother, Clarence Hrubes, sister-in-law Leona Hrubes, and eight grandchildren.

## LEWIS NEDVED, W051

Lewis L. Nedved, 90, of Garner, IA died May 31, 2016. Memorials may be directed to the Lewis L. Nedved Memorial Fund. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII from August of 1945 until his honorable discharge in January of 1947. On August 3, 1948, he married Barbara Liska at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. They lived in Garner until December of 1950 when they moved to a farm north of Duncan where they raised their family. In 1995 the couple retired from farming and moved into Garner. He was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Britt American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Garner VFW. Lewis is survived by his wife, Barb, of Garner; four children, Mary

Ann (Loren "Joe") Michels of Lakeville, MN, Tom (Rachel) Nedved of Eldora, Lew (Andrea) Nedved of Britt and Jolene (Mike) Leerar of Garner; eight grandchildren; three sisters, Adeline Kral of Apple Valley, MN, Blanche Habermaier of St. Paul, MN and Sally (Bill) Bauer of New Prague, MN; a brother, Ed (Kitty) Nedved of Suss.

## GEORGE P. SEFCIK, S09

George P. Sefcik, age 76, entered into rest January 23, 2016 in Bradenton, FL at the Casa Mora where he was known as "Coach" by doctors and patients at the various nursing facilities and suffered from a rapidly progressing case of Alzheimers. George is survived by his wife, Lorie, and children, and his sister, Carol. He was preceded in death by his brother Richard (wife-Mary Ann). He was the son of George L. and Rose Sefcik (both deceased). He graduated from Benedictine High School in 1958 and from Notre Dame University in 1962 where he played football and later coached. His career took him to many states and he coached in the Super Bowl with the Cincinnati Bengals in 1989 and the Atlanta Falcons in 1999. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Benedictine High School, 2900 M.L. King Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104 or the Alzheimer's Association, 70 W. Streetsboro St., Suite 201, Hudson, OH 44236.

## PHILLIP MICHAEL GRECZEK, W077



Phillip Michael Greczek, beloved son of Michael and Carol Greczek, dearest brother of Jillian Greczek, passed away on March 11, 2016 in Austin, TX. He was drum major in the Foster High School band as part of the class of 2010. He then went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin. Phillip proudly wore the graduation ring of his grandfather, Leslie Kosarek; the ring had both their graduation dates inscribed on it. Phillip was employed by Dell Computer and achieved an impressive record of success through his short tenure. He had plans to pursue a law degree as he advanced in his career. Phillip was an avid golfer and sportsman, and a great follower and fan of UT sports. He was also a comedian and performed stand-up as a hobby in college. Phillip was full of life and joy, someone that everyone knew and loved because he could make anyone feel happy and at ease. He was claimed for Christ at Baptism and received First Communion in 1999. Phil had many, many friends who will miss him deeply.

## ROSEMARIE A. RODGERS, S154



Rosemarie A. Rodgers, 51, of Harrisburg, passed away February 28, 2016. She was born August 13, 1964, in Harrisburg; she was the daughter of the late Charles H. Rodgers. She is survived by her mother, Frances M. (Baluha) Rodgers, of Harrisburg; her fiancée, William Kagel, of Harrisburg; two sisters, Karen Mays, husband, Michael, of Greensboro, NC and Dianne M. Rodgers, companion, Samuel Deaner, of Enhaut; nieces, Shannon and Carlyn Mays; and her buddy, Skittles. Rosemarie retired from the Chief Reporters Office for the PA House of Representatives. She was a member of St. Catherine Laboure



Catholic Church, Bressler Friendship Fire Co., St. Lawrence Club, and Italian Club, both of Steelton, Lawnton American Legion Post 998 and the Rutherford VFW Post 1213 Ladies Auxillary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter, 150 Monument Rd., Suite 402, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

### EDNA JOHANNA GERDES, SZJH



Edna J. Gerdes, 89, of Malcolm, NE passed away on March 12, 2016. She was born on a farm near Garland, NE to Rudolph and Anna (Plautz) Pohlman. Edna was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland, NE, graduated from Malcolm High School. Member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Malcolm and a life time member of the St. Paul's Ladies Aid. Edna was a farmer's wife and homemaker. She worked as a sales clerk for JC Penney's, Farmers Mutual in Underwriting and as an Avon Sales rep. She loved to play cards, organ and piano. She was a 4-H leader and Vacation Bible School Aid. Survivors: Daughters: Lavon (John) Wilkinson, Coppell, TX; Evon (Mike) May, Lincoln, NE; Carol (Chuck) Augusta, Lockwood, MO; Linda (Jim) Nelson, Lincoln, NE; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### LORETTA KATHERINE PETERSON, W026



Loretta Katherine Peterson of Wahoo, NE died on April 3, 2016. She was born July 3, 1936 in Wahoo, to John and Beatrice (Rezac) Chapek. She grew up on a farm near Weston and graduated from Wahoo High School in 1953. She married Lyle A. Peterson on February 23, 1957. Loretta was a member of St. Wenceslaus Church and St. Ludmilla Guild. She retired in 2008 after a long career that began at First National Bank. She also worked at John F. Kennedy College, Wahoo Dental Clinic, Denny's Restaurants, and Reliable Services. She was preceded in death by parents; husband Lyle; son Jon; and nephew Randy Woita. She is survived by children Mike Peterson of Wahoo, Ana Capek of Brooklyn, NY, Pat (Ann) Peterson of Fremont, Mary (Peterson) Taylor of Wahoo; three grandsons; siblings Mary Jane (Ray) Urh, Clarice (Marvin) Capoun, Dolores (Raynold) Woita, and John (Addie) Chapek; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorials may go to the American Cancer Society or Vasculitis Foundation.

### CHRYSS JANE BUCHMAN, S074

Chryss Jane Buchman, 59, of Allentown, died suddenly and unexpectedly on April 12, 2016. She was born October 9, 1956 and was the daughter of the late Ernest Anderko, Anna Anderko and stepdaughter to A. Marcella Anderko. Chryss was a graduate of Penn State University and earned her Master's degree from Temple University. She loved nature and was passionate about the conservation movement and chose a career with the Lehigh County Conservation District and for the past 15 years she has served as a conservation specialist for the Northampton County Conservation District. Chryss was an integral part of the Envirothon. She was very creative and enjoyed cake decorating, crafts and

she was a master seamstress. Chryss also enjoyed jazz dancing and traveling with her family, especially to Costa Rica. Chryss will be dearly missed by her sisters, Susan M. Anderko of Bethlehem and Elaine Yocum of Bethlehem Twp., her brother, David Bawden of Connecticut; her nephews, a niece, and her beloved Parrot, Jakey Bird. Memorial contributions may be made to Envirothon c/o Northampton County Conservation District, 14 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064.

### JEAN M. CAPOUCH, W092



Jean Capouch, 83, of Mayville, ND, died April 10, 2016. Jean was born March 9, 1933 to Frank and Ida (Corah) Wippler in Lankin, ND. She graduated from Lankin High School in 1950 and taught in rural schools. She married Wendell Capouch on December 29, 1953. Jean attended Mayville State University, graduating with majors in English and Elementary education. She taught in the Mayville Portland elementary school system for over 30 years, touching many young lives. Jean volunteered countless hours to many community organizations. Jean leaves fond memories with her four children: Sue Reiser, Turtle Lake, ND, Tom (Nancy) Capouch, Portland, ND, Patty (Shawn) Ogburn, Mayville, ND, and Peggy (Nathan) Martin, Ponte Vedra, FL. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband: Wendell "Wendy" in January of 2012; a sister: Florence Lawson and a brother: Melvin Wippler.

### MARY H. GAPPEN (YASH), S156



Mary H. Gappen died on April 9, 2016. "Gabe," as she was sometimes called within the family, was born on February 3, 1928 in Youngstown, OH. She was one of four children of Mary C. and William Yash of Struthers. A graduate of Ursuline High School, Mary quickly transitioned into a secretarial position at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube offices. Shortly after marrying Paul L. Gappen on September 7, 1949, she became a full time mother. After raising two children, Mary decided to return to the work force. She took driving lessons, obtained a driver's license and became the secretary of the Archangel Michael Church in Campbell, OH. After Paul's retirement in 1986, the couple traveled extensively. Husband Paul L. Gappen passed away in January 2011. Surviving are a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Schromofsky of Boardman, OH; a son, Richard (Belinda) Gappen of Waterford, PA; a sister, Katherine Delost of Mentor, OH; a grandson and two great-grandsons; four sisters-in-law, Martha Rusky and Maryann Cramer of Youngstown; Georgiann Karsnak of Youngstown; Carol (Wally) Disler of Avon Park, FL; two brothers-in-law, John Karsnak of Youngstown and George Karsnak of Canfield; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

### IRENE J. SMITHBOWER, S77

Irene J. Smithbower, 81, of North Huntingdon, PA passed away May 2, 2016. She was born March 2, 1935, in McKeesport, a daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Polak Shivy. Irene was

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a secretary at Irvin Works, Pittsburgh, taking time off to raise her family and later working as a secretary through temporary services. She was a member of St. Agnes Parish, where she was active in the Christian Mothers serving as treasurer, volunteering for the annual bazaar and was also active in the Marriage Preparation program. She was involved in the community, serving as judge of elections for Westmoreland County. She loved to dance, especially polkas, and was very proud of her Slovak heritage, being a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for many years. Irene will be forever remembered for her delicious cooking and baking. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Sherman G. Smithbower; son, Daniel Smithbower; daughters, Suzanne (Bruce) Hartner and Celeste Smithbower; three granddaughters; sister-in-law, Joyce Curry and Cynthia Smithbower; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Agnes Parish or to a charity of your choice.

### DON HAJEK, W122



Don Hajek, 81, of Schuyler, NE died April 19, 2016. Donald B. Hajek was born July 31, 1934, in Linwood to Vaclav and Stazie (Vidlak) Hajek. He attended school in the Linwood and Abie area. Don was a proud member of the United States Army and has been a member of the Schuyler Honor Guard for many years. On February 11, 1956, Don and Arlene Holtkamp were married at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus. They lived in Schuyler where Don was the last private Pepsi distributor. He and Arlene owned and operated JAD vending for many years and later built and operated JAD Car Wash. Don was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and Schuyler VFW, served two terms on the Schuyler City Council and was an honorary member of the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department. Don is survived by his wife, Arlene of Schuyler; son, Jerry (Elizabeth) Hajek of Omaha; and one grandson. Memorials may be directed to the Colfax County Senior Center, VFW or Schuyler Cemetery.

### GAIL MANBECK HAVERDILL, S525



Gail Manbeck Haverdill (nee Gilbert), aged 69 years, beloved wife of Thomas and the late Dale Manbeck, loving mother of Brad Manbeck (Leslie) and Leah Martin (Jeff), cherished daughter of Marguerite and the late Robert Gilbert, dearest sister of Brian Gilbert (Connie), dear step-mother to Karen, Kathleen, Tommy (Nancy) and Scott Haverdill and Kristy Monaghan (Chuck), treasured grandmother of nine. Gail was an elder at Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Heights and a member of the church choir. She volunteered at Connor Integrative Health at Ahuja, Healing Hands at the Cleveland Clinic, Color Your Corner, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (Purple Stride), and McGregor Nursing Home. Gail graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and attended Wittenberg University. She was a chief special creative analyst and creator of beauty as an interior designer and art teacher. She enjoyed arts, crafts, volunteering and helping

others. Gail got the most enjoyment in life from being with friends, family and through creating something. She loved holidays and any excuse for a party.

### CYNTHIA PODANY, W080



Cynthia "Cindy" Podany, 61, of Columbus, NE, died April 20, 2016, in Columbus, NE. Cindy was born July 20, 1954, in Schuyler, NE, to Adolph and Alma (Jindra) Podany. She graduated from Leigh High School and went to work at Vishay/Dales in Columbus. She later helped her mother run the Barrell Bar in Leigh before going to work at Blue Bird Nursery, and was currently working at the Columbus Walmart where she had been employed for the last eight years.

Cindy was an avid Nebraska sports fan - football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, etc. She coached girls softball in Clarkson and Leigh, and was a Dallas Cowboys fan. Cindy enjoyed golf, fishing, pool, and traveling to Minnesota to visit friends. Cindy supported her nieces and nephews in all their activities. On July 20, 2015, (her 61 birthday) Cindy had a "hole in one" at the Club 91 Golf Course in Leigh. Cindy is survived by a sister Sue (Lyle) Babel of Humphrey, NE; brother Dave Podany of Humphrey, NE; sister Lori (Bob) Eisenmenger of Humphrey, NE; and sister Tracy Pelan of Leigh, NE; nieces and nephews.

### ROSE "MEMA" M. (BANKOS) KIEHN, S91



Rose M. "MeMa" (Bankos) Kiehn, 92, passed away April 22, 2016 in Winter Gardens, FL. Rose was born in Lincoln Park, NJ, January 17, 1924 to Andrew and Agnes (Migdol) Bankos. She graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Paterson, NJ. On August 10, 1946, she married her husband, Claude A. Kiehn. They spent 36 years together before his passing in 1982.

In 1978 Rose retired after owning and operating Colonial Manor Motor Inn, of Lake George, with her husband, Claude, since 1962. Her enjoyments included needlepoint, crocheting, gardening and soap operas. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Claudia Lee (Vincent) Spitzer of Lake George and Groveland, FL; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins from Lincoln Park, NJ. Donations in Rose's memory can be sent to the Quality Nursing Home in care of C. Spitzer, P.O. Box 528, Lake George, NY 12845.

### JOSEPH J. ESIA, S333

Joseph J. Esia, age 81, a Moon Township, PA resident for the past 58 years, passed away on May 9, 2016. He was born in Imperial on November 12, 1934, to the late Joseph J. and Julia (Morris) Esia. Beloved husband for 60 years to Dorothy (Persin) Esia; loving father of Kimberly Bonfanti of Moon Township, Deborah Esia (Dale Risker) of Bulger, Lori (William) Bradford of Shaler, and Susan (Paul) Faiola of Murrysburg; cherished grandfather of eight; brother of the late Audrey Andraso. Joseph was owner for 12 years of J & J Fabricating in Ambridge and had worked as a mechanic for U.S. Airways. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.



## SAMUEL RICHARD WESELY EARNED THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Samuel Richard Wesely, member of Branch W055 and Troop 110, earned the rank of Eagle Scout at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cedar Hill in rural Morse Bluff, NE. For his Eagle Project, Sam raised monies and erected three permanent stone benches at the Sacred Heart cemetery. Sam earned 49 merit badges as well as the Parvuli Dei, Light of Christ, and Ad Altare Dei.

Sam will be a senior at North Bend Central. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the speech team, school plays, track, band, jazz band, polka band, and a member of the All Class State Bowling Championship Team. Since Sam was young, he's been keeping alive Czech Slovak music with his accordion playing skills. He has been an altar server for 10 years. The highlight of his busy summer was making the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Krakow helped by matching grant monies from FCSLA Branch W055.



Pictured with one of the three benches he erected.



Sam is pictured with his parents Dick and Amber Wesely.



Sam (far right) pictured with fellow polka band students.

## Jankola Library Offering Christmas *Oplatky*

*Oplatky*, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders can be customized to meet your needs. For more information or to place an order, contact Sister Catherine Laboure Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 560 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER RECOGNIZED



James Dubina, President of Branch 424, Homestead, PA presented Nicole Patalsky with her scholarship check at the summer Pittsburgh Okres Meeting where she was recognized by President Barbara Gajdvosik. Nicole's mother Sharon Patalsky and grandmother, Barbara Murphy, officers of Branch 424, were also in attendance at the meeting. Nicole is attending Duquesne University where she is a member of the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra. Nicole plays the cello.

## Four Generations Celebrate at First Birthday

Dorothy Dubina, Secretary of Branch 424, Homestead, PA, is pictured with her son James Dubina, President of Branch 424, grandson Jason and her great-granddaughter Rosalie, who celebrated her first birthday.



## 2015 Chicago District Combined Senior Branch Holiday Party

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, District Anna Hurban of Chicago, hosted its twelfth annual combined Senior Branch Christmas Party at the Orland Chateau in Orland Park, IL on Saturday, December 5, 2015 with a total of 340 senior branch members and guests in attendance.

District members and their guests enjoyed many great conversations while catching up on the years' events before and during the luncheon. Fr. Dan Brandt, the Chicago Police Chaplain, gave the blessing before the meal.

Once again the District feasted on a flavorful family style meal, which included the traditional Slovak roasted pork, smoked Polish sausage with sauerkraut, oven baked chicken with dressing, buttered parsley potatoes, vegetable medley and beef barley soup. Everything was deliciously prepared and scrumptious!

National President, Cynthia Maleski, National Directors Jeanette Palanca and JoAnn Skvarek Banvich along with the Indiana/Joliet District President, Margaret Abildua were also in attendance.

Later in the program, the District sponsored its annual raffle of many, many prizes and gift cards to various entities in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25. With a surprise visit from Santa, the District Junior Members who were in attendance acted as prize runners to help distribute the gifts to the raffle winners who shouted "Kapusta, Koláčiky, Bingo" or another favorite Slovak word upon hearing their winning number.

The wonderful event, started by Marge Krugley has been a favorite now for the entire District and the surrounding Chicago area. District President, Lorraine Gibas stated, "Once again, everyone had a wonderful time renewing old friendships, making new ones and reminding everyone of the wonderful FCSLA products and upcoming District events!

Truly the room was electrified with folks meeting and greeting one another, renewing old friendships and acquaintances and forging new ones."

A special thank you goes out to Barb Schultz, coordinator of the event, the raffle prize shopper and centerpiece coordinator Helen Bendik-Grygus, gift card purchaser Barbara Mugavero, Gary Ledvora - "Santa", gift runner coordinator Jarmila Hlubocky, raffle ticket sales coordinator Marge Krugley, Oplatky sales coordinator Emily Minelli, and photographers Jeanette Palanca and Mary Therese Tylus. And last, but not least, thank you to the entire District Board and Branch Officers and their elves for working so hard in making it such another memorable event for our members and their guests.

This year's party is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016 – same time, same place! *(To see all of the photos from this event, please go to <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/gallery.php>)*



**National and District Officers, L-R: Joann Skvarek Banvich, Joyce Kelly, Fay Hlubocky, Lorraine Gibas, Cynthia Maleski, Jarmilla Hlubocky, Gary Ledvora and Jeanette Palanca.**





## Chicago Junior Branches and District Sponsor Holiday Party for its Junior Members

FCSLA Junior Branches and the Chicago District co-sponsored their fifth annual Junior Member Christmas Party on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 in Oak Lawn, IL.

The Junior members participated in a snowman beanbag toss game, face painting, a coloring contest, bingo and a raffle. Svätý Mikuláš (St. Nicholas), Bishop in 4th Century Myra, Turkey arrived and spoke to the children and adults about his origins. Svätý Mikuláš presented to each of the children three gold chocolate coins which reflect the story of the gold coins that Svätý Mikuláš gave to a poor man so he could marry off his three daughters. The children and their guests feasted on a wonderful meal of chicken, beef, corn, mashed potatoes and pasta salad with vanilla and chocolate cakes for dessert.

Coloring contest winners, Eric Ebenau (J339), Owen Schoberth (J174), Ethan Ebenau (J339) and Peter Jurencko (J96) each won a backpack filled with art supplies. The raffle prizes were donated by the Junior Branches with the coloring contest prizes being donated by the Elitesportscard Store and Donna M. Soukup.

A special thank you to the Jr. Christmas Party Committee Chair: Joyce Kelly (J339/S287) and her Committee members: Jeanette Palanca (J174/S258), Lorraine Gibas (Chicago District President - J322/



S421), Rosemary Mlinarich (J174/S258), Mary Beth Satala-Pac (J427/S274), and Mary Therese Tylus (J382/S485) for all their hard work and preparation in making this event another great success. A huge thank you to the Committee's elves: Emily Minelli (S287), Mary Lou Fish (S287), Grace Ann Spindler (S287), Emma Minelli (S287), Joe Minelli (S287) and Therese Gibas (S421), and any others whom we may have missed in this article for all their help in setting up, manning the various activities tables, and clean-up.

The children, their parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents had a wonderful time and all are looking forward to the 2016 Christmas party and another visit from Svätý Mikuláš (St. Nicholas)! (To see all of the photos from this event, please go to <http://www.fcsla.org/district/chicago/gallery.php>)



Junior Member Coloring Contest winners.



St. Nick and the Junior Members of Chicago District.



Lucky raffle winners.

## Graduates from University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

Jaclyn Hamrock, daughter of Bonnie and Jim Hamrock of Poland, OH, graduated on May 6, 2016 from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy in Lexington, KY and received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Walsh University in North Canton, OH. She is employed at Walgreens Pharmacy in Louisville, KY as a registered pharmacist.

Jaclyn is a fourth generation FCSLA member of Branch S169, Youngstown, OH and a two time recipient of the National FCSLA Scholarship Award and also received the Anna S. Granchay and Katherine Sedlacko Family Trust Scholarship.



# PHOTO CONTEST

## Contest Eligibility:

- Must be a FCSLA member age 16 and older
- If you submit an entry and you are not a member your entry will not be considered
- Member must be the one that took the photo

## Deadline:

- Friday, October 28, 2016
- Please mail entries to: FCSLA, Fraternal & Youth Director  
24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122-5634

## Contest Rules:

- Photo may be in color or black & white
- Limit of THREE entries per member (you can only win once)
- Photo size 4x6, un-mounted (no touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)
- Must be on photo paper
- Photo must be accompanied by the entry form below. (copy of entry form is acceptable)
- If you submit a scenic photo, no people should be in the photo.
- Previous winning photos are not eligible.

**DO NOT WRITE ON THE FRONT or BACK OF PHOTO!!**

## Categories:

- \* Animals
- \* Architecture
- \* Misc. - Nature
- \* FCSLA Activity
- \* Lakes / Mountains / Waterfalls
- \* Skies / Sunsets / Tropical
- \* Flowers /Gardens /Trees



## Prize list for each Category:

- 1st Place - \$50.00 Gift Card
- 2nd Place - \$25.00 Gift Card
- 3rd Place - \$15.00 Gift Card
- Honorable Mention - \$10.00 Gift Card

**Bonus:** Winners photos will be published in a future *Fraternally Yours* Magazine and on the FCSLA Website.

**Good Luck!**

## FCSLA 2016 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(DEADLINE OCTOBER 28, 2016)

PLEASE PRINT!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Branch # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Photo \_\_\_\_\_

Where was your photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF MAY 31, 2016

### ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 23,543,355
Bonds	789,056,498
Preferred Stock	2,005,553
Common Stock	4,483,201
Investment Income Due & Accrued	12,491,264
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	5,492,985
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,816,249
Other Assets	174,914

### TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 840,064,018

### LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 253,214,087
Annuity Reserves	471,513,432
Death Claims Payable	2,234,670
Unearned Premiums	473,861
Matured Endowments	370,547
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	4,421,185
Accrued Convention Donations	157,000
Provision for Future Conventions	91,000
Asset Valuation Reserve	7,043,587
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,166,024
Other Liabilities	1,542,208

### TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 743,627,601

### Surplus

\$ 96,436,417

### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

\$ 840,064,018

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the Five Months Ending May 31, 2016

### REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,379,404
Annuity Premiums	26,607,850
Investment Income	17,125,443
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	73,238
Rental Income	167,233
Other Revenue	3,198

### TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 45,356,365

### EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ (514,909)
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	23,751,401
Insurance Benefits	3,026,592
Annuity Benefits	10,679,502
Commission Expense	718,415
Surrender Benefits	1,965,055
Post Mortem Benefits	542,097
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	32,020
Matured Endowments	(1,780)
Donation Expenses	42,065
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	105,000
Convention Expenses	63,521
Bank Service Charges	36,278
Data Processing Service Fees	148,901
Accounting Fees	58,782
Actuarial Fees	110,477
Legal Fees	129,308
Consulting Fees	51,881
Bonus to Branches	347,600
Fraternal Activities	52,721
Official Publications	180,478
Scholarship Awards	112,390
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	135,219
Fees — Directors	73,394
Salaries — Employees	598,209
Salaries — Officers	190,980
Interest Expense	116,627
Tax Expense	120,841
Depreciation Expense	104,772
Utility Expense	37,326
Postage and Printing	79,942
Advertising	45,261
Travel Expense	51,243
Insurance Department Fees	68,156
Sales Promotion	51,917
Rental Expense	167,233
Other Expense	170,998

### TOTAL EXPENSE

\$ 43,649,914

### Income (Loss) from Operations

\$ 1,706,451

### Dividends to Members

593,508

### Subtotal Income (Loss)

\$ 1,112,943

### Capital Gains (Loss)

0

### NET INCOME (Loss)

\$ 1,112,943





## SNACKS AND SIDE DISHES

### SHRIMP AND RICE SALAD

1½ cups cooked rice, cooled  
½ to 1 pound shrimp, peeled, cooked,  
deveined, coarsely chopped  
½ cup diced celery  
3 green onions, thinly sliced  
1 cup fresh or frozen carrots, cooked  
until just tender  
1 cup fresh or frozen green peas,  
cooked until just tender  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
½ teaspoon celery seed  
¾ cup mayonnaise  
4 tablespoons dill pickle juice  
1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning  
lettuce leaves and tomato slices

Combine shrimp, celery, onions, peas and carrots. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and celery seed. Combine shrimp mixture with rice; add mayonnaise and dill pickle juice and gently mix. Add Old Bay seasoning. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve on lettuce leaves and tomato slices. Serve as a luncheon dish or side dish.

### FRENCH ONION SOUP WITH POTATOES

1½ lbs. Creamer\* potatoes, halved  
1 cup Gruyere or mozzarella cheese,  
grated or sliced

\*Potatoes that are harvested while they're still very young.

1 tablespoon butter  
Salt and pepper  
½ cup red wine  
4 cups beef or vegetable broth  
¼ teaspoon ground thyme or 1 tablespoon  
fresh thyme

#### Caramelized onions

5 large onions (about 1.5 lbs.)  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 teaspoon granulated sugar

Add potatoes to a large pot of salted water. Cook until tender, about 10-15 minutes. Drain. Add in butter, salt, and pepper.

#### Soup

Add a large pot or saucepan to the stove over medium-high heat. Add oil and when hot, stir in onions. Cook for about 7-8 minutes, stirring frequently, until beginning to brown. Add salt, pepper, and sugar. Continue cooking for another 5-8 minutes, or until onions are caramelized to your liking (the longer you cook them, the deeper the flavor.) Stir in garlic and cook for 30 seconds.

Deglaze pan with wine, making sure to scrape the bottom of the pan when stirring to get all the brown bits. Cook for 2 minutes or until wine is cooked away. Pour in broth and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes.

Preheat broiler. Divide soup between 4-6 oven-safe soup bowls. Top with potatoes and cheese. Broil until cheese is melted and golden. Serve with fresh thyme if desired.

### EGGPLANT CHIPS

½ of an eggplant  
½ teaspoon of basil  
½ teaspoon parsley  
½ teaspoon oregano  
½ teaspoon crushed pepper  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon of rosemary  
¼ cup of extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Assemble the dry spices (½ teaspoon each of basil, parsley, oregano, crushed pepper, salt and ¼ teaspoon of rosemary).

In a bowl add ¼ cup of extra virgin olive oil and the dry spices.

Take about ½ of a large eggplant and cut thin slices. Place them in the bowl with the oil and dry spices. (*Approximately 14 slices from ½ of an eggplant.*)

Coat the eggplant chips with the oil and spices. Arrange them on a baking tray.

Place the tray in the oven. When you see the top browning, you can flip the eggplant chips. Bake for about 15-20 minutes until the chips are evenly browned. Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Serve with ketchup or salsa.

### SWEET AND SALTINES

Cooking spray  
35 to 40 saltine crackers  
2 sticks (1 cup) butter  
1 cup light brown sugar  
8 ounces semisweet chocolate chips  
(about 1⅓ cups)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Line 1 large or 2 small jelly-roll pans with aluminum foil, spray with nonstick spray and arrange the saltines salt-side down in a single layer. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter and brown sugar together and boil until it turns a caramel color, a few minutes. Remove from the heat and pour over the crackers, covering them evenly.

Put the jelly-roll pan into the oven and bake for 3 to 5 minutes, or until just bubbly, watching carefully. Remove from the oven and pour the chocolate chips over the crackers. When the chips melt a bit, spread them over the crackers with a knife.

Transfer the pan to the freezer for 15 to 20 minutes, or until completely cold. They will form one big sheet. Break up into pieces. Store in an airtight container.

### PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TART

1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter,  
room temperature  
⅓ cup confectioners' sugar  
1 teaspoon coarse salt  
1¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus more  
for dusting  
⅓ cup smooth sweetened peanut butter,  
such as Jif  
¼ cup raspberry, strawberry, or grape jelly,  
melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pulse butter, sugar, and salt in a food processor until smooth, scraping bowl down once. Add flour and pulse just until mixture forms large clumps. Turn out onto very lightly floured parchment. Knead once or twice, then shape into a flat rectangle.

Lay a sheet of plastic wrap on top of dough and roll out to a 13-by-6-inch rectangle. Transfer to a baking sheet. Fold edges in to create a ½-inch border; crimp so border is raised slightly less than ½ inch (final size of dough should be 12 by 5 inches). Prick all over with a fork. Freeze 20 minutes.

Bake crust 15 minutes. Remove from oven; flatten center with the bottom of a measuring cup. Bake until pale golden, about 12 minutes more.

Remove crust from oven and spread with peanut butter. Drizzle with jelly, then swirl it with a skewer. Bake until jelly just begins to bubble, 6 to 7 minutes. Let cool on a wire rack 15 minutes. Cut into wedges; let cool completely before serving.





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## **The FCSLA Mission Statement**

We provide financial security to our members  
while embracing our Catholic values and Slavic traditions.

## **The FCSLA Vision is to:**

Be a Premier Fraternal Benefit Society  
that offers quality financial products and benefits.