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I Believe Kindness Matters ... Do You?

What type of person are you? Are you the kind who cheers up a room by entering it or are you the kind that causes people to cheer when you leave it? What do you bring to your interactions with co-workers, family and friends? Do you bring light, encouragement, optimism, and kind words? Or is it rather doom and gloom, pessimism, criticism, and cynicism?

People often forget what we say and more often than not what we do, but as Maya Angelou said, "They always remember how we made them feel."

Here are some other wise words about kindness for you to ponder this month:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

—The Apostle Paul (Col 3:12)

"Don't wait for people to be kind. Show them how."

— Anonymous

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

— Oscar Wilde

"That best portion of a good man's life: his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

— William Wordsworth

"Kindness is loving people more than they deserve."

— Joseph Joubert

"We are made kind by being kind."

— Eric Hoffer

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

— Benjamin Franklin

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

— Theodore Isaac Rubin, M.D.

"Let no one ever comes to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness in your face, in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

— Mother Teresa

"I choose kindness...I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me."

— Max Lucado

"I've never known any human being, high or humble, who ever regretted, when nearing life's end, having done kindly deeds. But I have known more than one millionaire who became haunted by the realization that they had led selfish lives."

— B. C. Forbes

Until Next Month — Warmly, Carolyn



Carolyn Bazik

Saint John Baptist Mary Vianney, The Priests' Priest

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Friends,

On 19 June 2009, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI declared that an entire year would emphasize the role of the ordained priesthood within the Church. Thus, this "Year for Priests" was inaugurated and happened to coincide with the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of Saint John Baptist Mary Vianney whose feast is celebrated on the fourth of August. Saint John, known as the *curé d'Ars* (parish priest of the town of Ars, France), was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and was declared the patron of priests by the same pope in 1929. But one may ask why this particular saint is accorded this distinction as the "patron saint of priests".

Saint John was born of parents who were farmers outside the French city of Lyons on 8 May 1786. As he was growing up, Saint John assisted his family in watching over their livestock and at the age of thirteen, made his First Holy Communion. Several years later, he asked his father if he could begin the process of priestly formation but it was necessary for Saint John to remain on the farm until he was twenty years old. At that juncture, he entered a nearby school for priestly formation but encountered a major difficulty in this phase of his educational process because of the Latin language requirement. To add to this, he was soon required to enter the French military service but because of sickness and later failing to report to the officials at the appropriate time and thus a deserter, Saint John spent over a year under an alias teaching catechism to young people and studying Latin arduously. Excused for not reporting for military duty and instead, his brother taking his place, he returned to the requirements of his priestly formation.

The process of priestly formation was especially difficult for the saint because of his prior educational background. He

pursued his study of philosophy and soon after he entered into the formal academic studies for priesthood, he had to leave the program. Saint John was then privately tutored only to fail his examination prior to ordination. He then passed the examination and eventually was ordained a priest. Prior to his ministry in Ars, he became known as a beloved and compassionate priest especially in the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

Once appointed the *curé d'Ars*, he personally led an austere life of penance for the sins committed by the members of his parish. It was a time in French history that many people were led astray from the teachings of the Church and the town of Ars was no exception. But because of the life he led, the careful way in which Saint John celebrated the sacraments, by his hours that he spent in the confessional absolving people of their sins (sometimes for more than twelve hours a day!) and by his life of prayer, people turned their lives around and became more fervent in their faith. Prayer was an important element of his priestly life. He writes, "Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart. This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing. It is a happiness beyond understanding. . . . My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun. . . . Some men immerse themselves

as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is no division in their hearts. O, how I love these noble souls!" (Catéchisme sur la prière: A. Monnin, *Esprit du Curé d'Ars*, pp. 87-89). What a wonderful teaching of the meaning and necessity of prayer not only in the life of the priest but in the life of every Christian!

Saint John's ministry was extended to his care for orphans and teenage girls. Although funds were quite restricted, not knowing where food would come from, there was always enough for the young people to eat because of his humble, austere life and his follower's appreciation of the gift of the *curé* himself. After a life of selfless giving and overcoming so many earthly obstacles, Saint John died on 4 August 1859. No matter what bend in the road he may have encountered, he was able to maneuver around it through perseverance and prayer.

In his weekly General Audience of 24 June 2009, Pope Benedict XVI explained his reasoning for the inauguration of the Year for Priests. Our Holy Father stated, "The purpose of this Year for Priests . . . is therefore to encourage every priest in this striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends, and first and foremost to help priests and with them the entire People of God to rediscover and to reinforce their knowledge of the extraordinary, indispensable gift of Grace which the ordained minister represents for those who have received it, for the whole Church and for the world which would be lost without the Real Presence of Christ". The patron of priests is a model of this perfection. In this Year for Priests, please pray for the priests of your parishes and for all priests that they may lead all of us to Jesus our Saviour.

Saint John Baptist Mary Vianney, pray for us!

40th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Joe and Helena Hernandez of Livingston, TX celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on January 9, 2009. They met in Chicago in 1968 shortly after Helena moved to the United States from her homeland in Bardejov, Slovakia. The Hernandez family moved to Joe's native state of Texas in the early 1970's after several years in Indiana. Joe retired several years ago but stays very active with Knights of Columbus while Helena works part-time at Livingston ISD where their beloved grandson Christopher attends school. To celebrate their anniversary, their daughter and son-in-law sent Joe and Helena to Las Vegas. Helena is a long-time member of Branch W077.

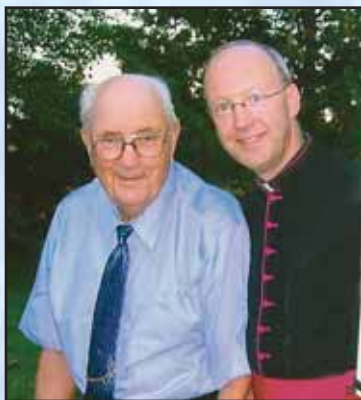


Celebrates 130 Years as a Parish

Sacred Heart, of Cedar Hill, NE, celebrated its 130th year as a parish by inviting Msgr. Joseph Nemec, lifelong member of FCSLA (Catholic Workman), back to his home parish to celebrate Mass. Msgr. is observing his 25th anniversary as a priest.

Branch W055 hosted a potluck dinner afterward. Msgr.'s brother, Mark, provided accordion music.

Pictured (above) is Msgr. Nemec with his father, Adolph. Adolph was president of Branch W055 for several years as well as holding various state offices.



St. Pat's Party by Branch W080

A community-wide St. Patrick's Day Party was hosted by Branch W080 of Clarkson, NE, on Sunday, March 15. A nice crowd of 80 people came to enjoy the afternoon playing grocery bingo. There were 11 lucky winners of the assorted bags of groceries.

Adding to the fun were the "Singing Grandpas", who along with Angie Fisher on accordion, entertained the group with polkas, waltzes and such favorites as "Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie."

Door prizes of an FCSLA cookbook and several green plants were awarded and a light lunch was served. Everyone reported having a wonderful afternoon!

Celebrates 90th Birthday With Family and Friends

A long time member of St. Ann's Sr. Branch 114 in Lorain, OH recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Margaret M. Doslak was born June 1, 1919 in Yukon, PA. Family members and friends attended a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy

Trinity Slovak Catholic Church where son-in-law Dick Schweinberg and great-grandson Zachary Desko served as altar boys. The gifts were taken up by great-grandchildren Abby Desko, Michael and Stephanie DePauw. Dick, Zachary and Abby are all members of FCSLA. Mass was followed by a luncheon at Margaret's residence Anchor Lodge Retirement Village. Margaret is a former President of St.



Ann's Lodge and along with her husband John was very active in Slovak affairs. They are parents of four children, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Margaret can be contacted at Anchor Lodge, Room 3002, 3756 West Erie Avenue, Lorain OH 44053

Celebrates 90th Birthday

Pauline Griffith (left) of Sr. Branch 295 enjoyed Memorial Day weekend with her sister, Lillian Juraska (right), as their families gathered in Milwaukee to celebrate Lillian's 90th birthday. Born in Chicago, the two sisters are the daughters of Pauline (Moravcik) Tylka, late Secretary of Sr. Branch 295. They get together whenever possible and reminisce on the phone every week about old times.



FCSLA OFFICERS ATTEND PA FRATERNAL CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress Legislative Luncheon was held on May 5, 2009 in Harrisburg, PA. Approximately 150 legislators and fraternal leaders attended the event which had a record attendance of over 119 legislators.



Seated: Cynthia Maleski, National Trustee; Standing, L-R: Virginia Holmes, National Trustee, State Senator Michael O'Pake and Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Auditor.



L-R: Rep. Ted Harhai (Westmoreland and Fayette Counties); Dorothy Urbanowicz, Cynthia Maleski and Virginia Holmes, and Rep. Don Walko (Allegheny County).

Malek Celebrates a Century Milestone



Lillian Malek celebrated her 100th birthday with an open house hosted by son Bill and grandchildren on May 9, 2009 at the Britt Community Center. Lillian was born on May 10, 1909 and is a member of St. Wencelaus Catholic Church, Duncan, IA. She has been a member of Branch W051 since 1939. A card shower is

being held for her and wishes may be sent to 445 8th Avenue S.W., Britt, IA 50423. A very Happy Birthday and God's continued blessings on this momentous occasion.

100% FCSLA FAMILY

Pictured below are Kristen and Craig Flicek along with their four children of Lonsdale, MN. Kristin and her husband Craig became the parents of twins Ella and Ethan on April 2nd. It's the second set of twins for the Lonsdale couple, who are parents of 2½ year old Cole and Braden. Milt Trinka the General Agent in the area recently enrolled the entire family as members of Branch W056. We want to welcome the Flicek family to our fraternal family.



Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

Orell and JoAnne Sevigny were married June 16, 1959. JoAnne has been a long time member of Branch 24. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June at Grafton, ND. They were married in St. Luke's Catholic Church at Veselyville, ND where JoAnne was born and raised. After their marriage they moved near



Oakwood and belonged to Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Oakwood where they still reside on the Sevigny family farm.

Orell and JoAnne have three children; Stacy Marie Sevigny, San Diego, CA; Edward Charles (Stacie), Grafton, ND and Roxann Jo (Brian) Hanson, Fargo, ND. They have twin grandsons, Abram and Gavin Sevigny, Grafton, ND. Congratulations to our anniversary couple!

FCSLA CREATIVE CONTEST

The Ornament Contest last year brought us many wonderful handmade creations. The Christmas tree at our Home Office will display the beautiful ornaments for many years. This year we will have a different contest open to all members of all ages. The contest will begin September 1, 2009. The deadline will be October 31, 2009. Members of all ages are encouraged to use their artistic talents and submit a handmade article for the contest. Please make sure you read over the guidelines entirely. If you have questions please contact Sue Ann, our Fraternal and Youth Director, by calling 1-800-464-4642, Ext. 1051 or email her at sueann@fcsla.org.



FCSLA CREATIVE CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. Contest is open to FCSLA members of all ages.
2. Item entered must be handmade between September 1, 2009 - October 31st, 2009.
3. The item should not be too large. (Remember it has to be mailed to the Home Office.)
4. Entry is limited to one item per member.
5. The entered item may be painted, sewn, knitted, crocheted, carved, etc. you may decide. (If you have a question about your item qualifying, please call or email Sue Ann.)
6. **ITEM WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** They will be donated to a nursing home, assisted living facility, or the area hospitals during the Christmas season.
7. There will be three cash prizes in each age category of: 1st Prize \$50.00; 2nd Prize \$25.00; 3rd Prize \$10.00.
8. Items must be mailed to the Home Office, postmarked date November 5th, 2009. (Please note: Items received at the Home Office postmarked after November 5th, 2009 will not be entered in the contest and will not be returned. FCSLA is not responsible if items are received broken or damaged.)

AGE GROUPS

Group one - Ages 0-5
Group five - Ages 26-39

Group two - Ages 6-10
Group six - Ages 40-59

Group three - Ages 11-17
Group seven - Ages 60-75

Group four - Ages 18-25
Group eight - 76 Plus

Please select your group number according to your age.

You will need to use the Group Number on the entry form you submit with your item.

FCSLA CREATIVE CONTEST

ENTRY GROUP NUMBER (According to Guidelines) _____

Name (please print) _____ Branch _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email* _____

Did you have help? _____ If yes, who helped? _____

How many hours/days did you spend creating your item? _____

Where did you get the idea/plans for your item? _____

Describe your entry: _____

Comments: _____

Mail this completed form along with your handmade creation to:

Sue Ann M. Seich, FCSLA Fraternal & Youth Director, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122

PLEASE NOTE: ITEM WILL NOT BE RETURNED — The deadline for entries is November 5th, 2009 (postmarked).

MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Sr. Branch 111

Sr. Branch 111 from California, PA, held a benefit concert for Multiple Sclerosis. Team Hope from the M.S. Walk helped create the fundraiser. The branch hired bands to play a concert to raise money at the Jozart Studios in California, PA. Tickets were a \$10 donation to the National M.S. Society. The concert raised \$450. The branch and volunteers used posters, word of mouth and Web invites from MySpace and Facebook to help promote the benefit concert.



The volunteers organized the paper drive through a local recycling company. They filled two semi-trucks with over 26 tons of paper. The volunteers advertised in the Church Bulletin, local newspapers and with flyers around the school. They raised over \$600 dollars through the paper drive. All proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Wenceslaus School.



Receives "Student of the Month" Award

Helen J. Bornhorst, an eighth grade student at Crabapple Middle School, was honored at a luncheon and received the "Student of the Month" Award from the Rotary Club of Roswell, GA. She will attend Roswell High School next school year. She is a member of Jr. Branch 3, Braddock, PA, and is the grand-niece of former National Officer, Margaret Bock.



Helen with U.S. Congressman Tom Price of Georgia, was speaker at the Luncheon.

Branch W001

Branch W001 of New Prague, MN held a paper drive at St. Wenceslaus School on April 18, 2009. They picked the date to coincide with Earth Day. Branch members and school parents contacted local businesses and residents to donate paper products and cardboard for the fundraiser.



Helen is pictured with Rotary President, Bob Hagan, her parents Bill and Ann Bornhorst, and her Science Teacher, Miss McClammy.



ANNE CATHERINE SHEARD of Kenosha, WS made her First Holy Communion on May 6. Anne is the daughter of Susan and Craig Sheard. Anne's mother, and grandmother, Helen Setter, are members of the FCSLA Sr. Branch 273. Anne's great-grandmother, Anna Secansky Bruchaty was also a member. Anne and her brother Anthony John are junior members of Branch 196.

Anne attends St. Mary's Catholic School in Kenosha. She loves to read, play outside, and is very artistic. She plays on a basketball team, is an altar server, and has been a Brownie Scout. Last year, Anne was in the children's chorus in the St. Joseph High School musical, "CATS". She played the part of Feisty the kitten.

Anne and her family belong to St. Anthony of Padua Church in Kenosha.



MEGAN THERESA SETTER made her First Holy Communion on May 3, 2009 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kenosha, WS. She will be entering the 3rd grade this fall at St. Mary Grade School.

Megan takes ballet lessons and is a Brownie Scout. She likes swimming and her American Girl dolls.

Megan is the daughter of John and Theresa Setter who are members of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Megan and her brothers Johnny and Andrew are members of Branch 196. Her grandparents are Edwin and Helen (Bruchaty) Setter and Jay and Marianne Wright. Megan's dad and her Grandma Setter are members of Branch 273 as was her great-grandmother, Anna Bruchaty.



LAUREN NICOLE KIM, of Jr. Branch 231, graduated from eighth grade with honors. She is the daughter of Jennifer Kusnierz Kim, granddaughter of Jean Kazy Kusnierz, and great-granddaughter of the late Irene Cecko Kazy.

Lauren was the valedictorian of her class. She also received the "Graduate of the Year" award, first honors, the mathematics award, an honor cord for continually achieving first honors, the Pastors' scholarship and an award for being Student Body president.

She was an active member of the yearbook staff, a "Coach's Award" winner in volleyball and track, and the "Academic Athlete of the Year" recipient. In March, she also received the ninth place medal in mathematics at the Academic Junior Decathlon, where she and her teammates competed against over one hundred other teams. In the fall, Lauren will attend St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora, CA, where she was accepted with honors and was awarded another scholarship.

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CARTER JAMES EDWARD GILLEN is the newest member of Branch 339 in Chicago, IL and son of Jason and Jori Gillen of Oak Lawn, IL. Carter is the little brother of **ADDISON**, age 3 and first grandson of Jim and Judy Tybor-Knizner. All family members are Officers of Branch 287 or Branch 339. Judy is also Vice-President of the Anna Hurban District of Chicago and a well-known Chicago Slovak Funeral Director.



MALLORY GRACE MARITATO, daughter of Jobeth Jacobs Maritato (S140) and Douglas Maritato of St. Augustine, FL is the newest member of Branch 46. Born on July 17, 2008 she is the granddaughter of Judith and Steve Jacobs of Lehighton, PA.



LUKE THOMAS ANTHONY, son of Martin and Eileen Anthony is the newest member of Jr. Branch 187 in Allentown, PA. His proud grandparents are Monica and John Anthony. Monica is a former FCSLA National Auditor and a long time branch officer.



ALEXANDRA CHRISTINA WILLIAMS received her First Holy Communion on April 25, 2009 at St. Jerome's Church, Tamaqua, PA. She is entering 4th grade at Tamaqua Elementary School. She is the daughter of Thomas and Olga Williams of Tamaqua, PA and a member of Branch 46, Lansford, PA.

First Communion Celebration



Rayhons, son of Michelle and Gary Rayhons. The families are members of Branch W051.

First Communion was celebrated at St. Wencelaus Catholic Church, Duncan, IA on April 25, 2009 with Monsignor John Hemann serving as the celebrant. Three young people from the parish received the sacrament of Holy Communion. Leah Jones, daughter of Lori and Greg Johnson; Rachel Hejlik, daughter of Sarah and Don Hejlik; and Lucas

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 11, 2009, Branch W051 Duncan, IA, held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for approximately 40 children from age newborn to 4th grade. There was an assortment of candy, money and eggs for all as well as stuffed animals for the children to young to gather eggs themselves.





IN MEMORIAM

FRANK PETRASH

Branch 140



After a recent illness, Frank P. Petrash, 91, of Coaldale, PA, died peacefully on April 6, 2009 in the Phoebe Home, Allentown, PA. He was the husband of Martha (nee Chuck-

ran) Petrash to whom he had been married 62 years. Born on October 10, 1917 in Coaldale, he was a son of the late Frank J. and Susan (nee Petko) Petrash. A 1935 graduate of the former Coaldale High School, Frank was a decorated World War II veteran serving as a sergeant in the 15th Army Air Force. For over 35 years, Frank was employed as a medical technologist with the Margaret Petrash Laboratory, Tamaqua, PA. Frank was a member and lector at the former Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Coaldale. Frank was a born conversationalist, proud of his ethnicity and fluent in the Slovak language. He actively supported a number of veterans' organizations including the local American Legion, VFW and AMVETS posts. Frank was Esquire and Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 1337, Lansford PA. His civic affiliations included the CSIDC, Schuylkill County Housing Authority and Coaldale Borough Council.

Surviving him in addition to Martha are their children, Frank and wife, Patricia of Hatboro, PA, Michael and wife, Evelyn of Center Valley, PA, Gary and significant other Cindy of Pottsville, PA, and Marian Petrash and husband, Tyler Wood of Eugene, OR; grandchildren, Jessica, Frankie, and Noreen Petrash and Liam and Alex Wood; and brother, Thomas and wife, Marge of Bloomsburg, PA. Frank was predeceased by his parents, brothers, Paul, Rudolph, and Joseph and sister, Margaret Valentine. Frank's family has requested that you thank a Veteran on his behalf.

MILDRED ZIEGLER

Branch 233



Mildred Ziegler, age 87, of Mt. Washington, died on June 3, 2009. Mildred was born October 12, 1921 in New Salem, PA.

She was the wife of the late Robert Ziegler; mother of

Theresa McCartney of Denver and Robert (Mary), and the late Rose O'Brien, surviving son-in-law Dennis O'Brien; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; also survived by brother, Steve Rechterik (Irene), sister, Sr. M. Dominic Rechterik VSC, sister-in-law Mary Rechterik of CT and many dear nieces and nephews; predeceased by brothers Anthony and Frank and sisters, Sr. M. Pelagia VSC, Helen, Anne, Louise and Sr. M. Bernice VSC. Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary of the Mount Church.

Mildred had many talents and things she enjoyed doing. Among them were gardening, knitting, crocheting, baking the traditional Slovak baked goods and spending time with her family.

MARIE S. DREVITCH

Branch 172



Marie S. Drevitch, 78, of Wilkes-Barre, PA, passed into eternal life on October 26, 2008, in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, following injuries sustained in an accident. Born on

May 21, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late John Nicolas and Susan Estock Buynak.

Mrs. Drevitch graduated from Sacred Heart Slovak Elementary School and Coughlin High School Class of 1948. She served on the Alumni Committee of

Sacred Heart Slovak School and remained active with her high school class reunion committee over the years. She was an active member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church of the Catholic Community of North Wilkes-Barre.

On January 21, 2008, Mrs. Drevitch and her husband, Edward, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Faith and family were the foundation of her life. She is remembered as being a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend to all who knew and loved her.

At the time of her death she was survived by her husband. However, three months later following her demise, her husband passed away on January 27, 2009.

Mrs. Drevitch was preceded in death by her sisters, Mrs. Vera Jones and Mrs. Emily R. Kurovsky.

Surviving are her sons and their spouses, William and Linda; Kenneth J. and Jeannine; Brian and Michelle; and her daughter and her husband, Susan and Christopher Kopko; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by her brother, Lt. Colonel John E. Buynak, USMC, Ret. Panama City, FL; sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Brady, Norristown, PA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

May God Grant Her Eternal Rest.

REGINA R. GEIER

Branch 89

Regina R. "Re" Geier, 84, of Bethlehem, PA, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died on April 23, 2009 in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Bethlehem, the daughter of the late Andrew and Anna (Dancho) Lesko. Regina was preceded in death in 1997 by her loving husband of 51 years, John J. Geier. She served as the legal secretary to the solicitor of the city of Bethlehem for 25 years. Regina was a longtime, active and devoted parishioner of Ss. Simon and

Jude Catholic Church, Bethlehem, where she was also a member of the Seniors Group. Regina enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, and doing ceramics but she especially loved spending time with her family.

She will be lovingly remembered by her family, daughter Colette M., wife of Dr. Joseph Lennert, of Bethlehem; son, Conrad L. Geier of Bethlehem; five grandchildren, Gina, Joseph, Brett, Alan, and John; five great-grandchildren; Tyler, Olivia, Madilyn, Jacob, and David; sister, Helen Spevak of Bethlehem. Regina was preceded in death by her sister Bernadine Daday, as well as a brother.

Contributions were made to Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Bethlehem, PA.

WAYNE F. KROTZ **Branch W045**

Wayne F. Krotz, 74, of Cedar Rapids, IA died November 18, 2008, at Mercy Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; sons, Paul and wife Kathy, Minneapolis, and Jim and wife Lisa, Marion; granddaughters, Erin and Maria of Minneapolis and Peyton of Marion; sister, Barbara Galloway, Wimberley, TX; and brother, Donald and wife Kay, Cedar Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma (Salat) Krotz; and a brother, David of Minneapolis.

Wayne was born January 12, 1934, in Cedar Rapids and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from McKinley High

School in 1952 and the University of Iowa in 1962, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

Wayne married Mary Ellen Bulicek on January 5, 1963, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was employed at Quaker Oats Company for 34 years, retiring as a general foreman in the shipping department in 1998.

Wayne was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was an active member of All Saints Catholic Church, where he served as a money counter for many years. Wayne was also a member of the University of Iowa Alumni Association and a 45-year member of the "I" Club, member of the American Legion Hanford Post 5, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 788, Knights of Columbus Council 909, Bowen General Assembly 269 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, longtime member and treasurer for 35 years of Cadets of St. George Branch 45 FCSLA (formerly Catholic Workman) and Catholic Laymen. He also enjoyed spending time fishing with friends.

Military honors were conducted during funeral services and were provided by American Legion Hanford Post 5.

Memorial contributions were given to the Mercy Foundation and All Saints Catholic Church Capital Campaign Fund.

JOSEPH E. SESTAK **Branch W093**

Joseph "Gene" E. Sestak, age 74, of Columbia, MO, passed away February 4, 2009, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Per Joe's wishes cremation took place and a Christian burial was in Tabor, SD.

Joe was born to Robert and Lillian Petrik Sestak on November 28, 1934, in Tabor, SD. He attended St. Wenceslaus Catholic grade school and graduated from Tabor High School. Joe joined the U.S. Army's 10th division on January 4, 1955, and was assigned to the 41st Combat Engineers. Joe proudly served most of his time in Germany, and was honorably discharged December 20, 1957. He received his Bachelor of Science degree and attended graduate studies at South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD.

In October 1962 he began his career in Seattle, WA as an Agricultural Statistician with the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA, later transferring to Washington, DC. In June 1969, Joe attended North Carolina State where he continued his education in statistics. After two years in R & D he transferred to Portland, OR, before settling in Columbia, MO.

While in Oregon he was active in Scouts as Cub Master and Scout Master and was a charter member of the Tualatin Lions Club. In Missouri, he continued with Scouts, Downtown Optimist, and investment clubs. Joe earned the Silver Beaver Award in 1994 for his nearly 35 years of service with the Boy Scouts. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Joe is survived by his wife Marilyn Wagner Sestak of Columbia, MO, their son Dean of Plano, TX, daughter Lynn of Columbia, MO, brothers Robert and wife Lou Anne in Renton, WA, Ronald and wife Joyce of Tabor, SD and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made in Joe's memory to the Downtown Optimist Club attn. Treasurer Steve Klein, PO Box 1959, Columbia, MO 65205 or Boy Scouts of America Administrative Office, 1203 Fay Street, Columbia, MO 65201.



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From the Desk of the Fraternal & Youth Director

FCSLA ANNOUNCES

2009-2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



As Fraternal and Youth Director it is my privilege to announce the winners of this year's FCSLA Scholarship Program. Annually, we are pleased to provide this generous fraternal benefit to 225 young people and hope that these awards will help them in their educational pursuits. Whether it is in the formative years at the elementary level or at the graduate school level we believe that education is vital in the development of our future generations.

We are proud of each and every one of our members who applied and thank them for participating in our scholarship program.

On the pages that follow you will see pictures of this year's winners. Congratulations and our best wishes for future success and happiness in all your endeavors!

Fraternally,
Sue Ann M. Seich

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Sr. Branch 524

THERESA SAJAN AWARDS

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Duquesne University
Sr. Branch 88

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\$1,750 EACH



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Youngstown State
Sr. Branch 161



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Youngstown, OH
Youngstown State University
Sr. Branch 30



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Monmouth University
Sr. Branch 172



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Loyola University-Chicago
Sr. Branch 141



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Ohio State University
Sr. Branch 289



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Brookfield, WI
University of Northern Iowa
Sr. Branch 23



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Hoover, AL
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KELLI J. FALTYS
Schuyler, NE
University of Kansas
Branch W006



KIMBERLY N. KLATKA
Brunswick, OH
Cleveland State University
Sr. Branch 55

COLLEGE SENIOR AWARDS

\$1,250 EACH



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Bismarck, ND
University of Mary
Branch W121



SHELLEY A. KLOCHAN
Whiting, IN
Butler University
Sr. Branch 81



ROBERT T. BAJEK
Naperville, IL
Eastern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 489



LINDSAY HARRINGTON
Lake Orion, MI
Oakland University
Sr. Branch 10



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Sr. Branch 10



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Youngstown State
Sr. Branch 167



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Carnegie Mellon University
Sr. Branch 44



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Parma, OH
Bowling Green University
Sr. Branch 221



LORI ANN CALDWELL
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University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Sr. Branch 177



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Stevenson University
Sr. Branch 218



DAVID A. GAJDOSIK
Springdale, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Sr. Branch 313



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University of Kentucky
Sr. Branch 258



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Shoreview, MN
St. Norbert College
Branch W002



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Mercyhurst College
Sr. Branch 9



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Branch W137



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Doylestown, OH
University of Akron
Sr. Branch 415



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Corpus Christi, TX
University of Texas at Austin
Branch W077



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Burbank, IL
Eastern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 421



BRIAN J. PASEKA
Prague, NE
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Branch W013



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Streator, IL
Northern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 66



MARY LYNN SUSA
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Carroll University
Sr. Branch 376



RACHEL M. WHYNOTT
Northfield, OH
Miami University
Sr. Branch 9

COLLEGE JUNIOR AWARDS

\$1,250 EACH



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Scribner, NE
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Branch W006



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Manhattan, KS
Kansas State University
Branch W074



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Saint Vincent College
Sr. Branch 424



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University of Akron
Sr. Branch 532



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University of Pittsburgh
Sr. Branch 65



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Duquesne University
Sr. Branch 45



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Scappoose, OR
Concordia University
Branch W139



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Sr. Branch 111



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Carroll College
Branch W056



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Sr. Branch 424



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Lorain, OH
Mount Union College
Sr. Branch 114



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Atwood, KS
University of Nebraska at Kearney
Branch W074



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Southern Illinois University
Sr. Branch 485



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Flashpoint Academy
Sr. Branch 180



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University of Akron
Sr. Branch 114



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University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
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West Chester University of PA
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\$1,250 EACH



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California University of PA
Sr. Branch 88



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Homer City, PA
University of Notre Dame
Sr. Branch 317



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Sr. Branch 81



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The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
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Mount Laurel, NJ
Philadelphia University
Sr. Branch 322



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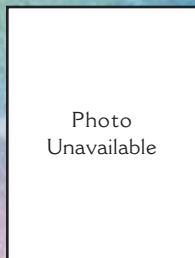


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HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN AWARDS

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High School*
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Jr. Branch 29



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Jr. Branch 77



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Branch W018



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Jr. Branch 16



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Visitation School
Jr. Branch 83

7TH GRADE AWARDS

\$750 EACH



JILLIAN BRIDGEMAN
Lansing, IL
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Jr. Branch 184



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Middlesex, NJ
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Jr. Branch 90



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Jr. Branch 257



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Roselle, IL
St. Walter School
Jr. Branch 175



JACQUELYN MISENICK
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Jr. Branch 457



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Jr. Branch 192



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Rancho Solano Private School
Jr. Branch 3



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Winfield, IL
St. John the Baptist
Jr. Branch 322



JOHN KIST
Pittsburgh, PA
*Hillcrest
Christian
Academy*
Jr. Branch 28



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MATHISON**
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St. William
Jr. Branch 130



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Catholic School*
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School*
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School*
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the Baptist School*
Jr. Branch 348



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St. Anthony
Jr. Branch 470



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MICHAELS**
Youngstown, OH
*St. Joseph the
Provider School*
Jr. Branch 192

6TH GRADE AWARDS

\$750 EACH



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HELEN DUCK**
Batavia, IL
Holy Cross
Jr. Branch 96



**JACOB R.
SEBEST**
Campbell, OH
St. Patrick School
Jr. Branch 192



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School*
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RHYNE**
Wilmington, NC
St. Mary School
Jr. Branch 106



**ABIGAIL
KOBILARCIK**
Rolling
Meadows, IL
St. Theresa School
Jr. Branch 339



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Whiting, IN
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the Baptist School*
Jr. Branch 348



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DZURIK**
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School*
Jr. Branch 157

5TH GRADE AWARDS

\$750 EACH

4TH GRADE AWARDS

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FAVORITE SUMMER FLAVORS!

Celebrate the date of the first ice cream cone patent by completing the word search below. Can you find the name of your favorite flavor of ice cream? Words can appear across, up, down, or diagonally. Here are the flavors you should find:



vanilla
mint
lime
orange
praline
almond
chocolate
rocky road
peach
black cherry
marshmallow
banana
peanut butter
cheesecake

raspberry
sheret
strawberry
fudge ripple
bubble gum
lemon
pumpkin
coconut
cookie dough
peppermint
maple
walnut
pecan
cashew

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Please send your answers to: FCSLA Home Office, 24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122
Attn: Sue Ann M. Seich, Fraternal & Youth Director. Please include your Branch # along with your name and address.

FOURTH ANNUAL MAHONING VALLEY SLOVAKFEST

Summer is in full force and everyone is looking for fun things to do with their time. Well, for the last three years, Ohio's Mahoning Valley Slovaks have been providing just that. This August 16th, the 4th annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be held on the grounds of St. Mathias Church in Youngstown, OH from 11:30 a.m. to about 8 p.m. It was begun in 2006 by a group of people who remembered the great Slovak picnics of their youth, usually held by the area's Slovak parishes or organizations. They wanted to carry on this summer activity and share their love of their Slovak heritage with everyone in this Valley. And of course, you can't get more than 3 Slovaks together without there being food and music!

The SlovakFest kicks off with a wonderful Polka Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. This joyful Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. with the music provided by the Eddie Vallus Band. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities will move to the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center at 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, OH 44502.

Inside the hall, dinners will be served from noon till 3 with a choice of Lamb, Chicken or Halubky (stuffed cabbage). Outside you will find halušky, klobassi, lamb, pirohy and more throughout the day. There will also be wonderful Slovak baked goods available!

Starting at 4 p.m., the Grammy nominated Del Sinchak polka band will be playing for those who love to polka or those who just want to sit and listen. The Pittsburgh Slovaks, under the direction of Rudy and Sue Ondrejco, will also sing and dance in their colorful Slovak folk costumes. As they say on their website, it has been said, "kde je Slovak, tam je spev. " — "where there is a Slovak, there is singing." And there will be plenty of music and singing at the Mahoning Valley SlovakFest.

The SlovakFest also has many Slovak items on display or for sale. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, and a raffle of \$2000 worth of Get Go/Giant Eagle gift cards for gasoline or food! There will be children's games, clowns and other activities throughout the day. Admission is free, so if you remember the Slovak picnics of your childhood, or if you don't, but would like to make some new memories, plug us into your GPS, jump in your car, and join us on August 16th for a wonderful time at the 4th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest!

9th Slovak Film Festival

The WPSCA will present popular Slovak films with English subtitles. Admission is free to all of the films.

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. — The Garden
University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall,
230 S. Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Saturday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. — Copper Tower
Mt. Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd.,
(412) 531-1912

Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. — If I Had a Gun
South Side Library, 2205 E. Carson Street,
(412) 431-0505

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2009

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 18,492,011.31
Bonds	505,357,686.20
Preferred Stock	8,363,125.87
Common Stock	690,119.91
Investment Income Due and Accrued	8,456,089.45
Promissory Notes	66,493.16
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	8,823,917.39
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,315,199.92
Other Assets	209,269.88
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 551,773,913.09
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 160,831,930.08
Annuity Reserves	288,974,961.10
Death Claims Payable	701,067.83
Unearned Premiums	545,684.00
Matured Endowments	0.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,759,133.72
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,428,281.26
Accrued Convention Donations	0.00
Provision for Future Conventions	255,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	4,645,451.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,485,382.00
Other Liabilities	1,315,075.17
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	2,078,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 466,019,966.56
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 85,753,946.53
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 85,753,946.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 551,773,913.09

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2009

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,544,355.14
Annuity Premiums	6,291,999.51
Investment Income	7,603,315.55
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	17,350.00
Other Revenue	127,680.78
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 15,584,700.98
EXPENSES	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 1,466,930.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	5,571,961.00
Insurance Benefits	977,804.02
Annuity Benefits	4,243,738.37
Commission Expense	115,530.15
Surrender Benefits	234,359.86
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	15,528.77
Matured Endowments	1,000.00
Donation Expenses	2,065.53
Convention Expenses	45,000.00
Dividends to Members	450,020.68
Post Mortem Benefits	249,356.52
Bonus to Branches	259,435.00
Fraternal Activities	56,230.16
Bank Service Charges	14,153.45
Data Processing Service Fees	75,514.26
Accounting Fees	32,503.00
Actuarial Fees	47,754.00
Legal Fees	12,380.23
Consulting Services	36,205.00
Official Publications	63,888.00
Scholarship Awards	(1,250.00)
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	87,426.74
Fees — Directors	26,067.58
Salaries — Employees	273,181.49
Salaries — Officers	109,437.51
Interest Expense	70,993.27
Tax Expense	81,501.56
Depreciation Expense	102,909.00
Utility Expense	16,909.33
Postage and Printing	74,968.59
Advertising	25,899.94
Travel Expense	28,712.48
Other Expense	262,159.85
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 15,130,275.34
NET INCOME	\$ 454,425.64



SUMMER'S BOUNTY IN ABUNDANCE

GRILLED ASPARAGUS

- 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and peeled
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat a grill. Place asparagus on a plate. Drizzle oil over the asparagus and turn spears until they are coated. Sprinkle with salt and turn again. Grill asparagus for 5 minutes over a hot grill. Each minute or so, roll each spear $\frac{1}{4}$ turn. Asparagus should begin to brown in spots (indicating that the natural sugars are caramelizing) but should it not be allowed to char. Dripping oil may cause flare-ups. Keep a glass, or spray bottle of water handy to spritz on coals, if necessary. Remove from grill and serve immediately.

SUMMER CREAMED CORN

- 8 ears corn, husks and silk removed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Coarse salt and ground pepper

Remove kernels: Cut off tip of each cob; stand in a wide shallow bowl. With a sharp knife, slice downward to remove kernels.

Stand each cob over another wide shallow bowl. With the edge of a soup spoon, scrape downward to remove pulp.

In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion, and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, 2 to 3 min-

utes. Add corn kernels, pulp, and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer; cover, and cook, until corn is tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

Add cream and sugar; simmer, uncovered, until cream has thickened, 4 to 6 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 4.

BERRIES AND DUMPLINGS

- 1 pound frozen mixed berries
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup low-fat buttermilk
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a medium skillet, cook berries, lemon juice, 4 tablespoons sugar, and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water over medium until slightly thickened, 11 to 13 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and 2 tablespoons sugar; add melted butter and buttermilk, and stir until a moist dough forms. Dividing evenly, spoon 6 dollops of dough over fruit. Combine cinnamon and 1 teaspoon sugar, and sprinkle over dough.

Cover pan tightly with foil, and cook over medium-low until dumplings are set and tops are dry to the touch, about 15 minutes. Serve warm. Serves 4.

GRILLED COBBLER

- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, plus more for sprinkling
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup buttermilk, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds nectarines (3 to 4), sliced
- 1 cup mixed berries
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving

Preheat a grill to medium-high. Grease a medium cast-iron skillet. In a medium bowl, whisk together 1 cup flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and the baking powder. Mix in the buttermilk and butter until just combined.

In another medium bowl, toss together the nectarines, berries, remaining 1 tablespoon, flour and 2 tablespoons sugar.

Spoon the fruit into the prepared skillet and dollop the dough over the fruit in 8 spoonfuls; sprinkle with sugar. Cover with foil and grill until the juices are bubbling and the top is golden, about 20 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving with a scoop of the ice cream. 8 Servings.

SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE

- 2 pounds yellow squash (about 5), chopped
- 4 ounces (1 stick) butter, cut into cubes
- 1 small onion, grated
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the squash until fork-tender, about 8 minutes; drain.

In a medium bowl, combine the squash, butter, onion, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bread crumbs, the half-and-half and sugar; season with salt and pepper.

Spoon the mixture into a greased 9-by-11-inch baking dish and sprinkle with the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bread crumbs. Bake until golden, approximately 35 minutes.

TOMATO SALAD

- 8 plum tomatoes, seeded, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1 medium red onion, quartered and thinly sliced
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into thin strips
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

In a medium bowl, toss together the tomatoes, onion, basil and parsley and dress with the olive oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. 8 Servings.

CREAMY SLAW

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 teaspoon coarse salt
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sour cream
 - 1 small green cabbage, (about $1\frac{3}{4}$ pounds), finely shredded
 - 2 medium carrots, cut into $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch-thick matchsticks or coarsely grated
 - 1 small onion, coarsely grated (optional)
- Whisk together mustard, vinegar, lemon juice, sugar, salt, mayonnaise, and sour cream in a small bowl. Refrigerate dressing, covered, until ready to use, or up to 2 days.

Put cabbage, carrots, and onion (if desired) in a large bowl. Pour in dressing, and toss thoroughly. Refrigerate, covered, until slaw begins to soften, 1 to 2 hours. If not using immediately, refrigerate, covered, up to 2 days. Just before serving, toss coleslaw again.

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