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*God, bless all the fathers  
in the world. Guide them  
to be good role models and  
loving to all their children.  
Help them to be a father  
like You are. Give them  
grace and patience to handle  
situations in a loving way.  
~ Amen.*

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## THE PRAYING HANDS

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen!

In order merely to keep food on the table for this big family, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood. Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Durer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.



**Carolyn Bazik**

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines. They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no." Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look, look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver point sketches, water-colors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one — no one — ever makes it alone!

Until next Month,  
Warmly, Carolyn

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# Saints Philip and James, Apostles

**Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain**

My dear Friends,

At the start of my junior year in college seminary in the mid 1970's, I learned that several of my classmates had made the decision not to return to the seminary and thus terminated their formation in priestly studies. As in other avenues of educational and vocational experiences, a person may have the desire to take on courses that would lead him/her to a particular position or job but along the way find out that calling in life was not for him/her because of an inability to adequately perform and achieve academically, a realization that another position would be more advantageous, or a situation arises that is more financially and job-wise secure. When one of the seminarians would announce that they were going to terminate their studies, I often wondered why and sometimes asked the individual how he came to that decision. There was much thought given by the person but in the end, it was always for the better well being of the individual. But as several of my classmates made impacting decisions on their futures that year to depart, so did another person decide to change his course of studies to follow Jesus in another way, and matriculated into the priestly formation program. His name is Philip Rogers.

Philip was from Poland, Ohio, which is also in the Diocese of Youngstown. His grandparents were founding members of his home parish and he had three sisters, one of whom is an Ursuline Sister (she recently stepped down in her term as their superior) and had a brother in high school who two years before had died from cancer. The most amazing aspect of Philip's six years of priestly formation was his ability to grasp the knowledge being imparted either through the classroom lectures or the burdensome amount of reading that was required outside the lecture room. While the rest of his classmates were in the library researching, or fulfilling the daily reading assignments, or doing additional

work to grasp the subject matter, Philip enjoyed life leisurely until it was the last week or so prior to final examinations. His innate ability to grasp the subject matter and retain it was beyond belief so much so that I would often say that all Philip had to do was touch a book or article and it would absorb into his brain! Thus I called him "the sponge"! And if any of us had a question about the material, Philip was always ready to share his understanding with us.

Philip was ordained to the diaconate and presbyterate with two other classmates and me and since our embarking on our priestly vocation, he was a parochial vicar prior to his assignments at four parishes as pastor, the present of which is one of the largest in our diocese. Philip is truly an amazing person and priest. He was and is not soft-spoken and is of no need of a microphone when he is speaking, no matter how large the church may be.

At times, Father Rogers reminds of his patron saint, Philip, who along with Saint James, their feast is celebrated by the Roman Church on 3 May. Very little is known of the Apostle James. His and Saint Philip's names are listed in the groupings of the apostles in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew (10), Mark (3), and Luke (6). In the Gospel of John, several scenarios describe Saint Philip in relation to Jesus.

The day after the call of Peter and Andrew to apostleship, Jesus "decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth'" (1:43-45). Saint Philip and the other apostles originally thought that their vocations were set in place but because of their being called by the Lord Jesus, there came about radical changes that would be life lasting. Saint Philip obviously had

a keen knowledge of the law and prophets, and wanted to share the person of Jesus with others, especially with Nathanael (Bartholomew). Saint Philip was able to grasp quickly who Jesus was to the world and to him personally.

Later, in the Johannine account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus desired to feed the vast crowd of more than five thousand men who were following him and, "he said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little'" (6:5-7). We know that after Jesus said the blessing over the five loaves and two fishes everyone was able to eat and there were twelve baskets leftover. Philip may have been perplexed at the question of Jesus but he was gradually learning who the divine Jesus really was to him and the other followers. It was the loud voice of Saint Philip along with Saint Andrew about Jesus that enabled the curious Greeks to implore the two apostles to intercede for them to have an interview with Jesus. It was a point in his ministry that Jesus revealed the impending days of his crucifixion and glory (12:20-36).

Saint Philip was able to grasp quickly who Jesus was for him personally and for the salvation of the whole world. Two thousand years later, another of his namesake, Father Rogers carries on in the priesthood of Jesus Christ in firm, loud, and bold proclamation of the Good News entrusted to him by the Church. All of us Christians should walk in the footsteps of the Saint Philip and the other apostles to proclaim that Good News, whether a layperson, a person consecrated in religious life, or in Holy Orders. May we do so through our knowledge of Sacred Scripture and Church teaching, in our love for God and for one another and our evangelization of bringing unbelievers to Jesus.

Saint Philip, pray for us!

# FCSLA IS FEELING FINE IN 2009

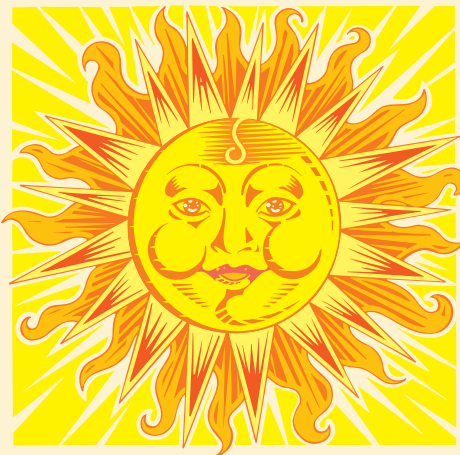
*With Deborah Brindza, M.D., National Medical Examiner and Sue Ann M. Seich, Fraternal & Youth Director*

## Be Sun Smart for Summer

Summer will officially be here in a few weeks. We will enjoy the longer periods of sunshine and the rising temperature. Most of us will be spending more time outdoors. It is important to protect your skin every day from the harmful effects of the sun. You should generously apply a sunscreen with a protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 every time you go out in the sun. The product should provide protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Even on cloudy days you need to re-apply every two hours, and after sweating or swimming. A good habit is to use it every morning before going out. Just getting in and out of your car to go to the store exposes you to sun. This is especially important when the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can protect your face some with a wide-brimmed hat or ball cap. It is also important not to forget to protect your eyes with sunglasses!

Some medications increase sensitivity to the sun. Be sure to check the label on your prescription bottle. It would be even safer to check with your pharmacist where you get your medications. Some drugs can cause rashes and other problems with sun exposure.

Another good idea is to make it a habit to check your birthday suit on your birthday. If you find any changes on your skin, such as a mole or birthmark that has grown or bleeding, it will need to be checked by a doctor as soon as possible. Skin cancer can be treated very easily when it is caught in the early stages before it has the chance to grow or become sensitive.



## CHALLENGE FOR A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER

Your challenge will be to make a calendar starting with the first day of summer, June 21st, 2009. Keep track every day how many times you use sun screen protection, wear a hat or sunglasses. Make sure you write down daily how many times you use sun protection on a daily basis until the challenge is over. The challenge will end September 20th. The first day of fall is September 21st, 2009. When you complete your calendar, mail it to Fraternal and Youth Director at the Home Office. The deadline is September 30th, 2009. This challenge is open to **ALL MEMBERS**, age 0 to the experienced. All participants will receive a reward and a special surprise will be given to the best protection user in the following age categories:

**AGES 0-5   AGES 6-12   AGES 13-21  
AGES 22-39   AGES 40-59  
AGES 60-75   AGES 76 PLUS**

On your completed calendar you will need to have your name, complete address, phone number, branch number, age and also comments if this helped you to keep your skin safe and if you enjoyed this challenge. Your feedback is very important to the **FCSLA**. If you should have questions, call the Fraternal and Youth Director, 1-800-464-4642, Ext 1051. Happy Safe Summer and have "FUN"!

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## Annual Yield on FCSLA Annuities/IRAs

From April 1 through and including June 30, 2009, all annuities, including those on interest only and those who select a settlement option, will earn a yield of 4.6025% (APR 4.50%).

**For more information  
please call 800-464-4642**



## Bazik's Triple Celebration

Michael and Veronica Bazik, Lansford, PA (S140) have much to celebrate. On Sunday, May 10th Michael turned 85 years young and on Sunday, May 31 Veronica turned 80 years young. On June 18th the couple celebrates 60 years of marriage.



Married by Father John Neupauer in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in 1949, they are lifelong residents of Lansford and attend St. Katharine Drexel Church (the former St. Michael Parish). Mike is a veteran of WWII, having served in the Army as a Gliderman in the 17th Airborne Division under the command of General William M. Miley. He is a retired United Auto Worker. Veronica is extremely active in her church, community and the FCSLA. She serves as President of Branches 140/46 in Lansford, PA; President of the Frances Jakabcin Eastern PA District and is a member of the Court of Appeals.

They have two children, son Michael (Ann) of Drexel Hill, PA who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on June 22nd; daughter Carolyn, FCSLA National Editor, Reading, PA; and two grandchildren Nicole and Matthew both students at American University in Washington, DC.

Congratulations and God's blessing on these happy occasions!

## Celebrates 72nd Anniversary with Family

Ann and Jerome Balisteria of Branch 23 recently celebrated their 72nd anniversary. The couple was married on April 3, 1937 at St. Stephan's Church in Milwaukee, WI. They celebrated this momentous occasion with a family dinner. The couple has two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ann has been a member of Branch 23 since 1929. We wish God's continued blessing on our happy anniversary couple.



## 65th Wedding Anniversary

Jolana and Stefan Madar were married May 27, 1944 in Ruzomberok, Slovakia. They are members of Branch 10.

They are now living near their family in Sedona, AZ after spending most of their life in Slovakia and in Cleveland, OH.

Jolana, also known as "Jane" worked for the FCSLA and also ran a branch office. Steve worked for the City of Cleveland Water Department.

The family extends love and best wishes from your son, Ivan; daughter-in-law, Alice and grandson, Boris; younger son, Dusan and grandson, Alexander, and from many friends from Sedona, Cleveland and Slovakia. Thank you for all you have done for us over the years.

Congratulations — God bless — and lots of good health to you.



## Paul and Rose Martin Mark 60th Anniversary

Paul P. and Rose M. Martin were married June 25, 1949 at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Lakewood, OH and they still attend the same church. They are long-time members of Branch 524.

They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June. Paul and Rose have 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. They currently reside in Rocky River, OH.



*Happy Birthday  
Mary Ann!*

Mary Ann Mayher, a long-time member of Branch 262 celebrated her 95th birthday on June 5. She enjoys reading *Fraternally Yours* each month and so we wish her a very Happy Birthday!



## Julia A. Jackloski Honored on 91st Birthday

Senior Branch 172 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, celebrated Julia A. Jackloski's 91st birthday recently at the Branch's All Seasons Luncheon held recently in the Plains Banquet Facility.

Magdalen I. Iskra, branch president, presented Julia with a gift on this special occasion, congratulating her on her birthday and recognizing her dedication to the FCSLA. She and her family have 100% membership in the FCSLA. She and late husband Stephen are the parents of four children, Elizabeth Cusick, Mildred Fornett, Irene Yechimowicz and Stephen R. Jackloski, deceased. She has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



L-R: Irene, Julia, Mildred, and branch president Magdalen I. Iskra.

## HOSTING SUMMER PICNIC

The Nebraska state officers will once again be hosting a picnic for all members and their families on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at the North Bend City Park at noon. Each family is requested to bring one meat dish and one side dish, as well as their own table service. All drinks will be furnished and there will be swimming tickets for the youngsters.

Please plan to attend. It will be a good chance to see your old friends and hopefully meet some new ones too!

## Fraternal Societies Award Banquet Held

Recently, National Officers and some of our local leaders gathered in Pittsburgh, PA for the annual Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh Award Banquet. Pittsburgh remains the American city with the most fraternal societies headquartered within the city. Standing L-R: Rev. Joseph Grosko, Virginia Holmes, Mary Ann Johaneck, Judith Fedor, Dorothy Urbanowicz, Marian Greeland, Irene Drotleff; and Sitting L-R: Anna Golofski, Maggie Golofski and Cynthia Maleski.



## JOB SEARCH PUZZLE

See if you can find all the jobs listed below. The jobs can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, both forward and backward. Good Luck!

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COBBLER	PROGRAMMER
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DOCTOR	TEACHER
FARMER	TELLER

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Attn: Sue Ann M. Seich



# *Pittsburgh Okres Spring Meeting Held*



One hundred eight members of the Pittsburgh Okres assembled on Sunday, April 26, 2009 for their spring meeting. The meeting was held at MVH Willow Room in Rostraver Township.

Members were greeted at the "Watch Your Garden Grow" theme meeting by President Dorothy Urbanowicz. Each member received a flower with seeds enclosed for planting and a cake baked in a flower pot for part of their dessert.

President Dorothy welcomed all clergy and members and then led the group with the pledge to the flag and "God Bless America." Rev. Micka Kozil provided the invocation. Following dinner, the meeting was called to order by President Dorothy, roll call and correspondence was read by Recording Secretary Judy Yates. Marian Gatto provided the financial report of the dis-

trict. Dorothy then reported on district quotas and encouraged each member to try to sell at least two policies a month. She noted that merger talks have been called off and stated that the Youth Retreat is on hold. Rev. Joseph Grosko, district chaplain provided prayer petitions. Dorothy gave a brief explanation on the Matching Funds program. Linda Killeen, National Vice President gave the National Officers report. The nominating committee was

announced and they are: Linda Killeen-Branch 262, Judy Figura-Branch 597 and Betsy Butler-Branch 44. Anyone running for office will be provided time to present themselves at the July meeting. All were reminded of Join Hands Day and were asked to complete a project and send an article for publication.

Members were notified of the 50th anniversary celebration of Rev. Joseph Grosko. A Mass and reception will be held at Holy Trinity Church on May 20 and a Mass and reception will be held at St. Agnes on June 14, 2009. Congratulations were extended to Father Grosko.

Share of Wealth, Lottery tree and door prizes were distributed and the meeting was adjourned by the benediction by Fr. Grosko and the singing of "Hej Slovaci."





# — MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES —

## Branch W187 Afghan Raffle

Branch W187 of Valparaiso, NE raffled off an afghan made by one of the branch's members. Proceeds from this raffle helped benefit the Catholic Social Services building fund.

Raffle tickets were sold for two weeks at all masses at Sts. Mary and Joseph. The afghan was won by Beth Nemec, a sister-in-law to one of Branch W187 members.



## Branch W110 Breakfast at Holy Family Church

Officers and members from Branch W110 of Marion, KS, held a breakfast at the Holy Family Church to raise money for the Father Kapaun Guild. The branch donated all the items for the breakfast, which featured sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy. The branch raised close to \$890. All proceeds benefited the Cause of Saint-hood for Father Emil J. Kapaun.



## Branch W003 Family Fun Night

Branch W003 of Montgomery, MN held a Family Fun Night at the Divine Mercy School. This was the first matching funds event Branch W003 held. With more than \$4,600 raised and over 250 attendees, this Family Fun Night was a huge success. The Family Fun Night consisted of a variety of games, a silent auction and a pie throwing contest. All proceeds collected will benefit the Divine Mercy Catholic School.





## Branch News from Lonsdale, Minnesota

On February 22, 2009, Branch W056 held a Mardi Gras Party at the Crusader Civic Center in Lonsdale, MN. Over 96 members attended and enjoyed a lunch consisting of chili and vomacka soups and pizza. Entertainment was provided by magician Matt Dunn. He did a wonderful job of entertaining the children as well as the adults with his magic and humor. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful afternoon.

After the entertainment the Branch held a short meeting and presented four \$250.00 college scholarships. The winners were: Andrew G. Simon, Joleen Roach, Rachel Tenney and Michael Jirik.



L-R: Ray Simon, Norbert Skluzacek, Marion Skluzacek, Phyllis Malecha, Myles Malecha, and Henry Bisek.

On February 27, 2009, Branch W056 held their annual fish fry at the Lonsdale American Legion Hall for the benefit of Holy Cross Catholic School. About 600 pounds of fish was served to 706 people. At least 40 FCSLA members were involved with the preparations the day before as well as the day of the fish fry. The event cleared \$4,685.54 with all proceeds being donated to the school. In addition to the fish fry proceeds the branch added \$600.00 in matching grant funds to make the total donation to Holy Cross Catholic School \$5,285.54.



Members are shown peeling and cutting up potatoes for the potato salad.



## Okres Anna Hurban Cleveland District Schedules Events

- **Saturday, June 27, 2009** — Okres Anna Hurban, Cleveland, OH district meeting. Location: Light of Hearts Villa, 283 Union Street, Bedford, OH at 12:30 p.m. Call Joyce Lechman at 440.842.6489 or Barbara Sekerak at 216.676.9332 to confirm attendance.

- **Monday, July 27, 2009** — Okres Anna Hurban, Cleveland, OH Annual Day of Recollection to St. Anne. Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Levocha, 1160 Broadway Avenue, Bedford, OH. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB. The day will close at 2:00 p.m. with the recitation of the holy rosary and benediction officiated by Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB. Reservations are required for the luncheon. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Deadline for ordering tickets is July 15, 2009. Call Barbara Sekerak at 216.676.9332 for tickets.

## St. Anne's Day Celebration

A St. Anne's Day Celebration will be celebrated by the Anna Hurban District of Chicago on Tuesday, July 28. Coffee and danish will be served at 9:30 a.m. at Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park, IL. Mass will be held at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon will follow at Orland Chateau.

Reservations will be accepted no later than July 10. Cost is \$18.00 per person. RSVP to Jarmila Hlubocky, 2760 W. 86th Place, Chicago, IL 60652 or phone 773/776-2167.



# Students in the News

## Pelcheck Inducted into National Technical Honor Society



On April 22, 2009, David Pelcheck, (S140) son of Joseph and Margaret (Marge) Pelcheck, of Lansford, PA, was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) at a ceremony held at the Carbon Career and Technical Institute (CCTI) in Jim Thorpe, PA.

The purpose of the NTHS is promote ideals of honesty, service, leadership, career development, and skilled workmanship among the technical students of America; to reward meritorious achievements in education; to encourage and assist technical students in their pursuit of educational and career goals; to develop a greater awareness within American business, industry, and service communities about the talents and abilities of students engaged in technical education with a greater awareness of the world of work.

David an 11th grade student, is on the Director's High Honors list and is ranked second in his class. He will serve as the Treasurer of the NTHS at the school during 2010.

David plans to enter an apprenticeship program in a

Carpenter's Union which will enable him to earn college credits while gaining skills in his chosen trade.

After the ceremony the students and their families were treated to a banquet that was planned by Culinary Arts Instructor Nadine Harbove and her students. She also serves as the NTHS Advisor at the school. Congratulations David!

## Granchie Embarked on Life-Changing Trip

Robert (Bobby) Granchie of Struthers, OH, a member of Branch 156 spent two weeks last summer with a group of Christians of many faiths in Liberia, Africa.

While they were there, they built a permanent well for safe drinking water, gave urgent care to those suffering from malaria and also spread good will and the Word of the Lord.

It was a life changing experience for the group and all thought it was well worth the preparation, shots, fund raising and 24 hour one way flight. Robert's fondest memories are of the children and the times they played together in the village.

Bobby is a member of St. Nicholas Church in Struthers, OH where he is involved in helping to lead their youth CCD program. He is also active in Boy Scout Troop #101 where he is an Eagle Scout and advisor, helping with troop camp outs. Employed in the management program at Chick-Fil-A, he is also a full-time student at Youngstown State University.

Bobby wishes to give special thanks to those who helped make the trip possible, especially the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and Junior Branch 66 out of Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, OH for their generosity in helping him achieve his goal.

Bobby is the son of Robert and Christine Granchie. His sister Kimberly and many in his extended family are proud members of the FCSLA.

## Surace Graduates from Twinsburg High School

Dominic Surace, of Twinsburg, OH, recently graduated with Honors from Twinsburg High School. Dominic was a four year honor student, a member of National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, received the Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award and received the Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award. Dominic was a 3 year letter winner for Football and Track and Field while in high school. Dominic is currently a freshman at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL, where he received an academic scholarship. Dominic is also a member of the Jacksonville University Dolphins football team which recently won the Pioneer League Conference Championship. Dominic is studying Biology/Pre-med in college. Dominic is a member of FCSLA Branch 422. He is the son of Steve and Mary Jean Surace (FCSLA Branch 422).





## 67th Wedding Anniversary Held Recently



Charles and Emily Terek of Campbell, OH celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary with close family which included two sons Carl (Gerie) Terek and Robert Terek. Also included in the celebration were the grandchildren, Robb (Dr. Megan) Terek;

Carl Michael (Lisa) Terek; Carla (Terek) Peshek; Ryan Terek; Christopher St. Pierre and great-grandson Aidan Terek.

Charles and Emily were married May 9, 1942 at the old St. Elizabeth Church by the late Reverend Joseph L. Kostik. They have been lifelong members of the Parish and have both been very active for many years.

Charles is still active in promoting our Fraternal Cause. Emily is a lifelong member of Branch 202 in Campbell, OH.

We all pray that God will continue to bless them with good health and happiness.

## Celebrates Four Generations

JoAnn Mocilan (S111) celebrates four generations of FCSLA membership in her family. Pictured L-R are Brandy Nicole Worsham (Mother of Cohen), Mary Ann Life (Grandmother), JoAnn Mocilan (Great-Grandmother) and Cohen Denver Worsham. JoAnn was recently named "Mother of the Year" from Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Daughters of America, Branch 669 in Charleroi, PA. Congratulations JoAnn!



## AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN CONTEST

LifeWorks Ohio sponsored an essay and art contest about Pro-Life Agendas and Programs for grades 4 through 12. Pro-Life Ohio is endorsed by John Cardinal O'Connor and has the Imprimatur of James Cardinal Hickey.

"Choose Life" programs use curricular programs developed by the National Catholic Education Association.

The contest had about 3,000 entries. The Sixth Grade Teacher at Holy Family School, Mrs. Ferren, had the whole class enter an essay. Kyle won First Place over all 6th grade entries in the contest.

Kyle is a life-long member of Jr. Branch 57. He is the son of Jane and Dennis Blackburn and the grandson of Richard and Susan Talpas, officers of Sr. Branch 221 located in Cleveland, OH.



Kyle Blackburn, a 6th Grader from Holy Family School in Parma, OH.

## Father's Day

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows what you have on your mind.  
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends.  
A dad can be one of your very best friends!  
He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient and helpful and strong  
In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!  
Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring, for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you!

**Happy Father's Day!**



## *Antonin Rocco Baptized*

On February 22, 2009, **ANTONIN CLEMENT ROCCO** was baptized at St. Bernard's parish in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Fr. Peter Gazda of Kosice, Slovakia served as Antonin's Godfather and traveled to the United States to attend the celebration with his mother, Eva Gazdova, of Siroke, Slovakia.

Antonin joins an older brother, Dominic, and his sister, Silvana. They are all members of Jr. Branch 126.



L-R: Grandmother, Joanne Bartos (Branch 317); Eva Gazdova, mother, Susan (Bartos) Rocco (Branch 317); Antonin Clement Rocco, Fr. Peter Gazda, Dr. Sylvia (Bartos) Mulvihill (Branch 433).

## Recognized as Role Model for Catholic Faith



**CASSIE FEDOR**, a student of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Port Vue, was recently recognized in the Pittsburgh Catholic in their feature recognizing young people who live their faith every day.

"Cassie, the daughter of James and Sally Fedor, is a sixth-grader who has excelled in academics and leadership. A member of St. Martine de Porres Parish in McKeesport, PA, Cassie sets an example of her Catholic faith by her acts and words of kindness, gentleness and respectfulness. An honor student, Cassie sings solo at the school's Masses and prayer services. She is also a member of the Children's Festival Chorus of Pittsburgh."

Last summer, Cassie attended the National Young Scholars Program. She also takes piano and dance and excels in Cecchetti (advance ballet). Cassie and her brother Jimmy are members of Branch 32. Her parents, James and Sally Fedor, are members of Branch 77 and Aunt Judy Fedor is Recording Secretary/Junior Secretary of the Branch.

Congratulations Cassie!



**ALLISON GRACE HEATH** was born on January 16, 2009. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Dawn Maria Heath, Severn, MD. She was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Odenton, MD. She is the granddaughter of Bernard and Janet Babik of Dover, PA and Annette and Norman Heath of Pasadena, MD.

Allison's great Aunt Helen Babik was Branch Representative of S28, Johnstown, PA for many years. She is a fourth generation FCSLA member. She is a member of Jr. Branch 364.



# Inducted Into National Junior Honor Society

*This essay was written by Austin L. Palanca, age 14, for acceptance into the National Junior Honor Society. He was inducted into that Society as a member on April 23, 2009. He is a member of Branch 174, Chicago, IL. He is the grandson of National Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich. Congratulations Austin we are very proud of you and your accomplishments!*

"Scholarship, service, leadership, and character are four of my strongest qualities. Maintaining grades, helping everyone with what they need to do, encouraging good morals that will support one for the rest of their life and demonstrating the finest traits possible are daily goals for me. Before I go any further, I would like to thank you sincerely for letting me get this far. I know that I have worked hard to achieve a nomination, but if it wasn't for the opportunity, I would still be waiting around for freshman year.

Firstly, scholarship is the most important thing in my life. Everyday, I'm tormented and teased for physically "playing badly" or "doing terrible". Academics is one of few things I can say that I'm best at. Since third grade, I've felt the need to work to the best of my ability and attempt to be the most intelligent. Although it's varied between the years whether I was or not, I still felt like I actually had something I was excellent at. To this day, I try to excel above standards including NJHS's. Now, even when I do my best every day and receive grades that my grandmother calls "unreal", it still hurts me when someone I know says, "I have a D in science, but who cares." and laughs immediately after. I am passionate about the need to try and reach your academic peak, regardless of what that is. Everyone in this country, not just the ones who care, should try their hardest. Past grades, test scores and report cards support my love of academics. Or at least help portray my almost indescribable obsession to exceed in school.

Whether I was forced to or chose to help people I did or did not know, I loved doing it. Service is a part of my every day life. I find myself trying to get people to understand and do better everywhere I go. My mother always says to me that I have a vast heart. Well I think I have a bleeding heart. Even when I don't show it, I care about anyone less fortunate than me and I do what I can to try to help. Make cards for veterans on my own personal time. I made one hundred of them before night fell. Help serve seniors at a nursing home on Join Hands Day.

Altar serving at church for an hour every Sunday for months at a time was not a problem. I found time to work at school doing recycling, counting change, and talking to seniors even when I also participated in IMSA, E! Journalism and Track and Field. I would give up time playing video games, eating junk food and talking to my friends if it meant someone in need would get my help. We should all serve in one way or another. I just need to make opportunities and not wait for them. I will do just that.

Leadership is a hard quality to maintain even for some of the most honorable people. To me, leadership isn't always "leading". Though trying to lead your group's project is a form of leadership that would first come into everyone's mind, there

is an even simpler way of showing it. To me, staying out of trouble is leadership. Even when you think it's small, not stealing from the teacher's desk is a great way of showing leadership. Even when someone makes a mistake and everyone laughs at it, resisting the laughter and trying to help that person correct himself makes you look like, well, a leader, and it makes everyone want to be like you. Believe it or not, all of this is in some way part of my everyday life. I try to show myself for who I am and try to encourage good behavior. Everyone can change, you just have to take the time and patience to change. I believe my leadership skills would make me an inspirational member of NJHS and can change the lives that need it most.

Lastly but still important, character is what gives the first impression. Character determines who you hang out with, what you think is right and wrong and what you want to do in life. I would describe my character to be one of honesty, respectfulness, boldness, outgoing, caring and passionate. The list is just as big as my dream. Although I can sometimes be forgetful, I never forget to make sure I'm not damaging someone physically or mentally. Yes, guilt is one of my worst enemies. I stay away from it everyday by trying not to appear superior by making fun of someone, excluding someone, or hitting someone. My character has gotten me to be friends with virtually everyone in the school, only if they show good character too. It has gotten me far; from teachers wishing there were more like me as well as other students trying to act and be like me. I would never fully change my character, but I would admit there is always room for improvement. I believe I have a remarkable character that I will keep using until the day I die.

I know I have what it takes to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society. I know how to improve, to learn, to lead, to exhibit positive ethics, and most of all, to commit. When I want something, I get it my way without help and without shortcuts. Even when I miss a deadline, a minor requirement or even have extremely aggressive competition, I know how to win and be the best. Being a candidate for NJHS has given me a huge amount of courage. I've decided to fully commit to academics and go to the Illinois Math and Science Academy. It's all because of the National Junior Honor Society and without it, I would not have recognized that I was not reaching my full potential for high school. Being a member of NJHS will mean so very much to me; it will mean that I have accomplished my goal and have started a new chapter in my life. This program has inspired me to go further and try even harder than my best. Because of this opportunity, I am confident that I will portray a NJHS member to the best of my ability wherever my ambition takes me. Becoming a member will set my life into a new mode I call Pursuit and Perseverance. I have what it takes and I'm ready to be a member."





# IN MEMORIAM

## MICHAEL J. MICHALEC

### Branch 289



Michael J. Michalec, age 89, of Highland, IN, passed peacefully to eternal life in Heaven, Friday, January 16, 2009. He was preceded in passing by his loving Wife, Mary

(nee: Mores) and Parents. Michael was born on January 6, 1920, in Brehy, Slovakia. He was the loving Father of: Rosemary Michalec of Lowell, Jerome Michalec of Crown Point, Nanette Govert of Griffith, and Janice Michalec of Tinley Park, IL; grandchildren: Tracy (Justin) Payne and Christina Govert; great grandchild: Chase Payne; brothers: Steve (Mary) Michalec of Highland and Karol (Mary Ann) Michalec of Gary; and Uncle of several nieces and nephews.

Michael came to America at age 17. Before officially becoming a U.S. citizen, he was serving his country in the U.S. Army and became a WWII Veteran. He was a member of: American Slovak Legion Post 367 honoring and visiting veterans as a Nursing Home Chairman, Our Lady of Grace Church, FCSLA, Merrillville Slovak Club, Highland Senior Citizens, Calumet Stamp and Pinochle Clubs. He enjoyed wood crafting, working with his hands, watching wrestling, the arts history, a champion checker player, and helping others. Michael retired as Head Crane Operator, Budd Co.

Our Beloved Father valued his family first and was a loving and responsible provider, a solid fortress and displayed an unforgettable gallant strength through his life and recent illnesses. Loving Dad, you were an admirable and noble man of honor, our champion and hero. We greatly love and sorely miss you and our Mother. We give praise to our Lord.

## MICHELLE M. CRONIN

### Branch 169

Michelle M. Cronin, 42, of Gahanna, OH, passed away Monday, January 26, 2009, at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Michelle was born June 13, 1966 in Youngstown, OH, a daughter of Robert F. and Rita Dukish Cronin.

She was a 1984 graduate of Youngstown Chaney High School, worked for Sears and worked for several years as a receiving clerk for Wal-Mart.

Michelle leaves her mother and stepfather, Rita and Ron Zidian, of Leechburg; her father and stepmother, Robert and Nancy Cronin of Austintown, OH; two brothers, Robert M. (Kimber) Cronin of Canfield, OH and Brian K. Cronin, of Las Vegas; a nephew and niece, Anthony and Ana; her grandmother, Ann Gergel, of Austintown; several aunts and uncles; and several cousins, including Jody Dickson of Gahanna, who cared for Michelle during her illness.

Condolences to Michelle's family may be sent online through [www.kinnickfuneralhome.com](http://www.kinnickfuneralhome.com).

## CARL E. KRUBITZER

### Branch 615



Carl E. Krubitzer died January 13, 2009, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Carl was born August 1, 1932, to the late William and Adella (Blinstrub) Krubitzer. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School of Swoyersville and was a 1950 graduate of Swoyersville High School. After high school Carl joined the United States Air Force, serving with the 2317th Air Transport Squadron, Hamilton Air Force Base, CA. Following his honorable discharge he later served in the Pennsylvania National

Guard and United States Army Reserve.

Carl worked for many years as a warehouseman for the former General Cigar Company in Kingston, PA. He was a member of Sacred Heart Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Senior Branch 615, where his wife, Helen, served for many years as financial secretary.

Carl enjoyed hunting, fishing, and photography, and was an avid model aircraft builder. His passions included attending military air shows and reading military history. He was a selfless man who always cared about the best interests of family and others.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, the former Helen Kunec of Plains Township, PA; brother Edward Krubitzer and his wife Patricia of Dallas, PA, sister Judy Reinhard and her husband Robert of Cumberland, MD; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

## BERNARD B. GAZO

### Branch 140

Bernard B. Gazo, 77, of 620 E. Front Street, Lansford, PA, died Thursday April 2, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, PA. He was the husband of Teresa (Neyer) Horvath Gazo and the late Madelyn (Lesko) Gazo, who died in 1996.

Born in Lansford, PA he was the son of the late John and Mary Gazo.

Bernard was a graduate of Penn State University.

He worked for and retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of General Services as a structural engineer.

Bernard was a member of St. Katharine Drexel Roman Catholic Church, Lansford, PA.

He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Bernard was a loving grandfather and an avid Penn State fan. He loved to build home projects and was an active tennis player.



He was preceded in death by brothers, John, Joseph and Michael Gazo; and sisters, Mary Chnapko, Pauline Boyle and Ann Kocha.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, attorney Brian Gazo and his wife, JoLynn (Horowski) Gazo, Leighton; a daughter, Jennifer Vermillion and her husband, Dr. Richard, Summit Hill; a stepdaughter, Jackie Mitchell, Lansford; and grandchildren, Ethan and Maxwell Vermillion.

Contributions were made to St. Katharine Drexel Roman Catholic Church or Our Lady of the Angels Academy, Lansford.

### **FRANK J. KOMARA** **Branch 403**

Frank J. Komara, 87, of Okemos, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Lois. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Francis (Pamela) Komara and Dr. James (Kimberly) Komara; and five grandchildren, Christopher (Kristen) Komara, Lauren Komara, Stephen Komara, Jessica Komara, and James Stephen Komara, Jr.

Contributions were made to the American Cancer Society, 3100 West Rd. Bldg. B Suite 110, East Lansing, MI 48823, the Ingham County Medical Care Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864 or St. John Student Parish in memory of Frank.

### **JOSEPH C. SMREK** **Branch 344**

Joseph C. Smrek, 66, passed away Thursday January 29, 2009.

Joseph was born on December 23, 1942, in Youngstown, OH, a son of Joseph C. and Rose Macala Smrek Sr. and lived in the area his whole life.

He was a 1961 graduate of Campbell High School and attended Youngstown State University. He enjoyed bowling and golfing and was an avid Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers and Indians fan. He worked as a foreman for the Louisiana

and Pacific for many years and was a member of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell.

He leaves his wife, Rosalie F. Botch, whom he married on July 23, 1966; his two daughters, Christine (Christian) DeSantis of Poland and Dr. Cynthia (Kevin) Sayers of Columbus; a sister, Rosemary Bodinar of Struthers; and three grandchildren, Olivia and Natalie DeSantis and Riley Sayers.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents.

### **WENCESLAUS CIMPL** **Branch W93**

Wenceslaus "Jim" Cimpl, age 82, of Yankton, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Jim was born on September 13, 1926, in rural Tabor, South Dakota to L.A. and Lillian (Hamberger) Cimpl. In 1944, he moved to Yankton and worked for his uncle, John Marek, at the Standard Market. In 1946, the Cimpl brothers purchased the market which Jim operated until 1959. He then joined his brothers, Laddie and John in Cimpl Packing Company and was secretary/treasurer until 1988. On October 4, 1949, he married Roma M. Hannon at Sacred Heart Church in Yankton.

Jim was originally a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and served on the Finance Committee. He became a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church when it was built and also served on the Finance Committee. He also achieved the 3rd and 4th degree status in the Knights of Columbus.

Jim loved to golf, fish, hunt, and play cards. He was also very proud of his Czech heritage and always attended the Czech Day celebration in Tabor. His loved his family and enjoyed vacations, holidays and the time spent with them.

He is survived by his wife, Roma; two daughters Pam (Stuart) Tiede of Sioux Falls and Nancy (Tom) Gallagher of Arlington, VA and four grandchildren, sister, Angeline Balvin; brothers, John

Cimpl, Leonard Cimpl, Manny Cimpl, and Don Cimpl.

Memorials are directed to St. Benedict Catholic Church; 1500 St. Benedict Drive; Yankton, SD 57078 or the Sacred Heart School Foundation; 509 Capital; Yankton, SD 57078.

### **MICHAEL E. CIGANEK, SR.** **Branch 140**



Michael E. Ciganek, Sr., 91, of Lansford, PA died peacefully at home on January 30, 2009. He was the husband of the late Mary Obulaney Ciganek who was a past Commandress

of the Cadets of the St. Ann Branch 140 of Lansford for many years.

"Mickey" was very proud of his Slovak heritage and was fluent in the Slovak language as a lector, choir member and narrator of the Passion in the former Slovak St. Michael Catholic Church.

He attended many Okres meetings and if asked was always ready to sing the Slovak Anthem. He is survived by two sons Gary and wife Deborah of Bethlehem, PA, Michael and wife Ellen of Reading, PA, five grandchildren Matthew Ciganek, Megan Ciganek, Laura Sheatsley, Jill Ciganek, and Lisa Ciganek, and two sisters Mary E. Ciganek and Ann L. Ciganek, both of Lansford, PA and members of Branch 140.

The funeral mass was offered by Father Kenneth Medve in St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, Lansford, PA.

Mickey was buried with full military honors in St. Michael Cemetery Summit Hill, PA. May he rest in Peace.

### **FRANCIS J. RAYHONS** **Branch 51**

Francis J. Rayhons, 74, of Garner died January 11, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.



## IN MEMORIAM

Francis the son of Henry and Agnes (Kopacek) Rayhons, was born May 16, 1934, on the family farm northwest of Garner. He attended country school near his home and graduated from Garner High School in 1950.

On January 25, 1955, he married Lois J. Helps at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. They made their home on a farm northwest of Garner where they raised their eight children and farmed.

Francis is survived by his wife, Lois, of Garner; eight children, Steven Rayhons of Mesa, AZ, Julie (Earl) Beshey of Garner, Susan (Tim) Speers of Storm Lake, David Rayhons of Garner, Gregory (Sandy) Rayhons of Garner, Jerome (Tracey) Rayhons of Altoona, Lisa (Dana) Sindelar of Indianapolis, IN, and Laurie (Kevin) Merryman of Maxwell; grandchildren, J.W. (Tiffany) Rayhons and their two children Chase and Michayla, Preston and Blake Rayhons, Eric, Evan, and Nicole Beshey, Jeff and Matt Speers, Alesha, Brianna, and Trevor Rayhons, Shannon and Mariah Rayhons and Carter, Rylee and Haylee Merryman; siblings, Henry V. (Donna) Rayhons of Garner, Teresa (LeRoy) Preuschl of Garner, Evelyn (Paul) Grandegenett of Wesley, Agnes (Jerald) Zeihan of Marshalltown, Lawrence (Carole) Rayhons of Lenox, George (Mary) Rayhons of Corpus Christi, TX, Mark (Kathy) Rayhons of Garner and Mary (Gene) Rasmussen of Ames; a brother-in-law, Harlan (Loraine) Helps of Mason City; and many nieces and nephews.

### **IRMA MARIE DRAHOTA** **Branch W017**



Irma Marie Drahota passed away on November 25, 2008, in Fremont, NE at age 97. Irma was born to Joseph and Mary Shimerka Roh on November 9, 1911

in Abie, NE, the third of 12 children. She attended Abie schools, graduating from high school at Schuyler, NE. She attended Omaha University and then taught in rural schools in the David City, NE area.

She married Lumir Drahota from Howells, NE on April 25, 1936 in Abie. After Lumir served in the Army in World War II, he and Irma settled in Dodge, NE where she worked in her husband's dental office. They belonged to St. Wenceslaus Church in Dodge. After retirement they moved to Fremont, NE where they were members of St. Patrick's Church. Lumir passed away October 1, 1992. Pre-deceased are also sisters Margaret Meysenburg, Mary Davidson, Mildred Egan, and brothers Edmund Roh, Edward Roh, Leonard Roh, and Jerome Roh.

Irma is survived by daughters Ann Nordin, Omaha, NE, Barbara Sugden (Fred), Fort Collins, CO, and Irma Farrell (John), Lakewood, CO; son, Lumir James Drahota (Judy), Omaha, NE, sister, Alice Clinkenbeard, and brothers Victor Roh, Joseph Roh and Rev. Raymond Roh who officiated at the funeral mass at St. Patrick's Church.

She is also survived by many grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Irma was active in various church and veterans' organizations, and was a proponent of Catholic education for early childhood through adulthood. Memorials were requested for St. Patrick's Elementary School, Fremont, NE.

### **KRISTIE VYHLIDAL** **Branch 55**

Kristie A. Vyhldal, 97, of Fremont, formerly of North Bend, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at A. J. Merrick Manor in Fremont.

She was born July 24, 1911, in rural Linwood to James and Mary (Cerny) Navrkal. She grew up on a farm near Linwood. She attended District 54 School in Saunders County and St. John Catholic School at Prague. She

married John F. Vyhldal on April 24, 1934, at Cedar Hill. After her marriage, the couple farmed near Morse Bluff. They moved to a farm west of North Bend in 1954. She worked for the former Roy's Produce in North Bend for several years. Her husband preceded her in death November 17, 2002.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Cedar Hill, southwest of Morse Bluff, and the Altar Society. She also was a member of Catholic Workman Branch 55 (now First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association).

Survivors include: two sons, Stanly (and wife Arlene) Vyhldal of Fremont and John (and wife JaeLynn) Vyhldal of Columbus; a sister, Rose Pospisil of Fremont; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Katherine Hynek; a grandson, Kirk Vyhldal; six brothers, Frank, James, Anton, Albin, John, and Adolph Navrkal; and five sisters, Gustie Wesley, Mary Thompson, Antoinette Buchholtz, Blanche Knight, and Marcella Stejskal.

Memorials were established to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fremont and Camp Quality Heartland, and a camp for kids with cancer.

### **FATHER WILLIAM P. SLIPSKI** **Branch SZJ**

Father William P. Slipiski, 86, pastor emeritus of St. Casimir, passed away March 7, 2009, at Humility House in Austintown.

Father Slipiski was born in Youngstown, OH a son of Boleslaw and Anastasia Kotowski Slipiski. He attended St. Casimir School, Hayes Junior High and Rayen High School before entering St. John Kanty College in Erie, PA and St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, OH. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 21, 1946, by Bishop James A. McFadden in St. Columba Cathedral.



## SISTER ANTONIA KLAUSNER, CSFN, RN, MSN, HONORED FOR 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sister Antonia Klausner, CSFN, RN, MSN, was honored for 65 years of service at an April 24 Resurrection Health Care award ceremony. Sister Antonia has been involved in patient care services at Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital, now known as Resurrection Health Care's Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center, 2233 W. Division St., Chicago, since 1944.

Sister Antonia was born on the south side of Chicago, Roseland, IL. She entered the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth at the age of 14. She completed her nursing education at Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, IL and pursued the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at DePaul University, Chicago, IL. She then obtained the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Sister Antonia's nursing leadership experience includes positions as Supervisor of Saint Mary of Nazareth's nursery followed by a position as a School of Nursing faculty member. In 1965 she became the Director of the School of Nursing until its closure in 1986. Her motto was *To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever*. More than 1,300 nursing students graduated during her term of twenty-one years. While serving the nursing school she was also a surveyor for the National League of Nursing for Diploma Programs.

After the nursing school closed, Sister Antonia became Saint Mary's Coordinator, Standards/Education. During this time, she became active as a member of the Illinois Nurses Association Continuing Education Review Panel and the Appeals Committee. She was also a member of the Commission on Continuing Education, which was recently involved in the review of the proposed changes to the Nurse Practice Act.

Sister's current responsibilities include provision of hospital-wide education, monitoring and evaluation of compliance with accrediting and regulatory agency standards. She helps prepare the organization for the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program accreditation process and serves as a resource to staff, to assure quality in patient care as prescribed by the Medical Center's Quality Improvement Plan.

She also serves as a mentor in her role as the Department of Nursing's Magnet Journey Coordinator. She wrote and starred in a video entitled "On the Magnet Journey" which educated staff throughout the medical center regarding the process and benefits of the Magnet Recognition.

As President of the Chicago Branch #180 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Sister Antonia completed various grant applications to benefit the hospital, including the most recent award of \$5,000 to support the Medical Center's new Emergency Department, which opened in January 2008.

To honor Sister Antonia for her many years of service as an exemplary professional nurse and healthcare educator, the Ackermann Foundation, through Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital's Fund Development Department, awarded a grant to establish the Sister Antonia Klausner Auditorium, in the hospital's Nazareth Family Center.



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Father Slipski served as associate pastor at Holy Trinity Parish in Struthers (1947), St. Aloysius Parish in East Liverpool (1948), St. Ann Parish in Youngstown (1952), as pastor of St. Michael in Windham (1960), and St. Mary Parish in Newton Falls (1964) before returning to his home parish, St. Casimir, in 1968 as pastor. During his 19-year tenure at the parish his parents helped found, Father Slipski assisted polish refugees in finding employment and housing, utilizing the former convent at St. Casimir as temporary housing for immigrant families.

During his ministry, he also served as a religion instructor at Ursuline High School, as director of Father Kane Camp in Lake Milton for 10 years—where he supervised the expansion and modernization of facilities — and as chaplain of Knights of Columbus Coun-

cils 4433 and 5371. Father Slipski celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination in 2006. He is survived by two sisters, Eleanor Luchanasky and Alice Giba of Austintown.

### RUDY J. URICH Branch W51

Rudy John Urich, 92 of Garner died Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at the Concord Care Center in Garner.

He was the son of Joseph and Anastacia (Kudeji) Urich, was born April 17, 1916 on a farm northwest of Garner. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Duncan. Rudy graduated from Hayfield Consolidated School in 1936 where he was active in sports and school activities.

On September 12, 1938, he married Dorothy Breka at St. Wenceslaus Catho-

lic Church. They made their home on the family farm northwest of Garner where they raised their family and farmed.

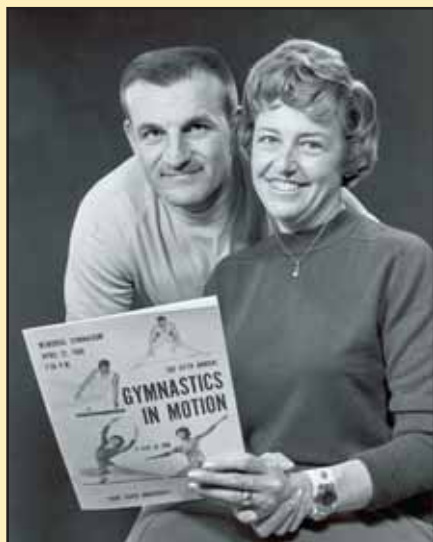
He belonged to the Catholic Workman FCSLA Branch W51 for over 60 years serving as president of the local chapter and as a trustee for the care and maintenance of the community hall.

Rudy is survived by his wife Dorothy, of Garner, four children, Roger Urich of Garner, Robert (Billie) Urich of Indianola, Gerald Urich of Des Moines and Carmen Urich of Ft. Collins, CO; four grandchildren, Mike (Jill) Urich and their daughter Melody, Matt (Shirley) Urich, Julie Urich and Jennifer (Lee) Freeman and their children, Zachary, Sarah and Seth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Estella Basart and Frances Brozik; and brother Elmer Urich.

# KENT STATE GYMNASTICS PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The year was 1959 and Rudy Bachna (S010) and his wife Janet were looking to put down roots after traveling more than 350,000 miles over 10 years to teach the sport of gymnastics at Czechoslovakian gym clubs.



Rudy and Janet Bachna in 1968

Well, they not only put down roots they also revolutionized college athletics and opened the door for thousands of young women in the years to come. Ten years before Title IX created a level field for female athletes the Bachnas founded the Kent State University's women's gymnastics program – the first of its kind at the collegiate level.

This year the program turned 50 years old and Rudy at 80 years young still helps the team as administrative assistant. His wife Janet who served as women's gymnastics coach from 1959 – 1991 and along with Rudy judged every Olympic Games from 1956 until 1972 passed away in 1993. Janet also served as head of the U.S. Gymnastics for five years. The Janet Bachna Award is now given to the top female athlete at Kent State University in her honor each year.

Since its inception, two of Kent State's gymnasts have reached the highest level of the sport: The Olympics. In 1960, Betty Jean Maycock was part of the squad – coached by Bachna – that traveled to the games in Rome, Italy.

Four years later, Marie Walther competed for the United States at the games in Tokyo, Japan.

Maycock and Walther were joined by Melissa Stach (1977) and Heather Langham (2002) as Flashes who have earned All-American honors.

The Bachnas were unmatched by their peers at the university, compiling a 262-103-1 record over 28 years of intercollegiate competition (1964-1991). The Flashes began



Janet and Rudy Bachna

Mid-American Conference play in 1981, winning four MAC titles under Bachna's watch.

Rudy retired from coaching in 1991, handing over the reigns to former KSU men's gymnast Brice Biggin. A student athlete for the Flashes from 1980-1983, Biggin has added six MAC Championships while compiling a 130-80 dual-meet record in 18 seasons.

Biggin believes the program's individual and team successes are due in part to its remarkable stability — the program has only had two coaches in 50 years.

Rudy and his current wife Lynn, remain very involved with the team, hosting current players at their house multiple times a year. Very few people can say that they've had a front-row seat for the female sports revolution like Rudy has. He and Janet were pioneers for women's sports at the high school and collegiate level.

## FLAG DAY

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

## FCSLA PRESENTS DONATION

Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Auditor presents FCSLA donation to Angela Daniele of Monessen Meals on Wheels.





## “THERE’S ONLY ONE WAY TO SPELL *FRUSTRATING*”

*(EDITOR’S NOTE: This is another in a series of feature articles addressing the realm of genealogy. It is one specifically designed for Slovak descendants and is so structured to serve as an introductory course for the novice, meet the needs of the advanced researcher or, if nothing else, the curious.)*

“Frustrating, frustrating and the more I think about it, even more frustrating.”

With all due humbleness, I would surmise that my fellow Slovak has virtually exhausted all true definition of the word *frustrating* (which falls into the adjective category) and any consiliatory remarks at this point would simply add to the self-imposed stress at hand.

Then again our colleague might take issue with a reference to “self-imposed” and if so, I bow to the greater wisdom of the occasion. Just for the record, if you haven’t decoded our dilemma, it is yet another researcher attempting to pinpoint his ancestral village of origin . . . and an individual showing all the symptoms of fatigue.

Without questions, the most common yet channeling task for Slovaks entrenched in genealogical research is that of identifying one’s ancestral village — the span of an ocean, one-half of another continent, language barriers, a knowledge base on the geography of the Slovak lands, and the lack of a sympathetic shoulder to occasionally cry on are just a few of the hurdles we have all stumbled over in our individual efforts.

But just what has happened to that “missing village” you are attempting to identify?

I have authored a number of columns on this topic, each with a different suggested search pattern, but hopefully it will be this writing that brings success to your long overdue scavenger hunt.

Most often we are sent astray as a result of a misspelling or having “lifted” what we believe to be the village name from a document that is vaguely legible due to age or penmanship patterns from a distant era. Another possible contributing factor is that the spelling we are working with was written phonetically — how it sounded to the recorder.

Other detours are the result of an “old village name” having changed (generally three or four times for each village in Slovakia), the listing is not actually a village but that of a nearby district (example: Humenne) or county (example: Zemplin), or the addition/deletion of a prefix or suffix.

A prefix or suffix . . . say what?

This is an interesting twist to the art of locating a missing village, one that had escaped me for years. It is simply a pattern in Slovakia of distinguishing between two — and at times, three — separate settlements of a village that are adjacent to each other.

Most often these “village naming rights” come in the form of a prefix — a syllable, syllables, or a word placed in front of another word to change or make another meaning.

As an example, if one were searching for the village Krupa in the District of Trenčín the individual would come away with all the symptoms of frustration in that there would be no such list-

ing. However, by expending, one’s search strategies they would uncover listings for a Horna Krupa and a Dolna Krupa. Paydirt!

What has transpired is that in decades past the original village of Krupa split into two settlements and they distinguished one from the other by adding a prefix to each unit, one based on some feature generally tied to geography, a physical feature, or size:

Horna (upper) Krupa	Dolna (lower) Krupa
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Just for the record, it wasn’t a complete divorce as if one would send a letter to an individual in either village it would be posted for Dolna Krupa, which houses the post office serving both settlements.

Examples of other prefixes found in Slovakia include:

Velka, Velke, Velky	large or big
Mala, Male, Maly	small or little
Nova, Nove, Novy	new
Dolna, Dolne, Dolny	lower
Stredna, Stredne	middle or central
Horna, Horne, Horny	upper

Examples or suffixes (a syllable or word placed behind a word to change or make another meaning) found in Slovakia include:

nad	over
pod	under
hora	mountain
dolina	valley

Thus, when checking for a village listing in alphabetically arranged lists, be certain to scan the entire listing and in particular, those letters of the alphabet corresponding to a known prefix or suffix.

I know . . . say what?

*(EDITOR’S NOTE: There is now available a completely revised and updated Slovak Genealogy Research Kit (52 pages, plus forms), one designed exclusively for those tracing their Slovak roots. The kit may be ordered for \$13, plus \$1.75 postage. Also available is a detailed historical summary and comprehensive map for any village you specify in Slovakia at \$5 plus \$1 postage. Make check payable to Ray Plutko, 6862 Palmer Court, Chino, CA 91710-7343.)*

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HELD

Prague FCCLA Branch W013 held their youth St. Nick Party on Sunday, December 7, 2008. Lunch was served, and games were played. Door prizes were handed out. A fun time was had by all.



# Rezancová Princezná

Krista Bendová

*(Please enjoy the English translation of this Slovak fable on Page 21)*

Kde bolo, tam bolo, za troma horami z tvarohu, za troma vŕškami z maku, stúpil som Rozprávke na nohu . . . povedal som, samozrejme: „Dobry večer, pardon prepáčte . . . !“ a počul som rozprávku takú.

Počúvajte, akú:

Kde bolo, tam bolo — bolo raz jedno kráľovstvo. Vládol v ňom premúdry a praktický kráľ Haluška a mal za ženu kráľovnú Makarónu. Keby bol len kráľ a kráľovná — nebola by žiadna rozprávka. Ale rozprávka bude, pretože kráľ a kráľovná mali dcéru – princeznú Krupičku.

Princezná bola pekná, príjemná, rástla ako z vody. Jedného dňa povedal jej otec, múdry a praktický kráľ Haluška:

„Dcéra moja, prišiel čas, aby si sa zamyslela nad svojím životom. Treba sa ti vydať, ale vieš, akí sú dnes princí! Každý chce, aby jeho manželka vedela niečo robiť, aspoň strikovať svetre alebo opraviť vodovod. Nauč sa niečomu, dieťa moje, lebo sa nevydáš a ostaneš mi na ocot!“

Princezná porozmýšľala a po troch dňoch oznámila kráľovi, že sa naučí – variť.

Zasadli ministri a vyhlásili:

„Prikazujeme kráľovskému kuchárovi, aby za tri hodiny naučil princeznú všetkému, čo na varenie treba.“

Keď sa to dopočul hlavný kuchár, chytil sa za hlavu:

„Ó, fajfoklok, čože ju ja môžem naučiť za tri hodiny?!“

No ministri boli neoblomní:

„Tri hodiny, ani o minútu viac, ináč budeš o hlavu kratší!“

Hlavný kuchár si podoprel bradu o varechu, vyronil prúd slz rovno do zeleninovej polievky a nakoniec plesol pokrievku o zem.

„Prosím!“ povedal. „Za tri hodiny ju môžem naučiť len ako sa robia a pripravujú rezance na rôzny spôsob.“

Vzal teda kuchár veľkú dosku, zvanú núdlbret, valček, múku, vajcia, za hrniec vody aj ostrý nožisko. Zažal neónové svetlá a princezná za zvuku fanfár vstúpila po prvý raz v živote do kuchyne. A kuchár ju za tri hodiny naučil, ako sa robia po prvé: niťové rezance do hovädzej polievky, po druhé: guľaté rezance orechové a po tretie: široké lekvárové a makové slíže.

Na druhý deň oznámili ministri všetkým svetovým princom, že v ich kráľovstve sa nachádza princezná, ktorá vie variť, a kto chce, môže ju popýtať o ruku.

Hneď sa začali do kráľovského zámku hrnúť

princovia. Ale Krupičke sa ani jeden nepáčil. Prvý bol prichudý, druhý pritučný, tretí namyslený, štvrtý mal prísnu diétu a piaty zasa diétu výkrmnú. Až jedného dňa objavil sa celkom pekný princ, hlboko sa pred princeznou poklonil, pobožkal je ruku a zašepkal:

„Milujem rezance s tvarohom aj s makom, to je moja najmilšia potrava!“

Princezná sa zaradovala:

„To je ten pravý! Za toho sa vydám!“

A bola svadba a potom si princ odviezol princeznú do svojho kráľovstva. A hneď dal rozhlásiť, že sa oženil s vynikajúcou kuchárkou, princeznou Krupičkou, a že od toho dňa musí každý občan v kráľovstve variť len to, čo varí princezná, a kto to nenavari, bude o hlavu kratší.

Princezná sa zamyslela a potom vypísala jedálny lístok na celý týždeň a pre celé kráľovstvo. No amen! Celé kráľovstvo jedlo v pondelok rezance makové, v utorok tvarohové, v stredu orechové, vo štvrtok lekvárové, v piatok len cukrom posypané v sobotu rezance s vajcom a v nedeľu vajcia s rezancami. Občania celého kráľovstva bledli, vzdychali, celé dni len krájali hory rezancov a v noci mali strašidelné sny o vyprášaných rezňoch a pečených kačiciach. Nakoniec poslali na kráľovský zámok vyslancov s kolkovanou žiadosťou, aby už prestala rezancová pohroma, lebo celé kráľovstvo ochorie.

Princ bol prekvapený, ale potom sa chytil za hlavu:

„Pánajána, ešte mi vypukne nejaká rezancová vzburá! Krupička, manželka moja milovaná, vymysli už niečo iné, ľudstvo si žiada pestrú stravu!“

Princezná Krupička sa znova zamyslela a na nasledujúci týždeň dala na jedálny lístok: rezance pozliepané ako srdiečka, potom rezancové písmená, potom rezancové číslice s makom, potom rezance s ornamentmi a na bezmäsité dni zaviedla dierkované rezance.

Poddaní zhíkli, zjajkli, zbledli. Poslali teda znova vyslancov k princovi, tentoraz už s prísnyim vyhlásením bez kolku: Ak neprestane tá rezancová katastrofa, treba zbúrať domy aj posteľe, rozlámať stoličky aj fotele, pretože takto nezdravo kŕmené ľudstvo sa do tých starých nepomestí.

Princ onemel od úžasu a odrazu zbadal, že aj on sám už tak pripuchol od toho rezancového stravovania, že sa skoro nezmestí na svoj široký kráľovský trón.

„Krupica!“ povedal tentoraz už veľmi prísne svojej manželke. „Krupica, ty ma privedieš do nešťastia!“

Princezná Krupička horko zaplakala. Potom sa naposledy v živote hlboko zamyslela — a požiadala



# Princess Noodle

Krista Bendová

There was once a kingdom with a wise and practical king. His name was Haluska, his wife's name was Makarona and their daughter's name was princess Grits.

The princess was pretty, nice and she grew fast. One day her father, the king said:

"My daughter, the time has come, that you should think about the future. You should get married, and think about who you'll want to marry. Husbands want their wives to know how to do something like maybe knit sweaters or fix the sink. You have to learn something otherwise you'll be an old maid.

The princess was thinking and after 3 days she told her father that she will learn how to cook.

The ministers met and issued an order, that the king's cook will teach the princess how to cook in 3 hours."

When the king's cook learned this he was upset and said: "What can I teach her in 3 hours!" But the ministers did not care. "Three hours and not a minute longer." The king's cook said: "Please, in 3 hours I can teach her only how to make noodles."

The king's cook took a cutting board, rolling pin, flour, eggs, a pot with water and a sharp knife. He turned the lights on and the princess entered the kitchen for the first time in her life. The cook first taught her how to make thin noodles for beef soup, then round noodles with nuts, and finally wide noodles with jam and poppy seeds. The next day, the ministers advised all the princes that the princess knows how to cook and that she wants to marry. Immediately, single princes began visiting her, but princess Grits did not like any of them. One was too slim, the second too fat, the third too vain, the fourth followed a strict diet, and the fifth had a fat diet. But one day a nice looking prince came, bowed in front of the princess and whispered:

"I love noodles with cheese and poppy seeds."

The princess was happy.

"This is the right one! I'll marry him!"

They had a wedding and then the princess left with the prince to his kingdom. The prince let everybody know in his

kingdom that his wife, princess Grits is a good cook, and from this day on, everybody must cook what the princess cooks.

The princess thought very hard and then she prepared a meal plan for the whole kingdom.

On Monday, noodles with poppy seeds; Tuesday, noodles with cheese; Wednesday, with nuts; Thursday with jam; Friday with sugar; Saturday, noodles with eggs; and Sunday, eggs with noodles.

The citizens in the kingdom spent entire days cutting noodles and dreaming about fried cutlets and roasted ducks. After a while, they sent representatives to the castle with demands to stop this noodle disaster because the whole kingdom would be sick.

The prince was surprised.

"Oh no, I might have a noodle uprising on my hands." "Princess Grits, dear wife, think about a different menu." "My people want to eat something else!" Princess Grits thought hard and prepared meals for the next week.

The new menu included:

Noodles in the shape of hearts, then noodles in the shape of letters, then numbers with poppy seeds, then decorated noodles and then noodles with holes. The people in the kingdom were not happy. They sent another representative to see the prince. If this noodle disaster will not stop all the houses, beds, chairs, easy chairs, will have to be replaced because people will be too fat to fit into them.

The prince did not know what to say, but then he noticed that he was gaining weight and that soon he would not fit into his throne.

"Grits!" he said to his wife. "Grits you are making problems for me!"

Princess Grits starts to cry. She sent for the king's cook to teach her how to cook everything. After a great learning in the king's kitchen, she prepared a new meal plan for the whole kingdom — the people were happy and made posters with the slogan: Long live good food! Princess Grits finally knows how to cook many meals.

Everybody in the kingdom was healthy and happy. They loved their princess, but they forever called her the Noodle Princess.

## Rezancová Princezná

*Pokračovanie zo str. 20*

bývalého kráľovského kuchára, aby ju doučil to, čo sa doma nenaučila. A keď po roku vyšla z kráľovskej kuchyne a spravila nové jedálne lístky — pre celé kráľovstvo — poddaní zajasali a po celej ríši vyvesili radostne nakreslené plagáty s nápisom: Nech žije zdravé stravovanie! Lebo princezná Krupička vedela už variť jedlá obyčajné aj neobyčajné.

Kráľovstvo žilo odvtedy zdravo a šťastne, všetci princeznú milovali, ibaže jej už nadosmrti ostalo meno: Rezancová princezná.

## Scholarship Applications Available

The American Slovak Club in Lorain, OH has applications available for their scholarship program. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are entering college and carry at least a 3.5 average. The student must be a member in good standing of **St. Ann's Lodge, Branch 114** of FCSLA for the last five years. Complete rules and applications can be obtained from the branch by contacting Margaret Thomas, Financial Secretary. She can be reached by phone at 440-288-1492; by e-mail at [marcarl@centurytel.net](mailto:marcarl@centurytel.net) or by writing to 2235 East Erie Ave. Lorain, OH 44052. Deadline for applications is June 30, 2009.

## Tour of Slovakia Plus Vienna, Budapest, Krakow and Prague

John's Tours of Vandergrift, PA is planning a trip to Slovakia. They will visit Kosice, Bratislava, Modra, Pezinok, Nitra, Levoca, Banska, Bystrica, Stry Smokovec, Martin, Cicmany, Presov, Slovak Bethlehem — a large carving, 15 years in the making. A raft ride down the Danajec River, a cultural performance in Ticky Potak. A visit to Piestany — a spa town. You will see a number of Slovak Castles along with a number of churches and cathedrals such as St. Stephen's in Vienna, St. Martin in Bratislava, St. James in Levoca. See Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna. A visit to Krakow, Poland with a visit to Wadowice — the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla, the late Pope John Paul II, visit the Wielicyka Salt Mine. A visit to Auschwitz, the largest Nazi concentration camp. A visit to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy. In Kosice see Elizabeth's Cathedral, visit the folk village of Zdiar. We will visit Slovakia's Little Rome — Trnava. Visit Prague Czech Republic and visit Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and Vladeslav Hall. We will have a cultural performance in two different areas.

Tour participants will have the opportunity to invite friends and relatives to the cultural performances at their expense.

The tour cost also includes 15 nights lodging in first class hotels, an air-conditioned bus for touring, an English-speaking guide, two meals daily and air fare departing from Washington, D.C. Airfare from other cities is available.

John Mago along with the Slovak guide will help make arrangements for transportation and a translator for anyone wishing to contact relatives. For a brochure and further information call or write John's Tours, P.O. Box 154, Vandergrift, PA 15690. Call 1/800-260-8687 or 724-567-7341.

### 9th Consular Tour to Slovakia

Joe Senko, the Slovak Honorary Consul, and his wife, Albina, have planned their 9th Consular Tour to Slovakia including trips to Vienna and Prague. The 13 day trip will begin July 3 and end on July 15. It will include visits to towns of Bratislava, the High Tatras, Levoca, Kosice, Banska Bystrica and Zvolen. The activities include wine tasting, rafting, Detva Folk Festival, sightseeing of numerous cathedrals, castles, palaces, museums, picnics and live folk entertainment.

The tour includes top hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, all admission fees, air-conditioned bus and English speaking guide. It does not include tips and insurance. The total cost per person (double occupancy) from New York (JFK Airport) is \$3,399. For a copy of the daily itinerary, contact Joe Senko at (412) 531-2990 or [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com), or Manor Oak Two, Suite 500, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

## REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JANUARY 31, 2009

### ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 26,660,145.17
Bonds	492,652,778.10
Preferred Stock	8,374,825.87
Common Stock	690,119.91
Investment Income Due and Accrued	8,166,791.77
Promissory Notes	68,613.28
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	8,888,117.39
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,301,728.64
Other Assets	213,554.72

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 547,016,674.85

### LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 159,837,288.08
Annuity Reserves	284,881,989.10
Death Claims Payable	630,499.83
Unearned Premiums	563,148.00
Matured Endowments	119,691.63
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,756,184.74
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,426,197.59
Accrued Convention Donations	20,000.00
Provision for Future Conventions	225,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	4,531,089.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,496,929.00
Other Liabilities	2,070,036.69
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	2,078,000.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 461,636,054.06

### SURPLUS

Surplus	\$ 85,380,620.79
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TOTAL SURPLUS \$ 85,380,620.79

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS \$ 547,016,674.85

### INCOME STATEMENT

For the One Month Ending January 31, 2009

### REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 460,137.96
Annuity Premiums	1,605,573.42
Investment Income	2,611,527.56
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	5,783.00
Other Revenue	42,231.19

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 4,725,253.13

### EXPENSES

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 472,288.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	1,478,989.00
Insurance Benefits	314,309.54
Annuity Benefits	1,301,798.62
Commission Expense	53,611.75
Surrender Benefits	74,398.44
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	1,137.77
Donation Expenses	15,209.40
Convention Expenses	15,000.00
Dividends to Members	150,055.52
Post Mortem Benefits	116,280.45
Bonus to Branches	106,774.00
Fraternal Activities	12,090.15
Bank Service Charges	6,367.77
Data Processing Service Fees	12,266.81
Accounting Fees	3,250.00
Actuarial Fees	10,927.00
Legal Fees	8,213.73
Consulting Services	13,270.00
Official Publications	31,319.00
Scholarship Awards	(1,250.00)
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	29,612.90
Fees — Directors	7,355.86
Salaries — Employees	88,595.06
Salaries — Officers	36,479.17
Interest Expense	28,713.06
Tax Expense	26,705.62
Depreciation Expense	34,303.00
Utility Expense	6,468.98
Postage and Printing	23,145.09
Advertising	9,640.34
Travel Expense	10,392.55
Other Expense	84,668.02

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 4,582,386.60

NET INCOME \$ 142,866.53





### FRESH ORANGE SALSA

- ½ cup fresh orange segments, diced
- 1 cup Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon red onions, small diced
- 1 teaspoon jalapeño, minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro leaves, minced
- ⅛ teaspoon salt

Combine fresh, diced orange segments, tomatoes, red onions, jalapeño, cilantro and salt. Toss gently to mix thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 4.

### FRESH ORANGE CHIFFON CAKE

- 2½ cups sifted cake flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1⅓ cups sugar, divided
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 3 tablespoons grated orange rind
- ¾ cup orange juice
- 5 egg whites
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- Fresh orange glaze

Combine flour, baking soda, salt and ⅔ cup sugar. Make a well in center, add oil, egg yolks, orange rind and orange juice. Beat on high speed about 5 minutes or until smooth. Beat egg whites (at room temperature) and cream of tartar in a large mixing bowl until soft peaks form. Add remaining ⅔ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Pour egg yolk mixture in a thin steady stream over entire surface of egg whites and gently fold whites into yolk mixture. Pour batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan, spreading evenly with spatula. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until cake springs back. Invert pan, cool for 40 minutes. Loosen cake from pan. Drizzle with orange glaze.

### Orange Glaze:

- 3 cups sifted powdered sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 2¼ teaspoons grated orange rind
- ¼ teaspoon orange extract
- 4 tablespoons orange juice
- Mix and spread over cake.

### BROCCOLI ORANGE SALAD

- 5 cups broccoli flowerets
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 oranges, grated peel and juice
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper, as needed

Steam broccoli flowerets in covered saucepan for 3 minutes only. Remove quickly and rinse with cold running water until broccoli is no longer warm. Do not cook further. Place in serving bowl and chill, covered.

Meanwhile, in a medium-sized bowl, combine almonds, grated peel and juice from oranges, green onions, and remaining ingredients except for salt and pepper. Toss gently and allow to stand at room temperature for about 15 to 30 minutes. Serves 6.

### MANDARIN ORANGE PUMPKIN BREAD

- ⅔ cup butter
- 2⅔ cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 16 oz. canned pumpkin
- ⅔ cup freshly squeezed mandarin juice
- 1 mandarin
- 3⅓ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- ⅔ cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter or spray non-stick coating on bottoms only of two 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pans. Remove colored peel from mandarin using a grater or zesting tool, being careful not to remove the white pith. Cut off pith and chop mandarin, removing any tough membranes. Set aside peel and pulp. In mixer, cream butter and sugar together, then add eggs one at a time until mixture is smooth. Add pumpkin, fresh-squeezed mandarin juice, peel and pulp. Meanwhile, in a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder and pumpkin pie spice together. Slowly add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture in mixer. Stir in nuts and pour into loaf pans. Bake until knife or toothpick in-

serted in center of bread comes out clean, about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Cool completely, then remove from pan. Slice each loaf into 12 - ¾ inch slices. Makes 12 servings.

### SWEETENED WHIPPED ORANGE BUTTER

- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
- zest of 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
- Dash cinnamon, optional

Combine ingredients in a small bowl and beat with a mixer with a whisk attachment or by hand until well blended. Refrigerate until serving time. This is delicious served with quick breads, biscuits, pancakes and waffles, or muffins. Makes about ½ cup.

### ORANGE AND GINGER CHICKEN

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 orange rind
- 1 garlic clove
- 8 oz. white wine
- Fresh ginger (per your liking)
- ½ cup cashew nuts
- 2 cups fresh mushrooms

Rub the chicken breasts with a mixture of the orange and ginger rind. Heat the oil in frying pan and add the chicken. Remove chicken and place in a casserole dish. Fry the mushrooms in the pan with fresh crushed garlic and the cashew nuts, add white wine and pour this over the chicken. Bake the chicken for 20 minutes.

Best served with creamed potatoes, rice or pasta and a salad.

### SALMON WITH HONEY-CITRUS GLAZE

- 4 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces each, skin on
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Grease a 9 x 13 x 2-inch baking pan. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place salmon, skin-side down, in the prepared baking pan. Combine the honey, lime juice, and orange juice, stirring until well blended. Sprinkle the fillets with salt and pepper then spoon the honey and juice mixture over the fillets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serves 4.



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