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Dear Friends —

*I believe that the words contained in the  
commentary below are good food for  
thought in the coming month. Each of us is  
faced with challenging situations and the  
comments that follow are a good reminder  
that we have the power to choose, to lead  
by example and to make a real difference in  
our communities!*



Carolyn Bazik

## WHAT I KNOW ABOUT LIFE

- ▶ I know I'm a work in progress and there will always be a gap between who I am and who I want to be.
- ▶ I know I don't have to be sick to get better, and every day brings opportunities to improve my life and my character.
- ▶ I know it's easier to talk about integrity than to live it, and the true test is my willingness to do the right thing even when it costs more than I want to pay.
- ▶ I know character is more important than competence.
- ▶ I know it takes years to build up trust and only seconds to destroy it.
- ▶ I know I often judge myself by my best intentions and most noble acts, but I'll be judged by my last worst act.
- ▶ I know I can't control what will happen to me, but I have a lot to say about what happens in me.
- ▶ I know pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional.
- ▶ I know attitudes, both good and bad, are contagious.
- ▶ I know winning is more than coming in first, and there's no real victory without honor.
- ▶ I know it takes a conscientious effort to be kind, but kindness changes lives.
- ▶ I know neither gratitude nor forgiveness comes naturally; both often require acts of will.
- ▶ I know real success is being significant.
- ▶ I know happiness is deeper and more enduring than either pleasure or fun, and I'm generally as happy as I'm willing to be.
- ▶ I know the surest road to happiness is good relationships, and the best way to have good relationships is to be a good person.

Finally, I will leave you with what I believe to be a very inspiring quote from Carl R. Rogers — one that helps me pause and think before I am tempted to judge. I hope you find meaning in it too!

One of the most satisfying experiences I know is fully to appreciate an individual in the same way I appreciate a sunset. When I look at a sunset I don't find myself saying, "Soften the orange a little more on the right hand corner, and put a bit more purple along the base, and use a little more pink in the cloud color." I don't try to control a sunset. I watch it with awe as it unfolds!

Until next month —

Warmly, **Carolyn**

*(Excerpt taken from a June 3, 2008 Michael Josephson — Character Counts Commentary)*

# Mary's Assumption Into Heaven: Our Journey With Her

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Friends,

When I was a youngster, August seemed to be one of those months that I looked forward to because it was the time of the year to prepare for our family vacation that took place on the last week of the month and ended on Labour Day. I remember my Dad always making sure that the tires were rotated, the oil changed, and getting the car tuned up for the adventure. My Mom made sure that the clothes were packed, had a picnic lunch prepared for the journey that then seemed so very long to take, and the pastries baked for the relatives that we were about to visit. The annual trip was to Niagara Falls, Ontario, where my Baba's youngest sister lived with her retired husband.

Initially my great uncle immigrated to the United States from Slovakia and came to Youngstown but working in the steel mills did not interest him. So he settled in Niagara Falls with some of his friends where he found employment with the Cynamid Company, worked very hard, and eventually had enough money saved to bring my great aunt and their three children to Canada from their native Slovakia. By the time I got to know that part of my mother's side of the family, their oldest daughter, Mary, had passed away in childbirth, their older son was married and had a daughter and their youngest son had moved to Toronto with his work. While we were at my great aunt and uncle's home, we would help out with some of their repairs, go to daily Mass, and on the Sunday before Labour Day, we would travel to Galt, Ontario where the Slovak Jesuits would have their annual retreat day (odpust). In those years, I would jog daily from my relative's home down to the area of the Falls and be impressed by its magnificence in the quiet dawn hours.

But the part of the vacation that I enjoyed the most was traveling by car to and from our vacation destination. Our family was together for the almost five hour drive and I would like to gaze out the window seeing the differences in landscapes from the city of Youngstown to the farmlands of northeastern Ohio and northwestern Pennsylvania. The vineyards of Lake Erie in Pennsylvania and New York would exude the rich aroma of the grapes that were almost ready to be harvested. Eventually we would come to Buffalo and cross over to Ontario via the Peace Bridge going through the ritual of being questioned by the Canadian immigration authorities. After that, we would drive along the river connecting Lake Erie to the Falls, stopping on the way to have our picnic lunch. In retrospect, I have a fondness of the simple gifts that I enjoyed along the way.

Our Christian lives are journeys of faith, the faith that has been given to us by Jesus Christ and built on the foundation of the apostles. All of us are called to practice this faith through our thoughts, words and actions that make us worthy to reach the final destination of our journey of faith, namely our union with God in heaven. The model for us in reaching this destination is given to us in the person of the mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her solemnity that we celebrate this month exemplifies for us the final destiny and its culmination of faith in the glorification of our bodies and souls to the perfection set forth for us originally in the creation of man and woman.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares that Mary's role model for the Church. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural

life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace". (968) The Church teaches that "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. . . . Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix." (969)

In 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly declared that Mary assumed into heaven body and soul in his apostolic constitution entitled *Munificentissimus Deus*. The Holy Father stated, "Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the wholehearted 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." (AAS, 769)

May our journeys of faith in this life bring us at last to the glory of the Kingdom gained for us by Mary's Son. May we enjoy the simple things of this journey here on earth and someday be united with Christ, bodies and souls, in His heavenly realm through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**MAY OUR JOURNEYS OF FAITH IN THIS LIFE BRING US AT LAST  
TO THE GLORY OF THE KINGDOM GAINED FOR US BY MARY'S SON.**





## 70th Anniversary of Ernest and Marie Semrad

Ernest T. and Marie Semrad of Waukomis, OK celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on June 1, 2008. Ernest T. and Marie Fuxa exchanged wedding vows at a Nuptial Mass on June 1, 1938 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bison, OK. The Rev. H.B. Mandelarlz officiated at the 7:30 a.m. ceremony.

The traditional Czech wedding celebration lasted all day. The parents of the bride hosted both a dinner and supper reception for 200 relatives and friends at their farm home northeast of Bison, OK. Twelve cooks, all aunts of the couple, spent two days and most of two nights before the wedding, preparing and cooking chickens, ducks and geese that had been raised on the farm, and baking kolaches, cakes and other pastries. The parents of the groom hosted a wedding polka dance at the Old Country Bohemian Hall northeast of Bison. Due to harvest the couple's honeymoon was postponed.

Following their marriage the couple made their home two miles east of Waukomis, OK where they continue to live today. They farmed and had a Holstein dairy operation for 53 years.

The couple has three sons and daughter-in-laws: Myron and Marilyn, McKinney, TX; Rodney and Janice, Waukomis, OK; and Dr. Sidney and Angela, Mesa, AZ. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They are members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Enid, OK where Ernest T. has been an usher and greeter for 19 years.

The Semrad's square danced for many years and are long time members of the No. 1 Oklahoma Polka Club.

Relatives and friends gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Enid, OK to help them celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Ernest has been a member of Branch W067 for over 60 years.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our anniversary couple!



## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Charles and Martha Dolezal of Branch W130 celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 22, 2008 with a reception at St. Pat's Catholic Social Center, Tama, IA. Their children and grandchildren participated in this special event.

Their children are Monica (Bob Berger) Dolezal of Urbandale, IA; Jeff (Carolyn) Dolezal of Toledo, IA; Trude (Ed) Moyer of Palmetto, FL; Tom (deceased) Marcia Dolezal of Walker's Bay, MN.

Their grandchildren are: Amy (Lee) Bowers of Allen, TX; Michael Dolezal of Plymouth, MN; Emily (Adam) Hoop of Marshalltown, IA; Marty Haglund of Chicago, IL; Leah Goins of Indianapolis, IN; Erica Moyer of Milford, CT; and Steve Moyer of Minneapolis, MN.

Charles and Martha were married on Tuesday, June 22, 1948 with a 10:00 a.m. ceremony in St. Wenceslaus Church near Clutier, IA. May God Bless our anniversary couple!!



## CELEBRATES 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



Mary Ann Jarosz of Branch 378, celebrated her 90th birthday with a gathering of family and friends on April 20 in Euclid, OH.

She was the daughter of Henry and Mary Hiznay, and attended St. Benedict School and John Hay High School. In 1940, she joined St. Bernadette Society 378 when Anna Klusar was President and Amalia Tussy was Secretary.

She married Stephen Jarosz in the Church of Benedict. They owned a meat market and grocery before and after World War II, interrupted by Steve's military service. They raised a daughter, Laurie Eberle and two sons, James and Donald Jarosz. They have three grandsons, and one granddaughter. Mary Ann is a great-grandmother and also a great-great-grandmother.

Mary Ann was a Brownie Leader and a member of the Cleveland Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting for over 15 years. As a member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Ladies Auxiliary Chapter 31, she held many offices in the Chapter, in the State and National Departments, including President of both the State and National Departments.

In attendance to help with her Memory Theme were her brother, Raymond Hiznay, cousins, nieces, nephews, some of her Brownies, PLAV members and friends coming from all sections of Ohio and N. Ft. Meyers, FL and Arlington Heights, IL.



## Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

Leonard J. and Georgine (Komara) Stanitski celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 31, 2008.

They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shamokin, PA by the Rev. Charles J. Petrosek.

Leonard is retired from General Motor's (Wilmington, DE) with 35 years service and works part time for NuCar Chevrolet in New Castle, DE.

Georgine is retired from Wilmington Trust Bank and works part time for Earle's Tire Sales in New Castle, DE.

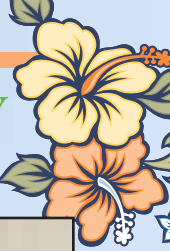
Their children are Daniel Sr. and his wife Denise of Bear, DE, and their daughter Leanne Dalton and her husband Ronald of Stafford, VA.



They have six grandchildren: Dana Marie, Daniel Jr. and Samuel Stanitski and Justin, Steven and Rebeka Dalton.

Leonard and Georgine are members of Branch 350 in Shamokin, PA.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED



Joseph and Teresa (Kascak) Danko celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2008 among family and friends at a luncheon at Shannondell, in Audubon, PA, where the couple resides.



A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on May 28 at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Mont Clare, PA with Father James Badeaux officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Danko were married on May 10, 1958, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA with Rev. Raymond Misulich as celebrant.

Mr. Danko served his country from 1944/46 with the 127th AAA Gun Battalion overseas and has worked in the financial field most of his life.

Together they raised five children: Cynthia Danko of North Wales, PA; Lisa (Michael) Fellmeth of North Wales, PA; Mary Binkley, Lansdale, PA; Joseph (Regina) of Ivyland, PA; and Patricia Danko, of Irving, TX. In addition to their children they also have seven grandchildren.

Teresa is a lifelong member of Branch 172.

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## Sponsors Annual Breakfast

Branch W086, sponsored their annual breakfast following Mass on Sunday, June 1, at St. George Catholic Church, Munden, KS. Graduates and First Communicants of St. George and FCSLA families were honored. Branch president Eddie Splichal served as master of ceremonies. Each graduate was recognized and expressed his or her future plans.

Honored on this occasion were college graduates Joelle Blecha, Joseph Blecha, Mike Popelka, Paul Popelka, Teresa Sulzen, David Hindman, Tim Baxa, Lauren Tipton and Amanda Keilor; high school graduates Taylor Ketron, Ashley Moravek, Alaura Pachta and Colin Tipton; eighth grade graduates Gustin Pachta and Dylan Splichal; and First Communicant Amanda Baxa. Helping Branch 86 prepare and serve the breakfast was St. George Council of Catholic Women. Sarah Splichal, a FCSLA member, received a \$1250 scholarship from the Home Office. She will be a senior at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, majoring in education. This summer Sarah is teaching in Thailand.



## From the Desk of the Fraternal and Youth Director

In this month's magazine we have the fourth and final "Challenge for our Youth." It was so exciting for me to receive the completed challenges each month. I thoroughly enjoyed reading all the volunteer efforts of our youth. Our fraternal magazine will share all the "good news" from all of the challenges.



**Sue Ann M. Seich**

With "Challenge One" our youth reported volunteering for the following:

- Many "Join Hands Day" Projects
  - Planted flowers
  - Moved gravel for a playground
  - Landscaped a garden
  - Raised funds at a car wash
  - Cleaned a fish pond
  - Decorated Cookies
- Planting flowers at a Retreat Center
- Mowing a Church Lawn (continues during the summer)
- Planted Flowers and Vegetables
- Helped at a Little League Stand
- Worked and set-up for a Carnival at School
- Helped at a Nursing Home with Activities
- Started a Vegetable Garden — Will Share Harvest with a Catholic Kitchen that feeds the Poor and Homeless
- Helped Great Uncle with Physical Therapy and did chores for Grandma
- Cleaned up after a School Fair
- Placed Flags on Graves of Veterans
- Worked on a Lunch Line — Making and serving Lunch to the Homeless
- Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser and Walk

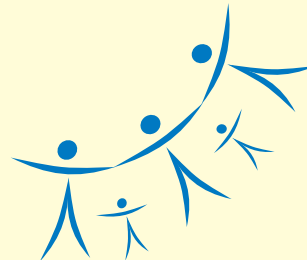
These are some of my early returns, as of June 16, 2008. I keep receiving them daily and look forward to the mail. I will share more in a future article. I have extended the deadline date for each challenge; please check the new deadline date. The challenge is designed to coincide with summer vacation.

Many children and young adults of all ages will be returning to school very shortly. We wish them good luck in all their academic and sporting endeavors. Remind them to follow the rules and especially the ones that involve safety precautions.

May God continue to watch over you, protect you, and guide you every day of your life!

Fraternally,  
**Sue Ann M. Seich**

## BRANCH 88 VOLUNTEERS FOR TWO JOIN HANDS DAY PROJECTS



Recently members of Branch 88 in Monessen, PA took part in a fundraiser for Fred Fal, Jr. Fred was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia in 1998. His disease progressed to Myelodysplastic Syndrome in 2004. Recently Fred has been diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. While receiving treatment at UPMC Shadyside, he has had numerous blood transfusions and has undergone aggressive chemotherapy treatments. A benefit spaghetti dinner was held at the Epiphany Chapel in Monessen.



**Chief Cook William Bielawski of Branch 88.**



**L-R: Student servers, and Alice Bialon, Ruth Bielawski, Vern Bellicini, Fred Fal, Chuck Urbanowicz, Dorothy Urbanowicz and Rosemary Betza.**

## Branch W008, Dodge, NE

Members of Branch W008 held their "JOIN HANDS DAY" project on May 6, 22008 at the Parkview Home in Dodge. Members helped the senior citizens play bingo. They also furnished the prizes and the lunch for about 50 members who played bingo.



## St. Elizabeth Branch 161 Participates in Relay for Life

For their **JOIN HANDS DAY** activity this year, St. Elizabeth Branch 161, of Youngstown, OH, joined with the Saint Matthias Church Generation of Faith Group for their American Cancer Relay for Life event April 18, from 7:00 p.m. to April 19, 11:00 a.m. at the Youngstown State University Beeghly Center. Branch 161 members who spent the whole time there were Ginny and Lauren DeLuca, Melanie and Jeff Leonard and Theresa Leonard, Branch 192. On hand for the opening program were Branch 161 members, Milly Kust, Estelle Chizmar, Bernie Demechko, and Ruth Bartos.

We were very proud to be part of this team, that through their many activities raised \$2,727 for cancer research. The team also garnered the following awards/ribbons:

2nd Place — Most luminaria sold, most money raised by a youth group, best late-night snacks, and most team members present at closing time.

3rd Place — Most monies raised prior to the Relay.

The Saint Matthias Team was awarded the "Silver Star Award" for raising over \$2,500!

This is an ongoing project for the Relay Team and they are already continuing to work towards next year's event.



Members Melanie and Jeff Leonard and Ginny DeLuca with a closer look at the auction baskets.

## Annual Card Party Held Recently

On Sunday, April 20, 2008 a card party was held for Sr. Branch 289 and Jr. Branch 184 of Gary, IN. The party was held at Our Lady of Consolation Church Hall, Merrillville, IN.

Members enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of bingo, bunco and card games. Members born in 1964, 1965, 1966 were honored and given a gift of appreciation.



Dianna and Matthew Hoffer with grandfather Mike Kunas.



Participants in the American Cancer Relay for Life.



Members and participants with the items for the Chinese auction.



Mrs. Anna Kuzma and daughter Lillian Zaborske.



Mrs. Monyak and birthday honoree Eric Monyak.



L-R: Mary Erb, Mary Szmuto and Erb Family.

**JOIN HANDS DAY**  
it starts with us



# Youth Challenge #4

## write A "Thank You" Letter

You will earn the fourth and final piece to the puzzle by writing a letter to a serviceman/woman. As an American citizen we have so many freedoms. Our service people are fighting for those freedoms and many have lost their lives for us. This challenge will give our youth the opportunity to say, "Thank you". The length of the letter will depend on your age. The younger ones may want to include a colored picture or a drawing. They will also need help with writing a few words on the picture or drawing. The helpers may want to include a few words of their own. Please include whatever personal information you would like to share; name, address, age, school, grade, also be sure to mention you are sending this "thank you" not just from you, but you are representing all the members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.



You will make a great ambassador and the "thank you" will mean so much more coming from you. As before, in all of these challenges you have been given, the idea is to bring families together, working together, having fun and enjoying each other's company. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sue Ann at 1-800-464-4642, EXT. #1051 or Email her at: [sueann@fcsla.org](mailto:sueann@fcsla.org).

After you finish writing your letter, put it in an envelope, seal it and on the front of the envelope, write, To: Our Serviceman/woman From: Your name. Put your letter and the form below in an envelope and mail it to me. If you have someone who is overseas right now and could use a pick me up, include that information also in the envelope. Happy writing, be creative!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT RESOURCES DID YOU USE? \_\_\_\_\_

DID SOMEONE HELP YOU? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF YES, WHO HELPED? \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU WRITE ANOTHER LETTER? YES ☐ NO ☐ WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_



## Youth Challenge #4 "Thank You" Letter

Mail form to:  
Sue Ann M. Seich  
Fraternal & Youth Director  
24950 Chagrin Blvd.  
Beachwood, OH 44122

**Deadline: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**





## Branch 88 Members Participates in Relay for Life Walk

Branch 88 in Monessen, PA participated in the Relay for Life held at the Monessen City Park Walking Track. The walk is held in order to earn money for cancer research. The projected amount for this year was \$78,000. Numerous students camped overnight and for 24 hours there was always someone walking the track in memory of those who lost their lives as a result of this deadly disease. The track was lined with 1800 luminaries with names in memory of those who lost their lives as well as those now struggling with cancer.



L-R: Harry Cope, Rosemary Betza, Mary Cope, Gloria Dawson, Ruth Bielawski, Marilyn Pivarnik, Dorothy Urbanowicz and Lillian Plavko.

## Branch W008 Member Stationed in Iraq

Pfc. Tara M. Harms is currently stationed in southern Iraq with the 530th M.P. Battalion. She is now at Camp Bucca, a prison camp.

Pfc. Harms graduated from Dodge High School in 2005 and then attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln for a year.

She then enlisted with the United States Army Reserve in August 2006. Her basic training was at Ft. Jackson, SC. She was trained as a chemical specialist at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Pfc. Tara Harms left for Iraq, three days after Easter. She would enjoy hearing from her classmates and friends. She will be in Iraq for a 13 month deployment. Her address is: PFC Harms, Tara M., 530th M. P.M. Bn., APO Base AE, 09375.

Tara is a member of FCSLA Branch W008 of Dodge, NE. Her five brothers and sisters are also members. Her parents are Bernard and Robyn Harms.

Members of Branch W008 wish Tara a safe deployment. May God bless her as she serves our country.

## SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION MID-YEAR ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

Since 1978, the Slovak Catholic Federation has been conducting the SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal which begins each year in the month of February during the weekend closest to the Feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius (February 14th) and continues through the end of the calendar year. I am happy to report that \$30,686.30 has been collected to date for the 2008 Appeal.

In its 30th year, this appeal has primarily been taken up in parishes of Slovak heritage in the United States and Canada. As we are all very much aware, the days of "ethnic parishes" are becoming a thing of the past. More and more Slovaks reside in different parts of the country and no longer claim to belong to a parish of Slovak heritage. For this reason, many Slovaks may not have the opportunity to hear about, let alone participate in this Annual Appeal. If it were not for the Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and their publications, communication to American and Canadian Slovaks would not be possible. In recent years we have seen an increase in individual donations apart from the parish collections. Also, most of the Slovak fraternal societies have also been making contributions to this collection from their National Boards of Directors, along with a number of local branches, wreaths, assemblies, and lodges.

As you know, this appeal assists the Church in Slovakia by supporting the training mission of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy (formally known as the Slovak Institute or *Ustav*). In addition, funds are distributed to those religious communities of both men and women that share a counterpart which belongs to the Slovak Conference of Religious. These communities are: Vincentian Sisters of Charity (*Ruzomberok*); Dominican Sisters (*Dunajska Luzna*); School Sisters of St. Francis (*Zilina*); Daughters of St. Francis (*Bratislava-Prievoz*); Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great (*Secove and Presov*); Franciscan Friars Minor (*Bratislava*); and House of St. Benedict (*Bacurov*).

As various groups will be holding summer picnics along with several fraternal national conventions, I ask that consideration be given to kindly taking up a collection in support of the Slovak Catholic Federation Appeal. All donations are tax deductible. In 2007 this Annual Appeal totaled around \$63,629.51.

Individuals, groups, events, etc., are all welcome to make a donation to this appeal. Please make all checks payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation and send them directly to Dolores Evanko, National Secretary-Treasurer, 173 Berner Avenue, Hazleton, PA 18201.

I pray that Almighty God rewards all of us who participate in the support of the Church in Slovakia through the Slovak Catholic Federation's 29th Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Thank you for your support.

**Fr. Andrew Hvozdovic**  
Appeal Coordinator

# Helen Kocan District Scholarship Meeting



Scholarship Winners

The Helen Kocan District Scholarship Meeting was held at Sacred Heart Parish in Whiting, IN on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

After the luncheon the branch officers introduced their National Scholarship winners and gave them each a gift. A monetary gift was given to each from the District.

A regular meeting was then held and members were invited to St. Ann's Day on Saturday, July 26, 2008 with the 11:00 Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, IN. Branches from Chicago and Milwaukee will be attending.

The branch hosts for this meeting were Branch 348 and 452 of Whiting, IN.



Branch 348 scholarship winner Ashley Johnson with Elizabeth Dedinsky, Branch 452 Secretary.



Branch 452 Committee Members.



Branch 348 scholarship winners Luke Matulewicz and Nicolette Ortiz with Elizabeth Dedinsky.



## District President's Meeting

The annual District President's Meeting was held at the Home Office on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.



## BRANCH 88 HOLDS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Officers of Branch 88 in Monessen, PA recently held a dinner honoring scholarship winners of Branch 88. The dinner was held at LaEda's Restaurant. Invocation was given by Nicole Dantonio followed by the meal.

President Dorothy Urbanowicz introduced the officers of the branch. She also introduced Nicole Dantonio who is a college senior attending Duquesne University. Nicole then introduced her family and told the group about her studies and activities.

The President then introduced Eric Polesky a college sophomore attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and he also introduced his family and told the group about his studies and activities.

Dorothy then explained the number of scholarships and amounts awarded by FCSLA. She also explained by whom and how the judging is accomplished. She thanked all for attending and a brief social followed.



Branch 88 officers with scholarship winners.

## Saint Andrew's Abbey Benefit to be Held in November

The annual Abbey Benefit will be held on November 2, 2008 at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, 44147. Mass will be held at 12:15 p.m. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment and Slovak auction will take place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will be honoring Abbot Clement Zeleznik, O.S.B. on his retirement and welcoming the new Abbot Christopher Schwartz, O.S.B. Catering will be provided by Tom's Country Place. Ticket prices begin at \$65.00 for an individual ticket. Additional sponsorships including a \$100.00 Honor A Monk level are available. If you need additional information, please contact Marie A. Golias at 216.228.8179 or Bill Andrews at 216.721.5300 x 252.

## Branch 578 and 503 Honors Scholarship Winner

Branch 578 and Jr. Branch 503 of Cleveland, OH is proud of our recipient Elaine M. Burns, who lives in Worchester, MA. Elaine will be attending Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. She is pictured with her parents Kevin and Jill Burns.



Best wishes from our officers and members of Branch 578 and 503.

## PENN STATE GRADUATE



Danielle Tirpak graduated from Penn State University with a Degree in Business Marketing. She is the daughter of Janel and Thomas Tirpak of Summit Hill, PA. She is the granddddaughter of Peter and Kathleen Tirpak and Mary Jane and Claude Turton. She is employed with Ryan

Homes in Maryland. Danielle is also a FCSLA scholarship recipient.

## St. Augustine Slovak Festival

**Festival Grounds located at Holstein and Hurst Streets, Bridgeport, PA**

*(St. Augustine Worship Site of Our Mother of Sorrows)*

**Saturday, August 23, 3-10 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 24, 2-9 p.m.**

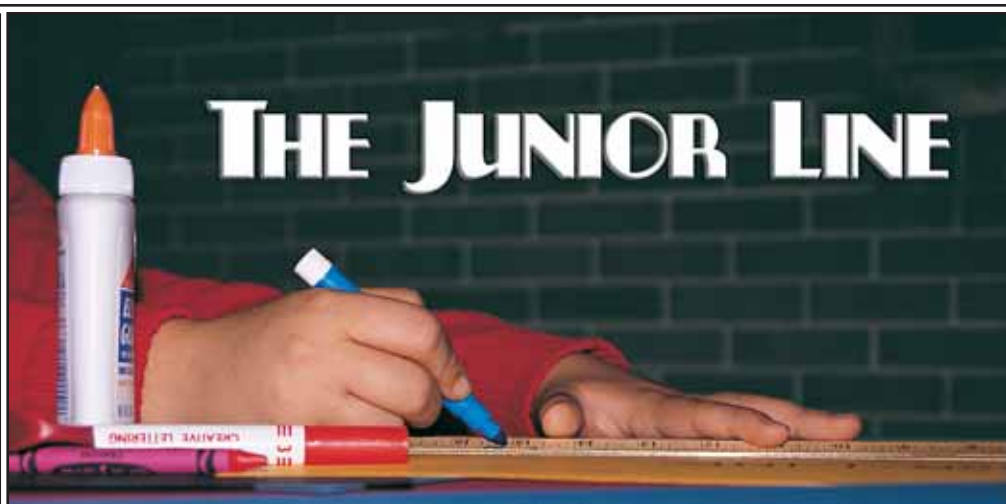
Come and experience delicious foods, drinks, and games for kids of all ages.

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Saturday and Sunday:**

Dance to the music of "The Melody Kings"

**Sunday Only:** Enjoy the sounds of the popular Irish singer "Oliver" from 4 to 8 p.m.



**CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH DOMIANO**, son of Tony and Susan Domiano, received Confirmation on May 19, 2008 at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Plains, PA. He is in seventh grade at Leo Solomon Plains Junior High School. He is a member of the youth group at church and likes to play his guitar.

Christopher and his sister Megan are members of Jr. Branch 362 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.



**EMILEE and ADAM HAMES** (J257) children of Jeffrey and Diana Hames made their First Holy Communion on April 26, 2008 at Holy Spirit Church, Millvale, PA. Both children participate in baseball and Emilee enjoys dancing lessons. Their proud grandmother is Lucille Hames of Youngstown, OH.



**CONNOR JOSEPH ECKERT** received his First Holy Communion on May 3, 2008 at St. Joseph's Church, Limeport, PA. He is the son of Joseph and Stephanie Eckert and is in the third grade at St. Michael the Archangel School in Limeport, PA.

Connor and his brothers, Shane and Ryan are members of Jr. Branch 362 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

## DEDICATES MONUMENT

The younger member of Branch W008 of Dodge, NE, recently erected a monument on the church property of St. Wenceslaus Church, "In Memory of all Unborn Children." It was completed before St. Wenceslaus Parish celebrated their 125th Anniversary on June 1, 2008.





## JR. BRANCH 157 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER HONORED

Jason L. Bialon a member of Jr. Branch 157 was a guest of honor at a dinner held to commemorate his winning one of the FCSLA annual scholarship awards for this coming school year. The dinner was held at The LaEda's Restaurant in Monessen, PA on Thursday, June 12.

Jason is one of four children of Jason Sr. and Marie Bialon of Belle Vernon, PA who were also invited guests for the evening.

The dessert cake, specially decorated for the occasion was cut and served by Alice Bialon and Rosemary Betza. Jason was presented with a gift from the branch by Dorothy Urbanowicz, President. Jason will be entering the third grade at St. Sebastian's Parochial Grade School in Belle Vernon, PA this September.



Front row: Jason Bialon. Back row, L-R: Alice Bialon-Branch 88 Recording Secretary, Ruth J. Bielawski-Branch 157 Financial Secretary, Verne Bellicini-Auditor, Dorothy Urbanowicz-National Auditor, Pittsburgh Okres President, Branch 88 President, and Rosemary Betza, Auditor.

### ZACHARY THOMAS BEBLAR

received Jesus for the first time in Holy Comunión at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Johnstown, PA, on May 4, 2008.

Zachary enjoys many activities including baseball, soccer, and basketball, and playing with his friends and his brothers, Nicholas and Joshua. He will attend third grade at St. Andrew's School.

Zachary is the son of Thomas and Michelle Beblar, who are members of Sr. Branch 28. Zachary and his brothers are members of Jr. Branch 364, where his grandma, Helen Babik, was a past president for over 60 years.



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP  
A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH?**

## REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

### BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 30, 2008

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 20,423,707.64
Bonds	486,114,961.31
Preferred Stock	8,374,825.87
Common Stock	1,477,121.96
Investment Income Due and Accrued	8,124,625.61
Certificate Loans and Accrued Interest	1,227,130.34
Promissory Notes	107,888.18
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	8,995,494.44
Other Assets	273,558.70
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 535,119,314.05</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Life Reserves	\$ 155,983,838.08
Annuity Reserves	272,714,245.10
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	2,071,000.00
Death Claims Payable	481,868.83
Unearned Premiums	609,207.56
Matured Endowments	117,172.95
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,545,694.59
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,350,32.47
Provision for Future Donations	265,000.00
Provision for Future Conventions	84,837.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	4,685,928.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,533,828.00
Other Liabilities	1,265,823.13
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 444,708,786.11</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	
Surplus	\$ 90,410,527.94
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 90,410,527.94</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 535,119,314.05</b>

### INCOME STATEMENT

For the Four Months Ended April 30, 2008

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,547,461.89
Annuity Premiums	5,825,108.57
Investment Income	10,369,895.60
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	22,948.00
Other Revenue	171,165.24
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 17,936,579.30</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 1,872,838.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	5,101,245.00
Insurance Benefits	1,280,906.41
Annuity Benefits	5,171,739.57
Commission Expense	125,352.52
Surrender Benefits	304,492.54
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	21,550.29
Matured Endowments	2,000.00
Donation Expenses	164,334.95
Convention Expenses	60,000.00
Dividends to Members	500,039.33
Post Mortem Benefits	319,484.75
Bonus to Branches	351,339.00
Fraternal Activities	18,062.00
Bank Service Charges	12,228.16
Data Processing Service Fees	148,245.50
Accounting Fees	24,882.00
Actuarial Fees	48,696.00
Legal Fees	15,926.16
Consulting Services	59,742.50
Official Publications	117,221.00
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	94,520.09
Fees — Directors	36,183.44
Salaries — Employees	320,955.00
Salaries — Officers	141,666.68
Interest Expense	62,295.06
Tax Expense	92,785.30
Depreciation Expense	144,812.00
Utility Expense	23,779.80
Postage and Printing	110,752.91
Advertising	29,424.72
Travel Expense	38,959.22
Other Expense	276,523.98
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 17,092,983.96</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 843,595.34</b>

*From the Desk of the Fraternal & Youth Director, Sue Ann M. Seich*

## FCSLA ANNOUNCES 2008-2009 Scholarship Awards



We look forward to this time of the year when the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association announce the results of one of the most generous benefits offered to our membership. As your Fraternal & Youth Director, it is my privilege to share with you, in the next several pages, all of our many young members who are recipients of this outstanding fraternal benefit.

Our "congratulations" is extended to all the winners. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out an application and submit it. We are proud to have you as our members. Our scholarships are "one" of our most important annual fraternal benefits. We are excited to be able to offer these awards to our members.

We wish our recipients much success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

Fraternally,  
Sue Ann M. Seich



### *Seminarian Awards* \$1,750 EACH



**JAMES J. NETUSIL**  
St. Louis, MO  
*Kenrick School of  
Theology*  
Branch W018

### *Theresa Sajjan Awards* \$1,750 EACH



**THOMAS J. BARWACZ**  
Seven Hills, OH  
*Wright State*  
Sr. Branch 532



**JESSIE J. FEIST**  
Bismarck, ND  
*University of Mary*  
Branch W121

### *College Graduate Awards* \$1,750 EACH



**LAURA L. ANZALDI**  
Renfrew, PA  
*Vanderbilt  
University*  
Sr. Branch 590



**ERICA L. BECK PERO**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
*Regent University  
of Law*  
Branch W008







**JONATHAN D. BUCK**  
Wexford, PA  
*Joseph M. Katz  
Graduate School  
of Business*  
Sr. Branch 233



**NATHAN M. PAPALIA**  
Struthers, OH  
*University of  
Cincinnati*  
Sr. Branch 156



**SARAH L. VESELING**  
Springfield, IL  
*Saint Louis  
University*  
Sr. Branch 49



**ALLISON M. FLYNN**  
Kirtland, OH  
*Cleveland State*  
Sr. Branch 532



**RACHEL B. QUASHNOC**  
Hanover, PA  
*Nazareth College  
of Rochester*  
Sr. Branch 410



**VALERIE E. ZAJAC**  
Poland, OH  
*University  
of the Rockies*  
Sr. Branch 161



**ANITA M. HUDSON**  
Davenport, IA  
*Western Illinois  
University*  
Sr. Branch 452



**BRIDGET E. SAMEK**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
*Rosalind Franklin  
University*  
Branch W137

## *College Senior Awards* **\$1,250 EACH**



**GRANT J. KISSEL**  
Lower Burrell, PA  
*Chatham  
University*  
Sr. Branch 464



**ANDREA L. SIS**  
Atwood, KS  
*University of Kansas  
Medical Center*  
Branch W074



**JOSHUA D. BEALL**  
Downey, CA  
*University of  
Redlands*  
Sr. Branch 66



**ANNE E. MARJENIN**  
Madison, OH  
*Mercyhurst College*  
Sr. Branch 9



**JENNA C. STOKES**  
Coaldale, PA  
*Philadelphia College  
of Osteopathic  
Medicine*  
Sr. Branch 417



**CATHERINE BLINSTRUP**  
Oak Lawn, IL  
*University of Illinois  
at Urbana  
Champaign*  
Sr. Branch 287



**CYNTHIA M. ORESIK**  
Schererville, IN  
*Olivet Nazarene  
University*  
Sr. Branch 289



**CAROLYN M. THOLL**  
Tinley Park, IL  
*Saint Xavier  
University*  
Sr. Branch 225



**RICHARD J. BREYMEIER**  
Jeannette, PA  
*Indiana University  
of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch 317



**MATTHEW M. BURGDORF**  
Amherst, OH  
*Ohio State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 114







**NICOLE N. D'ANTONIO**  
McKeesport, PA  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 88



**SETH E. DRURY**  
Firth, NE  
*Wartburg College*  
Sr. Branch 522



**KIMBERLY A. GALVIN**  
Whitaker, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 250



**GRETCHEN HOFFMAN**  
West Chicago, IL  
*Taylor University*  
Sr. Branch 485



**AUSTIN J. LA LANDE**  
Scappoose, OR  
*Western Oregon University*  
Branch W139



**RONDA J. MAYROSE**  
Vermillion, SD  
*University of South Dakota*  
Branch W093



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



**TORIN JOREL MISCO**  
Milwaukee, WI  
*Marian College*  
Sr. Branch 273



**LANCE D. RAMBOUSEK**  
Dickinson, ND  
*Dickinson State University*  
Branch W121



**MARYSHA A. SARRIS**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 490



**NICHOLAS D. SOUSEK**  
Prague, NE  
*University of Nebraska-Omaha*  
Branch W013



**SARAH R. SPLICHAL**  
Munden, KS  
*Emporia State University*  
Branch W086

## *College Junior Awards* **\$1,250 EACH**



**KRISTEN M. BENES**  
Omaha, NE  
*Rockhurst University*  
Branch W018



**FRANZ J. BERKEMEIER**  
Jackson, MI  
*University of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 81



**THERESA BONVISSUTO**  
Parma, OH  
*Mercyhurst College*  
Sr. Branch 408



**EDWARD JON DELUCA**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Ohio Dominican University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**KAYLA FETSKO**  
Johnstown, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 404



**WILLIAM HRUSOVSKY**  
Cortland, OH  
*Kent State*  
Sr. Branch 422







**JACQUELINE  
KLAPAK**  
Highland, IN  
*Vassar College*  
Sr. Branch 81



**AMBER LYNN  
SHIMEK**  
Ridgeway, IA  
*University of Iowa*  
Branch W039



**NICHOLAS  
ANDERSON**  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
*University  
of Wisconsin-  
Whitewater*  
Sr. Branch 273



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



**KRISTIN MARY  
SIMKO**  
Crown Point, IN  
*Butler University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**THEA M. BAUM**  
Norfolk, NE  
*University of  
Nebraska-Kearney*  
Branch W080



**JESSICA  
MARQUARDT**  
Silver Lake, WI  
*University of  
Wisconsin-Lacrosse*  
Sr. Branch 273



**BENJAMIN R.  
SPANIOL**  
Streator, IL  
*Illinois State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 7



**ANTHONY R.  
BROWN**  
Vallejo, CA  
*Napa Valley College*  
Sr. Branch 10



**ERAN ANDREW  
MOSES**  
West Allis, WI  
*Milwaukee School  
of Engineering*  
Sr. Branch 108



**CURTIS M.  
THOENE**  
Fordyce, NE  
*University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Branch W093



**HEATHER  
CURTIN**  
Algonquin, IL  
*Illinois State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 180



**KALLY K. RICKE**  
Garner, IA  
*University  
of Northern Iowa*  
Branch W051

*College Sophomore  
Awards*  
**\$1,250 EACH**



**MATTHEW C.  
DACEK**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Cuyahoga  
Community College*  
Sr. Branch SZJO



**EMILY ANN  
RUSKAMP**  
Dodge, NE  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W008



**CHELSE A.  
ANDERA**  
Manly, IA  
*University of  
Wisconsin-Superior*  
Branch W033



**CHARLES C.  
DORWART**  
Omaha, NE  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W018







**HEATHER R. DZIALOWY**  
Summit, IL  
*Moraine Valley Community College*  
Sr. Branch 489



**RACHEL IACONIS THOMAS**  
Medina, OH  
*Cuyahoga Community College*  
Sr. Branch 119



**BRIAN A. MADZIA**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Muskingum College*  
Sr. Branch 481



**LAUREN A. FORQUER**  
North Canton, OH  
*Mt. Union College*  
Sr. Branch 532



**LINDSEY ISHERWOOD**  
Allison Park, PA  
*Penn State-Erie*  
Sr. Branch 262



**ERIC PAUL POLESKY**  
Aliquippa, PA  
*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*  
Sr. Branch 88



**ABIGAIL ROSE GAZDA**  
Whiting, IN  
*St. Joseph's College*  
Sr. Branch 81



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



**KINDRA M. SEIFERT**  
Willmar, MN  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W035



**DEVIN M. GODA**  
Monongahela, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 177



**KELSEY E. KLATKA**  
Brunswick, OH  
*Case Western Reserve*  
Sr. Branch 55



**RANDALL SIEDSCHLAG**  
Wautoma, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*  
Sr. Branch 485



**NATHAN R. HALENAR**  
Summit Hill, PA  
*Penn State*  
Sr. Branch 140



**KERRY E. KLAUSNER**  
Third Lake, IL  
*University of Northern Michigan*  
Sr. Branch 180



**SHAWNA LEIGH SMITH**  
Clairton, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 11



**LISEL N. HOLZAPFEL**  
North Kingstown, RI  
*University of Miami*  
Sr. Branch 225



**KATRINA M. KOVAR**  
David City, NE  
*Midland Lutheran College*  
Branch W040



**SEAN B. SROKA**  
Orland Park, IL  
*Northern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 485







**RICHARD J. VARGO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University of Virginia*  
Sr. Branch 424



**LEANNA BODNAR**  
Struthers, OH  
*Youngstown State*  
Sr. Branch 344



**JONATHAN E. DUMM**  
Verona, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 590



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



**ALISON A. BRABEC**  
Clarkson, NE  
*University of Nebraska at Kearney*  
Branch W080



**STEPHEN J. FOX**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Temple University*  
Sr. Branch 615

## *College Freshman Awards*

**\$1,250 EACH**



**KYLE W. AXELSON**  
West Mifflin, PA  
*Penn State-Greater Allegheny*  
Sr. Branch 11



**ANGELA C. BRICHACEK**  
Clarkson, NE  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W006



**Z. A. GIALLONARDO**  
Jeannette, PA  
*Penn State-Altoona*  
Sr. Branch 13



**MEAGAN C. BARBISH**  
Kirtland, OH  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 517



**ELAINE MARIE BURNS**  
Worcester, MA  
*Skidmore College*  
Sr. Branch 578



**DANIEL R. GREEN**  
Irwin, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 11



**REBECCA JEAN BENO**  
Alsip, IL  
*Knox College*  
Sr. Branch 180



**ZACHARY CHRISTOFF**  
Poland, OH  
*Case Western Reserve University*  
Sr. Branch 325



**MATTHEW G. GULAS**  
Fairview Park, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 557



**NICHOLAS J. DERDA**  
Orland Park, IL  
*Valparis University*  
Sr. Branch 421



**JACLYN ANN HAMROCK**  
Poland, OH  
*Walsh University*  
Sr. Branch 169





**VALERIE M. HARRIS**  
Hays, KS  
*Ft. Hays State University*  
Branch W133



**MARYGRACE KOSPORT**  
Perryopolis, PA  
*Seton Hill University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**ANDREW R. MATECKI**  
Lisle, IL  
*Columbia College*  
Sr. Branch 352



**BRIAN J. HAWKINS**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**TERRANCE KOWALSKI**  
Orland Park, IL  
*University of Illinois*  
Sr. Branch 421



**KATHRYN MCCORMACK**  
Brookfield, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Sr. Branch 23



**EMILY G. HAZLETT**  
Lewis Center, OH  
*Kent State*  
Sr. Branch 415



**AMANDA J. LEDVORA**  
Lisle, IL  
*Indiana University*  
Sr. Branch 46



**ELAINE R. MILLER**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Indiana University of Pennsylvania*  
Sr. Branch 344



**APRIL M. HOMOLAK**  
Fairview Park, OH  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**SHAWN DAVID LEHMAN**  
Johnstown, PA  
*St. Vincent College*  
Sr. Branch 404



**RACHEL ANN MILLER**  
Mars, PA  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 200



**SAMANTHA J. INDRA**  
Clarkson, NE  
*University of Nebraska-Omaha*  
Branch W080



**KATHERINE L. LISKO**  
Poland, OH  
*Duquesne University*  
Sr. Branch 344



**MATTHEW M. NOVOSEL**  
McKeesport, PA  
*St. Vincent College*  
Sr. Branch 77



**REBECCA A. JONES**  
Apollo, PA  
*UPMC Mercy School of Nursing*  
Sr. Branch 313



**MEGAN E. MARUSKA**  
New Prague, MN  
*University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*  
Branch W001



**CHESNEY S. ORAVEC**  
Ashburn, VA  
*Yale College*  
Sr. Branch 72







**NANCY ANNE PAUL**  
Mercer, PA  
*University of Notre Dame*  
Sr. Branch 156



**CHRISTINE M. RILEY**  
La Vista, NE  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Branch W018



**AUDREY A. SNYDER**  
Downingtown, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 414



**RYAN P. PECINOVSKY**  
Calmar, IA  
*Iowa State*  
Branch W039



**ROBERT D. RINGLE**  
Deerfield, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Sr. Branch 376



**JENNIFER STEBBINS**  
Kenosha, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Whitewater*  
Sr. Branch 273



**STEPHANIE E. PISULA**  
Presto, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 44



**SARAH SCHNEIDER**  
Janesville, WI  
*University of Milwaukee*  
Sr. Branch 81



**CAITLIN E. STEINER**  
West Mifflin, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg*  
Sr. Branch 107



**CHRISTINA N. POWELL**  
Aliquippa, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 13



**ANDREW L. SEFCIK**  
Solon, OH  
*Ohio State*  
Sr. Branch 169



**BRIAN E. STURGEON**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MICHELLE P. RAYMOND**  
Lemont, IL  
*University of Illinois at Chicago*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**ASHLEY N. SIADEK**  
Manhattan, IL  
*St. Louis University*  
Sr. Branch 66



**MALLORY JOY SWIFT**  
Brookfield, IL  
*University of Illinois*  
Sr. Branch 258



**STEPHEN M. RICHTER**  
Whitehall, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 74



**MATTHEW M. SIMKOVIC**  
Carmichaels, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 177



**DANIEL SZUHAY, JR.**  
Lindenhurst, IL  
*Ohio State University*  
Sr. Branch 169







**RACHAEL E. TOTH**  
Sheboygan, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan*  
Sr. Branch 23



**S.M. ZONGOLOWICZ**  
Kenosha, WI  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Sr. Branch 273



**ANDREW J. LASKO**  
Bound Brook, NJ  
*St. Joseph High School*  
Sr. Branch 185



**ELIZABETH M. TVRDY**  
Wahoo, NE  
*Midland Lutheran College*  
Branch W026

*High School*  
*Senior Awards*  
**\$1,000 EACH**

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**ROSEMARY F. MACEY**  
Westlake, OH  
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Jr. Branch 58



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*St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception*  
Jr. Branch 457



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*Holy Cross Catholic School*  
Branch W056



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*St. John the Baptist*  
Jr. Branch 322



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Jr. Branch 485



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Branch W033



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Jr. Branch 90



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