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The Ripple Effect ...

In a world of billions people, it's easy to believe that the only way to make a real difference is to take some extreme action that gets us nightly news coverage. The truth is we all carry within us the capacity to change the world in small ways for better or worse. Everything we do and everything we think affects not only the people close to us but also those around us in a casual way, and their reactions, often influenced by us, in turn affect others. As the effect of a seemingly insignificant word or action passes from person to person, its impact grows and can become a source of great joy and inspiration, or a source of great anxiety, or pain. Your thoughts and actions are like stones dropped into still waters, causing ripples to spread and expand as they move outward. The impact you have on the world is truly more than you could ever imagine, and the simple choices you make do have far-reaching consequences. It is your choice! Will your ripple effect make a positive difference and spread waves of kindness that will wash over the world or will it spread unkindness and hatred?

When your words or actions have a positive effect on the recipient of your kind word or deed, they will likely feel compelled to pass that kindness onto someone else. Someone feeling the effects of your unkind remark or negative energy will be more likely to pass on that negative energy. It really is true, that one simple act of charity, one thoughtful deed, or even one positive thought can pass from individual to individual, snowballing until it becomes a movement or the even the ray of hope that saves someone's life. Every transformation, just like every ripple, has a starting point. You must believe in your ability to toss that first stone of kindness. Once released, it will set off the ripples that will inspire other actions. Those kind gestures will spread positive energy and goodness and keep the ripple effect in constant motion. So before you act or react, consider the effect of your thoughts and actions, and try to act in a positive way with kindness in your heart as often as possible.

A smile directed at a stranger, a compliment given to a friend, an attitude of laughter, or a thoughtful gesture can send ripples that spread among your loved ones and associates, out into your workplace or neighborhood, and finally throughout the world. You have the power to touch the lives of everyone you come into contact with and in turn really, everyone those people come into contact with too. As the momentum of your influence grows and your ripples move outward they will start chains of new ripples in places you may never even knew existed.

Dear Friends,

This month remember that the impact you have on the world is greater than you could ever imagine and the choices you make do affect the whole. Think before you act and always ask yourself what kind of ripples you want to spread?

Until Next Month, Warmly, Carolyn

"When we focus our energy towards constructing a passionate, meaningful life, we are tossing a pebble into the world, creating a beautiful ripple effect of inspiration. When one person follows a dream, tries something new or takes a daring leap, everyone nearby feels that energy, and before too long they are making their own daring leaps and inspiring yet another circle." — unknown

"the ripple effect"

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven

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

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the doctrine of the Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven. Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, there has always been a supreme place for the Mother of God. As we have read in this series on the feasts of Mary this year, she not only has universal respect and love but each of us has a favorite image of her in our minds, in the artwork of her in homes and in the medals and rosaries that we possess, and statues that we see in our churches and museums.

I took the opportunity to review the Apostolic Constitution on the definition of the dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary gloriously assuming body and soul into heaven as given to us by the then Holy Father Pius XII. These may be found in the official commentary of papal pronouncements entitled *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, Volume XLII, (Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1950), pp. 753-773.

"In their homilies and sermons on this feast the holy fathers and great doctors spoke of the assumption of the Mother of God as something already familiar and accepted by the faithful. They gave it greater clarity in their preaching and used more profound arguments in setting out its nature and meaning. Above all, they brought out more clearly the fact that what is commemorated in this feast is not simply the total absence of corruption from the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary but

also her triumph over death and her glorification in heaven, after the pattern set by her only Son, Jesus Christ" (p. 760).

"Thus Saint John Damascene, preeminent as the great preacher of this truth of tradition, speaks with powerful eloquence when he relates the bodily assumption of the loving Mother of God to her other gifts and privileges: 'It was necessary that she who had preserved her virginity inviolate in childbirth should also have her body kept free from all corruption after death. It was necessary that she who had carried the Creator as a child on her breast should dwell in the tabernacles of God. It was necessary that the bride espoused by the Father should make her home in the bridal chambers of heaven. It was necessary that she, who had gazed on her crucified Son and been pierced in the heart by the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in giving him birth, should contemplate him seated with the Father. It was necessary that the Mother of God should share the possessions of her Son, and be venerated by every creature as the Mother and handmaid of God'" (p. 761).

"Saint Germanus of Constantinople considered that it was in keeping not only with her divine motherhood but also with the unique sanctity of her virginal body that it was incorrupt and carried up to heaven: 'In the words of Scripture, you appear in beauty. Your virginal body is entirely holy, entirely chaste, entirely the house of God, so that for this reason also it is henceforth a stranger to decay: a body changed, because a human body, to a preeminent life of incorruptibility, but still a living body, excelling in splendor, a body inviolate and sharing in the perfection of life'" (ibid).

"Above all, it must be noted that from the second century the holy Fathers present the Virgin Mary as the new Eve, most closely associated with the new Adam, though subject to him in the struggle against the enemy from the nether world. This struggle, as the first promise of a redeemer implies, was to end in perfect victory over sin and death, always linked together in the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles. Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her Son was to end the glorification of her virginal body. As the same Apostle says: 'When this mortal body has clothed itself in immortality, then will be fulfilled the word of Scripture: Death is swallowed up in victory'" (p. 768).

"Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges – to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and, like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the ages" (pp. 768-769).

Mary, assumed into heaven, pray for us!

Welcome to our
FCSLA family!

As of July 1, 2017,
we warmly welcome
the members of
Polish Women's Alliance
of America
to our FCSLA family.

Message from our National President

CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



Dear fellow members,

The August issue of our magazine always showcases our young scholarship winners. The scholarship program began in 1954. For a number of years now, our society has earmarked \$250,000 annually towards scholarship awards for grade school, high school, college, graduate and seminarian awards. It is truly a joy to look at

the bright shining faces of promise and hope! We wish all of them fabulous success in fulfilling their dreams as they reach for the stars!

At the board of directors meeting immediately preceding our 2015 Quadrennial Convention, we created the Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund, where amounts donated will augment the \$250,000 the society already sets aside for scholarship funds. During this 125th anniversary year, the President's National Appeal is a drive for the Anna Hurban Scholarship Fund. While donations will be accepted into the future, we focus this year on a wide range of donations from branches, districts and individuals to jump start this new fund so we can add to the number of scholarships and help an even greater number of our student members.

We ask you to consider a tax deductible donation now, so that even more students can be helped.**

Can you imagine a better way than to affirm and support a student when he or she is at a critical crossroads of their life? That student will remember the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for the rest of their lives!

I wish to thank the Philanthropic and Scholarship Committee of the board of directors: namely Virginia Holmes, Chair, Dorothy Urbanowicz, Sue Ann Seich, Larry Golofski and Jeanette Palanca for their ongoing work with me to provide direction and recommenda-

tions to the board regarding our scholarship program. We are also grateful to our fine staff members, Paula Dalpiaz and Jackie Gates, who assist in administering the program.

On another note, the official closing for our merger with Polish Women's Alliance of America, In Rehabilitation took place on July 1, 2017. The closing for Polish Union of the United States of North America took place on June 1. Please join me in welcoming these new members to our fraternal family! Upcoming issues of our magazine will provide more information.

Fraternally yours in this 125th Anniversary year,

Cynthia M. Maleski

National President

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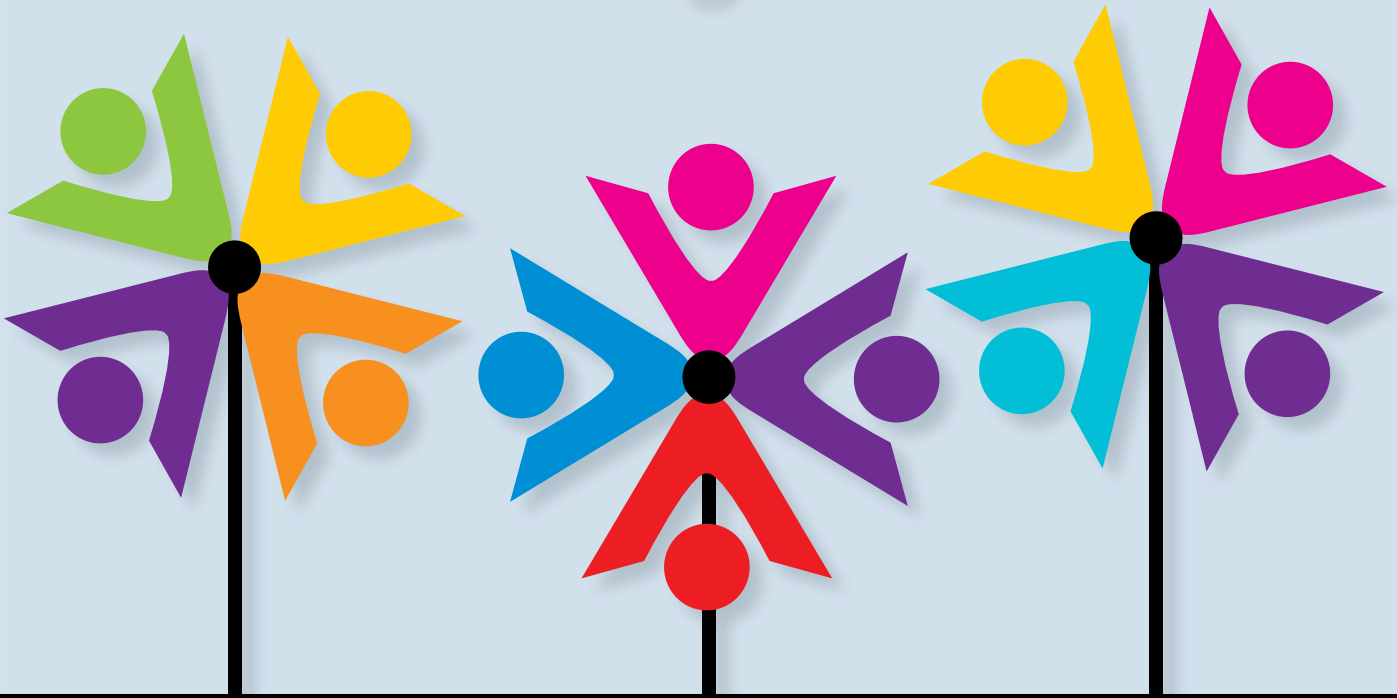
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MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Jr. Branch 362

Night at the Races and Basket Raffle

Jr. Branch 362 Wilkes-Barre, PA held a successful Matching Funds Activity on April 22, 2017 for Wilkes-Barre Academy's Night at the Races and Basket Raffle. The branch raised \$1,000 for the Basket Raffle plus \$600 from the home office for a total of \$1,600. The funds will help the school update technology and with their enrichment programs.



L-R: Theresa Ceklosky, J362 Secretary; Cappie Evers, Wilkes-Barre Academy; Lisa Barth, PTO President, Wilkes-Barre Academy; Cletta Salavantis, Wilkes-Barre Academy; Kristen Mazur, Wilkes-Barre Academy; Mark Ceklosky, S172; Kevin Ceklosky, S172; and Francis Ceklosky, S172.

Sr. Branch 88

Calendar Party Fundraiser

On May 21, 2017 Sr. Branch 88 of Monessen participated in a Matching Funds Activity to benefit St. Aloysius Church in Dunbar, PA. Ladies of the parish hosted their annual Calendar Party fundraiser for the parish. Many unique themes were featured and guests were treated to a delicious luncheon. The Calendar Party raised \$1,192 plus the additional \$600 from the matching funds. Branch 88 members attending the Calendar Party were: Flora Funtal, Secretary; Ruth Todd, Auditor; Dorothy Urbanowicz, President; and Fr. Micah Kozoil, Branch Chaplin and pastor of St. Aloysius Church.



Branch W008

Fish Fry Fun Fest

Branch W008, Dodge, NE held a Fish Fry Fun Fest in February as part of the Matching Funds Program. The branch raised over \$3,000 for the events held. They are grateful for the \$600 Matching Funds from the Home Office and appreciate the Matching Funds Program because it brings people together to do good things for their church and community.



Recognition of 65th Anniversary of Ordination

Msgr. Carlton P. Hermann accepts a gift from First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association presented by National Auditor Dennis L. Povondra. A reception and open house was held at the Sacred Heart Church commons area in Yankton, SD on Sunday, July 2, 2017. The gift was in recognition of the 65th anniversary of Msgr. Hermann's Priestly Ordination. Carlton



P. Hermann is a native of Rockford, IA and was ordained June 6, 1952. Monseigneur also serves as the State Chaplain of the St. Joseph South Dakota District of FCSLA. Msgr. Hermann is a member of Branch W093 in Tabor, SD and served as pastor at the St. Wenceslaus Parish in Tabor from 1978 to 1997. He is still very active in FCSLA activities and con-celebrates at many weddings and funerals in Tabor. He is retired and resides in Yankton, SD and also serves as chaplain at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. He celebrated his 90th birthday earlier this year. Congratulations to Msgr. Carlton P. Hermann on his 65th anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Claire Belcik, Recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award

CLAIRE BELCIK, a lifetime member of J029, Youngstown, OH, and recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award. Claire has been involved in scouting for the past 13 years and feels the program has made her a more respectful and caring person. In addition she had many opportunities to volunteer in her community through scouting. Next year she will attend the University of Cincinnati as a student in their Advance Medical Imaging Technology program.



Claire is a 4th generation member of a 100% FCSLA family. Her parents Mark and Martha Belcik, grandparents Michael and Margaret Belcik and great-grandparents Anna and Peter Deley are all members of Branch S030.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On May 6, 2017, Oak Lawn, IL Jr. Branch 339 member, **CARTER JAMES EDWARD GILLEN** received his First Holy Communion at St. Linus Church in Oak Lawn.

Carter is a fourth generation FCSLA member. Proud Mom is Jori Knizner-Gillen and grandparents are Judy (Tybor) and Jim Knizner. Judy is President of Sr. Branch 287 and former Vice President of Anna Hurban District of Chi-

cago and Mom is Treasurer of the Sr. Branch. Proud sister Addison and godparents were present and all are members of the FCSLA.

Receives First Holy Communion in Ohio

BENJAMIN MICHAEL ODDIS received his First Holy Communion on May 6, 2017 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Boardman, OH.

He is the son of Will and Kris Oddis. Benjamin is a member of J192, Youngstown, OH.



Rotary Club Visit to Murgas Room

The Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre recently gathered at King's on the Square for a tour of the "Rev. Jozef Murgas" room. Approximately 15 members were in attendance. The tour guide was Magdalen Benish, a board member of the Slovak Heritage Society of NEPA and member of S172, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The highlights of the life of Fr. Murgas were noted as well as the explanation of the various items on display; including the butterfly collection and the original painting by Fr. Murgas of "Jesus in the Temple". The group found this museum very interesting and informative.

A luncheon was held following the tour and a lot of discussion was shared among the group.

Information on the Rev. Jozef Murgas Room may be obtained on the web site at shsnepa.org or by calling Magdalen Benish at 570-823-1222.



Some of the rotary members shown are: Seated L-R: Val Genetti and Magdalen Benish. Standing L-R: Gus Genetti, Joseph T. Broghamer, Allen Mullins, Bob Lawrence and Kim Cardone.

Celebrated 50th Anniversary With Family

Anthony and Carol (Kraycovic) Valenta celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 13, 2016. They were married at St. Joseph's Church in Endicott, NY.

Their anniversary was celebrated with their son Joseph and daughter Annette Gutierrez of Santa Maria, CA and son Andrew of Georgia.

The couple have been blessed with three grandchildren. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Monsignor James Colberg. Mrs. Valenta is a 60 year member of FCSLA Branch S435 in Binghamton, NY.



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, September 1, 2017
- 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 ONE entry per member
- Photo size 4x6, un-mounted (no touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)
- Must be on photo paper
- Each 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
- Flowers / Gardens / Trees
- Lakes / Mountains / Waterfalls
- Skies / Sunsets / Tropical
- Misc. - Nature

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:

Winning photos will be published in a future Fraternally Yours Magazine issue and on the FCSLA website and Facebook page.

Good Luck!

FCSLA 2017 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT — DEADLINE: September 1, 2017

Name _____ Age _____ Branch # _____

Complete Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Category _____ Title of Photo _____

Where was your photo taken? _____ When was your photo taken? _____

Brief Description _____

Youngstown's 12th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest

The 12th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44502.

The day starts off with a Slovak/English Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Church (915 Cornell Ave. across the lot from the festival) and continues after Mass in the parking lot and school hall until 8:00 p.m. Outside there will be Slo-

vak food of all sorts available. There will be halušky (with real dumplings), holubky (stuffed cabbage), pirohy, klobasa and kraut, roast pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken and even hot dogs, fries and ice cream and of course Slovak beer, all served outside all day. Inside from noon until 3 p.m., we will be serving a "Taste of Slovakia" with breaded pork cutlet, klobasa, sauerkraut, holubky and halušky.

There will be a great selection of Slovak baked goods including kolače and kiffles, palacinky (crepes) along with Slovak crystal and other Slovak items for sale. There is also a great Slovak Heritage corner showing many beautiful items on display such as authentic Slovak kroj (folk costumes), maps, corn husk dolls, photos, books, embroidery and informational items. There is also a basket auction and a cash card raffle with prizes from \$100 to \$1,000.

Musical entertainment by Jack Vasko and Company, at noon, and the Del Sinchak Band, at 4 p.m. will be provided all day long. The music starts

after Mass outside and continues until about 8:30 p.m. and includes room to dance! There will also be a wonderful performance by Alexander's Harmonica Artistry (you have to see this!) inside after the dinners are finished at 3 p.m.

If you are **only** attending the polka bands, not the festival, there is a \$5.00 admission fee.

If you need more information please call Loretta at 330.549.3760 or email loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com!



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IN MEMORIAM

MARY ELIZABETH KEBISEK, S376



Mary Elizabeth Kebisek of Milwaukee, WI passed away peacefully on September 22, 2016 at the age of 85. Her beautiful life will be forever cherished in the lives of her daughters Jeanette, Mary Jean and Anne, and her son-in-law JD Dudek. She was preceded in death by her husband Vladimir, formerly of Horne Srnie, Slovakia in 1984 and her younger sister Irene in 1972. Mary was the eldest daughter of

Anton Burdey, formerly of Bolesov, Slovakia and Elizabeth Stano, formerly of Lednica, Slovakia. She was a graduate of Marquette University and served as a Milwaukee public school teacher for over 30 years. She remained active in retirement by volunteering at the Pabst Mansion, ARTREACH Milwaukee and Channel 10/36 Friends. Mary was very proud of her Slovak heritage and was fluent in the Slovak language. In the 1950's, she was the radio host of the Slovak Hour in Milwaukee and later donated her recordings to the Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society. In 1992, Mary traveled to Slovakia to meet her many relatives. She served as president and secretary/treasurer of the FCSLA Branch 376, president of the Louise M. Yash District #9 and was named Fraternalist of the Year in 2006. Mary's life motto was to "be happy and enjoy life" so it was only fitting that she opened each FCSLA meeting with a funny story or joke. Mary will be remembered for her sweet smile, wonderful sense of humor and her kind and generous nature.

JOHN MIKUS, JR., S010



John Mikus, Jr., 95, currently of Chardon, joined the love of his life, his wife Milly, in death on June 19, 2017. He was truly a member of the "Greatest Generation." Born in Meadowlands, PA on October 23, 1921, John enlisted in the Marine Corps at the outbreak of WWII. He married Milly on February 7, 1948 and the two spent nearly 67 years in a very special and loving relationship. John worked at Lincoln Electric for more than 25 years. During that time he was one

of the founding members of the Willoughby Hills Boys Baseball League. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who dedicated his entire life to his wife and family. After retiring he and Milly traveled extensively across the United States in their travel trailer. A life-long Catholic, he helped build his neighborhood's church, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Meadowlands. More recently he was a member of St. Noel Parish in Willoughby Hills, and while living in Chardon he was served by a Catholic outreach program from St. Mary Parish in Chardon. He is survived by his children David (Linda Marx), John (Kathy Hart), Jim (Laurie Greuter), Mary Myles (Ken), Nancy Kurnick (George); ten grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and was eagerly anticipating the birth of his first great-grandson later this summer. He was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to: Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd. Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057 (semperfund.org).

ANDREW RAMBOUSEK, W121



Andrew Rambousek, 77, Dickinson, ND died August 20, 2016. Andrew Rambousek was born January 8, 1939 on the family farm in Stark County, ND, the son of Anton and Mary (Luptak) Rambousek. He was raised and educated North West of Dickinson, having attended country school. He farmed and ranched on the family place throughout his life. Andrew enjoyed hunting and fishing, going dancing, and playing cards (Showdown). He was a happy person who loved

to play jokes on others, and enjoyed family gatherings. Andrew is survived by his siblings, Martha Marsh, Georgian Steffan, Victoria (Louis) Sadowsky, Henry (Gladys) Rambousek, Margie Jilek, and Shirley Dahmus; sister-in-law, Edith Rambousek; and numerous nieces and nephews.

STEPHEN J. ANDREWS, S165



Stephen J. Andrews Jr., 74, passed away October 29, 2016. Stephen was the husband of M. Suzanne (O'Donnell) Andrews. Born in Lebanon on September 10, 1942, Steve was a son of the late Stephen and Margaret (Fancovic) Andrews (Ondrejicka). He graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School in 1960. In addition

to his wife, he is survived by his nine children, Suzanne, Colleen, Stephen, Mark, Elizabeth, Daniel, Philip, Jonathan, Catherine; 22 grandchildren (and one on the way); three step-grandchildren; four sisters, Margaret, Barbara, Sharon, Clare; and one brother, Christopher. In lieu of flowers, the family requests masses to be celebrated for repose of his soul.

ALVIN LOUIS MATULA, JR., W077



Alvin Louis Matula, Jr. passed away December 29, 2016 at the age of 78. Alvin was born December 23, 1938, in Corpus Christi, TX, the son of Alvin Louis, Sr. and Lydia Matula. Alvin graduated from West OSO High in 1957. He was a retired Electrical Salesman. Alvin married Joyce Turnbo on June 16, 1960. They resided in

Corpus Christi where they raised their two children. Alvin is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Cyndi (Danny) Holt; sisters, Mary Frances Pfarrdrescher, Lorine (Benny) Mikulik; Josephine (Tony) Ebers, Georgie Ann (Pat) Peal; brother, Robert Matula as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews. Alvin, (Jr, Pops), was a loving son, brother, husband, father, father-in-law and friend. He was kind, tender hearted, generous, loyal, loved his friends and family as well as the outdoors. He always enjoyed fishing and hunting with his dear friends and son-in-law.



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FCSLA Announces 2017-2018 Scholarship Awards



Kelly Shedlock

This issue of *Fraternally Yours* is one of the most if not the most anticipated issue of the year. It is my privilege as your Fraternal & Youth Director to present to all of you our many young members on the next several pages who are recipients of our 2017-2018 Scholarship Awards.

The FCSLA Scholarships are “one” of the most generous annual benefits our association offers to our membership. More than \$248,250 was awarded to young members of the Association. We believe that education is vital in the development of our future generations. We are proud of each and every one our members who applied this year and thank them for participating in our scholarship program. If you did not receive a scholarship this year, please consider submitting an application next year. Information about next year’s program will be available on our website and in

Fraternally Yours later this fall.

Congratulations to all our winners! Our wish to all the recipients and applicants is for you to have a future filled with success and happiness in all your endeavors! We are proud to have all of you as our members.

Kelly Shedlock
Fraternal and Youth Director

College Graduate Awards \$1,750 Each



ALYSSA MARIE BEDA
Virginia Beach, VA
West Virginia School
of Osteopathic Medicine
Sr. Branch 452



COURTNEY L. BLACK
Cleveland Heights, OH
Washington University
School of Law
Sr. Branch 10



JANE E. CLARKE
Youngstown, OH
Kettering College
Sr. Branch 30



TIMOTHY R. DeFELICE
Manassas, VA
California University of PA
Sr. Branch 94



JESSILYN GIBAS
Hinsdale, IL
Rosalind Franklin
University
Sr. Branch 421



MICHELLE L. HARRIS
Hays, KS
University of Kansas
Branch W133

ALESSANDRA HODULIK
Bethesda, MD
American University
Sr. Branch 322

KATHRYN McCORMACK
Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota
Sr. Branch 23



KELSEY P. MICECH
Menomonee Falls, WI
University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee
Sr. Branch 23



ANDREA MOLITORIS
Scranton, PA
Misericordia University
Sr. Branch 615



KRISTEN N. OSINIAK
Youngstown OH
Youngstown State
University
Sr. Branch 30



SARAH C. PENCE
Worthington, OH
Ashland University
Sr. Branch 161



JULIANNE SPEENEY
Connellsville, PA
California University
of Pennsylvania
Sr. Branch 44



SEAN B. SROKA
Orland Park, IL
Concordia University
Chicago
Sr. Branch 485



RACHEL A. STIKA
Cresco, IA
Iowa State University
Branch W033



JENNIFER M. TOTH
Ravenna, OH
Northeast Ohio
Medical University
Sr. Branch 161

JULIANNE R. VARGO
Pittsburgh, PA
University of Virginia
Sr. Branch 424



JENNA C. WAMPLER
Bloomington, IL
Olivet Nazaren University
Sr. Branch 66

College Senior Awards \$1,250 Each



KASEY BILANCINI
Amherst, OH
Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 114



BRAEDON C. BLAZEK
Lincoln, NE
Nebraska Wesleyan
University
Branch W187



JESSICA M. DANFORD
Longwood, FL
University
of Central Florida
Sr. Branch 10

GABRIELLE M. IACONA
Willowick, OH
Bowling Green State University
Sr. Branch 525



KENDAL R. KUBOUSHEK
Ridgeway, IA
Loras College
Branch W033



BROOKE A. LEACH
Fort Wayne, IN
Indiana University
Sr. Branch 289



KEVIN JAMES MACKAY
Highland Heights, OH
Mercyhurst University
Sr. Branch 176



MARISSA L. MACKIN
Manly, IA
University
of Northern Iowa
Branch W033



EMYLEIGH R. OPAT
Waukon, IA
University of Iowa
Branch W033



BLAKE D. PAWELEC
Monessen, PA
Robert Morris University
Sr. Branch 88

COLE R. PINT
Lonsdale, MN
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Branch W056



EMILY A. POPELKA
Glencoe, MN
College of St. Scholastica
Branch W049



PAUL C. SAMBOR
Seven Hills, OH
Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 557



TIMOTHY SEVCIK
Cedar Falls, IA
Loras College
Branch W130



PAIGE R. THIEMAN
Yankton, SD
University of South Dakota
Branch W093



KRISTIN N. WIAK
Munster, IN
Indiana University-Purdue
University of Ft. Wayne
Sr. Branch 81

College Junior Awards \$1,250 Each



JULIA MARIE BAJEK
Naperville, IL
Northern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 287

COLE JACOB CAHOY
Tabor, SD
University of South Dakota
Branch W093



BRIAN JOHN DOYLE
Marietta, GA
University of Georgia
Sr. Branch 230



GARRETT PRUZINSKY
Whitehall, PA
Seton Hall University
Sr. Branch 319



ELSA CAROLINE BUEHLER
Berlin Center, OH
Duquesne University
Sr. Branch 313



ALEXANDRA S. GIPSON
Pittsburgh, PA
Seton Hill University
Sr. Branch 13



KATRINA M. REEDER
Montgomery, MN
Marquette University
Branch W003



NATALIE L. CERVELLI
Bellaire, OH
Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 161



SAGE KATHRYN ISKRA
Levittown, PA
Bucks County Community
College
Sr. Branch 172



MARIA E. SCOTT
Pottstown, PA
West Chester University
Sr. Branch 89



MEGAN M. D'ANDREA
Fowler, OH
Youngstown State
University
Sr. Branch 616



MICHAEL S. KASTAN
Ontario, NY
Hobart and William Smith
Colleges
Sr. Branch 13



SARAH ROSE VALEK
Chicago, IL
St. Louis University
Sr. Branch 485



MORGAN J. DOLEHIDE
Crestwood, IL
Eastern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 485



GREGORY T. KES
Lonsdale, MN
Winona State University
Branch W056



OLIVIA M. VOLKERT
Brookfield, WI
Marquette University
Sr. Branch 23



JORDAN L. FUJIAN
Prague, NE
University of South Dakota
Branch W013



NICOLE D. MORRIS
North Royalton, OH
John Carroll University
Sr. Branch 141

JULIA WITTMAN
Bloomsburg, PA
Bloomsburg University
Sr. Branch 319



PHILLIP D. GUIDOS
Ashburn, VA
Youngstown State
University
Sr. Branch 156



REBECCA A. O'CONNELL
Johnsburg, IL
Blackburn College
Sr. Branch 287



REBECCA T. BAJEK
Naperville, IL
University of Missouri-
Columbia
Sr. Branch 287



BRIANNA N. GUTH
Easton, PA
Neumann University
Sr. Branch 38



KATHERINE E. ONDEKA
Lorain, OH
Youngstown State
University
Sr. Branch 114



EVAN MICHAEL HANES
Lansing, MI
Michigan State University
Branch SZ10

College Sophomore Awards \$1,250 Each



JESSICA L. HANSMEIER
Cresco, IA
Northeast Iowa
Community College
Branch W033



JESSICA RENEE HARTNER
Irwin, PA
Saint Vincent College
Sr. Branch 77



ANGELA ROSE HERB
Exton, PA
Widener University
Sr. Branch 417

MARISA T. HURST
Syracuse, NY
North Carolina State University
Sr. Branch 86



DORAN E. KAPLAN
Spicewood, TX
University of Texas
at Austin
Sr. Branch 161



JILLIAN KREMPASKY
Schnecksville, PA
Westminster College
of the Arts
Sr. Branch 484



ANNA R. MONTALBANO
Yorkville, IL
North Central College
Sr. Branch 81



KATIE A. PETERSEN
Fremont, NE
Doane University
Branch W018

DANIEL C. POPELKA
La Vista, NE
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Branch W018



MATTHEW L. RETOFF
Streator, IL
Purdue University- West
Lafayette
Sr. Branch 66

RACHEL M. RUPPRECHT
Clarkson, NE
Northeast Community College
Branch W080



COLE I. SCHMITT
Spillville, IA
Iowa State University
Branch W033



AMANDA A. SKALKA
Omaha, NE
Iowa State University
Branch W140

KELLY A. SWARTZ
Buffalo, NY
State University of New York
Sr. Branch 630



ALICIA LYNN SWIERZ
Deerfield, OH
Ohio Northern University
Sr. Branch 161



JOEL DAVID TRENTIN
Greensburg, PA
St. Vincent College
Sr. Branch 262



ABIGAIL L. TRIPKA
Palm Harbor, FL
University
of Central Florida
Branch SZ10



KRISTEN S. UTLEY
Ankeny, IA
University of Iowa
Branch W051

College Freshman Awards \$1,250 Each



MARA F. BAHMER
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
John Carroll University
Sr. Branch 161



JORDAN N. BARZENSKY
Johnstown, PA
Seton Hill University
Sr. Branch 182



CLAIRE G. BELCIK
Loveland, OH
University of Cincinnati
Sr. Branch 30



MORGAN S. BELLAR
Rootstown, OH
Stark State College
Sr. Branch 525



NATALIE A. BIALON
Belle Vernon, PA
American University
Sr. Branch 88



SAMUEL B. BIBAT
Whiting, IN
Indiana State University
Sr. Branch 452



ASHLEY N. BIRKO
Northfield, OH
West Virginia University
Sr. Branch 141



KYLE L. BOE
Cedar Falls, IA
Iowa State University
Branch W130



KATHRYN E. FEEHAN
Glen Head, NY
University of Notre Dame
Sr. Branch 615



RYAN D. HOLZMAN
Gilbertsville, PA
Villanova University
Branch 150



SETH KELSEY BOYD
Binghamton, NY
Rochester Institute
of Technology
Sr. Branch 417



AUSTIN R. FREDERICK
Lincoln Park, MI
Wayne State University
Sr. Branch 334



NICOLE K. HUDAK
Brecksville, OH
Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 481



CARTER A. BRACHT
Howells, NE
University of Nebraska-
Lincoln
Branch W014



SKYE A. FREE
Hickman, NE
Peru State College
Branch W016



PAUL GREGORY JASON
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susquehanna University
Sr. Branch 172



JOSHUA A. CHIZEK
Clear Lake, IA
University of Iowa
Branch W051



LIBBY C. FULTON
Nebraska City, NE
University of Nebraska-
Omaha
Branch W191



JAZMINE KRIS
Bellevue, NE
Metropolitan
Community College
Branch W080



LINZE M. COWMAN
Yankton, SD
University of South Dakota
Branch W093



LAUREN N. GAONA
Baden, PA
Carlow University
Sr. Branch 233



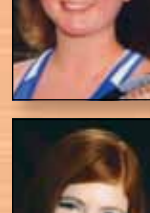
MOLLY K. KROEGER
Antioch, TN
Lipscomb University
Branch W001



SYDNEY L. DEMECHKO
Copley, OH
University of Cincinnati
Sr. Branch 161



MORGAN A. GIERDE
Ankeny, IA
University
of Northern Iowa
Branch W051



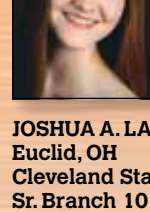
ALLYSON KRUPA
New Wilmington, PA
Denison University
Sr. Branch 161



NICOLE DIETRICH
Drifton, PA
Kutztown University
Sr. Branch 140



JOSHUA V. GROSZ
Bismarck, ND
North Dakota State
University
Branch W121



JOSHUA A. LAZANICH
Euclid, OH
Cleveland State University
Sr. Branch 10



OWEN E. ELIAS
Columbia Station, OH
Ohio University
Sr. Branch 475



REBECCA GVOZDEN
Johnstown, PA
James Madison University
Sr. Branch 404



SOPHIA D. LEHOCKY
Vernon Hills, IL
North Park University
Sr. Branch 485



KAYLA ANN MARTIN
Huntsburg, OH
Bowling Green State
University
Sr. Branch 141



ALEXANDRA RAMOSKA
Park Ridge, IL
University of Alabama
Sr. Branch 10



EMILEE ROSE SMREK
Youngstown, OH
Youngstown State
University
Sr. Branch 30



ABIGAIL R. MISSIAEN
Muskego, WI
Minnesota State University
Sr. Branch 23



JAROD LEE RAUSCH
Mentor, OH
University of Cincinnati
Sr. Branch 156



ALISON R. SNEAD
Pocomoke City, MD
University
of South Carolina
Sr. Branch 590



JOHN T. MOYNIHAN
Cleveland, OH
John Carroll University
Sr. Branch 176



MARISSA BETH RHYNE
Wilmington, NC
University of North
Carolina-Chapel Hill
Sr. Branch 180



VLADIMIR SOKOL
Parma, OH
University of Toledo
Sr. Branch 581



MACKENZIE L. ORAVEC
Finleyville, PA
George Washington
University
Sr. Branch 77



JULIE NICOLE ROSTA
Fishers, IN
University of Notre Dame
Sr. Branch 81



ZACHARY C. STANIK
Solon, OH
Yale University
Sr. Branch 1



MORGAN RYAN PAUL
Floyds Knobs, IN
Indiana University
Sr. Branch 289



THOMAS ROVNAK III
Painesville, OH
University of Akron
Sr. Branch 30



JULIA P. STOLFUS
Saint Joseph, MO
Kansas State University
Branch W074



JULIA P. PLESKAC
Yutan, NE
Nebraska Methodist
College
Branch W026



NICHOLAS R. SCHMIDT
Glencoe, MN
University of Minnesota-
Duluth
Branch W049



MICHAEL UNGVARSKY
Cinnaminson, NJ
Duke University
Sr. Branch 172



ERICA R. POKORNEY
Shelby, NE
University of Nebraska-
Omaha
Branch W013



ANNE C. SHEARD
Kenosha, WI
University of Wisconsin-
Milwaukee
Sr. Branch 273



NATHANIEL L. UNRUH
Bloomington, IL
University of Iowa
Sr. Branch 81



ANDREA M. POTYLYCKI
Whitehall, PA
Alvernia University
Sr. Branch 417



ELENA M. SLEMONS
Canfield, OH
Ohio State University-
Mansfield
Sr. Branch 156



GINA N. ZAMARY
Aurora, OH
Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 161



ANDREA M. ZUCCARO
Kingsville, OH
University of Akron
Sr. Branch 156



JAMES A. ROTH
Bridgeview, IL
St. Laurence High School
Sr. Branch 452



GRIFFIN J. MALECHA
Faribault, MN
Bethlehem Academy
Branch W056

High School Senior Awards \$1,000 Each



GERALDINE E. BERKEMEIER
Jackson, MI
Lumen Christi Catholica
School
Sr. Branch 81



THERESA A. TVRDY
Wahoo, NE
Bishop Neumann Jr. Sr.
High School
Sr. Branch 630



LEO JACOB PUHALLA
Austintown, OH
Ursuline High School
Jr. Branch 192

High School Junior Awards \$1,000 Each



RACHEL L. MARTIN
Crown Point, IN
Andean High School
Sr. Branch 289



HANNAH L. BRAUN
West Bend, WI
Brookfield Academy
Sr. Branch 376

High School Sophomore Awards \$1,000 Each



ZACHARY T. MEDUNA
Colon, NE
Bishop Neumann Jr. Sr.
High School
Branch W013



PAUL J. BRAUN
Fort Wayne, IN
Bishop Luers High School
Jr. Branch 180



JOSHUA L. ADAMS
Charleston, SC
Bishop England
High School
Branch W130



MARY G. ONOFREY
Gary, IN
Andean High School
Sr. Branch 289



ELIZABETH A. BUKSA
Munster, IN
Bishop Noll Institute
Sr. Branch 620



MEREDYTHE C. BAIRD
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Holy Redeemer
High School
Jr. Branch 362



ADELINE E. ROPER
West Mifflin, PA
Serra Catholic
High School
Sr. Branch 11



KAZMIR D. DZUREC
Avon Lake, OH
St. Ignatius High School
Sr. Branch 481



GRACE M. CLEMENTS
Belmont, MI
West Catholic High School
Jr. Branch 106



HELENA MARIE ROSNO
Lincoln, NE
Lincoln Pius X High School
Branch W055



RILEY P. HILGER
Olathe, KS
St. Thomas Aquinas
High School
Branch W184



SHANE A. ECKERT
Center Valley, PA
Allentown Central
Catholic High School
Jr. Branch 362



NATALIE M. ONOFREY
West Mifflin, PA
Seton LaSalle Catholic
High School
Jr. Branch 38



KATHERINE N. PRANTL
Colorado Springs, CO
Fountain Valley School
Branch W008

MARIA S. PYTLIK
Brainard, NE
Aquinas Catholic School
Branch W016

NICODEMUS M. STARY
Cleveland, OH
Benedictine High School
Jr. Branch 457

High School Freshman Awards \$1,000 Each

GRACE ANNTONETTE CAMMARATA
Bellevue, PA
Oakland Catholic High School
Jr. Branch 512



LEANNE M. CHANDLER
New Middletown, OH
Cardinal Mooney
High School
Jr. Branch 192



WILLIAM P. DAPP
Carmel, IN
Brebeuf Jesuit
Preparatory School
Jr. Branch 504



MATTHEW C. GRANDE
Langhorne, PA
Holy Ghost Preparatory
School
Jr. Branch 126

KAITLIN M. LEADBITTER
Finleyville, PA
Central Catholic High School
Branch JH00



MICHAEL K. POTTER
Valparaiso, NE
Bishop Newmann Jr. Sr.
High School
Branch W187

EDEN C. SKREPPEN
Mechanicsburg, PA
Trinity High School
Jr. Branch 416



PAYTON M. STEVENS
Fountain Hills, AZ
Notre Dame Preparatory
High School
Jr. Branch 58

8th Grade Awards \$750 Each



DANIEL G. BALAS
Sugar Notch, PA
Good Shepherd Academy
Jr. Branch 362



NICHOLAS B. GAYDOS
Irwin, PA
Verna Montessori School
Jr. Branch 112



MEGAN GENDICS
Vermilion, OH
Saint Joseph School
Jr. Branch 57



CHRISTOPHER J. JOZWIAK
Springhill, NY
St. Aloysius School
Jr. Branch 535



JULIA M. PODGORNI
Chicago, IL
St. Jane DeChantal School
Jr. Branch 322



NICHOLAS D. PULINSKI
Buffalo, NY
Sts. Peter & Paul School
Jr. Branch 535



ANDREW L. SETTER
Kenosha, WI
All Saints Catholic School
Jr. Branch 196

7th Grade Awards \$750 Each



RAQUEL E. ADAMS
Grand Rapids, MI
Assumption BVM School
Jr. Branch 106



LEAH CHRISTINE BAJNOK
Newton Falls, OH
John F. Kennedy
Catholic School
Jr. Branch 529



**NOAH MICHAEL
CEKLOSKY**
Wapwallopen, PA
Wilkes-Barre Academy
Jr. Branch 362



MATTHEW LEE McNEILL
McLean, VA
St. John Academy
Jr. Branch 158



LAUREN K. MIRIOVSKY
Buffalo, MN
St. Francis Xavier School
Branch W001



JUSTIN PVIAU, JR.
Baltimore, OH
St. Pius X School
Jr. Branch 192



ABIGAIL M. URBAN
Somerset, PA
St. Peter Catholic School
Jr. Branch 112



GRACE M. TREEESE
Forest Park, IL
Ascension Catholic School
Jr. Branch 83



COOPER L. WEITZEL
Fremont, NE
Archbishop Bergan
Catholic School
Branch W017



NOLAN L. VanSLYKE
Wahoo, NE
St. Wenceslaus Catholic
School
Branch W013



JOSEPH M. ZANONI
Narberth, PA
Saint Margaret School
Jr. Branch 334

6th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

5th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

4th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



SEAN XAVIER JOST
West Chicago, IL
St. Michaels School
Jr. Branch 470



ROY L. BAUER
Louisburg, KS
Queen of the Holy Rosary
Catholic School
Branch W013



**ANNA ELIZABETH
DUELGE**
Muskego, WI
St. Leonard Catholic
School
Jr. Branch 130



COLIN PATRICK KANE
Toledo, OH
St. Kateri Catholic
Academy
Jr. Branch 157



NATHANIEL W. BRINKLEY
North Richland Hills, TX
St. John the Apostle
Catholic School
Branch JH00



**CATHERINE ROSE
FLANNERY**
Harrisburg, PA
St. Catherine Laboure
School
Jr. Branch 362



ANNIKA KUEHN
Hartington, NE
Holy Trinity
Elementary School
Branch W014



CALEB M. MAYROSE
Vermillion, SD
St. Agnes Elementary
School
Branch W093



MIA F. KOLENC
Brunswick, OH
Sts. Joseph & John
Interparochial School
Jr. Branch 475



**BRAYLON WILLIAM
LeMIEUX**
Superior, WI
Cathedral School
Jr. Branch 130



GARETT J. NOVACEK
David City, NE
St. Marys Catholic School
Jr. Branch 540



RYAN D. LAMMERS
Hartington, NE
West Catholic Elementary
School
Branch W093



TRISTAN H. TODD
Belle Vernon, PA
St. Sebastian Regional
School
Jr. Branch 157



ISABELLA C. THORNTON
Canfield, OH
St. Charles School
Jr. Branch 231



MARTIN A. McBROOM
New Prague, MN
St. Wenceslaus Catholic
School
Branch W001



JENNIFER ELIZABETH PELIC
Mount Pleasant, SC
Christ Our King/Stella
Maris School
Jr. Branch 192



DANYL S. NOVAK
Grand Rapids, MI
Legacy Christian School
Jr. Branch 32



MADELINE G. REZAC
Lincoln, NE
St. Johns the Apostle
School
Branch W187



KAITLYN F. WESELY
Lincoln, NE
St. Peter School
Branch W032



MOLLY J. RILEY
Amherst, OH
St. Joseph Parish School
Jr. Branch 198



NATALIA M. STARTARE
Belle Vernon, PA
St. Sebastian Regional
School
Jr. Branch 157

3rd Grade Awards

\$750 Each

2nd Grade Awards

\$750 Each

1st Grade Awards

\$750 Each



SARAH KATELYN COUFAL
David City, NE
St. Marys School
Branch W184



BAYLEE N. ESCHBACH
Lansford, PA
St. Jerome Regional School
Jr. Branch 321



MEGAN M. FADA
Liberty Township, OH
Saint Susanna Parish
School
Jr. Branch 149



CLARETTA L. DRAINE
Prior Lake, MN
St. Michael Catholic
School
Branch W001



KALINA M. GUDAS
Des Plaines, IL
St. Raymond School
Jr. Branch 83



GABRIELLE L. HORNICAK
Naperville, IL
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic
School
Jr. Branch 83



KLARA HUMENIKOVA
Whiting, IN
St. John the Baptist School
Jr. Branch 58



ROBERT J. HLADIK III
Sedalia, MO
Sacred Heart School
Branch W018



EMILY E. HUNSAKER
Cedar Rapids, IA
St. Jude Elementary School
Branch W045



BROOKE CARLEEN JELINEK
Weston, NE
St. Johns Catholic School
Branch W026



VINCENT W. HORENSKY
Belle Vernon, PA
St. Sebastian Regional
School
Jr. Branch 157



SYDNEY B. KUMOR
Medina, OH
St. Francis Xavier School
Jr. Branch 503



AVA V. LINDLEY
Eighty Four, PA
Madonna Catholic
Regional School
Jr. Branch 32



FRANCES R. LOWRY
Mascoutah, IL
Holy Childhood School
Jr. Branch 58



AVA N. MELFI
Girard, OH
St. Rose School
Jr. Branch 257

St. Louis Branches S101 & J011 – 4th of July Flag Retirement

When the United States flag becomes worn, torn, faded, or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag. The old flag should then be retired with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. A flag ceases to be a flag when it is cut into pieces. The thirteen stripes that represent the original thirteen colonies are separated from one another; and the fifty stars remain as to pay homage to the fifty states which together make up this great nation.

The year 1776, celebrated as the

birth year of our nation and for the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was for those who carried the fight for independence forward a year of all-too-few victories, of sustained suffering, disease, hunger, desertion, cowardice, disillusionment, defeat, terrible discouragement, and fear, as they would never forget, but also of phenomenal courage and bedrock devotion to country, and that, too they would never forget.

This day of July 1776 is the most memorable epocha in the history of America, to be celebrated by suc-

ceeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more.

Our St. Louis Branches assisted in Retiring 120 US Flags this date.

*A moth-eaten rag on a worm-eaten pole,
It does not look likely to stir a man's soul,
'Tis the deeds that were done 'neath the
moth-eaten rag
When the pole was a staff, and the rag
was a flag.*

MARKETING POSITION

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is seeking a professional with a block of meaningful marketing experience. Responsibilities include identifying and evaluating marketing strategies and characteristics; determining demands for products and services; recommending strategies for pricing and management of product distribution; developing distribution networks. This position is based in the home office in Beachwood, Ohio.

Detailed responsibilities include:

- Recommend marketing plans based on association's strategic plan;
- Develop and deliver data science analytical insights, metrics and tools for effective delivery of our products and services in target markets;
- Provide marketing input into sales, promotional activities and programs;
- Develop marketing communications based on developed plans;
- Identify, create and implement effective market automation tools; including web, social media and digital campaigns

Ideal candidate should have at least 3 years of relevant experience with a university degree in business; marketing and/or communications or other relevant field; able to work in a collaborative fashion; data analytic science skills. Basic software proficiencies expected, insurance knowledge desirable.

Parties interested in this full-time position with the above qualifications should submit a detailed resume and letter of interest to Jean Buday, Office Manager, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122.

Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled with a suitable candidate.



Branch J011 Color Guard BSA Scouts Sam and Louis Miklovic, with their Branch J011 cousin James Wright held by his mother and S101 Vice President Ann Wright, with USMC and S101 member Jacob Miklovic, Ann's brother and the cousins' Uncle.



Branch J011 Color Guard BSA Scouts Sam & Louis Miklovic.

1st Grade Awards *(continued)* \$750 Each



**JAMISON MICHAEL
STAVA**
Weston, NE
St. John Nepomucene
Catholic School
Branch W013



**NOAH K. VAN
ACKEREN**
Orange, CA
St. Norbert Catholic
School
Branch JHOH

**Congratulations
to all our
Scholarship
Winners!**

Branch W001 Makes Donation in Community Benefit

Recently Branch W001, New Prague, MN donated money to help with the purchase of a handicap van for a local man and his family during a community benefit. Mr. Sammons was so touched by their generosity he wrote the following letter which is being shared for our readers to enjoy . . .

Dear First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association:

I want to thank you so much for your consideration and scholarship grant of \$500.00! This is a very generous gift. This played a huge role in helping me to purchase a new handicap van! This is such an important piece of my life allowing me to support my family in getting to my full-time job and also helps me get to important doctor appointments. Let's not forget those important runs for ice cream at the New Prague DQ. You see when I was 5 years old I was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. I have been smiling ever since. God has given me a joy in life that I know comes from Him. I know that God is using me for His purposes and He has put many dreams and goals in my heart. With your gift, I am able to keep moving forward with my goals and dreams. It has been the help of so many in our community and great friends and family that have helped encourage me every step of the way and have helped me achieve so much despite the minor setbacks of my disability. I think it is a great privilege to be a contributing member of society and to be productive. God bless you all and thank you for your generous gift! Enclosed you will find a picture of my new van. I am so excited and grateful to get some of my independence back! Glory to God!

Sincerely, Dustin Sammons



FCSLA MEMBERS

Sr. Branch 172, Wilkes-Barre, PA

You are invited to an

All Seasons Luncheon

Sunday, September 24, 2017

**Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of FCSLA &
15th Anniversary of Magdalen I. Iskra District**

Reservations required.

Please call Martha Iskra (570) 824-0216
or Bernadette Yench at (570) 822-9843.

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 23,097,203
Bonds	826,342,868
Preferred Stock	785,283
Common Stock	5,700,383
Investment Income Due & Accrued	12,667,548
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	5,333,524
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	2,520,540
Other Assets	170,598
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 876,617,948

LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 254,654,430
Annuity Reserves	501,620,601
Death Claims Payable	2,221,774
Unearned Premiums	489,639
Matured Endowments	296,732
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	4,507,707
Accrued Convention Donations	357,000
Provision for Future Conventions	267,251
Asset Valuation Reserve	8,272,605
Interest Maintenance Reserve	985,508
Other Liabilities	1,457,603
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 776,530,849
Surplus	\$ 100,087,098
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 876,617,948

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2017

REVENUE

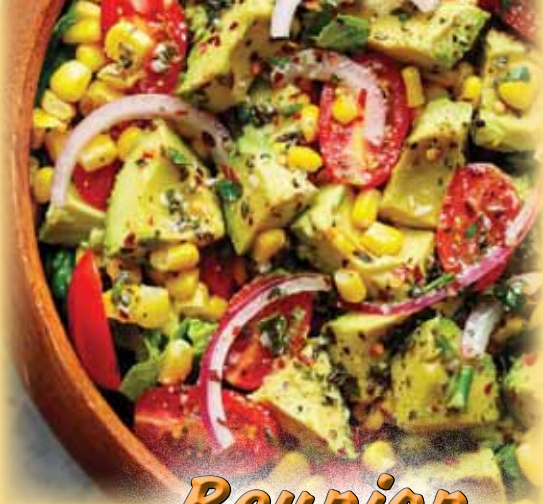
Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,274,030
Annuity Premiums	11,738,986
Investment Income	10,717,366
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	39,435
Rental Income	111,184
Other Revenue	3,974
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 23,884,974

EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 540,430
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	8,746,601
Insurance Benefits	1,625,098
Annuity Benefits	7,760,571
Commission Expense	435,467
Surrender Benefits	939,710
Post Mortem Benefits	397,956
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	18,484
Matured Endowments	(6,582)
Donation Expenses	19,452
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	63,000
Convention Expenses	50,651
Bank Service Charges	21,873
Data Processing Service Fees	48,896
Accounting Fees	9,996
Actuarial Fees	87,834
Legal Fees	49,906
Consulting Fees	28,805
Bonus to Branches	210,950
Fraternal Activities	37,396
Official Publications	106,552
Scholarship Awards	78,249
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	105,756
Fees — Directors	39,780
Salaries — Employees	422,008
Salaries — Officers	116,575
Interest Expense	66,759
Tax Expense	76,350
Depreciation Expense	64,740
Utility Expense	23,776
Postage and Printing	75,254
Advertising	48,896
Travel Expense	12,320
Insurance Department Fees	1,436
Sales Promotion	56,587
Rental Expense	111,184
Other Expense	130,240
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 22,622,957

Income (Loss) from Operations

Dividends to Members	\$ 360,752
Subtotal Income (Loss)	\$ 901,265
Capital Gains (Loss)	(195)
NET INCOME (Loss)	\$ 901,070



Reunion Potlucks

AVOCADO CORN TOMATO SALAD

Salad:

- 1 cup romaine lettuce, chopped
- 2 large ripe avocados, halved, peeled, stones removed and chopped
- 9-ozs. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 (14-oz.) can corn kernels, drained
- 1/8 of a red onion, thinly sliced

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes
- Pinch of cumin

Combine all of the salad ingredients together. In a small jug, mix together the dressing ingredients to combine well, and pour over the avocado salad. Season with extra salt, if desired.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE WITH PARMESAN ROASTED VEGETABLES

- 10 (4 oz.) sweet or spicy pork Italian sausage links
- 3 medium zucchini, 1/2-inch cubes
- 3 medium yellow squash, 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 large red onion, 1/4-inch wedges
- 10 mini sweet peppers
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- Olive oil

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line (2) 12 x 17-inch jelly roll pans or similar size rimmed baking sheets with aluminum foil. Spray liberally with cooking spray.

In one pan, arrange the zucchini, squash and peppers in a single layer. Spray the vegetables liberally with cooking spray or

drizzle lightly with olive oil. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon garlic salt, Italian seasoning, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Gently toss to coat. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese.

In the second pan, arrange the sausages around the edge of the pan and the onion wedges in the center. Spray with cooking spray. Season the onions lightly with 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt.

Place both pans into the oven and bake for 30 minutes. Rotate the pans. Increase the oven temperature to 450°F and continue to bake for an additional 15-20 minutes or until the vegetables are browned.

Remove from the oven, sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese and serve.

CRISPY PARMESAN CRUSTED ZUCCHINI

- 4 zucchini, halved lengthwise
- 2/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup fresh grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a baking tray or sheet with non stick cooking oil spray. Place the zucchini halves, cut side up, on the baking sheet; set aside.

Mix together the breadcrumbs, parmesan cheese, parsley and garlic in a small bowl. Pour in the melted butter; season with 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper (or to taste). Mix the ingredients together until the breadcrumbs absorb the butter (about 40 seconds).

Spoon the mixture over each zucchini half, to evenly cover. Spray the topping with a little cooking oil spray.

Bake for 20 minutes until the crust is golden and the zucchini halves are cooked through. Broil for a further 5 minutes on medium heat to crisp the topping.

Garnish with parsley and serve.

EASY CHERRY GRANOLA

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups rolled oats, not quick oats
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice (cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and allspice)
- 1/2 cup pecans, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 2 cups dried cherries

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

In a small sauce pan, heat honey, oil, salt and vanilla until melted and combined.

In a large bowl toss oats, brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice. Add the ingredients from the sauce pan and mix to combine.

Spray a sheet pan with pan spray and pour in the mixture and flatten with a spatula. Bake for 10 minutes then add the pecans. Use a spatula to turn the mixture and incorporate the pecans. Bake for 20 minutes. (check after 10 minutes to make sure it is not browning too quickly)

Add the coconut, toss again and bake for 10-20 more minutes or until slightly browned and dry. Add the dry cherries, again using a spatula to toss and bake an additional 5 minutes. Slightly press the mixture back into the pan and let cool in the pan over a wire rack. Once cool, store in a sealed container at room temperature.

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE COCONUT FLUFF

- 1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts, toasted and cooled
- 2 (3.4 oz.) coconut cream instant pudding mix
- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (16 oz.) jar maraschino cherries, well drained
- 3 cups mini marshmallows

- 1 (16 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spread the chopped macadamia nuts in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast for 4-6 minutes. Cool completely.

In a medium mixing bowl, mix together the pudding mix, both cans of crushed pineapple with juice, and condensed milk. Stir until the instant pudding has dissolved.

Fold in the maraschino cherries, marshmallows, whipped topping and toasted macadamia nuts until fully combined. Reserve about 1/2 cup whipped cream and 1 tablespoon of nuts for garnishing.

Cover and chill for at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with additional whipped cream, reserved nuts and maraschino cherries, if desired.

Note: If preferred, pecans or walnuts may be used in place of macadamia nuts.

DUTCH APPLE CAKE

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups chopped apple
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon each, nutmeg and cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease and flour 8 x 8-inch pan. Cream together margarine, sugar and egg. Stir in remaining ingredients; blend well. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 35 minutes or until done.

A low-angle shot of graduates in black gowns and caps, some holding rolled-up diplomas tied with red ribbons, against a clear blue sky. The perspective is looking up at the graduates, creating a sense of achievement and celebration.

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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.