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# THE 99 CLUB



Once upon a time, there lived a King who, despite his luxurious lifestyle, was neither happy nor content.

One day, the King came upon a servant who was singing happily while he worked. This fascinated the King. Why was he, the Supreme Ruler of the Land, unhappy and gloomy, while a lowly servant had so much joy?

The King asked the servant, "Why are you so happy?"

The man replied, "Your Majesty, I am nothing but a servant, but my family and I don't need too much — just a roof over our heads and warm food to fill our tummies."

The king was not satisfied with that reply. Later in the day, he sought the advice of his most trusted advisor.

After hearing the King's woes and the servant's story, the advisor said, "Your Majesty, I believe that the servant has not been made part of The 99 Club."

"The 99 Club? And what exactly is that?" the King inquired.

The advisor replied, "Your Majesty, to truly know what The 99 Club is, place 99 gold coins in a bag and leave it at this servant's doorstep."

When the servant saw the bag, he took it into his house. When he opened the bag, he let out a great shout of joy... So many gold coins!

He began to count them. After several counts, he was at last convinced that there were 99 coins. He wondered, "What could've happened to that last gold coin? Surely, no one would leave 99 coins!"

He looked everywhere he could, but that final coin was elusive. Finally, exhausted, he decided that he was going to have to work harder than ever to earn that gold coin and complete his collection.

From that day, the servant's life was changed. He was overworked, horribly grumpy, and castigated his family for not helping him make that 100th gold coin. He stopped singing while he worked.

Witnessing this drastic transformation, the King was puzzled. When he sought his advisor's help, the advisor said, "Your Majesty, the servant has now officially joined The 99 Club." He continued, "The 99 Club is a name given to those people who have enough to be happy but are never content, because they're always yearning and striving for that extra "one" telling to themselves: "Let me get that one final thing and then I will be happy for life."

Dear Friends, In today's fast paced world we are all often caught up in seeking that "one" final thing! It seems that the minute we're given something bigger and better, we want even more! We lose our sleep, our happiness, and we often hurt the people around us; all these as a price for our growing needs and desires. Remember that we can be happy, even with very little in our lives .....slow down and appreciate life's many pleasures and gifts and above all avoid joining the 99 Club!

Until next month,  
**Warmly, Carolyn**

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# YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have very fond memories of my childhood years. As I have written in the past, my classmates and the other children in my neighborhood did a lot of playing outdoors, especially in our city's park. There were weekly bowling events in the late fall and throughout the winter sponsored by our Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) in our parishes. The boys in my Boy Scout troop would meet at the local parish for meetings and did planning for our weekend camp outs. After we finished playing, there were gatherings at the local ice cream stands or visits to the local pharmacy where there was a soda fountain. It was at that pharmacy that brought me to my first venture as a youngster in the art of stealing. *Yes, I said stealing.*

It is one of those childhood memories that has haunt me to this very day. There use to be a neighborhood pharmacy at the top of my street. *Weber's* had the best cherry Coke's and vanilla Coke's for ten cents. I can still taste them! They were wonderful! There was a bar that seated about eight people on red swivel bar stools. I can vividly picture Mrs. Weber, the pharmacist's wife, with her short, silver hair and well pressed dress putting the Coca Cola syrup and cherry or vanilla syrups in the tall, trademarked Coke shaped glasses. Then she added the soda water and swiftly combined the refreshing concoction with the assistance of the milk shake mixer. (Remember those mixers? *Weber's* had two of them!) Then she would add the ice: scantily, so that we had more than a dime's worth of the mouth enticing drink. After we had our fill, we would then turn our attention to the penny and nickel candy counter. This added energy for us on our ways to our homes.

I am sure you know the candies that I am writing about — Mary Jane's; Slo-Pokes; Milk Duds; Sugar Babies; red hot pennies; root beer barrels; bubble gum suckers; red licorice whips; fireballs; the long wide taffy sticks (banana, chocolate and strawberry flavoured) wrapped in wax paper; Necko wafers (the white ones were good when I was playing Mass); candy dots

on the paper; for the boys — candy cigarettes and bubble gum cigars; and, for the girls — candy necklaces and bracelets strung through elastic strings. In addition, there was the great assortment of national brand candy bars. The candy counter seemed to be an oasis that brought us to everlasting joy!

One day, full of bike riding and playing, I went to *Weber's* with a friend of mine. I ordered my cherry Coke. Mrs. Weber was going through the well known ritual and had her back turned away from us, mixing the Coke. As I was attentively watching her make my yearned for pop, I noticed that my friend took two pieces of candy from the counter and put them in his pocket. He knew that I saw his theft and he put his finger up to his lips, a sign to me to keep my mouth shut. Not only was I appalled by his actions, but also I became very frightened since I never saw anyone take something that was not their property. After we left the store, I encountered him and asked him why he stole the candy. His reply was somewhat to the effect, "Everyone does it" and that set me back. I was speechless. I would never have thought to take something from someone else at that age. I felt guilty that I did not bring it to the attention of Mrs. Weber or demand that my friend either put the candy back or go in and pay for it. And thus, I believed that I was an accomplice to the act. Because of my silence and non-reaction, I stole the candy. Needless to say I was guilt ridden.

The Seventh Commandment of the Decalogue states: "You shall not steal" (*Exodus 20:15*). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives a concise understanding of this commandment in paragraph 2401: "The seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor. For the sake of the common good, it requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property. Christian life

strives to order this world's goods to God and to fraternal charity."

The action of stealing not only removes ownership of property from an individual or corporate entity but also places a burden on the community as a whole. I remember once overhearing a conversation between two women at a party. The one woman "confessed" to the other woman that when she goes to the local fast food place for coffee in the morning, she always takes more sugar packets than what she needs and uses them at home. The other woman declared that she did the same thing. And then they just chuckled over it. I do not know if the chuckle was "absolution" upon each other but they, in essence, shared their "guilt" and went on with their conversation. The "taking" of extra sugar packets from a local fast food place may be trivial to some, but in essence it is stealing. Taking condiment and sugar packets is theft from the corporate fast food chain who places the burden of that loss on the individual consumers who have to absorb the cost of the theft through higher prices of the products.

In addition to the economic factor, the commandment has social ramifications as well: "Man is himself the author, center, and goal of all economic and social life. The decisive point of the social question is that goods created by God for everyone should in fact reach everyone in accordance with justice and with the help of charity" (*Catechism*, paragraph 2459). Thus the commandment bids us to share our wealth with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

It may be important for all of us to review this commandment and ask how we abide by it in all areas of our lives. The rule of thumb is what Jesus demands: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets" (*Matthew 7:12*).

[In last month's article, I quoted the Sixth Commandment and attributed it to the *Book of Genesis*. Actually, it is from the same book that lists all of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses, the *Book of Exodus*. *Mea culpa!*]



# FCSLA FRATERNAL OUTREACH IS ON THE MOVE IN 2010

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

## Packing a Healthy Fun Lunch

Have you ever thought about how many lunches you have packed in your lifetime? When you were younger, Mom or Dad would pack your school lunch. As you got older you packed your own school lunch because you wanted to pack "good" things (the slang term is junk food). Now in adult life you pack your lunch for various reasons; diet, allergies, short lunch hour or just packing items you enjoy eating.



**Here are some suggestions to make your lunch fun as well as nutritious:**

✓ Pack a fun dip of cream cheese or peanut butter with your fresh fruits and vegetables. *(Makes them more enjoyable and adds nutrition)*

✓ Make sandwiches with whole grain bread and use a cookie cutter to shape for children. *(Carbohydrates help your energy and concentration level)*

✓ Be sure to include a frozen ice pack. *(Helps food stay cold and crisp)*

✓ Prepare the food so it is ready to eat. *(Saves time in cutting and cleaning – small children need smaller pieces)*

Avoid packing a lot of items with sugar (even gummy fruit snacks or rolls). Reading labels on many items does help with allergy restrictions.

**For children's lunches:**

✓ If using a paper bag have them decorate it the night before.

✓ Add stickers, a note, or their favorite character on a napkin. *(Adding a surprise note lets your child know you are thinking of him/her with love)*

The reward for packing a nutritious fun lunch is knowing that you're doing something beneficial for your family. A wholesome lunch helps you/your family feel healthier to enjoy the rest of the day. "Enjoy a good lunch!"



## CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Sacred Heart Parish of Carteret, NJ, home to Sr. Branch 184 and Jr. Branch 219 celebrated its 100th Anniversary as a Faith Community on May 23, 2010, with a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ was the celebrant and homilist. During his homily he urged the faithful of Sacred Heart Parish to continue to be a pious, welcoming faith community. The Bishop said that in the history of this beautiful parish, the ribbon that flows through it is not only the many priests and religious who have served Sacred Heart, but it has also been a steady, faithful, stable Slovak Community that wanted to worship God in their language. He said they also realized that neighbors were not of their ethnic background and yet they always had an open door to whoever wanted to worship at Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Parish was founded June 10, 1910. Prior to that time, Catholics of Slovak descent had to travel to

Holy Trinity Church in Perth Amboy, NJ, to worship at Mass celebrated in their native language. Before Sacred Heart Church was built, Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Church, Carteret, and the sacraments were received at St. Joseph Church, also in Carteret, NJ.

The parish has been the spiritual home to men and women who still serve as members of religious communities or clergy, including Father David J. Pekola, pastor of Assumption Blessed Virgin Parish, Hackettstown; and Msgr. Gregory E. S. Malovetz, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Skillman.

Before the closing prayer, the bishop thanked Father Edmund J. Shallow, pastor, for his leadership, and then recognized Father Gerald Browne, pastor emeritus.

Today, Sacred Heart Parish has about 300 registered families of many ethnic backgrounds. In July, as part of the Renewing the Church process, they will become one of three worship sites of the new as-yet unnamed parish.

## FRANCES C. JAKABCIN DISTRICT HOLDS SPRING MEETING

The Frances C. Jakabcin District of Eastern PA held its spring meeting on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Lantern Lodge and Macaluso's Restaurant in Nesquehoning, PA. The meeting was graciously hosted by Nesquehoning, PA Branches Sr. Branch 410 and Jr. Branch 321 and Hauto, PA Branches Sr. Branch 414/ and Jr. Branch 272.

After a delicious meal President Veronica Bazik called the meeting to order. Minutes from the fall meeting were approved as read and the financial reports were both audited and approved. She also announced that Jr. Branch 46 from Lansford, PA will be having their annual Christmas in July Day at Knoebels Grove on Thursday, July 15. She also shared that she will be attending the National President's Meeting at the Home Office on April 28. National Editor Carolyn Bazik reported on issues being addressed at the national level including a report about the ongoing work of the Reducing Risk Sub-Committee that is addressing governance changes that will be announced

later this spring. She also asked members to save the date for the Opening Mass and Dinner of the National Board of Directors Annual Out of Town Meeting on Sunday, June 6, 2010 which is being hosted by our District. Formal invitations will be distributed to all branches in the district.

After selling chances to raise money for the District, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Monsignor Thomas Derzack and the singing of "Hej Slovaci" and "God Bless America".



## September Slovak Festival

The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club is sponsoring a Slovak Festival on Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 6750 State Road, Parma, OH.

There will be cultural music all day and a cultural program begins at 3:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Slovak Folk Dancers and homemade Slovak food and pastries will be available.

Tickets will be sold at the door: adults \$6.00, (12 and under free). Please call 440/886-4828, 440/885-1994, and 440/845-0282 for more information.

## Branch W086 Special Celebration

Branch W086 honored graduates and First Communicants of St. George's Parish, Munden, KS and FCSLA Branch W086 families with a carry-in dinner. The meal was held in St. George Dragon's Den and preceded mass which was celebrated in the church by Father Barry Brinkman.

Honorees recognized by Eddie Splichal, Branch W086 president were: Sarah Splichal who received a bachelor's degree in education, Colin Tipton who received an associate technology degree, Austin Pacht who graduated from high school, Tori Hovis and Trevor Splichal who were promoted to eighth grade, and First Communicants Kassidy Johnson, Evelyn Peat, Jordan Coonrod and Makayla Johnson.



## Bylaw Change Will Give Board Members More Responsibility

The bylaw change that we will vote on at our special convention in October essentially means two things: We will change the way our national officers (our president, secretary, treasurer and editor) are selected. Our board of directors will have a new and expanded role as leaders of FCSLA. Both changes will mean greater accountability for our leadership. It will mean greater security for all of us as members of our association.

The bylaw change will mean that our national president will be hired by our board of directors. Our other officers will then be hired by our president, with approval of our board. That change mirrors the direction in which many associations like ours are moving. The move is important because it will allow our board to select the best qualified candidate for the critical position of president. Our president will likewise staff their management team with equally qualified individuals. We no longer will run the risk that someone without strong skills in financial matters, regulatory affairs, legal issues and even personnel management could run a successful campaign for office and then put our entire association in grave peril.

Our delegates will continue to vote for our board of directors, the most important positions in our Association. In that way, the Board will continue to represent you our membership and have even more responsibility for providing organizational strategic direction and oversight to management. In addition to choosing our top officer and approving the selection of additional members of the management team, our board will be setting the overall vision for FCSLA. The board will be holding our new president – as well as the other members of the FCSLA management team – accountable for making sure that vision is carried out. Under this

plan, our board can remove any president that does not meet the job performance requirements our board has set for that position.

With this change, we are working to make sure FCSLA continues to operate as successfully and professionally as it has in the past. Notes board member Barbara Sekerak, "It's worth it to make changes to FCSLA so that we can continue on for not only another 118 years, but longer than that. It's our working together that has made this organization as strong as it is."

Be sure to visit our website, where we have posted more information about this bylaw change as well as a link to a new video, which explains the change from the perspective of our current board members. You are welcome to contact Mary Ann Johanek directly at (216) 468-1011, or by e-mail at [maryann@fcsla.com](mailto:maryann@fcsla.com) with your questions.

## CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Louis E. and Violet V. Kosarek (W002) of Hot Springs, AR were married on July 1, 1950 at St. Odilo Catholic Church in Berwyn, IL.

Louis worked as a building contractor and Violet worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Currently retired, the couple enjoys doing volunteer work for the Knights of Columbus. They are members of the German

American Club and the FCSLA Branch W002. They currently belong to St. John's Catholic Church, and the Wiser Bunch.

The couple's children are Louis J. and Nancy Kosarek, Missouri City, TX; Shirley and Joel McIndoo, Oakbrook Terrace, IL; and Caroline Kosarek, Clarendon Hills, IL. Another daughter Rosemary Black is deceased along with a grandson Duncan Black. They have seven grandchildren.

May God continue to bless our anniversary couple with health and happiness!



## 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

Norb and Mary Gansen (W033) celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 26th, 2010 with an open house from 2-5 p.m. at the Community Center in Fredericksburg, IA. Norb Gansen and Mary Tennesen were married on June 25, 1960 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith, WI.

Their children and spouses include Doug (Linda) Gansen, Rice, MN; Teresa (Bill) Fox, South Bend, IN; Karen (Wayne) Hageman of Cresco, IA; Joan (Jeff) Minear, Calmar, IA; and Nicki Gansen, Dubuque, IA. They have twelve grandchildren.

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on our anniversary couple.



From July 1 through September 30, 2010, older FCSLA annuities (issued prior to 2005) with a guaranteed minimum rate of 4.50% will earn a yield of 4.6025%, while newer FCSLA annuities (issued 2005 and after) with a guaranteed minimum rate of 3.50% will earn a yield of 3.5618%.

## BRANCH 88 OF MONESSEN HOLDS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Officers of Branch 88 held their scholarship dinner at Paolo's Restaurant. Scholarship winners along with their parents were honored. Several grandparents and siblings also attended the dinner.

**Honorees:** **Chelsey Salak**, a sophomore at Seton Hill University is currently in the physician assistant program. This is a five year program and she will graduate with a Masters Degree. Chelsey is the daughter of Tom and Cindy Salak and has a younger brother, Brian. This summer she will be employed by Southwestern Health as a Resident Care Assistant in the Assisted Living Facility. She is also taking a summer course at Westmoreland County Community College in addition to volunteering at the Mon Valley Hospital.

**Hilary Wavrek**, a freshman at Point Park University in Pittsburgh will major in Broadcasting and Journalism. Hilary is the daughter of Ronald and Roberta Wavrek and has a younger sister, Monica. She has been in many activities throughout her high school career. These activities include: Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, FBLA, Student Government, Marching Band, Senior Class Council and Leo Club. She has also held many offices in these clubs. She was Drum Major and Treasurer of the Monessen High School Band, Treasurer of the Senior Class, Secretary of the Spanish Club, Secretary of the Spanish National Honor Society, Secretary of Student Government and Vice President of the Leo Club. Other activi-



L-R, seated: Vern Bellicini, Branch 88 Auditor, and Justin Sellew. Standing: Chelsey Salak, Alexander Billy, Dorothy Urbanowicz, Branch 88 President; Ruth Bielawski, Jr. Branch 157 Financial Secretary and Hilary Wavrek.

ties Hilary is involved in include dance, which she has been participating in for 14 years, volunteer service through her church and local hospital and maintaining a part-time job as a cashier at a restaurant. Hilary's hobbies include reading, sports and dancing. Hilary was Valedictorian of her graduating class and has a grade point average of over 4.0.

**Justin Sellew**, a freshman at Penn State at University Park will be studying business. He is the son of Mark and Karen Sellew and grandson of Bernard Plavko. He graduated from Belle Vernon Area High School and was active in the National Honor Society, Interact Club, MIC/SADD and the Broadcast Staff. He played football and volleyball and received the Mid Mon Valley Sports Hall of Fame scholar athlete award and the Richard Dolfi Award. He graduated with a grade point average of over 4.0.

**Alexander Billy** is a high school senior at Greensburg Central Catholic. Alex is the son of Richard and Lisa Billy. He is a member of the Men's Varsity Soccer Team which was third in the state last year. Alex is also the co-captain of the Academic Quiz Team, which placed second in the country. He is a member of the Columbian Squire, the National Honor Society President, President of the Scrabble Club, member of the Men's Tennis Team, Debate Team and is also an altar server and Eucharistic Minister.

## Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Kenneth and Dianne Paca were married on July 30, 1960, at St. Wenceslaus Church in Duncan, IA. They celebrated their golden anniversary with mass at St. Wenceslaus and an Open House at the Duncan Hall.

Their children are Patti (David Beinhorn) from Tucson, AZ, Mark (Wendy) from Boone/Clear Lake, IA, and Kent (Julie) from Dubuque, IA, along with grandchildren Morgan, Chase, and Anna.

Ken is a 60 year member and past president of CW of Duncan, IA, now Branch W051. Dianne is a 40 year member and has served on the Dubuque Diocese Education Board.



## SAVE THE DATE!

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association will be holding a Special Convention on October 11, 2010, at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, OH. Arrange to be there! We will be discussing and deciding the best system of governance for our society today. Be a part of it!

Between now and October 11, the Board of Directors will be involved with educational materials and meetings to bring the membership up to date on the issues. Watch for the information!



## INSURANCE SEMINAR HELD IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

An Insurance Seminar, sponsored by the Maria E. Grega District (Youngstown #2) and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, was held June 23rd at Bruno's Restaurant, Poland, OH. Pat Braun, FCSLA National Sales Director, conducted the Seminar and also introduced special guest, Jennifer Davis, the new FCSLA Marketing Director.

Youngstown District President Bernadette J. Demechko gave Pat and Jennifer a brief description of the District, which is comprised of eight Branches totaling over 6,000 members. The District holds four meetings annually with Branches alternating as hostesses for the dinner/meetings. The most important event is the annual scholarship dinner where members, who have won scholarships, and their families, are guests. Every winner is presented a monetary gift from his or her Branch and also from the District. The District Board of Direc-



**L-R: Pat Braun, Jennifer Davis, and Bernie Demechko.**

tors is comprised of representatives of all eight Branches. The Branches are active in Senior and Junior branch activities, spiritual activities such as attending Mass in a group, praying for their deceased members, Join Hands Day and Matching Fund activities.

Pat's presentation included tips on how to convince potential buyers that the FCSLA is one of the best financial institutions in which to invest money in insurance or annuity products. A step by step explanation of the application form was very informative and often interrupted with questions from the 27 Branch officers and seller-members present.

There are currently three District members who have Department of Ohio Insurance Licenses. They include: Shelly Zura, Branch 344, Loretta Ekoniak, Branch 161 and Bernadette Demechko, Branch 161.

Following the presentation Pat and Jennifer were able to visit with attendees and enjoyed an excellent buffet supper.



## *Jr. Branch 157 Scholarship Dinner*

Officers of Jr. Branch 157 recently held their scholarship dinner at Paolo's Restaurant in Charleroi, PA. Officers, parents, grandparents and brother of scholarship winner, Sam Iacovangelo attended the dinner. Katelyn Kane was unable to attend.

Katelyn Kane will be attending fourth grade at St. John the Baptist School in Toledo, OH.

Sam Iacovangelo will be attending second grade at St. Sebastian School in Belle Vernon, PA. Sam is the son of Vickie and Leo Iacovangelo and has a brother, Kevin. His grandparents are Carol and James Sepesky. Sam plays various sports, including baseball, soccer and basketball. When not playing sports he also enjoys swimming and reading in his spare time.



**Seated, L-R: Veronica Bellicini, Auditor; Sam Iacovangelo. Standing: Alice Bialon, Recording Secretary; Dorothy Urbanowicz, President; and Ruth Bielawski, Financial Secretary.**

## *SCF PLANS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY*

Father Philip Altavilla recently met at the Home Office of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to plan for the 100th Anniversary of the Slovak Catholic Federation. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, PA, with a Pontifical Mass at 2:00 p.m. with the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, D.D. J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, as celebrant. Following the Mass, a gala reception will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Scranton. Additional information will be made available in the near future.



**The Planning Committee for the Slovak Catholic Federation's 100th Anniversary celebration – Seated, L-R: Father Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, SCF national first vice president; Father Philip A. Altavilla, V.E., SCF national president; and Margaret Ferri, president of the Cardinal Tomko Chapter of the SCF. Standing, L-R: Dr. Jayne Klenner-Moore, SCF communications; Theresa Kluchinski, LPSCU national president; and Mary Jo Savidge, LPSCU national secretary-treasurer. Missing from the photo is Dolores Evanko, SCF national secretary-treasurer.**

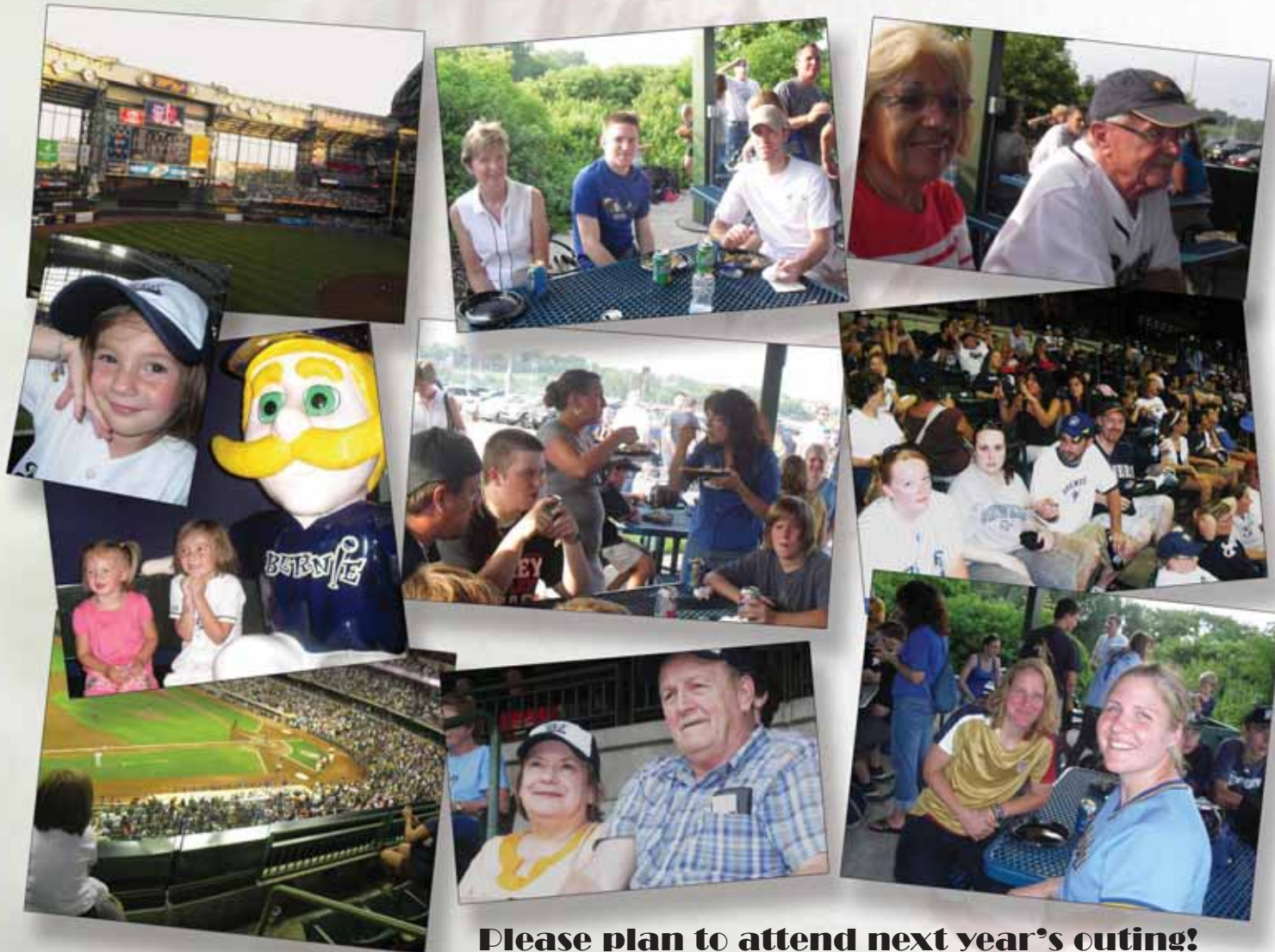


## Sr. Branch 23 & Jr. Branch 130 Attend Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Game

*Sr. Branch 23 and Jr. Branch 130 brought the Milwaukee Brewers good luck in their game against the Texas Rangers on a beautiful, very warm, June 11 evening at Miller Park. Nearly 100 members and guests of Branch 23 attended the event.*

*Before the game, Branch 23 attendees were treated to a catered tailgate party in one of the Miller Park pavilions.*

*It was a great time shared by friends, individual, extended families and the larger fraternal family of Branch 23 of Milwaukee, FCSLA.*



**Please plan to attend next year's outing!**

### MARTHA SIPKA PARRY IS ACTIVE IN SENIOR OLYMPICS

Martha Sipka Parry of the Bronx, NY, President of FCSLA Branch 2, started competing in the Senior Olympics at the young age of 71. Initially she competed in the swimming competition, but then decided that walking, jogging, the long jump and the broad jump were more her style.

Since 1989 Martha has competed in Senior Olympics not only in her home state of New York, but also those

held in Tucson, AZ and Orlando, FL. She has won a number of gold and silver medals in the 50, 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Currently 92, Martha plans to compete in the Senior Olympics again this summer.

Martha is proud of her Slovak heritage and we are proud of Martha too. Congratulations from your FCSLA family!



# IN MEMORIAM

## HELEN C. LIGGETT Branch SZJO



Helen C. Liggett, 79, of N. Firestone Blvd., Akron, OH, died June 26, 2010 at the Hospice Care Center on Ridgewood Rd.

Helen was born Nov. 15, 1930, in

Perry Township, Carroll County, OH, the daughter of John and Rose (Gedeon) Smolak, both immigrants of Czechoslovakia. The family moved to 625 Logan Street, Dennison, OH, in April 1934. Helen was a 1948 graduate of Immaculate Conception High School in Dennison. She was married Sept. 7, 1957, in Immaculate Conception Church in Dennison to Harry Liggett. Before her marriage, Helen was employed as a secretary of Consolidated Distributing Company in Uhrichsville. The couple moved to Akron in 1965 when her husband accepted a position with the *Akron Beacon Journal*. They have since become members of St. Paul Catholic Church on Brown Street in Akron.

Helen had a beautiful smile and an abundant love of God. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening.

Helen leaves her husband, Harry; sons, Thomas (Susan) of Akron and Robert of Copley; two granddaughters, Erin Catherine and Anna Teresa; sisters, Agnes Hayden of Fairlawn and Betty Hicks of Dennison; and brother, Paul of Dennison. Preceding her in death were her parents; sisters, Mary Chini, Pauline Kowal, Josephine and Margaret; brother, George; and half brothers, Stephen, John and Joseph. Joseph died in a bomber crash in April 1944 during World War II.

## MARY E. CHOPP Branch 86

Mary E. Chopp was born on May 10, 1914 and died May 24, 2010 at the age of 96. She was born and raised in

Pilsen, KS, the daughter of James and Rose Bosh. She graduated from Pilsen High School.

She was united in marriage to John W. Chopp on May 17, 1944. They farmed near Munden, KS until moving to Lincoln, NE. She was a member of St. George's Catholic Church and FCSLA Branch 86, Munden and St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her husband John, daughter, Janet, her parents and brothers.

Her last years were spent with her daughter in Homestead Health Care Center in Lincoln, NE.

She is survived by her son Larry and wife Joan; grandchildren Roger, Lisa and husband Nate Fellers all of Lincoln, Jenny and husband Steve Skala of Omaha, NE; great-grandchildren Shelby Chopp, Bryanna Skala and Parker Fellers; a sister-in-law Emily Sklenicka of Belleville, KS.

## MARTHA D. PETRASH Branch 140



Martha D. Petrash, 88, of East High Street, Coaldale, PA died on Monday, March 15, 2010 in Whitehall Manor, Whitehall, PA. She was the wife of the late Frank P. Petrash

who died April 6, 2009.

Born in Lansford, PA on June 7, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Andrew and Anna (nee Krescanko) Chuckran. A graduate of the former St. Michael's Parochial School, Lansford and a 1939 graduate of the former Lansford High School, Lansford. Martha waitressed at the Lansford AMVETS. She was a member of the former Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Coaldale, until it closed, she also belonged to the FCSLA Branch 140, Lansford and the Lansford Elks Lodge

#1337 Ladies Auxiliary. For many years, Martha served as an Inspector of Elections in Coaldale.

Surviving her are sons, 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; in-laws, Marie Chuckran of Lansford, Elizabeth Petrash of Elkton, MD, and Thomas Petrash and his wife, Margaret of Bloomsburg, PA. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by brothers, John, Andrew, Frank, Michael, and Joseph Chuckran and sisters, Anna Kadak, Mary Chuckran, and Margaret Lapos.

Memorials in her name may be made to the Alzheimer Association of Northeastern PA, 57 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or Arcadia Hospice, 7248 Tilghman Street, Suite 160, Allentown, PA 18106.

## KATHRYN BEDNARIK HOMISTEK Branch 177

Kathryn Bednarik Homistek, age 90, of Uniontown, died peacefully in her sleep on May 19, 2010 in the Lafayette Manor Nursing Home.

She was born December 25, 1919, in Uniontown, PA, the daughter of the late Joseph Bednarik and Mary Fatula Bednarik.

She will now be with her beloved husband Stephen Homistek and her darling grandson Derek Homistek.

She was a dedicated member of St. Mary's Nativity Roman Catholic Church, a proud member of the Christian mothers, Jednota Lodge 177, the Golden Club, and she volunteered in the church for many events.

Kay had a vibrant personality, enjoyed being around people, and was always on the go. She was very proud to have worked as a teacher's aide for the Uniontown Area School District for



over ten years. After retirement, she and Steve loved to travel, especially taking bus trips to Nashville. After Steve's death, she enjoyed visiting her daughter, who was stationed in Key West, FL. She loved being active, especially playing with and walking her dog, Samantha.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving children: son, Richard Homistek and wife Cheryl of Uniontown; loving daughter, Marybeth Homistek, who was at her side and provided care and support during her final weeks; grandchildren: Lesley Wilson and husband Steve of North Carolina, Ryan Homistek and wife Kellie of New Mexico; and her newborn great-granddaughter Rhylee Homistek; her dear niece Lillian Mesco, who has been a great source of comfort to her since Steve died and nieces Marie Katz and Marge Doman.

Donations were made to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401 or St. Anthony's Friary, 115 Oakland Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401.

### **JULIA HARCAR MASON** **Branch 35**

Julia Harcar Mason, 93 of Whiting, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2010 in Whiting. Born in Somerville, she lived in Bridgewater and Raritan before moving to Whiting in 1982. Julia was a librarian and worked most of her career in the Somerset County Library, specializing in New Jersey History. She was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Whiting. Julia had a zest for life, and her philosophy was that each day was like a suitcase, and one should see how much one could pack into it. Her friends and family feel that another strand is missing from the fabric of their lives.

Julia was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Silvio, in 2007. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Johanna and Roger Hazen of Dongola, IL; two grandsons, Christopher Hazen of St. Louis, MO; and Mat-

thew Hazen and his wife, Tess of Arlington, WA; and one great-grandson, Zachary Hazen.

### **MANSVETUS R. STEFFAN** **Branch W121**



Mansvetus R. Steffan, 87, passed away May 5, 2010. He was born on December 7, 1923, to Vincent and Paulina (Hibl) Steffan on the family farm in Dunn County. He attended

country school and New Hradec Parochial. He continued to help on the family farm.

Mans married Hattie Tuhy on July 3, 1944, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Hradec. The couple returned to the family farm for a short time before purchasing their own farm. It was here where they made their home and raised their family of eight children. In 1971, health reasons forced Mans to retire from the farm; he partnered with his brother Sylvin and established Steffan Saw and Bike in Dickinson. Mans retired in 1981. He enjoyed fishing; visiting with friends, continuing his services with the Knight of Columbus, and was a jack of all trades.

Mans entered St. Luke's home in 2005. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, FCSLA Branch W121, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and was a lifetime member of the Knight of Columbus.

Mans is survived by his wife, Hattie; his seven children, Judy (Chuck) Anderson, Gordon Steffan, LaVonne Bullinger, Galen (Mavis) Steffan; Joan (Dave) Kundrna, Neal (Rhonda) Steffan, and Nancy (John) Stockert; two brothers, Stanley (Marlene) Steffan and Jim (Margaret) Steffan; a sister, Dagmar (Robert) Murphy; two sisters-in-law Georgian Steffan and Maryann Steffan; a brother-in-law Tim O'Connor; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Leon, a son-in-law Larry Bullinger, two brothers Sylvin and Vince; four brothers-in-law, Andy Novotny, Albert Tuhy, Laudie Tuhy, and Louie Haller; and four sisters, Mary, Hatie, Dorothy and Cecelia.

### **SISTER BARBARA KOREM** **Branch 507**

Sister Barbara Korem (Sister M. Emil), CSC, 68, died May 23, 2010. She was born December 29, 1941 in Hammond, IN to the late Elsie and Emil Korem. She has one sister, Lois Wold, of Greensboro, NC; six nieces and nephews and many beloved extended family members.

Sister received a diploma in nursing from Holy Cross School of Nursing, South Bend, IN and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Loretto Heights College. Her postgraduate education included a masters in health administration from Central Michigan University, a masters in nursing from Corpus Christie Statue University and a masters in tropical disease nursing from Tulane University. Sister Barbara served in Holy Cross hospitals in Indiana, Illinois, and California and as a home health administrator in Texas before beginning her ministry as a nurse practitioner in clinics she founded in Matamoros, Mexico and in recent years in Tabasco, Mexico. Sister was not only coordinator of health services and outreach to the poor, but also ministered to the spiritual needs of those she served. Her pioneering spirit led her to establish the first ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Mexico more than 25 years ago. Her commitment to serve the needs of the people of Mexico was embraced by many volunteers and donors who contributed time and resources to making her vision a reality and a legacy for those who follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Ministry with the Poor, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or online at [www.cscsisters.org](http://www.cscsisters.org).



*From the Desk of the Fraternal & Youth Director*

## FCSLA ANNOUNCES 2010-2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



This issue of our magazine, in particular, is very exciting for our association. We have the opportunity to share with you the results of one of the most generous annual benefits offered to our membership. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is proud to announce the results of our 2010-2011 Scholarship Program. On the next several pages we list the many young members, who are recipients of this outstanding fraternal benefit.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out an application and submit it. We are very proud to have you as our member. Congratulations to all of the winners! Our wish to all the recipients and applicants is for you to have a future filled with success and happiness in all your endeavors!

Fraternally,  
Sue Ann M. Seich

### Theresa Sajan Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**MATTHEW  
MICHUDA**  
Ossian, IN  
*Midwestern  
University*  
Sr. Branch 180



**ANNA  
KASSAIN SOPIC**  
Clearfield, PA  
*Duquesne  
University*  
Sr. Branch 154

### College Graduate Awards

\$1,750 EACH



**KRISTA  
ARMENTROUT**  
Monrovia, MD  
*Carnegie Mellon  
University*  
Sr. Branch 153



**MONICA  
BERKEMEIER**  
Jackson, MI  
*Mount Union  
College*  
Sr. Branch 81



**HILARY ANNE  
BUCELL**  
Edinboro, PA  
*Temple University*  
Sr. Branch 218



**MARK C.  
GRONER**  
Chicago, IL  
*University of  
Chicago-Booth  
School of Business*  
Sr. Branch 180



**LINDSEY M.  
HENRY**  
Mountain Top, PA  
*University  
of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 38





**ASHLEY N. JANIS**  
Cincinnati, OH  
*University of Cincinnati*  
Sr. Branch 325



**PATRICIA R. RAMSAY**  
Crown Point, IN  
*Indiana University School of Dentistry*  
Sr. Branch 452

## College Senior Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**MATTHEW P. KAIPUST**  
Omaha, NE  
*University of Texas Austin Law School*  
Branch W018



**THERESE SCHINDLER**  
Cleveland, OH  
*Cleveland State University*  
Sr. Branch 141



**CHRISTINE M. BACHA**  
Akron, OH  
*University of Notre Dame*  
Sr. Branch 161



**LAURA M. KLATKA**  
Strongsville, OH  
*University of Washington*  
Sr. Branch 55



**AMBER LYNN SHIMEK**  
Ridgeway, IA  
*University of Iowa*  
Branch W033



**KAYLA M. BOBEK**  
Elyria, OH  
*Mount Union College*  
Sr. Branch 114



**MARSHA T. KOMOSA**  
Chicago, IL  
*DePaul University*  
Sr. Branch 421



**JAMES G. SNYDER JR.**  
Downingtown, PA  
*Appalachian State University*  
Sr. Branch 414



**NICHOLAS BURG DORF**  
Amherst, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 114



**ERIC PAUL PECCON**  
Star Junction, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 269



**LEE A. SZYMKIEWICZ**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Carlow University*  
Sr. Branch 313



**BENNET E. CERVEN**  
Munster, IN  
*Seton Hall University*  
Sr. Branch 46



**JESSICA R. POPOVICH**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 28



**BENJAMIN DETWILER**  
Columbiana, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**AMANDA KAYE DUNBAR**  
North Wales, PA  
*University of Delaware*  
Sr. Branch 81

**The FCSLA  
Has Awarded  
223 Scholarship  
Winners at a  
total of \$251,750**





**WILLIAM  
GELATKO**  
Plains, OH  
*Art Institute  
of Philadelphia*  
Sr. Branch 172



**PAUL L. LASKO**  
Bound Brook, NJ  
*Seton Hall  
University*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**SARAH N.  
CHIZMAR**  
Lewis Center, OH  
*Ohio Wesleyan  
University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MARY E.  
HANEMAN**  
Munster, IN  
*Purdue University  
Calumet*  
Sr. Branch 180



**REGINA ANN  
OSIF**  
Scott Township, PA  
*Keystone College*  
Sr. Branch 108



**EMILY S.  
ECKENRODE**  
Norwich, CT  
*Plymouth State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 343



**STEVEN JOHN  
HUDOCK**  
Bellefonte, PA  
*The American  
University*  
Sr. Branch 44



**ESTHER K.  
PISTEK**  
Garner, IA  
*Benedictine  
College*  
Branch W051



**ADAM M.  
HUTSKOW**  
McKeesport, PA  
*Penn State*  
Sr. Branch 77



**NICOLE M.  
IONADI**  
Elizabeth, PA  
*University of  
Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 77



**THOMAS J.  
YURICEK**  
Warren, OH  
*Youngstown State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 422



**DAVID M.  
KALMAN**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 30



**ANNA E.  
IVANEC**  
Chagrin Falls, OH  
*Cleveland State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 10

## College Junior Awards

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\$1,250 EACH



**BRIAN G.  
McCARTHY**  
Weymouth, MA  
*Southern New  
Hampshire  
University*  
Branch W137



**HARRIS D.  
JONES**  
Brookfield, WI  
*University of  
Wisconsin  
Madison*  
Sr. Branch 23



**JAMEY L.  
BUTALA**  
Latrobe, PA  
*Washington &  
Jefferson College*  
Sr. Branch 98



**RACHEL LYNN  
MEDVIN**  
Parma, OH  
*University  
of Akron*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0





**MACY KARA  
NEDELKA**  
Gurnee, IL  
*Indiana University*  
Sr. Branch 273



**LAURA NICOLE  
SUDO**  
Sewickley, PA  
*John Carroll  
University*  
Sr. Branch 11



**ALLISON M.  
BONVISSUTO**  
Parma, OH  
*Walsh University*  
Sr. Branch 408



**MICHELLE A.  
NOVOTNY**  
Crown Point, IN  
*Ball State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 81



**REGINA E.  
WEBER**  
Indianapolis, IN  
*Indiana University  
Purdue*  
Sr. Branch 289



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



**SHARON E.  
PETERS**  
Strongsville, OH  
*Kent State  
University College  
of Nursing*  
Sr. Branch 408



**SARA J.  
ZONGOLOWICZ**  
Kenosha, WI  
*Marquette  
University*  
Sr. Branch 273



**KAITLYN A.  
CROHAN**  
Orland Park, IL  
*Aurora University*  
Sr. Branch 180



**JACQUELYN M.  
SMITH**  
East Hanover, NJ  
*Quinnipiac  
University*  
Sr. Branch 172

## College Sophomore Awards

**\$1,250 EACH**



**ERIC S.  
DREVITCH**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Kings College*  
Sr. Branch 172



**ANNE MARIE  
SMREK**  
Youngstown, OH  
*University of  
Notre Dame*  
Sr. Branch 325



**JACQUELINE E.  
BACISIN**  
Westlake, OH  
*University  
of Akron*  
Sr. Branch 408



**DANE M.  
FARRELL**  
Leechburg, PA  
*St. Vincent  
College*  
Sr. Branch 262



**CLARA M.  
STEINHAGEN**  
Jewett City, CT  
*Iona College*  
Sr. Branch 44



**ERIC WILLIAM  
BALAS**  
Lenexa, KS  
*Kansas State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 225



**REBEKAH M.  
GOLDEN**  
Erie, PA  
*Kent State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 11





**CHELSEA L. GYURE**  
Crown Point, IN  
*Saint Mary's College*  
Sr. Branch 452



**ALYSSA C. LESKO**  
Titusville, PA  
*University of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 525



**NOREEN M. PETRASH**  
Center Valley, PA  
*Loyola University in Maryland*  
Sr. Branch 140



**MICHAEL V. HORNICK**  
Leavenworth, KS  
*Kansas City Kansas Community College*  
Sr. Branch 211



**KATHERINE BELLOTO McCONNELL**  
Poland, OH  
*Columbus College of Art & Design*  
Sr. Branch 156



**ELIZABETH A. ROSENBERGER**  
Natrona Heights, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 313



**LACEY LEE HUFNAGEL**  
Golden, CO  
*Johnson & Wales University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MICHAEL J. MERRITT**  
Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Kings College*  
Sr. Branch 615



**CHELSEY M. SALAK**  
Monessen, PA  
*Seton Hill University*  
Sr. Branch 88



**JACOB A. KLIMKOWSKI**  
Freedom, PA  
*Marietta College*  
Sr. Branch 77



**SARAH A. MINNICK**  
Ocala, FL  
*University of Florida*  
Sr. Branch 615



**CHRISTA R. SERLUCIO**  
Boardman, OH  
*Allegheny College*  
Sr. Branch 344



**MEREDITH KROEGER**  
Independence, OH  
*University of Akron*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**KELSEY L. MORRIS**  
Corpus Christi, TX  
*University of Texas at Austin*  
Branch W077



**BRIANA K. SHULLICK**  
Lorain, OH  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 114



**ERIC J. KROYER**  
Longview, TX  
*Baylor University*  
Branch W001



**ANNEMARIE PALENICA**  
Waukegan, IL  
*Northeastern Illinois University*  
Sr. Branch 287



**RACHEL TENNEY**  
Fairmont, MN  
*Minnesota State-Mankato*  
Branch W056





**SARAH ANN WELSH**  
Houston, PA  
*Westminster College*  
Sr. Branch 107



**LUKE EDWARD DAMICO**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
*St. Vincent College*  
Sr. Branch 98



**DANIEL J. HANACEK**  
Oak Lawn, IL  
*Illinois State University*  
Sr. Branch 485

## College Freshman Awards

\$1,250 EACH



**LAUREN ANNE DELUCA**  
Youngstown, OH  
*John Carroll University*  
Sr. Branch 161



**MICHELLE L. HARRIS**  
Hays, KS  
*Kansas State University*  
Branch W133



**THADDEUS J. BAUM**  
Norfolk, NE  
*University of Nebraska*  
Branch W080



**HOLLY E. FUJAN**  
Prague, NE  
*University of Nebraska*  
Branch W013



**AUDREY M. HEIBERGER**  
Elmhurst, IL  
*Lewis University*  
Sr. Branch 53



**SARAH J. BRICHACEK**  
Clarkson, NE  
*Creighton University*  
Branch W006



**ANDREW T. GASPER**  
Tipton, KS  
*Benedictine College*  
Branch W133



**ALYSA N. HEJLIK**  
Britt, IA  
*University of Northern Iowa*  
Branch W051



**SARAH E. BYRNES**  
Chagrin Falls, OH  
*Miami University*  
Sr. Branch 10



**STEVEN W. GIBSON**  
Oberlin, OH  
*Cleveland State University*  
Sr. Branch 476



**MADELINE HUDAC**  
Evans City, PA  
*Allegheny College*  
Sr. Branch 482



**ELIZABETH CHECHAK**  
Kingwood, TX  
*University of Texas at Austin*  
Sr. Branch 342



**SHANNON E. GOVERN**  
Twinsburg, OH  
*Hiram College*  
Sr. Branch SZJ0



**VALERIE HUDAK**  
Parma, OH  
*Ohio University*  
Sr. Branch 481





**PAUL  
ANTHONY  
KAVAN**  
Malmo, NE  
*University of  
Nebraska at Omaha*  
Branch W017



**EMILY ANN  
LOW**  
Onawa, IA  
*University of  
South Dakota*  
Branch W018



**SAMANTHA  
L. MYLER**  
Plum, PA  
*Clarion University*  
Sr. Branch 590



**STEPHANIE  
KOCHIS**  
Lake Ariel, PA  
*Penn State*  
Sr. Branch 70



**MICHELE J.  
MACZUGA**  
Mountain Top, PA  
*Lebanon Valley  
College*  
Sr. Branch 86



**NICHOLAS  
NOWDOMSKI**  
Diamond, IL  
*Rockford College*  
Sr. Branch 225



**KATIE E.  
KRANCEVICH**  
Youngstown, OH  
*Youngstown State*  
Sr. Branch 161



**AMANDA J.  
MARUSKA**  
New Prague, MN  
*Southwest  
Minnesota State  
University*  
Branch W001



**ASHLEY M.  
PAHOLSKI**  
Michigan City, IN  
*Purdue North  
Central*  
Sr. Branch 77



**JOSEPH T. KRIZ**  
Laytonsville, MD  
*Virginia Tech*  
Sr. Branch 132



**CAITLIN R.  
McDONALD**  
Oakland, IA  
*University  
of Chicago*  
Branch W018



**JOSHUA D.  
PALANCA**  
Crete, IL  
*University of  
Illinois Urbana*  
Sr. Branch 258



**DANIKA N.  
KUGELARD**  
New Port  
Richey, FL  
*St. Petersburg  
College*  
Sr. Branch 181



**MAIRE C.  
McEWEN**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*University  
of Michigan*  
Sr. Branch 11



**CORINNE N.  
PAVLICKO**  
Struthers, OH  
*Youngstown State  
University*  
Sr. Branch 156



**RYAN RALPH  
LEE**  
Streator, IL  
*University  
of Illinois*  
Sr. Branch 66



**MICHAEL D.  
MILLER**  
Lonsdale, MN  
*St. Mary's  
University  
of Minnesota*  
Branch W056



**ELIZABETH A.  
PLESKAC**  
Weston, NE  
*Northwest  
Missouri State*  
Branch W026





**JANESSA R. REDING**  
Garner, IA  
*North Iowa Area Community College*  
Branch W051



**JOSEPH J. SEVCIK**  
Cedar Falls, IA  
*Iowa State University*  
Branch W130



**NATHAN SOUSEK**  
Malmo, NE  
*University of Nebraska Kearney*  
Branch W017



**STEPHANIE T. RICKE**  
Garner, IA  
*Mount Mercy College*  
Branch W051



**ADAM G. SIADK**  
Manhattan, IL  
*University of Illinois*  
Sr. Branch 66



**JOSHUA T. STIKA**  
Cresco, IA  
*Loras College*  
Branch W033



**KERI MARIE ROUSE**  
Greensburg, PA  
*Point Park University*  
Sr. Branch 269



**THERESA C. SIMEO**  
Glen Ellyn, IL  
*Franciscan University of Steubenville*  
Sr. Branch 90



**DAVID E. SUMNEY III**  
Bentleyville, PA  
*Slippery Rock University*  
Sr. Branch 406



**RACHEL F. SEFCIK**  
Solon, OH  
*Miami University*  
Sr. Branch 169



**KAITLYN ANN SIRNA**  
Auburn Township, OH  
*DePaul University*  
Sr. Branch 519



**KAITLYN M. TAYLOR**  
Greensburg, PA  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
Sr. Branch 44



**JUSTIN SELLEW**  
Belle Vernon, PA  
*Penn State University*  
Sr. Branch 88



**AMANDA F. SMITH**  
Amherst, OH  
*Culinary Institute of America*  
Sr. Branch 114



**ANDREW E. TUCKER**  
Lansford, PA  
*Misericordia University*  
Sr. Branch 140



**DAVID P. SESTAK**  
Tabor, SD  
*Northeast Community College*  
Branch W093



**CHASE A. SOUSEK**  
Prague, NE  
*Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture*  
Branch W013



**CHRISTOPHER R. TVRDY**  
Wahoo, NE  
*Southeast Community College-Milford*  
Branch W026





**ALEXIS MARIE TYCH**  
Campbell, OH  
*Youngstown State*  
Sr. Branch 161



**JULIANNE R. VARGO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Penn State*  
Sr. Branch 424



**HILARY M. WAVREK**  
Monessen, PA  
*Point Park University*  
Sr. Branch 88



**CAROLINE WHITAKER**  
Alliance, OH  
*University of Dayton*  
Sr. Branch 169



**MARK JOSEPH WILDES**  
Struthers, OH  
*Youngstown State University*  
Sr. Branch 202



**CARLY ANN ZELENAK**  
Mount Pleasant, PA  
*Chatham University*  
Sr. Branch 44

## High School Senior Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**ALEXANDER BILLY**  
Monessen, PA  
*Greensburg Central Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 88



**DANIEL CUTLER**  
South Abington Towns, PA  
*Scranton Preparatory School*  
Sr. Branch 417



**RYAN J. FRAHER**  
Grayslake, IL  
*Carmel Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 66



**ANDREW JAMES KERN**  
Munroe Falls, OH  
*Archbishop Hoban High School*  
Sr. Branch 30



**MACDANIEL E. MALECHA**  
Faribault, MN  
*Bethlehem Academy*  
Branch W056



**TIMOTHY MIKE SHAVERTOWN**  
Shavertown, PA  
*Holy Redeemer High School*  
Sr. Branch 36



**EVAN JAMES SEBESTA**  
Northampton, PA  
*Allentown Central Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 414



**ERIC LEE YEAGER**  
Noblesville, IN  
*Cathedral High School*  
Sr. Branch 258

## High School Junior Awards

\$1,000 EACH



**ALISON E. DUDEK**  
Omaha, NE  
*Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart*  
Branch W187



**CONOR S. DURINA**  
Poland, OH  
*Cardinal Mooney High School*  
Sr. Branch 161



**WILLIAM D. FRENCH**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Seton LaSalle Catholic High School*  
Sr. Branch 90





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

## High School Sophomore Awards

**\$1,000 EACH**



**HUNTER T.  
PRIESOL**  
Burnham, IL  
*Bishop Noll*  
Jr. Branch 174



**JULIA K.  
LAZANICH**  
Euclid, OH  
*Lake Catholic  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 386



**EDWARD M.  
BROWN**  
Vallejo, CA  
*St. Patrick-  
St. Vincent  
High School*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**PAUL C.  
SAMBOR**  
Seven Hills, OH  
*Padua Franciscan  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 485



**KATHERINE C.  
MORRISSEY**  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
*Xavier High  
School*  
Branch W137



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**REBECCA J.  
DAHLIN**  
Waconia, MN  
*Holy Family  
Catholic  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 126



**ELAINA M.  
WILES**  
Plainfield, IL  
*Providence  
Catholic High  
School*  
Jr. Branch 77



**TESSA M.  
PUTINSKI**  
Lancaster, OH  
*Fairfield Christian  
Academy*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**MITCHELL E.  
LOTKO**  
Rockford, IL  
*Boylan Central  
Catholic  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 370

## High School Freshman Awards

**\$1,000 EACH**



**KARA E.  
SOUSEK**  
Prague, NE  
*Bishop Neumann  
High School*  
Branch W013



**CHRISTEEN M.  
MADSEN**  
Plano, TX  
*Ursuline Academy  
of Dallas*  
Jr. Branch 386



**ANDREW  
JAMES  
BONACCI**  
Louisville, KY  
*Saint Xavier  
High School*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**GEENA M.  
MUSOLINO**  
Poland, OH  
*Cardinal Mooney  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 354



**CASEY O.  
CANALES**  
Fullerton, CA  
*Rosary  
High School*  
Jr. Branch 457





**THOMAS C. DODD**  
North Royalton, OH  
*Padua Franciscan High School*  
Jr. Branch 386



**DEANNA NICOLE HERB**  
Exton, PA  
*Bishop Shanahan High School*  
Jr. Branch 318



**CHARLES DONALD MATHISON**  
Wales, WI  
*Catholic Memorial High School*  
Jr. Branch 130



**HANNAH C. PRUZINSKY**  
Whitehall, PA  
*Allentown Central Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 187



**ANDREW J. VON JOHNN**  
Sarasota, FL  
*Cardinal Mooney High School*  
Jr. Branch 377



**TERESA A. YANICKO**  
Russellton, PA  
*North Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 512

## 8th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**ERICA FRANCES FANT**  
Roselle, IL  
*St. Walter School*  
Jr. Branch 175



**ADAM J. KAREL**  
Shoreview, MN  
*St. Odilia School*  
Branch W002



**MICHAEL R. KRAFT**  
Parma, OH  
*St. Charles Borromeo School*  
Jr. Branch 14



**KATRINA M. REEDER**  
Montgomery, MN  
*Bethlehem Academy*  
Branch W003



**MICHAEL J. ROSCOE**  
Cortland, OH  
*John F. Kennedy Catholic High School*  
Jr. Branch 161



**OLIVIA M. VOLKERT**  
Brookfield, WI  
*St. John Vianney Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 130



**STEPHANIE WISSING**  
Brookfield, WI  
*St. Joseph School*  
Jr. Branch 130

## 7th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH



**MATTHEW R. AVDEY**  
Westlake, OH  
*St. Christopher's School*  
Jr. Branch 57



**BRIANNA N. GUTH**  
Easton, PA  
*Saint Anne School*  
Jr. Branch 211



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**McKENZIE MARTENS**  
Marshfield, WI  
*Columbus Catholic Middle School*  
Branch W187



**ANNA R. MONTALBANO**  
Yorkville, IL  
*St. Mary's Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 58



**MONICA M. SANTOS**  
Largo, FL  
*Sacred Heart Interparochial School*  
Jr. Branch 198





**CASEY LYNN  
SHOWS**  
Accokeek, MD  
*St. Mary's School  
of Piscataway*  
Jr. Branch 56



**EVAN EROL  
KILKI**  
El Cajon, CA  
*St. Therese  
Academy*  
Jr. Branch 374



**LOGAN M.  
KLEMMER**  
Davenport, IA  
*St. Paul  
the Apostle*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**NICOLE M.  
WOITA**  
Valparaiso, NE  
*Bishop Neumann  
High School*  
Branch W026



**DANIELLE N.  
METCALF**  
Cleveland, OH  
*St. Charles  
Borromeo*  
Jr. Branch 1



**REBEKAH A.  
ROH**  
Abie, NE  
*St. Mary's*  
Branch W184

## 6th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH

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**MICHAEL V.  
BELOVICH**  
South  
Carleston, OH  
*Catholic Central  
Elementary School*  
Jr. Branch 504



**LUKE J.  
POHOVEY**  
Mentor, OH  
*St. Gabriel School*  
Jr. Branch 143



**EVAN M.  
SEKERAK**  
Montgomery, AL  
*Montgomery  
Catholic  
Preparatory School*  
Jr. Branch 14

## 5th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH

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**ETHAN E.  
BIBAT**  
Whiting, IN  
*St. John  
the Baptist  
Catholic School*  
Jr. Branch 348



**REID T. ARENS**  
Hartington, NE  
*Holy Trinity*  
Branch W008



**MEGAN E.  
SZARAZ**  
Painesville, OH  
*St. Gabriel's  
School*  
Jr. Branch 512

## 4th Grade Awards

\$750 EACH

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**NICHOLAS R.  
BUELL**  
Munster, IN  
*St. Thomas More*  
Jr. Branch 348



**OWEN A.  
BANSEK**  
Lorain, OH  
*St. Peter School*  
Jr. Branch 198



**BRYCE E.  
DANGLER**  
Yankton, SD  
*Sacred Heart  
School*  
Branch W093



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



**MICHAEL D.  
COUFAL**  
David City, NE  
*St. Mary's School*  
Branch W184



**KATELYN M.  
KANE**  
Toledo, OH  
*St. John  
the Baptist*  
Jr. Branch 157





**NICOLAS J. LEOMBRUNO**  
Canfield, OH  
*St. Charles School*  
Jr. Branch 257



**DAVID D. LIPNITZ**  
Dayton, OH  
*St. Peter's School*  
Jr. Branch HO0



**LEO JACOB PUHALLA**  
Austintown, OH  
*St. Joseph and Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
Jr. Branch 192



**MAKENNA TKACH**  
Streator, IL  
*St. Anthony's*  
Jr. Branch 470



**OLIVIA E. WAGNER**  
Crown Point, IN  
*St. Mary Catholic Community School*  
Jr. Branch 317



**SHANE A. ECKERT**  
Center Valley, PA  
*St. Michael the Archangel*  
Jr. Branch 362



**CALEB W. KNEPPER**  
Lansford, PA  
*Our Lady of the Angels*  
Jr. Branch 46



**SHERIDAN M. MYERS**  
Canfield, OH  
*St. Christine School*  
Jr. Branch 231



**CAROLYN ELIZABETH OLIVER**  
Stevensville, MD  
*St. Mary's*  
Jr. Branch 46



**MATTHEW JOSEPH OROS**  
Strongsville, OH  
*Sts. Joseph and John*  
Jr. Branch 481



**ANNE CATHERINE STARASINICH**  
Joliet, IL  
*Cathedral of St. Raymond School*  
Jr. Branch 83

## 2nd Grade Awards

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**DYLAN M. CHRISTY**  
Quakertown, PA  
*St. Isidore School*  
Jr. Branch 211



**ETHAN C. CHUMA**  
Summit Hill, PA  
*Our Lady of the Angels Academy*  
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*St. Sebastian Catholic School*  
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Warrenville, IL  
*St. Theresa School*  
Jr. Branch 339



**RICHARD A. SCHULTZ II**  
Chicago, IL  
*British School of Chicago*  
Jr. Branch 174



**JOSEPH C. TOTH**  
Sheboygan, WI  
*Holy Family School*  
Jr. Branch 130

## 3rd Grade Awards

**\$750 EACH**



**ELIZABETH J. BLAHNIK**  
Neenah, WI  
*St. Gabriel*  
Jr. Branch 130





**ANASTACIA M. VIAU**  
Baltimore, OH  
*St. Piux X School*  
Jr. Branch 192



**EVAN J. JURCENKO**  
Chicago, IL  
*St. John Brebeuf School*  
Jr. Branch 96



**RYAN A. SZCZEPANIK**  
Amherst, OH  
*St. Joseph School*  
Jr. Branch 198

## 1st Grade Awards

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**JOSHUA T. BRAUN**  
Milwaukee, WI  
*St. Frances Cabrini School*  
Jr. Branch 334



**JENNA KATE LAMMERS**  
Hartington, NE  
*Holy Trinity Elementary School*  
Branch W093



**ANDREW VINCENT J. WUENSCHER**  
Mount Oliver, PA  
*Saint Sylvester's School*  
Jr. Branch 56



**MEGAN GENDICS**  
Vermilion, OH  
*St. Joseph School*  
Jr. Branch 453



**ALYSSA M. McELLIGOTT**  
Omaha, NE  
*St. Wenceslaus*  
Branch W018

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDED BY KRISTEN POLANSKI & BRANCH 334

Kristen Polanski (right), Branch 334, Detroit, MI, is a 3rd year law student at Michigan State. Kristen has belonged to the St. Thomas Moore Society for 3 years. The catholic law group does community service for families throughout the year. With the financial help of Branch 334, Kristen was able to provide a Christmas experience for a single mother of nine. This Easter she, along with her mother, Kathy Polanski (left), and her grandmother Irene Pinkowski (both Branch 334 members) planned an Easter surprise for another family.



## SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural federation of Slovak ancestry founded in Cleveland, OH in 1907, is pleased to announce that it will again offer the John and Julia Demko Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$750.00 to deserving students this year. Any student of Slovak ancestry currently enrolled or who will be enrolled full time at a college or university or professional school in the fall semester may apply for this grant. These grants are available to students who are on the undergraduate or graduate level of study. These grants honor the memory of John and Julia Demko, well-known Slovak fraternal and cultural activists of Bayonne, NJ.

Applicants are asked to complete a study paper on a theme from Slovak history or culture of no less than five type-written doubled-spaced pages. The completed application along with the essay is to be returned by the deadline date of November 1, 2010. Grants will be paid to the individual student in December 2010.

For an application write to: Slovak League of America, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055 or call Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 973/472-8993.

The Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established in 1972 as an affiliate of the Slovak League of America to assist students of Slovak ancestry achieve their educational goals. Since then, more than 125 students have benefited from this fund. Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make check payable to: Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055.



# 5TH 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 four years, Ohio's Mahoning Valley Slovaks have been providing just that. On Sunday, August 8th, the 5th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest will be held on the grounds of St. Matthias Church in Youngstown, OH from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

It was started 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 three 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! All of these made by local men and women from local Slovak parishes such as St. Matthias, St. John the Baptist, Holy Name and Holy Trinity! There will also be indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books. There will be information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate your ancestral villages.

The Eddie Vallus band will play outdoors for your listening and dancing pleasure until about 3 p.m. and indoors, the entertainment will continue with the Living Traditions Folk Ensemble under the direction of Tom Katrenich of Brecksville who will entertain with singing and folk dances. Starting at 4 p.m., the Grammy nominated Del Sinchak polka band will be playing outside under the tent for those who love to polka or those who just want to sit and listen. 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 including a selection of beautiful Slovak crystal. There will be a silent auction of baskets filled with all sorts of items, and a raffle of \$2,000 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 8th for a wonderful time at the 5th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest!

# REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2010

### ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 9,219,195.25
Bonds	566,126,716.12
Preferred Stock	8,230,430.87
Common Stock	743,229.59
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,047,513.84
Promissory Notes	53,163.36
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,881,317.54
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,533,393.81
Other Assets	216,219.15

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 602,051,179.53

### LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 171,407,438.08
Annuity Reserves	325,268,943.10
Death Claims Payable	578,790.76
Unearned Premiums	560,244.00
Matured Endowments	301,901.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,889,637.54
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,553,130.33
Accrued Convention Donations	416,667.00
Provision for Future Conventions	435,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,181,757.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,466,309.00
Other Liabilities	1,275,435.47
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	3,081,000.00

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$ 516,416,253.68

### SURPLUS

Surplus	\$ 85,634,925.85
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**TOTAL SURPLUS** \$ 85,634,925.85

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS** \$ 602,051,179.53

## INCOME STATEMENT

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2010

### REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 2,641,722.89
Annuity Premiums	11,340,649.09
Investment Income	8,417,145.05
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	20,779.00
Rental Income	91,383.00
Other Revenue	6,057.32
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 22,517,736.35</u>

### EXPENSES

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 2,765,438.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	10,537,943.00
Insurance Benefits	748,469.39
Annuity Benefits	4,421,118.37
Commission Expense	344,340.74
Surrender Benefits	598,389.76
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	15,397.09
Matured Endowments	(2,254.00)
Donation Expenses	88,936.90
Convention Expenses	45,000.00
Dividends to Members	467,921.21
Post Mortem Benefits	192,782.26
Bonus to Branches	261,870.00
Fraternal Activities	42,782.90
Bank Service Charges	25,043.21
Data Processing Service Fees	79,330.71
Accounting Fees	29,901.00
Actuarial Fees	41,907.00
Legal Fees	29,058.83
Consulting Services	27,787.50
Official Publications	81,807.15
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	99,356.77
Fees — Directors	28,067.58
Salaries — Employees	332,271.82
Salaries — Officers	109,587.51
Interest Expense	53,716.95
Tax Expense	75,944.66
Depreciation Expense	68,709.00
Utility Expense	19,729.04
Postage and Printing	114,071.64
Advertising	27,548.65
Travel Expense	19,280.66
Insurance Department Fees	36,142.62
Sales Promotion	50,080.71
Rental Expense	91,383.00
Other Expense	119,208.79

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$ 22,088,070.42

**NET INCOME** \$ 429,665.93





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Selections!

### BLACKBERRY COBBLER

2½ cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blackberries  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
½ cup butter, melted  
Cream, whipped cream or ice cream, if desired

In medium bowl, stir together blackberries and sugar. Let stand about 20 minutes or until fruit syrup forms. Heat oven to 375 degrees. In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Stir in melted butter until blended. For best results mix batter as gently as possible. Spread in ungreased 8-inch square pan. Spoon blackberry mixture over batter. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until dough rises and is golden. Serve warm with cream.

### TOMATO AND ARUGULA SAUCE OVER LINGUINE

1½ lb. ripe plum tomatoes, seeded, diced (approximately 3 cups)  
2 bunches arugula, washed, stemmed, torn into bite-size pieces (2 packed cups)  
⅓ cup extra-virgin olive oil  
¼ cup finely diced red onion  
½ tsp. each salt and black pepper  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
6 oz. soft goat cheese, crumbled  
1 lb. linguine pasta, freshly cooked, drained, ½ cup cooking water reserved.

In large pasta bowl, combine plum tomatoes, arugula, olive oil, red onion, salt, pepper, garlic and goat cheese until blended.

To bowl, add hot pasta and reserved cooking water. Using pasta fork, toss to incorporate vegetables and goat cheese. Lift onto 6 serving plates. Add grated cheese. Serve hot or at room temperature.

### GRILLED BROCCOLI

6 cups fresh broccoli spears  
2½ tablespoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Place broccoli in a large bowl. Combine the lemon juice, oil, salt and pepper; drizzle over broccoli and toss to coat. Let stand for 30 minutes.

Coat grill rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting the grill. Prepare grill for indirect heat. Toss broccoli, then drain marinade. Place Parmesan cheese in a large resealable plastic bag. Add broccoli, a few pieces at a time, shake to coat.

Grill broccoli, covered, over indirect medium heat for 8-10 minutes on each side or until crisp-tender.

### STUFFED ZUCCHINI BAKED IN TOMATO SAUCE

1½ cups canned tomato sauce  
2 oz. finely chopped ham  
4 medium-sized zucchini (washed but not peeled)  
½ cup fresh white bread crumbs  
¼ cup olive oil  
6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
½ cup finely chopped onions  
½ tsp. dried oregano  
½ tsp. finely chopped garlic  
1 tsp. salt  
½ lb. ground beef  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut zucchini in half lengthwise and spoon out most of the pulp, leaving hollow boatlike shells about ¼-inch thick. Set shells aside and chop the pulp coarsely. Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in large skillet, add the onions and cook over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, or until soft and lightly colored. Add zucchini pulp and garlic and cook about 5 minutes longer, stirring frequently. With a spatula, scrape entire contents of skillet into a large sieve set over a mixing bowl and let drain.

Meanwhile, heat a tablespoon of oil in the skillet, add ground beef and brown over medium heat, stirring almost constantly with large fork to break up any lumps. Scrape the beef into another sieve set over a bowl to let it drain.

In large mixing bowl, combine drained vegetables and meat. Beat into them the lightly beaten egg, ham, bread crumbs, 2 teaspoons of grated cheese, oregano, salt and pepper and taste for seasoning. Spoon stuffing into the hollowed zucchini shells, mounding the top slightly.

To bake zucchini, use 12" x 16" shallow baking dish into which 1½ cups of tomato sauce have been poured. Then care-

fully arrange the stuffed zucchini on the sauce. Sprinkle their tops with ¼ cup of cheese, drizzle a few drops of olive oil over them and cover dish tightly with aluminum foil. Bring the sauce to a simmer on top of stove, then transfer dish to the middle of oven and bake zucchini for 30 minutes, removing foil after 20 minutes so that tops of zucchini can brown lightly. Serve directly from baking dish. Serves 4-6.

### DEEP DARK CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE CRUST

24 chocolate wafer cookies (from one 9-ounce package)

1 tablespoon sugar  
¼ cup (½ stick) butter, melted

#### Filling:

1 9.7-ounce bar Cocoa Bittersweet Chocolate, chopped  
4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature  
1¼ cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
4 large eggs

#### Topping:

¾ cup whipping cream  
6 ounces Cocoa Bittersweet Chocolate, chopped  
1 tablespoon sugar  
Bittersweet chocolate curls

#### For crust:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter 9-inch-diameter springform pan with 3-inch-high sides. Blend cookies in processor until finely ground; blend in sugar. Add melted butter and process until well blended. Press crumbs evenly onto bottom (not sides) of prepared pan. Bake just until set, about 5 minutes. Cool while preparing filling. Maintain oven temperature.

#### For filling:

Stir chopped chocolate in metal bowl set over saucepan of simmering water until melted and smooth. Remove bowl from over water; cool chocolate until lukewarm but still pourable. Blend cream cheese, sugar, and cocoa powder in processor until smooth. Blend in eggs 1 at a time. Mix in lukewarm chocolate. Pour filling over crust; smooth top. Bake until center is just set and just appears dry, about 1 hour. Cool 5 minutes. Run knife around sides of cake to loosen. Chill overnight.

#### For topping:

Stir cream, 6 ounces chocolate, and sugar in heavy medium saucepan over low heat until smooth. Cool slightly. Pour over center of cheesecake, spreading to within ½ inch of edge and filling any cracks. Chill until topping is set, about 1 hour. Do ahead: Can be made 3 days ahead. Cover with foil and keep refrigerated. Release pan sides. Transfer cheesecake to platter. Top with chocolate curls. Let stand 2 hours at room temperature before serving.



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