



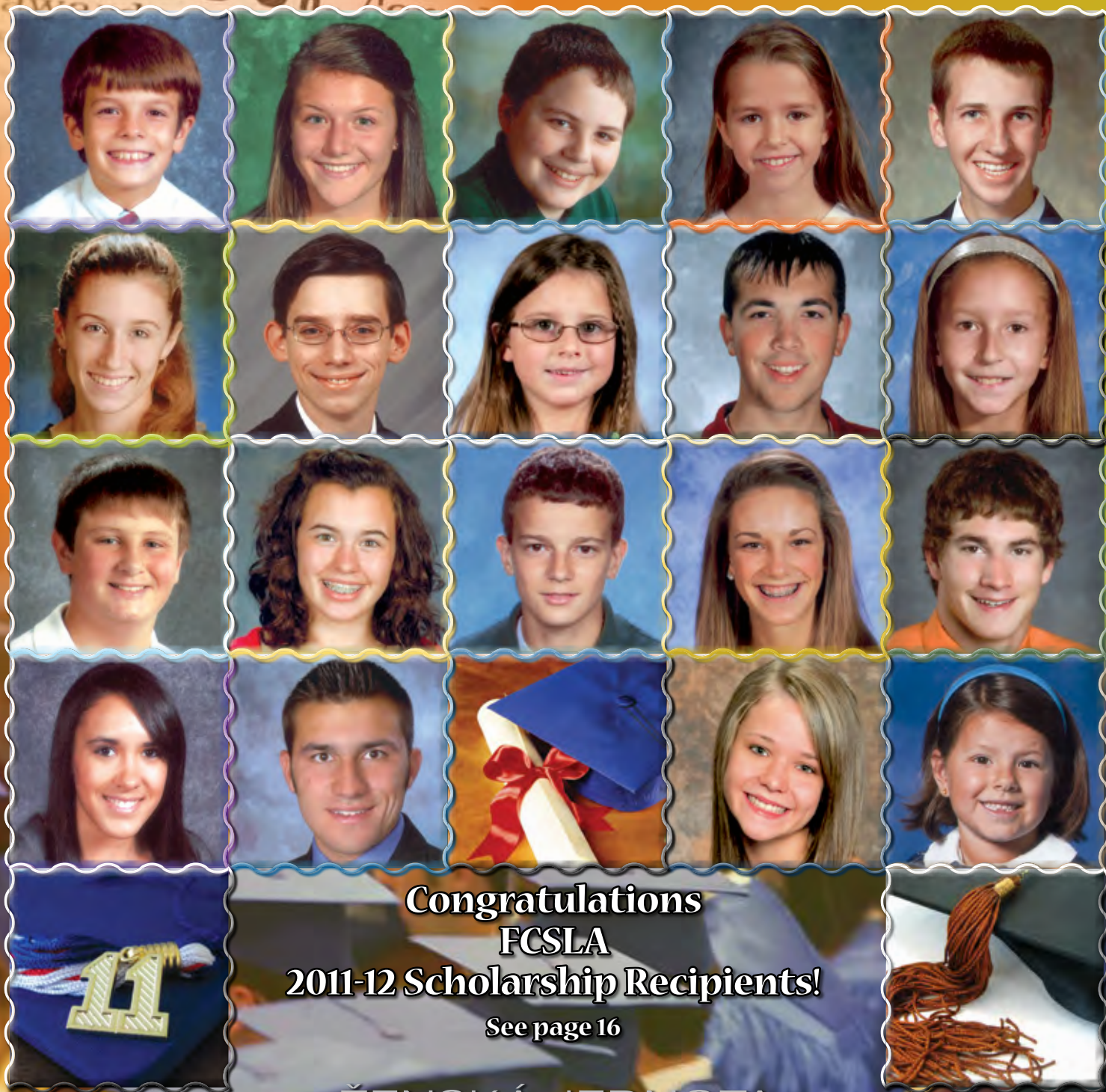
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# Lessons of Failure . . .

LORD, ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING?

*For . . .*

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I'M A FAILURE;**

It does mean I have not yet succeeded.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING;**

It does mean I have learned something.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE BEEN A FOOL;**

It does mean I had enough faith to experiment.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE DISGRACED;**

It does mean I have dared to try.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I DON'T HAVE IT;**

It does mean I have something to do in a different way.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I AM INFERIOR;**

It does mean I am not perfect.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN I HAVE WASTED MY LIFE;**

It does mean that I have an excuse to start over.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT I SHOULD GIVE UP;**

It does mean that I should try harder.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT I WILL NEVER MAKE IT;**

It does mean that I need more practice.

**FAILURE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE ABANDONED ME;**

It does mean that you must have a better idea

**Dear Friends, in this issue we honor our scholarship winners and all the students who participated in our program. A important lesson for our students, and in fact, all of us at every stage of life is that some of life's most valuable lessons come when we are not afraid to fail.**

*Look at the following list . . .*

**1831** — Failed in business

**1832** — Defeated for legislature

**1833** — Again failed in business

**1834** — Elected to legislature

**1835** — Sweetheart died

**1836** — Had a nervous breakdown

**1838** — Defeated for speaker

**1840** — Defeated for elector

**1843** — Defeated for Congress

**1846** — Elected for Congress

**1848** — Defeated for Congress

**1855** — Defeated for Senate

**1856** — Defeated for Vice-President

**1858** — Defeated for Senate

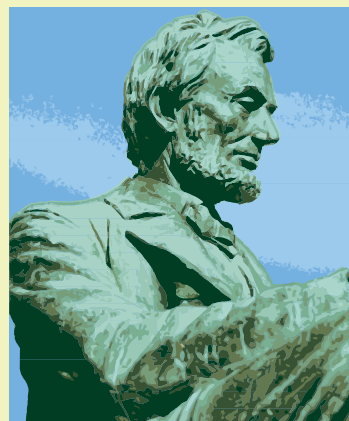
**1860** — ELECTED PRESIDENT — **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Yes, indeed history has been kind to President Abraham Lincoln. He has been painted as one of the greatest president's of the United States of America. It is a good thing that history also recorded his failures. It reflected his frail humanity, but also showed his attitude of never giving up.

Remember, that failures are only permanent if we stop trying. I believe the only real failure is the failure not to move on — and try again — a valuable lesson for all of us!

Until Next Month,  
Warmly, **Carolyn**

*My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure." — Abraham Lincoln*



# FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: LOVE

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am sure you are familiar with the words our Lord spoke to His Apostles prior to entering into His Passion in the Gospel of Saint John. They are ones that I desperately attempt to follow daily but know that I am not aligned to them in perfection yet. Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the branches and that if we want to share in the life of the Vine we must remain faithfully attached to Him so that we will gain eternal life. The substance that attaches the branch to the Vine is love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what the master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you. This I command you: love one another" (*John 15:11-17*).

The entire mission of Jesus was one of assisting the believer to understand the greatness of God's love for those created by God. When Jesus was questioned by the scribe of which was the greatest commandment, the Lord answered that it was love of God and love of neighbor (cf. *Mark 12:28-34*). Should anyone want to describe the foundation of both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures in a nutshell, if that were possible, it would be to love God and to love one's neighbor.

God's love permeates the Hebrew Scriptures. It is God who made creation in the Book of Genesis and the great heroic characters such as Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Moses and David, to name a few, who attempted to know the love of God, failed at times in that relationship only to become more aware of God's loving presence among

them and among the people of covenantal relationship through repentance and faithfully abiding within the covenant of God. The major and minor Prophets all ask God's people to align their love of God through the covenant. Should they veer from the love that God commands, disaster was on the horizon and the good that had been generously given to them in their lives, families and nation would be lost.

We believe through our reading in the Christian Scriptures that in the fullness of time, Almighty God bestowed upon creation the ultimate gift of His love for all people – Jesus. Unlike the covenants that God made with the people in the Hebrew Scriptures, this covenant was the one predicted by the prophet Jeremiah that would be once and for all (cf. *Jeremiah 31:31-34*). The words of Jeremiah are quite familiar to us as we hear them spoken in each and every Eucharist during the Consecration of the Mass: "This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven."

In the celebration of the Eucharist, we recall the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord Jesus. The ultimate Gift of God's love for all of us is God's Son who is present among us in Word and Sacrament in that Sacrifice. The underlying Gift, however, is how we share and live the Gift once the Eucharistic celebration has ended. The love of God has once again been bestowed. The challenge is how we share the Gift so generously and freely given. Do we do so in obedient and loving manner? Or do we become like some of our ancestors in Faith and fail in our covenantal relationship with our Creator?

I look to the saints who have gone before us and continually ask them to assist me in a better implementation of the love for God and one another as they did in their own lives. This great company, like the people of the Hebrew Scriptures, faced the daily challenges that either strengthened their relationship with God and one another or drew them farther

apart in their relationships. The cohesiveness with the former rather than the latter was the person of Jesus who led them to be great defenders of the Faith through their lives of proclamation, ordinary but loving living, people of prayer and hope to the point of many giving their mortal lives as a sign of their love for Jesus.

The martyrs always have seemed to be powerful figures of the love they had for Jesus and for one another. From days of the Apostles and the Christians of the early Church to the diligent witnesses of those standing up for the love of Christ and other people through the shedding of their blood in the twentieth century, we bear the awesome responsibility of sharing and giving this love. Am I? Are you? The answer may only be found in our response to the eternal covenant that is based in Jesus. If you or I are attempting to have a relationship with God by taking some time out each day to pray and be with God, then we have started the ignition. If we cast aside our prejudices and include in our actions some assistance to the poor and lonely, we humbly continue on our paths of love. Should we see the vastness of God's love in the creation set before us and appreciate all that has been afforded us and have generously shared it with others then the awareness of our love has continued. If we recognize that our love for God and neighbor is insufficient, we have become cognizant of how much love we need yet to give. Our lives may still be empty, but through love we must attempt to become full. And this is where the Holy Spirit assists us in this goal.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, Who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Love one another as I have loved you!



Deborah Brindza, M.D.

## ***IN 2011 WE RESOLVE TO IMPROVE THE WORLD — ONE STEP AT A TIME***

*From the desk of Deborah Brindza, M.D., National Medical Examiner  
and Sue Ann M. Seich, Fraternal & Youth Director*



Sue Ann M. Seich

### **WE ASKED YOU, OUR MEMBERS, TO RESPOND AND SEND US YOUR HELPFUL HINTS. *You have shared the following:***

- **Cheryl Rochette** uses vinegar and extremely hot water instead of commercial shampoo to clean her carpets. The vinegar solution cleans by loosening the dirt and deodorizes. Here is a website on "How to Green Clean Your Carpets", [www.chow.com/how](http://www.chow.com/how).
- **Kathleen Hallack** has a helpful hint how to clean a clogged drain. In this order, pour this down the drain; ½ cup baking soda, ½ cup salt and ¼ cup vinegar. Close the drain until it stops fizzing. Finally, pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain.
- **Lynda Schoberth** suggests that we clean floors with vinegar and a few drops of peppermint oil. The peppermint infuses the whole room with a clean smell.
- **Elaine Walters** sent in several helpful hints:
  - ✓ She and her daughter, Christina Diehl consolidate dishes when baking or cooking so both the main entrée and dessert can be baked at the same time.
  - ✓ Her granddaughter Johanna loves to do art projects. She collects odds and ends of various objects to use, paint and glue together. Together they have made their own paper. They tear up old newspaper circulars and magazines; put them in a blender with water until pureed. Then they drain the mixture on an old screen and trim it into shape. They use the paper to make cards for different occasions.
- ✓ Her grandson, Erich collects wine bottle corks. He glues them together and makes trivets for gifts.
- ✓ Her son, Peter collects the organic scrapes from the kitchen in a covered container by the sink. He empties the container once every morning into a homemade compost bin. Elaine says they have great peat moss every spring.
- ✓ Her entire family uses gift bags instead of wrapping paper because the bags can be reused.
- ✓ Elaine reuses jeans by cutting off the legs, sewing up the bottom and inserting a foam pillow. You could also use an old favorite sweater or sweatshirt.
- **Barbara Sekerak** shares this helpful hint. When you buy something that doesn't come in a sealable bag try using an old water bottle. Cut off the top of the bottle and take off the cap. Push the bag through the bottle neck, fold it over the edges and twist the cap back on to seal tight.

*We thank all of you who sent in or emailed  
these helpful hints to share with all our members.*

### *National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors National Conference*



Pat Braun (FCSLA National Sales Manager) and Laurie Makola (Catholic Financial Life) display the "BIG CHECK" to Childplace, this year's NAFIC charity. The Wisconsin delegation was the highest contributor this year for the charity and won the honor of presenting the check. A total of over \$23,000 was donated!

### **Celebrates 100th Birthday**

Helen Chalupnik of Pine City, MN, a member of Branch W063, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 1, 2011.

Her daughter Cecilia and son in-law LeRoy Shinler hosted a lunch and social in her honor. May God Bless Helen with good health and happiness.







## The Members' Corner

*It may be summer "when the living is easy" as the song says, but we are pretty busy at the Home Office getting ready for our October convention. By the time you read this, we will be only two months away from the big event! It is a critical time for our society. We will make decisions that will direct us for years into the future. We need to be well prepared to make those decisions.*

**Q I have seen a bylaw proposal (other than the Board's proposal) that is being distributed. Can you give me any information on that proposal?**

**A** *The Home Office has seen a copy of a document that proposes a number of changes to the way we run our society, including how we choose our managing officers. That is probably the proposal you are describing. The author or authors did not choose to identify themselves which makes it difficult to get additional information or ask questions. As you know, many people are in the habit of just throwing away unsigned solicitations in the mail. I know from the survey results from our Special Convention that the delegates gave an overwhelmingly positive response to the open forum with our speakers and discussion with the delegates. Our delegates enjoyed the opportunity to address any concerns. Unfortunately, we are not able to do this when the authors choose to be a secret to the reader.*

*The Board's bylaw proposal having to do with how we choose our managing officers is on our website for our members to review. The goal of the Board was to bring about changes that were in the best interests of the society as we move into an increasingly uncertain economic environment. Our contact information is always readily available on the website and any printed material including the Members' Corner. See below.*

**Q Is it necessary to be Slovak in order to try for a seat on the Board?**

**A** *The current bylaws of the society require that members of the Board be of Slovak descent. If the Board's bylaw proposal is approved at the convention in October, there will be an opportunity to expand our member representation with two additional positions for persons of Slav descent. The Board of Directors will continue to maintain our present Slovak requirements.*

### Slovak Festival in Parma, Ohio September 4

The 40th Anniversary of the Slovak Festival will be held at St. Anthony of Padua, 6750 State Road in Parma, on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 12 noon-8 p.m. Enjoy homemade Slovak food, baked goods, music and dancing.

For more information please call: 440/886-4828; 440/845-0282; 440/885-1994.

**Q What are the qualities we should look for in choosing the members of our Board of Directors?**

**A** *The members of the Board of Directors have the most important positions in the society. The responsibilities of the Board involve setting the goals and the direction of our society. The Board oversees the operation of the society. Where will we be in five years? Ten years? How will we reach our goals? What steps must we take? You can see that both talent and experience are needed on the Board.*

*A loyalty and deep concern for what is good for our society have always been important to our success. Business and financial experience can be helpful for specific responsibilities on the Board. Each person can bring something different to contribute to the long term goals of our society.*

*Congratulations to Peg Plank of Illinois, this month's winner for her question! It is so good to hear from you! These are exciting times for our society.*

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## Eastern PA District Meeting Hosted by Sr. Branches 484 and 443

The Eastern PA District (Frances Jakabcin) met on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at The Village Barn Inn in Bath, PA. The meeting was hosted by Sr. Branches 484 of Egypt, PA and Branch 443 of Northampton, PA.

After enjoying a delicious meal, President Veronica Bazik called the meeting to order. Former National Auditor Monica Anthony led the group in singing The National Anthem and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Minutes were approved from the previous meeting and Financial Reports were accepted after audit. National Editor Carolyn Bazik discussed issues re-

lated to the upcoming Convention in Baltimore, including the governance bylaw changes that will most likely come up again for debate since they failed at the Special Convention. She encouraged all branches to submit their delegates prior to the deadline and reminded everyone that a District delegate meeting will be held in August.

A raffle to raise money for the District was conducted and after an afternoon of good food and fraternalism the meeting adjourned with a prayer. The next meeting will be held September 25.



### FCSLA — It's All in the Family!



Andy and Heather Mason's children are all members of Jr. Branch 458. Andy and Heather are members of Sr. Branch 525. Front row, L-R: Caitlin (9), Elisabeth (7), Molly (5), Eric (4), Kirsten (2), Julianna (4 months). Back row: David (15), Delaney (12), Alicia (10).



## Sr. Branch 287, Chicago District, Hosts "A Day of Recollection" with Fr. Larry Janowski, OFM

Lent is always a good time to sit down and take the time to reflect upon our journey with God. With that in mind, Sr. Branch 287 of the Chicago District hosted "A Day of Recollection" with Fr. Larry Janowski, OFM, on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Willowbrook Banquet Hall in Willow Springs, IL.

Approximately 30 members of the District, from various branches within the District, attended the event which culminated with afternoon mass.

Fr. Larry is a native of Chicago, alumnus of St. Michael the Archangel Slovak Parish in Chicago, and has been a Franciscan Friar (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province) for over 40 years. He is the author of several books of poetry and currently teaches poetry at Loyola University Chicago, while also being the co-chaplain at the Felician Sisters' motherhouse in Chicago and assisting on weekends at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield, IL.

With the use of his poetry, that of others, and a few readings from both the Old and New Testament, Fr. Larry shared some practical ways to make more room

in our lives for grace, peace and a continuous, daily dialogue with God. He shared with the group three easy ways to give God a total of 15 minutes a day in prayer by: 1) giving five minutes in the early morning where you can sit in the dark in complete stillness with no radio or TV; 2) at midday (or lunchtime), take a five minute quick walk around the block in silence noticing the beauty/ugliness of the world and asking God to help you love the world and people as they are; and finally

3) five minutes in the evening and either read a line of scripture and reflect on what it means to you or just say "Thank you God". Once you've begun to follow these steps and stick with it, you will notice that life becomes different and you have a deeper sense of peace.

The day ended with the celebration of Mass and a feeling of grace and peace enveloped all who attended along with an eagerness to continue or begin their own personal daily dialogue with God.



### WPSCA Fall Language Classes

The WPSCA will conduct Fall Slovak language classes every Tuesday, September 6 through November 1, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Brashear Association, 2005 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. The tuition is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The instructor for this class is Bozena Hilko. Call Pam at (412) 531-2990 during office hours to reserve a place.





# Pittsburgh Okres Spring Meeting Hosted by Branch 107

The spring meeting of the Pittsburgh District was held on May 1, 2011 at 1:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall in West Mifflin, PA. The meeting was hosted by Branch 107, West Mifflin. President Judy Fedor called the meeting to order. The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and sang "God Bless America" and Father Joseph Grosko, District Chaplain, led the prayer before meals.

Following the luncheon, President Fedor called Branch 107 Secretary, Carol Curry, to the podium and presented a check from the district to help with the cost of the meal and a check for a Mass for the members of Branch 107. Carol introduced the Branch President, Dorothy Welsh and Vice President, Jean Marshall.

Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, OSB, led the membership in prayer after the meal.

The Pittsburgh District's Financial Secretary stepped down earlier this year. Marian Gatto, who has served as Financial Secretary in the past, agreed to assist us by completing the term. Archabbot Douglas administered the oath of office.

Judy Yates, Recording Secretary, took the roll and read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Marian Gatto, Financial Secretary, gave the financial report, which was also accepted.

President Judy gave the results of our sales for the period. Our goal is 1.5 million and as of the end of March, we had done well over 3 million, or over 200 % of our goal.

President Judy took the opportunity to congratulate several members of the Pittsburgh District for their accomplishments during the 2010 New Member Life Insurance campaign. She asked Dorothy Urbanowicz, Virginia Holmes and Agnes Farcosky to stand. Dorothy took first place



**District and National Officers — Seated, L-R: Agnes Farcosky, Auditor; Judy Fedor, President; Father Joseph Grosko, Chaplain; Jerry LaFrankie, Vice President. Standing: Judy Yates, Recording Secretary; Linda Killeen, National Vice President; Maggie Golofski, Auditor; Delores Tomlin, Parliamentarian; Cynthia Maleski, National Trustee; Marian Gatto, Financial Secretary; Virginia Holmes, National Trustee and Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Auditor.**

and Virginia and Agnes tied for fourth place. In the Annualized Premium campaign, Virginia took first place, Dorothy took second place and Agnes took fourth place.

Dorothy also won the FCSLA incentive recognition program and won a trip to San Diego. Her total sales were \$864,000. Congratulations to the winners. The Pittsburgh District is truly an asset to the FCSLA!

The convention will be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront on October 8 through 13, 2011. The District will arrange for bus service for any interested delegates. Our transportation committee is



**Branch 107 Secretary Carol Curry, Bud Curry and Vice President Jean Marshall.**



**Branch 107 President Dorothy Welsh and husband Jerry.**



**Joe Matta and Irene Fedor.**

chaired by Vice President Jerry LaFrankie, and Monica LaFrankie and Marian Gatto are his committee members. Jerry made a preliminary report on the bus service. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

This is an election year for the District Officers. Candidates must attend both the July and October meetings. All nominations will be made at the July meeting and the election will take place in October. Jerry Holmes is the chair of the Nominations Committee and his members are Cathy Esack and Elizabeth Butler. Those interested in running for office should contact Jerry, Cathy or Elizabeth. Upon completion of the nominations in July, nominees will have the opportunity to speak briefly and introduce themselves to the membership.

As this is a convention year, there will also be an election of National Officers. Those National Officers who are members of our District, and any others who are seeking national office will also be given an opportunity to speak briefly to our members.

Cynthia Maleski, National Trustee, gave the National Officer's report. She updated the membership on the Association's business affairs and what is new at the Home Office.

As is done before every convention, President Judy appointed a committee to work on proposals for changes to our current bylaws. Those appointed to the Bylaws Committee were Virginia Holmes, Dorothy Urbanowicz and Linda Killeen. Each took a section of the proposals and shared them with the membership. The District Board and members signed their approval to the proposals which were to be mailed to President Mary Ann Johaneck.

Drawings for the "Share the Wealth" and lottery tree were held. Branch 107 supplied some very nice prizes which were given away. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Father Grosko said the closing prayer and the members sang "Hej, Slovaci".



**Judy Fedor, Jerry LaFrankie and Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, OSB.**



## ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL HELD IN MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

*The Annual Spring Social of Branch 289 of Gary, IN was held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Our Lady of Consolation Hall in Merrillville, IN. Members whose birth occurred in the years 1973 to 1979 were honored with song and gifts. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner and the remainder of the afternoon was spent playing games and enjoying good fraternal fun and fellowship.*



Door greeters included Terry and Margaret Abildua, Betty Yurechko, Financial Secretary of Branch 289, Ann Fedorchak, Financial Secretary of Branch 184, Millie Kunas, Vice-President of Branch 289 and standing Lori Weed, Auditor of Branches 289-184.



Richard and Rosemarie Conjalka with Carl Yurechko.



Laura David with her mother Mary Staroscak — both first timers.



Lillian Zaborske, Auditor of Branch 289 with Mary Weber, recalling the good ole days.



Lori Weed and Terryann Defenser with Martin Ruzbusan, the bingo caller.



First timers Irene and Bill Solivais with Irene Evans.



Mary Sierkowski, Christine Pazak with National Vice-President Rosemary Mlinarich.



Leona Cupka, President of Branch 289 greeting Barbara Evansick and her sister Cecilia Pavel.

## BRANCH W139 HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON IN OREGON

Holy Cross Branch W139 of Scappoose, OR, held their Annual Spring Luncheon at the local Bings Restaurant in Scappoose. A business meeting was conducted prior to lunch. The branch voted to donate \$500 to St. Wenceslaus Church in Scappoose, OR, to be used to help offset the cost of publishing their Centennial Anniversary Book.

Delegates (Annie Itel and Mrs. Frank Robinson) were chosen for the Convention in Baltimore, MD, and Peter Dibala was introduced as a new local salesperson. Frank Hobizal was introduced as the branch's oldest member at age 89.

A moment of silence was also held to remember Joseph Cholick, one of W139's oldest members at age 92, who recently passed away.

## Grace Kunas Receives Scholarship

Grace Kunas, Sr. Branch 289, Gary, IN, pictured below, received a \$4,000 scholarship from the 200 Club. She was one of 25 Morris County high school students who volunteer as EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) to receive a scholarship. The 200 Club helps survivors of Police, Fire or EMS professionals who die in the line of duty. They grant a \$25,000 check to the widow or widower and \$5,000 per year to surviving children. In addition they have a scholarship program for young people who manage to juggle academics, athletics and volunteering on the busiest and most demanding EMS squad in Morris County. Young volunteers like Grace typically spend 12 hours a week plus a 24-hour shift once a month, in uniform and they must complete and pass a 110 hour EMT Class.

Kunas serves on an overnight shift every week for the Morris Minute Men. She has answered 168 emergency medical calls since joining in March 2010 when she was a junior at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. She also participates in many other Minute Men activities. In the fall, Grace is off to the University of Pennsylvania, where she has received a Navy ROTC Scholarship to study nursing.



## Participates in Annual Citizenship Program

Brian and Amanda Vodvarka of Dodge High School joined nearly 400 other high school juniors from across Nebraska to participate in the American Legion and Auxiliary Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' State. They were sponsored by American Legion Post 122 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 122 of Dodge, NE. Both are members of Branch W008.

The event was held June 5-11, 2011 at

the University of Nebraska-Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate.

Set up as a "51st state" everyone learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants campaigned for offices, held elections, took part in band and chorus, competed in athletics and were involved in various other activities as part of the citizenship training program. They even set up their own state government and drafted bills. Congratulations Brian and Amanda!

## Rose Sheridan Named Salutatorian



Rose Sheridan of Lansford, PA has been named Salutatorian of the Class of 2011 at Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, PA. Rose is the daughter of Denise Skrabak and Michael Sheridan. She is a member of St. Katharine Drexel

Church and a member of the St. Ann Society Sr. Branch 140, both in Lansford, PA. Rose's extracurricular activities include: Rock Music Ministry, Eucharistic Minister, principle role in the senior play, school chorus, Allentown Diocesan Chorus, Schuylkill County Chorus, National Honor Society, peer tutor, vacation bible school teacher, and other volunteer work. She plans to continue her education at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, pursuing a dual Bachelor's degree in Neuroscience and Music.

## Nathan Thies — Recognition Program Nominee

Nathan Thies was nominated for the Big Red Star Recognition Program. The Program recognizes outstanding 8th graders from the State of Nebraska. Students are nominated by their school based on leadership performance and

academic excellence and must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Nearly 300 students were recognized at this year's event where Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman gave the keynote address. Nathan is a member of Branch W008, Dodge, NE. His family, including parents, Terry and Naomi; sister, and grandparents, Alice and Richard Maresh, all belong to the FCCLA. Congratulations Nathan!

## Three Awarded Scholarships

Branch W001 of New Prague, MN awarded scholarships of \$500 to three of their members. Recipients are: Megan Maruska who is attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Bradley Kroger who is attending Baylor University and Alex Birno, who is attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth.



## Jeffrey Holzer Graduates with High Honors



Jeffrey Scott Holzer, Sr. Branch 177, Clairton, PA, graduated with High Honors from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School on May 25, 2011 in Altoona, PA. Bishop Mark Bartchak celebrated the graduation Mass.

Jeffrey was also a member of the National Honor Society with many accomplishments.





ments in his high school career. Jeffrey will attend Penn State University in the fall majoring in landscape architecture. Jeffrey is the son of Rich and Evelyn Holzer, Branch 177 and the grandson of Edward and the late Elizabeth Petronie, who was also a member of Branch 177.

## Kromkowski Attains Eagle Scout Status



Casimir Kromkowski of Boy Scout Troop 219, Rochester, IN, a member of Jr. Branch 364, Johnstown, PA, passed his Eagle Board of Review on June 9, 2010, at the age of 14.

His Eagle Scout project consisted of replacing the floor and repairing parts of the Knights of Columbus food booth at the Trail of Courage Rendezvous site. This project took almost 100 man hours to complete.

Casimir has earned 36 merit badges and his Ad Altare Dei religious medal. He is also a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. He is an altar server at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester. At Tippecanoe Valley High School he is a member of the Honor Society, school band, golf team, and yearbook staff.

His Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on October 23, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester, IN.

Casimir is the son of Chris and Marianne (Korchnak) Kromkowski, of Rochester, IN.

## Leah Miklovic is Recent Graduate

St. Louis Sr. Branch 101 member, Leah Jane Miklovic, graduated this May from Maryville University in St. Louis, MO.

Leah, during her college career, was awarded the Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc. Scholarship thru the FCSU and a Slovak League of America's John A. Demko Memorial Scholarship Grant.

Leah, was also awarded a FCSLA college scholarship, the Junior College Transfer Achievement Award, the Federal SMART Grant for her junior and senior years, and the Phi Theta Kappa Scholar Award.

Leah, who has been on the Dean's list throughout her college career, majored in Environmental Science with a GPA of 3.5821 being honored as a member of the Psi Beta Honor Society. Leah commences employment with the city of St. Louis' Air Pollution Control Department in early June.

Leah's Father, Joseph, is the Branch Secretary and her sisters Ann and Margaret are the Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, of the Sr. and Jr. branches.

The Miklovic family reports that it has been 'paying' tuition, for five children, for 29 years to Catholic Grade and High Schools and to 10 Colleges, Universities, Junior Colleges and Academies during this score and nine years.



L-R: Susan Miklovic (her mother), scholarship recipient Leah Miklovic, and her sister Ann Miklovic, FCSLA Vice President of Sr. Branch 101.

## 40th National Convention Announcements

■ **CONVENTION BOOK:** The organization will not solicit ads for the convention book. The Board voted to forgo ads and instead publish a condensed book which will be paid in full by the Association.

■ **CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE:** As per the bylaws any delegate with the intent of aspiring for National Office at the convention and **knowing that they have suitable qualifications for said position** must obtain an intent form from National Secretary, Irene J. Drotleff, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. The completed form along with a brief resume and appropriate fee must be mailed to: Mary Ann S. Johaneck, National President, at the above address by **August 11, 2011**.

■ **GUESTS:** Please note that guests are allowed to attend the convention, but are responsible for all their expenses (travel, room, food). More information will be forthcoming.

### Attends Farewell Open House



Sister Antonia Klausner, President of Sr. Branch 180, Chicago, IL, is pictured with outgoing Chicago Mayor Richard Michael Daley at his farewell open house May 9, 2011.

## FCSLA Convention Donations Budget

We are all aware of the difficult economic climate that has existed the past few years. FCSLA has not been immune to these challenging economic times. As a result, the proposed donations budget at the upcoming convention in Baltimore in October is not as high as it has been in the past. However, we are pleased to announce that a substantial sum of money has still been allocated for these convention donations. Based on a formula passed at a meeting of the Philanthropic Dollars Committee, the proposed convention donations budget for this year is approximately \$880,000.

**DON'T MISS OUT  
ON THE FORD FUSION  
CONVENTION CAMPAIGN!**

**Deadline is August 31, 2011**

# MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

## Sr. Branch 140

### Fish Fry Fundraiser

Branch members from Sr. Branch 140 along with school parents from Our Lady of the Angels Academy held a Fish Fry Fundraiser at Costello Restaurant on March 9, 2011. The restaurant fried the fish while the branch members baked desserts and served the platters of food to the attendees. Members also sold raffle tickets after masses and during the event. The fish fry raised \$782 which was donated to the school to help pay tuition for families in need.



## Sr. Branch 404

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sr. Branch 404 members held a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to help with the cost of the Shawn Lehman Pilgrimage to Rome. The event was held at Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church on March 20, 2011. Branch members, along with family and friends of Shawn, helped prepare, serve and clean up at the event. The dinner raised \$844 and will help support Shawn's two week pilgrimage to Rome with Campus Ministries.



## Branch W033

### Annual Breakfast and Raffle



Members of Branch W033 held a raffle at the Annual FCSLA Breakfast at St. Wenceslaus School on March 6, 2011. Members sold raffle tickets during the breakfast for the 35 items that were donated by branch members and businesses in the area. The event raised \$1,149 and was donated to the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.





# MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

## Sr. Branch 53

### Holupki Dinner Fundraiser

Sr. Branch 53 members held a Holupki Dinner Fundraiser at St. Mary Magdalene Parish on April 3, 2011. Branch members helped with the shopping, preparing and serving of the holupki. They also made desserts for guests to enjoy. The event raised \$2,949 and was used to purchase a new stove for the parish.



## Branch W056

### Fish Fry Fundraiser

Branch W056 members held a Fish Fry Fundraiser at Holy Cross Catholic School on March 3, 2011. The event raised \$3,857 and was donated to the school. The branch has been holding its annual fish fry for over 20 years and donates the funds to the school each year.



## Sr. Branch 172

### Flea Market Fundraiser

Sr. Branch 172 members sponsored three tables at the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Mark #1097 Flea Market on April 2, 2011. The branch members sponsored the bake table, the 50/50 raffle and also staffed the kitchen for the flea market, which raised \$973.59. Proceeds from this event were donated to the Catholic Daughters who will use the money to support their charity outreach programs such as providing scholarships to local Catholic schools.





# IN MEMORIAM

## MARY M. KOSELKE Branch 81



Mary M. Koselke (nee Dvorscak) age 97, of Whiting, IN, life-long member of Branch 81, passed away peacefully at her residence on April 7, 2011.

Mary was born on August 3, 1913 in Whiting, IN to John and Suzanna (Kaminsky) Dvorscak.

Mary was the loving mother of Lawrence (Donna) Koselke of Chicago, IL; Margaret (George) Stiscak of Las Vegas, NV; Maryann (Ted) Kotyuk, Granger, IN and John (Phyllis) Koselke of Hammond, IN.

She was the cherished grandmother of 13, and great-grandmother of 21. Mary was a member of St. John the Baptist Rosary Society, and the Secular Franciscans. She had been a volunteer at the Hammond-Whiting Care Center for many years, as well as caregiver companion for many elderly residents of the Whiting-Robertsedale Community.

Mary was the long-time widow of Maurice Koselke, who passed away September 22, 1956.

Mary enjoyed crocheting and knitting, creating countless afghans and donated them to many charities. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

## NICK M. CIPA Sr. Branch 424

FCLSA member Nick M. Cipa, 28, of Murrysville, PA, died March 16, 2011, in the UPMC Shadyside from Evans Syndrome and acute leukemia.

He was born April 19, 1982, in Pittsburgh, son of Kevin M. and Andi Ferens Cipa. He was a devoted and caring son, business partner, and a protective brother.

Nick was a gentle giant, an Eagle Scout and a diehard Pirates fan that never completely gave up hope. He was a volunteer at the Bushy Run Battlefield, enthusiastic hiker, member of the Delmont TOPS, Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club and an amateur historian.

In addition to his parents, Nick is survived by a sister, Jacqueline "Jackie" Cipa,

of Baltimore, MD; and maternal grandparents, Andrew and Helen Ferens; Godparents Georgia Zeedick and Chris Cipa and his pets, Maggie and Corey.

Nick was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Michael "Lankey" and Josephine Cipa.

Due to the nature of Nick's illness, the family requested that Nick's memory be honored with contributions to the Central Blood Bank.

## ELIZABETH T. SPISAK Sr. Branch 141



Elizabeth "Betty" T. Spisak, 93, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2011. Born on December 19, 1917 in Cleveland, OH, she was the beloved daughter, (fourth of six children) born to the late Vincent and Elizabeth Spisak.

She received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. She graduated from Nativity B.V.M. Elementary School and Notre Dame High School.

Betty worked for a millinery company where she learned to design ladies hats. She was an excellent seamstress, thus many of her hats matched her outfits perfectly. During World War II she worked in the factory, and after the war, she worked in the office at Jack and Heintz Inc. This later became Liar Siegler Inc., Power Equipment Division, and then became Lukas Aero Space. She was also Secretary of the Employee Bowling League.

Betty was the dear sister of Margaret Phillips (deceased), Michael (deceased), Anne Bohovic (deceased) Frank (deceased), Joseph (deceased) Rose (deceased), Alois (deceased) (Ethel) and Helen Belovich (Thomas deceased); aunt of 14; great-aunt of 22; great great-aunt of 15. Betty and her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews are all members of FCLSA.

Following her mother and sisters, she took an active roll in the FCLSA, serving as President of the OKRES Anna Hurban for a half dozen years, and served as President of St. Mary's Branch 141 and St.

Cecilia's Jr. Branch 14 for over 20 years until March 2011, when was elected "President Emeritus."

She will be remembered fondly by her friends and family members, by the many charities she supported, and by the officers and members of the Cleveland District of the FCLSA.

## MARY ROSE STEEPY Branch 118/50

Mary Rose Steepy (nee Hritz) passed away peacefully on May 31, 2011, at Haven Hospice in Edison, NJ.

Born in Trenton, NJ, on March 1, 1925, Mary is survived by her husband, Jack; her daughter, Eileen Hermans (Louis); daughter, Patricia Lutz (Dennis); son, Richard; granddaughter, Dawn Calvet (Scott); grandson, Douglas Lutz; brother, Andrew (Ann); brother, Steven (Jean), and brother, Lawrence (Janice).

Mary was predeceased by her brothers, Michael, John, Joseph, Frank, and Paul. Mary graduated from Trenton Central High School and worked for the State of New Jersey at the Department of Higher Education. She was a proud member of the FCLSA and served as a branch officer of Sr. Branch 118 and Jr. Branch 50 in Trenton, NJ for over 40 years. Memorial contributions in Mary's memory may be made to Haven Hospice, 65 James Street, Edison NJ 08820-3947.

## ROSE (KLUTCH) STORY Sr. Branch 277



Rose (Klutch) Story died on March 7, 2011, after a courageous struggle with Parkinson's disease.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Ellis Story; daughter of the late John F. Klutch, Sr. and Johanna (Jean) Maderic; sister of John F. Klutch, Jr. (Sis), Joan Hulton, and Joseph (Buz) Klutch (Debbie); mother of Kathryn A. Brentin, Linda J. Story, LaVelma R. Uffelman, JoAnne Dato (late Charles), and Roberta E. Valentich (Dr. Joseph); sister-in-law of Clara Ann (Story) Gatz, LaRue (Sentner) Story; grandmother of Dean Russo and Nicole Galioto (Dr. An-



drew), Eric R., Bryan M. Brentin, Evan and Ava Uffelman Bickerton (Ashley), Robert J. and Brent M. Valentich; great-grandmother of Allie Brentin Schuljak, Anthony, Niko and Roman Galioto, Lexie and Adam Bickerton; best friend and gambling buddy of MaryAnn Maksa; special aunt of Sally D. Buchanan and cousin Valerie Pachel Young, and John Pitchok.

Rose retired after 22 years from Allegheny County Health Department as a payroll supervisor. She was an avid Steeler fan, loved her morning cross word puzzle, trips to Atlantic City and the Meadows and talks with her grandchildren and extended family. She was a member of FCSLA Branch 277 in Greensburg, PA.

Rose was a rare treasure, the best wife, mother, grandma, sister and friend anyone ever knew. Contributions may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association or to the SEAS parish building fund.

## **GLADYS M. NEKOLA** **Branch W130**



Gladys M. Nekola, 78, of Toledo, died March 9, 2011 at the Skiff Medical Center in Newton, IA, after losing a battle with cancer. She is survived by: her son, Rex of Toledo; daughters, Suzanne

Nekola of Grinnell, Geri (Jeff) Doyle of Newton, Regina (Casey) Hild of Atlanta, GA and Lorraine (Jon) Howard of Omaha; step-sister, Helen Timms of Galveston, TX; also by six grandchildren.

Gladys was president of Branch W130, Clutier, IA for over ten years. She spent many hours contributing to the branch and its members.

## **RUDOLPH JOHN SEMO** **Branch SZJ**

Rudolph "Rudy" or "the Guv" John Semo, 90, of Ironwood, MI, died March 27, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, MN, after a brief illness.

Rudy was born in Ironwood on March 12, 1921, and was the son of John and Mary (Machac) Semo. He had five brothers and four sisters. Rudy served in the

US Army during World War II and was a radioman in the Northern France, European and African Theaters of Operations, during which time he received many ribbons and medals, including two bronze stars and a Meritorious Unit Award.

Following honorable discharge he returned to Ironwood and worked in the Geneva Mine until it closed. He later worked at the White Pine Copper Mine and had other jobs as well. For many of the past years, he voluntarily kept many neighbors and relatives driveways clear of snow during the long winter days.

On October 19, 1943, he married Rita Ann Zuchowski at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hurley. They lived in Ironwood and had seven children. He and his family were members of Our Lady of Peace in Ironwood.

Rudy will be sorely missed by his surviving children, Rita (Al) Wickham, Renee Hartz, Rick (Kristen), Robbie (Dave) Breese, Randy (Carol), Mary Beth Hellen and Renita (Alan) Schneider, and two sisters, Helen and Betty; 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, Rudy was preceded in death by his wife, Rita; brothers, Charlie, Steve, Vince, John, and Joe; sisters Ann and Cecelia; and grandchildren Dustin, Hellen, Charley Foster, Jessica Semo and Marcy Borowiec.

Military rites were conducted by Ironwood American Legion Post 5 Honor Guard.

## **JOSEPHINE THERESA** **HRICKO VALYO** **Sr. Branch 305**



Josephine T. Valyo passed away peacefully at her home in New York City, on May 5, 2011. She was 94 years old.

Born in Dickson City, PA, on May 14, 1916, Josephine was the daughter of George and Mary Hricko. Josephine had three siblings which predeceased her; George, Jr., Mary Mezick and Cecilia Zvolnisky.

Josephine's father, George Hricko, served in the Pennsylvania House of Rep-

resentatives, with the distinction of being the first American of Slovak descent being elected to a state legislature.

Josephine attended the Slovak Girls Academy (St. Cyril's Academy) in Danville, PA and graduated in 1934. She later attended Lackawanna College where she received her degree in business.

Josephine was married to John A. Valyo for 28 years before his death in 1965.

Josephine is survived by seven of her eight children. Her eldest son, George Valyo, predeceased her in 2004. Her surviving children are Mrs. Josephine M. Schultz, of Stewart Manor, NY; Ms. Carol A. Straub, and Ms. Lorraine Davis, both of Columbia, SC; Dr. Judy A. Valyo, of Fort Lee, NJ; Mr. John A. Valyo, of Simsbury, CT, Mr. Paul Valyo, of Ashland, OR and Mrs. Mary Ellen Cole, of New York City.

Josephine is also survived by twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Her daughters, Jo, Carol and Judy also attended St. Cyril's Academy. Josephine and John generously gave of their time along with monetary donations to the academy during that period. Josephine was proud of the education that she and her oldest daughters received there. She remained an active member and served as president of the St. Cyril's Alumni Association for years after her daughters graduated.

Josephine was also a lifetime member of the **Zenska Jednota**.

A longtime resident of Garden City, NY, Josephine was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She and John contributed to the construction of the new main altar after the church was rebuilt in the 1960s.

On May 7, 2011, after a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's, Josephine was buried next to her beloved husband, John, at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, NY.





## FCSLA ANNOUNCES 2011-2012

# Scholarship Awards



This issue of our magazine, in particular, is one of the most exciting issues to share with all our members. As you read through the pages you will find the results of our 2011-2012 Scholarship Program. This program is one of the most generous annual benefits our association offers to our membership. It is my privilege, as your Fraternal & Youth Director to report to you the many young members who are recipients of this outstanding fraternal benefit.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out an application and submit it. We are very proud to have you as our member. "Congratulations" to all of our winners. We wish all of the recipients and applicants a happy and successful future.

Fraternally,  
Sue Ann M. Seich

### Seminarian Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**MICHAEL S. DREVITCH**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*St. Charles Borromeo Seminary*  
Sr. Branch 172



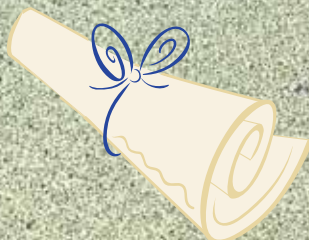
**CHRISTOPHER M. ECKRICH**  
Lincoln, NE  
*St. Gregory the Great Seminary*  
Branch W032



**NATHAN HALL**  
Morse Bluff, NE  
*Mount St. Mary's Seminary*  
Branch W055



**JOHN J. MICHNIUK**  
Latrobe, PA  
*St. Vincent Seminary*  
Sr. Branch 524



### Theresa Sajan Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**JILL MARIE JONDA**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**AARON ALDEN VILK**  
Mentor, OH  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 10



# College Graduate Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**SARAH B. BRET**  
Mentor, OH  
*University of Toledo*  
Sr. Branch 525



**STEPHANIE M. CERULA**  
Johnstown, PA  
*Old Dominion University*  
Sr. Branch 404



**STEPHENIE DUELGE**  
Muskego, WI  
*Concordia University*  
Sr. Branch 23



**MEGAN E. EGGLESTON**  
Woodstock, GA  
*North Georgia College & State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**JENNA LYNN HAMROCK**  
Poland, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 169



**JONATHAN M. HOPKINS**  
Glassport, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 200



**WILLIAM HRUSOVSKY**  
Cortland, OH  
*Texas Tech University*  
Sr. Branch 422



**THERESA MARAGANIS**  
Cotati, CA  
*Sonoma State University*  
Branch W093



**JONATHAN MICKULIK**  
Wyoming, PA  
*University of Scranton*  
Sr. Branch 172



**AMY E. NICKLOW**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 13



**LAUREN N. PANCHAK**  
White Oak, PA  
*Gannon University*  
Sr. Branch 200



**ASHLEY R. PASEKA**  
Prague, NE  
*Univ. Nebraska Lincoln College of Pharmacy*  
Branch W013



**ANNE E. REDDING**  
Taylors, SC  
*Medical University of South Carolina*  
Sr. Branch 81



**LAURA ANN SEFCIK**  
Warren, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 169



**CHARLES G. VARGO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Notre Dame Law School*  
Sr. Branch 424



**RACHEL M. WHYNOTT**  
Northfield, OH  
*University of Toledo College of Medicine*  
Sr. Branch 9

The FCSLA Has Awarded 227 Scholarship Winners  
at a total of \$258,750



# College Senior Awards

\$1,250 EACH



**GRETCHEN A. BERKEMEIER**  
Jackson, MI  
*University of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 81



**MARGARET M. BLASKO**  
Medina, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 475



**NICHOLAS CUROSH**  
Whiting, IN  
*Wabash College*  
Sr. Branch 81



**JAMIE LYNN DOLAN**  
Campbell, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MARIE FOTI**  
Shavertown, PA  
*Salve Regina University*  
Sr. Branch 350



**JOSHUA LOUIS GRADY**  
East Chicago, IN  
*Wabash College*  
Sr. Branch 409



**CHRISTOPHER HENRY**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**JILLIAN LEE JANOUSEK**  
Clarkson, NE  
*Concordia University*  
Branch W040



**BENJAMIN KLOPHEUS**  
Pipersville, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 319



**MICHAEL J. LANGSHAW**  
North Royalton, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 555



**MATTHEW T. MASARIK**  
Irwin, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**JEANNE E. RABEL**  
Throop, PA  
*University of Scranton*  
Sr. Branch 70



**KRISTIN L. SHINDELAR**  
St. Paul, MN  
*Bethel University*  
Branch W033



**NATALIE E. SINWELL**  
Greensburg, PA  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 98



**DEBORAH M. UHRINA**  
Hiawatha, IA  
*University of Iowa*  
Sr. Branch 258



**AMANDA C. WELCH**  
Stratford, CT  
*Western Connecticut State University*  
Sr. Branch 8

# College Junior Awards

\$1,250 EACH



**LAUREN M. BRIDGEMAN**  
Crown Point, IN  
*Purdue Calumet University*  
Sr. Branch 289





**CAMILLE M. CARUSO**  
Mt. Pleasant, PA  
*California University of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**AMBER J. MELCHERT**  
Mount Vernon, IA  
*University of Northern Iowa*  
Branch W045



**KATIE L. SPANIOL**  
Streator, IL  
*St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing*  
Sr. Branch 66



**ELIZABETH FORGACS**  
Wellington, OH  
*Lorain Community College*  
Sr. Branch 114



**JAMES R. MIKSANEK**  
Rochester, MN  
*University of Minnesota*  
Sr. Branch 181



**ALEXA MARY SUHICH**  
West Chester, OH  
*University of Central Florida*  
Sr. Branch 344



**CAITLIN ANN IONADI**  
Elizabeth, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 77



**BENJAMIN J. MORRISSEY**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
*St. Ambrose University*  
Branch W137



**BRETT J. VIRGL**  
Yutan, NE  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha*  
Branch W017



**PATRICK M. JOYCE**  
Mentor, OH  
*University of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 30



**ANNAMARIE E. MURPHY**  
Mentor, OH  
*Ursuline College*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0

## College Sophomore Awards

\$1,250 EACH



**KAITLYN A. KLAUSNER**  
Third Lake, IL  
*Illinois State University*  
Sr. Branch 180



**MARY E. PISTEK**  
Garner, IA  
*Benedictine College*  
Branch W051



**NATASHA V. ALVAREZ**  
Flemington, NJ  
*University of Louisville*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MARTHA C. LIGAS**  
Maple Heights, OH  
*Loyola University*  
Sr. Branch 141



**ERIC P. RITTER**  
West Point, NE  
*University of Nebraska*  
Branch W080



**ALLISON R. BARWACZ**  
Parma, OH  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 481





**KELSEY MARIE BOBEK**  
Elyria, OH  
*University of Mount Union*  
Sr. Branch 114



**FRANK JOSHUA FEOLA**  
Olyphant, PA  
*Temple University*  
Sr. Branch 124



**AMANDA M. MALLOY**  
Petersburg, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 344



**TIMOTHY J. BROWN**  
Vallejo, CA  
*Napa Valley College*  
Sr. Branch 10



**BRITNEY FORMANEK**  
Britt, IA  
*North Iowa Area Comm. College*  
Branch W051



**RACHEL M. PROBST**  
Marion, OH  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 169



**JILL M. BUSOLITS**  
Allentown, PA  
*Misericordia University*  
Sr. Branch 319



**JORI LYNN GILLEN**  
Oak Lawn, IL  
*Moraine Valley Comm. College*  
Sr. Branch 287



**EVAN T. REBILLOT**  
Uniontown, OH  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 202



**MICHELLE CLAYPOOL**  
St. Charles, IL  
*Northern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 485



**CATHERINE HATCZEL**  
Hammond, IN  
*Westwood College*  
Sr. Branch 452



**ELLEN P. RINGLE**  
Deerfield, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Sr. Branch 376



**KARA T. CUROSH**  
Munster, IN  
*Dartmouth College*  
Sr. Branch 81



**TIMOTHY JOSEPH KIKTA**  
Upper St. Clair, PA  
*Carnegie Mellon University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**ALEXA D.L. ROHACH**  
Toledo, IA  
*Simpson College*  
Branch W149



**DAVID PAUL CUSATIS JR.**  
Hazleton, PA  
*Pennsylvania State University*  
Sr. Branch 45



**NATALIE M. KIST**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Franciscan University of Steubenville*  
Sr. Branch 90



**AMANDA SIEDSCHLAG**  
Wautoma, WI  
*Viterbo University*  
Sr. Branch 485





**ERIN E. SKURKA**  
Frankfort, IL  
*Indiana University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**JOHN MICHAEL ZAJAC**  
Youngstown, OH  
*University of Cincinnati*  
Sr. Branch 161



**BRITTANY A. BOBOVNYIK**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 169



**SHELBY R. STERUP**  
Osceola, NE  
*Northwest Missouri State University*  
Sr. Branch 623

## College Freshman Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**MELINDA M. BOKER**  
Canonsburg, PA  
*Allegheny College*  
Sr. Branch 77



**BRANDON J. URASEK**  
Maple Heights, OH  
*University of Toledo*  
Sr. Branch 522



**NICOLE M. BARRY**  
Valparaiso  
*University of Nebraska Lincoln*  
Branch W187



**ALEXANDRA JO CHIR**  
McDonald, PA  
*Elon University*  
Sr. Branch 11



**KARISSA LEE VILKS**  
Saint Paul, MN  
*Waldorf College*  
Sr. Branch 66



**LOUIS BATTAGLIA**  
Lawrenceville, NJ  
*Lehigh University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**JANE E. CLARKE**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Walsh University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**SHELBY L. WADE**  
Prague, NE  
*University of Nebraska Lincoln*  
Branch W013



**TARYN PAIGE BELAK**  
Morris, IL  
*Northern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 308



**KAITLYN COUFAL**  
Bee, NE  
*University of Nebraska Lincoln*  
Branch W032



**CASEY SYBELLE WEAVER**  
Mount Wolf, PA  
*West Virginia University*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**BRITTANY M. BIELAK**  
North Royalton, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 262



**PATRICK R. COVAL**  
Philipsburg, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 154





**DANIEL J. DAVIS**  
Osceola Mills, PA  
*Mount Aloysius College*  
Sr. Branch 154



**TYLER L. FALTYS**  
Schuyler, NE  
*Northeast Community College*  
Branch W040



**JUSTIN CURTIS GETZ**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 156



**THOMAS B. DeHAAS III**  
Perry, OH  
*Ohio Wesleyan University*  
Sr. Branch 522



**CONNOR GLENN FAUST**  
Center Valley, PA  
*Lehigh University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**MARSHALL J. GNAP**  
Wadsworth, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 415



**BRANDON D. DOPIRA**  
Summit Hill, PA  
*Villanova University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**KRISTINE N. FIALA**  
David City, NE  
*Nebraska Wesleyan University*  
Branch W184



**BRANDON L. HORBACH**  
Toledo, IA  
*Iowa State University*  
Branch W130



**PATRICK R. DOYLE**  
Marietta, GA  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Sr. Branch 230



**RICHARD ALAN FIRESTONE**  
Scottsdale, PA  
*Indiana University of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch 44



**CHRISTINE K. KEENAN**  
Omaha, NE  
*Midland University*  
Branch W018



**LAURA E. DRAKE**  
Tafton, PA  
*Marywood University*  
Sr. Branch 72



**MALLORY F. FORAN**  
Endicott, NY  
*College of St. Louis*  
Sr. Branch 435



**GEOFFREY BLAKE KIM**  
La Verne, CA  
*Loyola Marymount University*  
Sr. Branch 169



**CHRISTOPHER M. DUMM**  
Verona, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 590



**JOHN BRIAN FULLEN**  
Jeannette, PA  
*Kent State*  
Sr. Branch 424



**RYAN MICHAEL KISH**  
Youngstown, OH  
*The College of Wooster*  
Sr. Branch 344





**NICOLE L. KRACUM**  
Tresckow, PA  
*Lebanon Valley College*  
Sr. Branch 140



**TIFFANY R. MARUSHAK**  
Bruno, NE  
*University of Nebraska Lincoln*  
Branch W017



**AMANDA L. PEPSIS**  
Swoyersville, PA  
*Mansfield University*  
Sr. Branch 36



**MARYLENA F. LEHOCKY**  
Vernon Hills, IL  
*Marquette University*  
Sr. Branch 485



**JACQUELINE McNULTY**  
Middlesex, NJ  
*Kean University*  
Sr. Branch 185



**ALYSSA D. PODWIKA**  
New Bern, NC  
*Campbell University*  
Sr. Branch 344



**JOSEPH E. LESKANICH**  
Streator, IL  
*Joliet Jr. College*  
Sr. Branch 66



**STEPHEN MOTHERWELL**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
*Purdue University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**KATEE J. ROCHEFORD**  
Howells, NE  
*University of Nebraska at Kearney*  
Branch W006



**MICHAEL MATHEW MACKIN**  
Manly, IA  
*Central College*  
Branch W033



**STEPHANIE C. MYERS**  
Huron, OH  
*University of Mount Union*  
Sr. Branch 114



**NATHAN P. ROH**  
Abie, NE  
*University of Nebraska*  
Branch W184



**ALEX THOMAS MADEJ**  
Parma, OH  
*Cleveland Institute of Art*  
Sr. Branch 557



**SCOTT NEVANGLOSKY**  
Nesquehoning, PA  
*Moravian College*  
Sr. Branch 410



**HUNTER B. RUZBASAN**  
Hobart, IN  
*Indiana University of Bloomington*  
Sr. Branch 289



**RACHEL J. MARTINEZ**  
Chicago, IL  
*Monmouth College*  
Sr. Branch 181



**ALEXANDRA M. OPSITNICK**  
Greensburg, PA  
*Allegheny College*  
Sr. Branch 277



**BRIAN THOMAS SALAK**  
Monessen, PA  
*California University of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch 88



# High School Senior Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**BRANDON M. SOBOTA**  
Schuyler, NE  
*Central Comm. College at Columbus*  
Branch W006



**TAYLOR M. WALCZAK**  
Campbell, OH  
*Akron University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**BLAYZE R. STEFANIAK**  
Saltsburg, PA  
*Clarion University of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch 464



**JENNA R. WELLIK**  
Garner, IA  
*Iowa State University*  
Branch W051



**RACHEL LYNN GOLDEN**  
Erie, PA  
*Mercyhurst Prepatory School*  
Sr. Branch 11



**NOAH LUKE TKACH**  
Lehigh, PA  
*Bloomsburg University*  
Sr. Branch 414



**MARIA L. WISNIEWSKI**  
Irwin, PA  
*Waynesburg University*  
Sr. Branch 343



**TYLER J. MINCHOW**  
Lincoln, NE  
*Pius X High School*  
Branch W055



**GRACE K. TOTH**  
Sheboygan, WI  
*University of Wisconsin Sheboygan*  
Sr. Branch 23



**KARA LYNN YASIKA**  
Chicora, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 44



**ALEXANDRIA A. OAK**  
Kansas City, MO  
*St. Pius X High School*  
Sr. Branch 66



**DOUGLAS A. VANECEK**  
Tabor, SD  
*Mount Marty College*  
Branch W093



**MALAYNA D. ZAVESKY**  
Highland, IN  
*Purdue University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**JAKOB J. REEDER**  
Montgomery, MN  
*Bethlehem Academy*  
Branch W003



**AUDREY L. WADZINSKI**  
Boone, IA  
*University of Northern Iowa*  
Branch W008



**KERRI LEE ZELENAK**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
*Westmoreland County Community College*  
Sr. Branch 44



**LAUREN SERRANO**  
Chandler, AZ  
*Xavier College Prepatory*  
Sr. Branch 81



**BRIAN A. SKLADANY**  
Maple Heights, OH  
*Trinity High School*  
Sr. Branch 522





**MATTHEW R. TVRDY**  
Wahoo, NE  
*Bishop Neumann High School*  
Branch W026



**THOMAS J. KAVAN**  
Malmo, NE  
*Bishop Neumann Jr. Sr. High School*  
Branch W017

## High School Sophomore Awards

**\$1,000 EACH**



**AMY LYNN VINOPAL**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Cardinal Mooney High School*  
Sr. Branch 30



**PATRICK T. KERN**  
Munroe Falls, OH  
*Archbishop Hoban High School*  
Jr. Branch 29



**NICHOLAS P. ANGLIN**  
Hammond, IN  
*Bishop Noll Institute*  
Jr. Branch 106

## High School Junior Awards

**\$1,000 EACH**



**MICHAEL W. AVDEY**  
Westlake, OH  
*St. Ignatius High School*  
Sr. Branch 221



**ROBERT RAMOSKA III**  
Park Ridge, IL  
*Marmion Academy*  
Jr. Branch 386



**JOHN PAUL BAHMER**  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
*Archbishop Hoban High School*  
Jr. Branch 192



**KASEY BILANCINI**  
Amherst, OH  
*Elyria Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 114



**MEGAN M. ROSENBERGER**  
Natrona Heights, PA  
*Saint Joseph High School*  
Sr. Branch 313



**ELIZABETH M. DAHLIN**  
Waconia, MN  
*Holy Family Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 126



**THOMAS E. HAMZIK III**  
Broadview Heights, OH  
*Padua Franciscan High School*  
Jr. Branch HO0



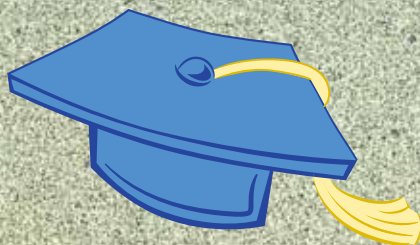
**JACOB RYAN SHOWS**  
Accokeek, MD  
*Bishop O'Connell High School*  
Jr. Branch 56



**MICHAEL M. GREGA**  
Weatherly, PA  
*Marian Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 105



**LEVI B. MILLER**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
*Xavier High School*  
Branch W045







**NICHOLAS G. PISKURICH**  
Johnstown, PA  
*Bishop McCort Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 364



**MEGAN M. HRICOVEC**  
Avon, OH  
*Magnificant High School*  
Jr. Branch 457



**QUIN PATRICK ROWEN**  
Brookfield, WI  
*Marquette University High School*  
Jr. Branch 130



**LUKE PALMER MESKO**  
Bethlehem, PA  
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 75



**JOSEPH SEBEST III**  
Campbell, OH  
*Ursuline High School*  
Jr. Branch 192



**LAUREN MARIE MOOSE**  
Victor, NY  
*Lima Christian School*  
Jr. Branch 126

## High School Freshman Awards

**\$1,000 EACH**



**JESSICA MARIE BONACCI**  
Louisville, KY  
*Sacred Heart Academy*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**NICHOLAS C. UXA**  
Saint Louis, MO  
*St. John Vianney High School*  
Jr. Branch 11



**CASSANDRA M. DUCK**  
Batavia, IL  
*Rosary High School*  
Jr. Branch 96



**OLIVIA M. VOLKERT**  
Brookfield, WI  
*Divine Savior Holy Angels High School*  
Jr. Branch 130

## 8th Grade Awards

**\$750 EACH**



**TYLER J. DEYOUNG**  
Midlothian, IL  
*St. Christopher Jr. Branch 322*



**CHRISTOPHER D. EISERLE**  
Jackson, NJ  
*St. Aloysius School*  
Jr. Branch 3



**JOHN MIKEL GIORGIO**  
Manorville, NY  
*Our Lady Queen of Apostles Jr. Branch 208*



**LEO KILLIAN HEINZ**  
Saint Louis, MO  
*St. Peter Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 77



**ANGELA ROSE HERB**  
Exton, PA  
*St. Joseph School*  
Jr. Branch 318



**ELIZABETH PETERSON**  
Wauwatosa, WI  
*Christ King School*  
Sr. Branch 334





**BRODY D. WILANDER**  
Bemidji, MN  
*St. Phillips*  
*Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**ABBEY ELIZABETH L. SITKO**  
Dunbar, PA  
*Geibel Catholic*  
*Middle High School*  
Jr. Branch 157



**RACHEL L. MARTIN**  
Crown Point, IN  
*St. Michael's*  
*Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 184

## 7th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**LEAH N. BRICKMAN**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Academy of*  
*St. Bartholomew*  
Jr. Branch 458



**MOLLY ANN ZACHLIN**  
Shaker Heights, OH  
*Gesu Catholic*  
*School*  
Jr. Branch 355



**EMILY ANN SCHMIT**  
Pleasant Dale, NE  
*North American*  
*Martyrs*  
Branch W184

## 6th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**LINSEY E. HOFFMAN**  
New Prague, MN  
*St. Wenceslaus*  
*School*  
Branch W035



**JASON L. BIALON JR.**  
Belle Vernon, PA  
*St. Sebastian*  
*Regional Catholic*  
*School*  
Jr. Branch 157



**SARAH O. SMITH**  
Streator, IL  
*St. Michael School*  
Jr. Branch 470

## 5th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**STEPHANIE M. MACKAY**  
Highland Heights, OH  
*St. Paschal Baylon*  
Jr. Branch 6



**JOHN M. BLAKE**  
Cleveland, OH  
*St. Bridget*  
*of Kildare*  
Jr. Branch 374



**EVAN N. BARZENSKY**  
Johnstown, PA  
*St. Benedict's*  
*School*  
Jr. Branch 12



**JOHN T. MOYNIHAN**  
Cleveland, OH  
*St. Thomas More*  
*School*  
Jr. Branch 6



**KRISTINA M. GUTH**  
Easton, PA  
*St. Anne School*  
Jr. Branch 211



**NATHAN C. CHECK**  
Middletown, PA  
*Seven Sorrows*  
*of the Blessed*  
*Virgin Mary*  
Jr. Branch 364



**LAUREN SERAFIN**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Good Shepherd*  
*Academy*  
Jr. Branch 362



**NATALIE ROSE KALATA**  
Chicago, IL  
*St. Bruno*  
Jr. Branch 174



**EMMA R. KAHNK**  
Elkhorn, NE  
*St. Patrick's*  
*Catholic School*  
Branch W018





**ABIGAIL R. KOLESSAR**  
Exeter, PA  
*Wyoming Area Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 526



**LEO SANTO IACOVANGELO**  
Monessen, PA  
*St. Sebastian Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 157



**BENJAMIN M. AVASON**  
Denver, NC  
*Southlake Christian Academy*  
Jr. Branch 26



**DIRK J. LOCASCIO**  
Bartlett, IL  
*St. Walter School*  
Jr. Branch 470



**PATRICK M. ONOFREY**  
West Mifflin, PA  
*St. Agnes Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 38



**REGINA L. DEMECHKO**  
Copley, OH  
*St. Hilary School*  
Jr. Branch 192



**MATTHEW C. MATHISON**  
Wales, WI  
*St. William*  
Jr. Branch 130



**ALEXA C. SANDEFER**  
Nesquehoning, PA  
*Our Lady of the Angels Academy*  
Jr. Branch 46



**CLARE K. FERENCAK**  
Cincinnati, OH  
*St. Dominic School*  
Jr. Branch 126



**NICHOLAS W. STARASINICH**  
Joliet, IL  
*Cathedral of St. Raymond School*  
Jr. Branch 83



**JOHN JOSEPH SIMS JR.**  
Luzerne, PA  
*Good Shepherd Academy*  
Jr. Branch 362



**CHARLES J. HERDER**  
Mound, MN  
*Our Lady of the Lake*  
Branch W045

## 4th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**MARY E. BRAUN**  
Fort Wayne, IN  
*St. Joseph School*  
*Hessen Cassel*  
Jr. Branch 106



**LUKE JARED WYVRATT**  
Monongahela, PA  
*St. Sebastian Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 170



**JARRETT J. MALECHA**  
Faribault, MN  
*Divine Mercy Catholic School*  
Branch W056



**CHARLES E. DVORAK**  
Dodge, NE  
*St. Wenceslaus School*  
Branch W008



**OLIVIA R. ADAMEK**  
Lavista, NE  
*St. Gerald Elementary*  
Branch W018



**ANDREW J. VAZZANA**  
Berea, KY  
*Sts. Peter and Paul Regional School*  
Jr. Branch 57



## 2nd Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**JOSHUA J. BEBLAR**  
Johnstown, PA  
*St. Andrew Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 364



**GABRIELLA MARIE DEMICHAEL**  
Medina, OH  
*St. Francis Xavier*  
Jr. Branch 14



**KIMBERLY F. GESSNER**  
Canton, MI  
*Our Lady of Good Counsel*  
Jr. Branch 323



**STEVEN J. KUKUCKA**  
Lorain, OH  
*St. Peter School*  
Jr. Branch 380



**CARTER D. MALINA**  
Prague, NE  
*St. John Nepomucene*  
Branch W013



**TYLER J. TIMMERMAN**  
Cedar Falls, IA  
*St. Patricks*  
Branch W045



**PRESTON M. WITULSKI**  
Beatrice, NE  
*St. Joseph Catholic School*  
Branch W187



**HOPE ROSE HEINLE**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Incarnate Word Academy*  
Jr. Branch 386

## 1st Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**RAQUEL E. ADAMS**  
Grand Rapids, MI  
*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School*  
Jr. Branch 106



**ALICIA M. DELISE**  
Evanston, IL  
*St. Cornelius*  
Jr. Branch 130



**JUDE S. GUILLATT**  
Minneapolis, MN  
*Annunciation Catholic School*  
Branch W017



**IAN RICHARD KORECKO**  
Independence, OH  
*St. Michael School*  
Jr. Branch 374



**AUDREY CAROL MIKLOVIC**  
Saint Louis, MO  
*St. Dominic Savio*  
Jr. Branch 11



**MOLLY MARGARET OLIVER**  
Stevensville, MD  
*St. Mary's Elementary School*  
Jr. Branch 46

## Donation Made to to Slovak Institute in Cleveland

Joseph M. Biros was a fraternalist, writer and professional photographer who passed away on March 29, 2011. After his death, his wife Anan Biros, donated his complete archive library which included over 200 books and various magazines published in America and Slovakia and around the world about Slovaks to the Slovak Institute and Library in Cleveland, Ohio. Thirty-five albums of photos he took from various Slovak conventions and Fraternal organizations were also donated. The magazines, files and pictures are available for viewing at the Institute. His widow, Anna moved back to Bratislava, Slovakia in June.



The late Joseph Biros is pictured with Pope John Paul II in November 1991.



# FCSLA EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING • MARCH 29, 2011

## 0100.00 Call to Order/Prayer

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

## 0200.00 Opening Business

### 0200.01 Roll Call

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

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

### 0200.02 Approval of Agenda

Cynthia M. Maleski moved and it was seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

### MOTION ADOPTED

### 0200.03 Approval of Minutes of 12/9/10

Rosemary A. Mlinarich moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of 12/9/10 as presented.

### MOTION ADOPTED

## 0300.00 President's Comment

President Johanek asked that her comments be postponed and given at the full Board of Directors Meeting so as not to be repetitious and to allow additional time for other matters.

## 0400.00 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John M. Janovec gave a detailed financial review of the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement for year 2010. Supplement #1

## 0500.00 Unfinished / New Business

### 0500.01 Annual Annuity Yield – April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Cynthia M. Maleski moved and it was seconded to recommend to the Board of Directors, that the annuity annual yield be set at each contract's minimum guaranteed rate effective April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

### MOTION ADOPTED

### 0500.02 Investments

Members of the Executive Finance Committee reviewed the investment purchases made through March 2011. Supplement #2

### 0500.03 Donations

It was unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Directors the listed donations. Supplement #3

## 0600.00 Meeting Dates

The 2011 meeting dates are:

2nd Quarterly Meeting – June 16, 2011 – Home Office  
3rd Quarterly Meeting – September 14, 2011 – Home Office  
4th Quarterly Meeting – December 6, 2011 – Home Office

## 0700.00 Adjourn

Msgr. Peter M. Polando moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

## ATTEST:

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

# REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2011

## ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 10,471,608.48
Bonds	610,157,377.08
Preferred Stock	6,580,430.87
Common Stock	710,981.84
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,697,919.12
Promissory Notes	38,727.21
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,739,767.92
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,798,634.84
Other Assets	251,355.72

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 646,446,803.08

## LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 188,561,125.08
Annuity Reserves	348,018,579.50
Death Claims Payable	640,046.83
Unearned Premiums	558,906.00
Matured Endowments	314,363.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	2,065,840.00
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,680,789.66
Accrued Convention Donations	734,668.00
Provision for Future Conventions	615,000.00
Asset Valuation Reserve	7,149,876.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,417,156.00
Other Liabilities	902,593.21
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	4,284,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 558,942,943.28

## SURPLUS

Surplus	\$ 87,503,859.81
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TOTAL SURPLUS \$ 87,503,859.81

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 646,446,803.08

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2011

## REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,199,510.56
Annuity Premiums	8,146,121.65
Investment Income	8,788,544.67
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	32,792.00
Rental Income	96,513.00
Other Revenue	5,414.36

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 22,268,896.24

## EXPENSES

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 5,988,125.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	6,255,579.00
Insurance Benefits	888,492.14
Annuity Benefits	4,917,502.07
Commission Expense	417,273.88
Surrender Benefits	416,394.86
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	75,237.05
Matured Endowments	6,124.31
Donation Expenses	74,211.00
Convention Expenses	46,604.96
Dividends to Members	524,966.33
Post Mortem Benefits	209,605.20
Bonus to Branches	273,690.00
Fraternal Activities	7,704.52
Bank Service Charges	16,443.17
Data Processing Service Fees	76,598.73
Accounting Fees	20,493.00
Actuarial Fees	42,882.00
Legal Fees	0.00
Consulting Services	33,772.50
Official Publications	87,104.00
Scholarship Awards	(1,875.00)
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	104,112.78
Fees — Directors	28,067.58
Salaries — Employees	371,127.16
Salaries — Officers	109,828.18
Interest Expense	51,252.07
Tax Expense	81,245.97
Depreciation Expense	72,109.00
Utility Expense	23,527.50
Postage and Printing	76,764.19
Advertising	22,076.55
Travel Expense	15,392.36
Insurance Department Fees	26,870.82
Sales Promotion	26,259.22
Rental Expense	96,013.00
Other Expense	108,101.11

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 21,589,676.21

NET INCOME \$ 679,220.03





## SHRIMP MACARONI SALAD

- 1 (16 oz.) box elbow macaroni
- 2 lbs. cooked small shrimp, shells off; no tails
- 1 (16 oz.) package frozen peas, thawed
- 7-8 celery ribs finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped

### Dressing:

- 1¾ cup mayonnaise
- ¾ cup Zesty French salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine macaroni, shrimp, peas, celery and onions.

In another bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight before serving.

## CRUNCHY ONION POTATO BAKE

- 2½ cups milk
- 1½ cups water
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 box (7.2 oz.) homestyle creamy butter or roasted garlic mashed potatoes
- 1 can (15.25 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz.)
- 1 can (2.8 oz.) French-fried onions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. In 3-quart saucepan, heat milk, water and margarine to boiling. Stir in contents of both pouches of potatoes

(from potatoes box) just until moistened; let stand 1 minute. Stir with fork until smooth. Stir in corn.

Spoon half of potato mixture into dish. Sprinkle with ½ each of the cheese and onions. Top with remaining potatoes; sprinkle with remaining cheese and onions.

Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and onions are golden.

## SAUSAGE, RED ONION, AND WILD MUSHROOM PIZZA

- 1 16-ounce ball purchased fresh pizza dough
- ⅔ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 2¼ teaspoons finely chopped fresh rosemary, divided
- ½ teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
- Coarse kosher salt
- 1½ tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2½ hot Italian sausages, casings removed
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 7 ounces fresh wild mushrooms (such as stemmed shiitake, oyster, and chanterelle), thickly sliced
- 1¾ cups coarsely grated whole-milk mozzarella cheese (about 7 ounces), divided

Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Position 1 rack in top third and 1 rack in bottom third of oven and preheat to 450 degrees. Lightly flour 2 baking sheets. Place dough on work surface; let stand until room temperature, about 20 minutes. Divide dough in half. Press and stretch each piece out on lightly floured surface to 5-inch round. Sprinkle each with ⅓ cup Parmesan cheese, ¾ teaspoon rosemary, and ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper; sprinkle with coarse salt. Roll each piece of dough out to 10-inch round, pressing in seasonings. Transfer dough rounds to prepared baking sheets.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage. Sauté until brown, breaking into ½-inch pieces with back of spoon, about 5 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer sausage to bowl. Add onion to skillet. Sauté until crisp-tender, about 2 minutes; transfer to plate. Add remaining ½ tablespoon oil to skillet. Add mushrooms and remaining ¾ teaspoon rosemary; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sauté until brown, about 5 minutes. Leaving ½-inch plain border, top each dough round with ¾ cup mozzarella, then onion, sausage, and mushrooms.

Bake until crust bottoms are crisp and brown, reversing sheets after 10 minutes, about 20 minutes total. Using large spatula, transfer pizzas to work surface.

Sprinkle each with 2 tablespoons mozzarella, then parsley, if desired.

## SLOW COOKER JAMBALAYA

- 1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped (1 cup)
- 2 medium celery stalks, chopped (1 cup)
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 cups chopped fully cooked smoked sausage
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper sauce
- ¾ pound uncooked peeled deveined medium shrimp, thawed if frozen
- 4 cups hot cooked rice

Mix all ingredients except shrimp and rice in 3½- to 6-quart slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low heat setting 7 to 8 hours (or high heat setting 3 to 4 hours) or until vegetables are tender.

Stir in shrimp. Cover and cook on low heat setting about 1 hour or until shrimp are pink and firm. Serve jambalaya with rice.

*Note: This recipe was tested in slow cookers with heating elements in the side and bottom of the cooker, not in cookers that stand only on a heated base. For slow cookers with just a heated base, follow the manufacturer's directions for layering ingredients and choosing a temperature.*

## CHOCOLATE CHIP CHERRY COBLER

- 1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 1½ cups Original Bisquick mix
- ½ cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
- ¼ cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ teaspoon sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In 1½-quart casserole, mix pie filling, orange juice and almond extract. Microwave uncovered on High about 4 minutes or until bubbly around edge; stir.

In medium bowl, mix remaining ingredients except ½ teaspoon sugar with spoon until stiff dough forms. Drop dough by 6 spoonfuls (about ¾ cup each) onto warm pie filling. Sprinkle ½ teaspoon sugar over dough.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Serve warm.



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