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BYLAW CHANGE PROVIDES PATH FORWARD FOR FCSLA

There are only a few weeks left before our association faces one of the most important decisions in its history. When our delegates meet at the special convention in October, they will vote to update the method we use to choose our national officers (our president, secretary, treasurer and editor). At the same time, the vote will expand the role of our Board of Directors. Both changes are designed to protect our association in an increasingly complex world by placing greater accountability with both our management team and our Board of Directors.

With this change, our national officers will no longer be elected by our delegates. Instead, our national president will be hired by our Board of Directors. Our other officers will then be hired by our president, with approval by our Board. What does this change mean to you? Here are some important points to remember:

- This change will help protect our association and our assets by assuring that we select the most qualified and experienced candidates for our top management team.
- This move will give our members more say in how our association is run because our members will elect our Board of Directors; the members of the Board will be answerable to *all* our members.
- Our Board will exercise more responsibility under this change. The Board will hire our national president who will report directly to our Board.
- This form of governance has been adopted by more associations like ours because it means greater protection for their members.
- This change *will not* have a significant impact on our costs because we already pay salaries that reflect the market in which we operate.
- This change *will not* affect the products we offer, or the services you receive from headquarters.
- This change will protect us from the possibility of an unqualified candidate running a successful campaign for one of our top offices and putting our association in peril.
- We need to make this change *now*. The regulators who oversee our operations have repeatedly advised us to change the way we hire our top management team in order to protect our members and their investments in FCSLA.

We hope you've had a chance to attend one of the district meetings that have been held to discuss this change and its importance to you as a member of the FCSLA. If not, or if you have questions that weren't answered at the district presentation, visit our website, where we have posted more information about this bylaw change. You can also view a video, which explains the change from the perspective of our current board members. Or, you are welcome to contact Mary Ann Johaneck directly at (216)-468-1011, or by e-mail at maryann@fcsla.com with your questions.

On a purely personal note, I have served on the committee that studied this issue for many months and although the change means that the editor's position will no longer be a Board slot, I am strongly in favor of this governance change. Like most of you, my family has many years of membership in and service to our beloved FCSLA. The complexity of our business has grown, as has the regulatory environment in which we operate. We can no longer *simply hope* that the right people with the necessary skills will be elected to run a corporation with assets in excess of six hundred million dollars. Qualified managing officers are critical to our continued success. The Board of Directors **you elect** will be responsible for putting in place a management team that will have the background and skills necessary to keep the FCSLA on the right road.

Above all else, remember, this change is designed to *honor our past, and protect our future*.

Until next month,
Warmly, Carolyn

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YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Throughout the Gospels, the Word made flesh proclaims a message of the nearness of the Kingdom and a call for His disciples to reform their lives (*Matthew 4:17*); promotes the necessity of His followers to love God and neighbor as one's self (*Mark 12:28-34*); affirms to all people that He is the Messiah (*Luke 9:18-22*); and, asserts that no one can come to Father except through Him for He is the way, the truth, and the life (*John 14:1-7*). The Word is Truth and the Truth is the Father. The Truth is eternal life.

There is a stunning moment recorded in the *Gospel of John* during the Passion of Jesus where He is standing before Pontius Pilate in trial. The Jews insisted that Jesus be crucified for His teachings. While in the praetorium, Pilate questioned Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked him. Jesus answered, 'Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?' Pilate retorted, 'It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered: 'My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my subjects would be fighting to save me from being handed over to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom is not here.' At this Pilate said to him, 'So then you are a king?' Jesus replied: 'It is you who say that I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.' Truth! said Pilate. 'What does that mean?'" (18:33-38)

Modern day disciples of Jesus may also ask - "Truth, what does this mean?" Our Judeo-Christian heritage gives us guidance. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the Eighth Commandment of the Decalogue states, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (*Exodus 20:16*). Yahweh reveals to His people through the Psalmist: "Your word, O Lord, endures forever; it is firm as the heavens. Through all generations your truth endures; you have established the earth, and it stands firm" (*Psalms 119:89-90*). No matter what hardship may come about, in the end, truth will prevail.

If we ardently align ourselves with the teachings and preaching of the Word made

flesh, if we adamantly emblazon upon ourselves the identities of "Catholic" and "Christian", and if we honestly call Jesus our brother, the Truth is a way of life as it images our relationship with Him to the Father through the Holy Spirit. In his *Second Letter to Saint Timothy*, Saint Paul, imprisoned because of preaching the Good News and alignment to Christ, exemplifies his commitment to Christ and the truth: "Therefore, never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but with the strength which comes from God bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails" (1:8). Bearing witness to the Truth called the Apostle to imprisonment and ultimately to death by the sword.

The Truth is a way of life. Committing ourselves to it commands us to be truth, to be Jesus, by picking up the cross and following in His footsteps so that we may witness the Truth as did Jesus. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs, "The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known" (paragraph 2472). It is an obligation of the followers of Jesus to be a bearer of truth to the best of her/his ability.

False witness and perjury compromise the exercise of justice and the fairness of judicial decisions. *Rash judgment* which assumes insufficient moral fault of a person, *detraction* that discloses another's faults without valid reason, and *calumny* that include remarks contrary to the truth all, offend the virtues of justice and charity.

One of the more common offenses of this commandment is lying. Anyone who has ever been caught in the telling of a lie knows its affects. Not only is it most embarrassing but also it subtracts from the integrity of the person who has told the lie. "Lying is the most direct offense against the truth. To lie is to speak or act against the truth in order to lead into error someone who has the right to know the truth. By injuring one's relation to truth and to neighbor, a lie offends against the funda-

mental relation of man and of his word to the Lord" (*Catechism of the Church*, paragraph 2483). Anyone who is contemplating the act of lying should reflect upon the affects of those people who lied in order that Christ be nailed to the Cross during His Holy Passion.

This commandment also directs persons who are under the obligation of confidential information to maintain professional secrecy. "Professional secrets - for example, those of political office holders, soldiers, physicians, and lawyers - or confidential information given under the seal of secrecy must be kept, save in exceptional cases where keeping the secret is bound to cause very grave harm to the one who confided it, to the one who received it or to a third party, and where the very grave harm can be avoided only by divulging the truth. Even if not confided under the seal of secrecy, private information prejudicial to another is not to be divulged without a grave and proportionate reason" *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 2491).

The following is a comment given to me by one of my friends who is a doctor in Indiana while on our annual vacation. There are people who spread gossip or divulge information that is deemed confidential in relation to a particular person or corporate reality. This is offensive and sinful matter. People may do this because they believe that divulging confidential information makes them more credible than a particular segment of the populace or corporate reality. In their minds, they have more importance or are better than the particular segment of the populace or corporate reality. This type of activity proves to be quite dangerous for the common good, denigrates the integrity of the particular segment of populace or corporate reality and detracts from the importance of the issue that is at hand. People who are the audience of this type of activity are subject to a narrow interpretation of the information and are ill informed of the entire truth.

The disciple of Jesus must always remember, the Word is Truth and the Truth is the Father. The Truth is eternal life. To act contrary to Truth is to deny Christ, to deny our heavenly Father.

Our Readers Respond to . . .

FCSLA FRATERNAL OUTREACH IS ON THE MOVE IN 2010

In June we shared how, “Volunteering Can Be Good for Your Health” and asked for members to share how their volunteering has made a difference. We will share some of their stories with you in the next few issues of “Fraternally Yours”.

Here is a brief description of the volunteer efforts of Dr. Raymond Petras of Branch 344 in Scottsdale, AZ. We appreciate Dr. Petras for sharing his story.

Finding affordable healthcare has always been difficult for many individuals and families, no matter where you live. Recently with Arizona's new immigration law and our economy, it has made it even more difficult.

Mission of Mercy (MOM), mobile medical clinic, is a lifesaver for many. MOM is a nonsectarian, non-profit organization that offers free medical care to those without insurance. A few paid staff, 230+ volunteers and community partners supply free medical care that includes testing, procedures and prescription medicines.

Recently, Dr. Petras joined MOM to aid with non-invasive pain and injury management. Rather quickly he found that clients also needed to deal with their mental and spiritual anguish. This anxiety can be a factor in the high blood pressure (BP) and diabetes cases he saw.

Psychological or mental techniques are grossly underutilized in this and the general population. These techniques not only help with anxiety, but with many other painful conditions.

In one case, a young woman came to MOM with left breast pain. She shared with Dr. Petras that she had this condition for 4-5 years without relief. It was a throbbing pain that became sharp when the breast was touched. The tests she was given were all negative. Dr. Petras had her visualize herself as healthy, happy and pain free. After visualizing herself in this state of mind for 15 minutes, her pain was gone.

Dr. Petras has found that working with these people has been and continues to be a wonderful experience. They are so appreciative and so in need. As anyone who volunteers knows, the volunteer is blessed as much, if not more, than those they help.

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%.

FCSLA's 2010 Fraternalist of the Year — Elaine Walters



The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association is proud to announce the selection of Elaine Walters of Neshanic Station, NJ as our association's 2010 Fraternalist of the Year. Her profile has been sent to the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) to be considered for national recognition. The 2010 NFCA Fraternalist of the Year will be announced and honored at the

124th Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, IL from September 9-11, 2010.

Elaine is a widow and has been retired since 2007 from a 33 year career as a School Media Specialist. She has two children and two grandchildren. Her current positions are President and Financial Secretary of Branch S-35/J-67 in Raritan, NJ. She took over the responsibility of these branches when her mother Helen Koval passed away in 2009. She has served her branch as an officer for over ten years.

Elaine is very diligent in representing her branch. In her duties as branch secretary she answers all requests from the Home Office promptly. She has participated in many of the fraternal contests and challenges that are introduced in our magazine. She has encouraged her branch members to get involved in all FCSLA sponsored activities. Her junior branch is planning a Matching Funds Project to raise funds for St. Joseph's Church Children's Choir. The church is in need of a new piano. She also encourages members to volunteer in their church and community. Many of her branch members belong to the St. Joseph's Parish Senior Group. She keeps them informed of the social events and special programs.

Where does Elaine volunteer? The list is very long — she volunteers at her home parish, St. Joseph's Church in Raritan, NJ. She devotes her time to many of their projects, committees, and fund raisers. She volunteers for 40 hours every season at the Community Theatre located in Branchburg, NJ. She is a "Sunshine" visitor at a nursing home, craft helper at an Assisted Living Senior Center and book helper at the public library. She makes rosaries from the beads that are produced from a plant she raises and donates them to patients at a local hospital.

Elaine, at every opportunity encourages adults to work with the youth in her branch, church and community. She acknowledges the contributions young people make on every occasion. She supports their efforts and praises them. Elaine knows that our youth is our future as she tries to instill pride in future generations.

We congratulate Elaine Walters for receiving this well deserved recognition. She is an excellent example of a true fraternalist in every sense of the word. She has made a difference in her branch, church and community. The world is a better place because of Elaine and the many other fraternalists who are dedicated just like her.

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

Could You Save a Life?



Did you know that CPR and early defibrillation can save lives? There are studies that show as many as 30-50% of victims who have signs of sudden cardiac arrest would have likely survived if CPR and AEDs (automated external defibrillators) were used within five minutes after collapsing. AEDs are located in many places today, such as airports, sports' stadiums, shopping malls and offices. It is very important for many people to be trained in knowing how and when to use them properly.

The importance of taking a review CPR class has become very important because of the many recent changes in administering CPR. A person's CPR skills decline over a period of time and need to be updated regularly. It is very easy to find a CPR class. The American Red Cross in every community has a schedule of classes for every level. Contact your city chapter by phone or go their website at www.redcross.org and look for a link to your city's Red Cross Chapter.

FCSLA 2010 YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD



Our first FCSLA Youth Recognition Award goes to twenty-year-old Kathryn "Kate" Szymkiewicz. She lives in Natrona Hts., PA with her parents and one brother, Tyler. Kate became a member of FCSLA in November of 1990, joining Jr. Branch 138. Kate started volunteering when she became a senior branch member and recently was elected a branch officer. Kate enjoys accepting responsibilities to help with branch activities. She attends her branch and district meetings faithfully.

Kate's home parish is Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament. As a member Kate was involved in parish liturgies and activities. She presently volunteers for many religious activities at a parish near her home, Our Lady of Victory. Kate is a kindergarten catchiest at Our Lady of Victory for their CCD Program and volunteers for their Vacation Bible School every summer. She assists this parish in a variety of the children's activities, such as Easter egg hunts, children's masses and holiday bingo get-togethers. Kate recently became employed at Our Lady of Victory as a part-time custodian. She is also employed at the Community Library of the Allegheny Valley where she assisted several years ago with their Summer Reading Program.

Kate has always taken her education very seriously. During her high school years she was a member of the National Honor Society. Kate was also involved in many curricular and extracurricular activities at her high school. She is presently enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh pursuing a bachelor's degree in Economics where she maintains a 3.781 cumulative GPA. Kate is a member of the University of Pittsburgh's chapter of Sigma Alpha Lambda (a national leadership and honors organization). She is also a member of the University of Pittsburgh's chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, (an international honor society in the field of economics). These are only a few of the many accomplishments listed on her entry form. Kate is planning on pursuing her master's degree in Elementary Education.

FCSLA congratulates Kate for being chosen as our first Youth Recognition Award winner. We are very proud that she is an active member of our Association. FCSLA officers and members wish her a successful future.

HENRY BLECHA CELEBRATES 95th BIRTHDAY



The oldest member of Branch W086 and member of St. George Parish, Munden, KS is Henry Blecha who celebrated his 95th birthday on July 3rd. The event was marked by a catered dinner followed by a Mass celebrated by Father Henry Brinkman for Henry's intention.

Guests for the celebration were parishioners of St. George, extended family members and friends. Henry and his wife of 68 years Mildred, reside in their own home outside of rural Munden, KS. They are both active and serve as ushers and greeters for Mass. Henry continues to serve as financial secretary of W086 and as treasurer of the Munden Alumni Association.

They have two sons Donald and his wife Margaret of Wichita, KS; Kelvin and his wife Marcia of Chester, NE and one living daughter Janice Keeley and husband Mark of Telequah, OK and a deceased daughter Rita Sulzen and husband of Kansas City, KS. They have ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

FCSLA CREATIVE CONTEST

This year we will repeat the Creative Contest open to members of all ages. The contest will begin September 25th, 2010. The deadline will be November 15th, 2010. 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 since they have changed slightly from last year. 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 25, 2010-November 15th, 2010.
3. The item should not be too large. (Remember it has to be mailed to the Home Office.)
4. Entry for judging is limited to one item per member. Other items may be sent to donate along with the item to be judged. Please be sure to mark which item you want judged.
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 15th, 2010. (Please note: Items received at the Home Office postmarked after November 15th, 2010 will not be entered in the contest and will not be returned. (FCSLA is not responsible if items are received broken or damaged.)
9. An entry form must accompany your item to be considered for the contest.

AGE GROUPS

Group one - Ages 0-6
Group four - Ages 23-40

Group two - Ages 7-13
Group five - Ages 41-65

Group three - Ages 14-22
Group six - Ages 66 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.*

**The items entered last year were donated to two Nursing Homes and Akron Children's Hospital.
Many smiles were created because of your participation. THANK YOU!**

FCSLA CREATIVE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

September 25, 2010-November 15, 2010

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 15th, 2010 (postmarked).



BRANCH W130 HOLDS ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK LUNCHEON AND BINGO

Sunday, July 20th was sunny and hot as members of Branch W130 gathered in Clutier, IA for their annual summer potluck luncheon and bingo. National Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich and National Editor Carolyn Bazik were warmly welcomed by the branch members for an afternoon of fraternal fellowship and fun.



Pictured L-R at the recent Pot Luck Luncheon is Branch W130 President Gladys Nekola with Joseph J. Sevcik, FCSLA scholarship recipient, and Dave Svoboda, Branch Secretary. Joe will attend Iowa State University this fall.



Branch W130 President Gladys Nekola is pictured with her grandchildren Cody, Jasmine, and Sabrina Howard.



National Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich and National Editor Carolyn Bazik recently attended a pot luck luncheon sponsored by Branch W130 in Clutier, Iowa. Pictured with them is Dolores Yuska, a member of Branch W130.



RACE FOR THE MOON AND STARS

On April 17, 2010, following destructive electrical storms and much wind damage, 80 brave souls ventured to Renzie Park in McKeesport, PA for the 9th Annual Race for the Moon and Stars. Battling the chilling wind gusts and occasional downed tree branches, they finished their 3.1 mile trek safe and sound. Race Director, Janice Boyko (member of Sr. Branch 77) was pleased to report that \$1,500 was

raised for the McKeesport Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society. She gratefully acknowledged the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 77, McKeesport, for being one of the major sponsors of the event.



Race Director, Janice Boyko, presenting appreciation plaque to officers of Senior Branch 77, McKeesport, PA.



Race participants assembling at the start of the race.



Sponsor Appreciation Plaque.

Speakers Announced for the FCSLA Special Convention

RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL – CLEVELAND, OHIO

Monday, October 11, 2010

JOSEPH ANNOTTI



Joseph Annotti is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCFA). The organization represents 69 member fraternal benefit societies composed of nearly 10 million individual members nationwide. NFCFA societies provide a variety of financial services products – primarily life insurance and annuities – to their members, along with a host of other member benefits. Equally important, member societies contribute millions of dollars in direct aid and millions

more hours of volunteer service to a wide range of community service projects and charitable organizations in all 50 states. In fact, fraternal benefit societies make up one of America's largest member-volunteer networks. He started with the NFCFA in this role on March 31, 2008.

Joe has more than 25 years experience in association management, and joined the NFCFA after serving as Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI). At PCI, he was responsible for the overall management of the association's public affairs and media relations activities, and developed and delivered public policy messages on the association's key issues – such as natural catastrophe insurance, building codes, driving safety, and regulatory modernization – to legislators, regulators, consumers, and opinion leaders in the news. Prior to PCI, he served in a similar capacity with the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of California. Those two experiences gave Joe unique insights into both the insurer and producer sides of the business, as well as a thorough understanding of politics and policy.

ROBERT E. BRUCE



Bob is the President of Bruce & Bruce Company, Consulting Actuaries and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a Fellow in the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. He has served as Secretary and President of the Conference of Actuaries, Treasurer and Vice-President of the Academy of Actuaries, and President of the Fraternal Actuaries Association. He is a graduate of Northwestern and Michigan Universities with BS and MS degrees. Bob and his late wife Lois

have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. A marathon runner for many years, Bob perennially ran his age in miles on his birthday through his 70th year. Bob has been widely respected in his field for many years and has extensive knowledge of the fraternal benefit system.

ANTHEA R. DANIELS, ESQUIRE



Anthea focuses on healthcare, corporate and nonprofit law and is co-chair of the Health Care and Life Sciences practice group. Her practice also includes long-term care advisory services and information technology.

Anthea provides counsel to health systems, academic medical centers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, clinics, surgery centers, professional management companies and physician groups. She has also represented clients with regard to corporate matters, the establishment of limited liability companies and corporate contracting, including mergers and acquisitions, formulation and dissolution, licensing and information technology, board governance issues, privacy matters and cable franchising matters for regional telecommunications corporations. Anthea also has extensive experience with fraternal benefit societies and life insurance companies, including regulatory, compliance and acquisition expertise.

Anthea is the past president of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) and has been selected to become part of the AHLA Fellows Program. She has served on the board of directors and executive committee of the AHLA for 10 years and is the past chair of the association's annual meeting, which was held in Philadelphia in June 2006. Anthea is a member of the CCH Reimbursement Advisory Board, is the past chairman and president of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of The Healthcare Financial Management Association, and a recipient of its Founders, Merit and Muncie Gold Awards. She was selected for *Nightingale's Healthcare News'* 2010 list of Outstanding Healthcare Fraud & Compliance Lawyers.

For several years she chaired the Fundamentals of Healthcare Law Seminar sponsored by the American Health Lawyers Association in Chicago, Illinois and has also chaired the Cleveland Bar Association's Annual Health Care Institute. Anthea was chair of Playhouse Square Partners and served on its board for a decade. She served on the board of directors of Business Volunteers Unlimited, and was a board and executive committee member of Life Banc. She also served on the board of Beech Brook and the Help Foundation. She served on the advisory board of City Year Cleveland, and currently serves on the advisory board of Malachi House.

Anthea is a member of the adjunct faculty at Case Western Reserve University Law School where she taught healthcare transactions and was also a member of the visiting committee of the law school. She is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Law-Medicine Center at Case Western Reserve University.

Anthea began her tenure with Calfee in 1989, becoming a partner in 1999. She is chairperson of the firm's Associates Committee and became a member of the Executive Committee in 2009.

HELEN KOCHAN DISTRICT HOLDS MEETING

The Helen Kochan District, Indiana held its meeting on June 13, 2010 at Andorra Banquet Hall in Merrillville, IN.

Hosting branches were Sr. 53 and Jr. 83 from Joliet, IL.

The luncheon was attended by 60 district members and the district's scholarship winners along with their families. Following the luncheon, district President, Margaret Abildua, introduced



Sr. Branch 53 Joliet, IL winner Audrey Heiberger will attend Lewis University. She is pictured with her proud grandmother and branch officers.

the winners and presented each with a gift.

Also in attendance were two representatives from the Home Office; National Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich and National Auditor Steve Hudak. A Q&A session followed a video presentation regarding the change in governance that will be the topic of the October 2010 special convention. All questions were addressed in detail by Rosemary & Steve and the district appreciated that they were available to provide this important information to the membership in attendance.

President Abildua, reminded branches to heed the deadline date for the special convention. Plans were finalized for the St. Ann Day celebration in Milwaukee, WI.

The District project, "Food for the Hungry," will be discussed in detail at the September meeting.



Michelle Novotny at junior at Ball State University is pictured with Florence Hovanek, past FCSLA National Officer.



District and National Officers with scholarship winners: L-R: District President Margaret Abildua, Florence Hovanek, District Treasurer Betty Yurechko, National Trustee Steve Hudak, National 1st Vice President Rosemary Mlinarich.

LEO A. HANNAH, CPA, MBA



Leo A. Hannah began his career with Horovitz, Rudoy and Roteman in 1985 and is currently the Firm's Audit and Assurance Services Partner. Leo is responsible for various administrative and quality control functions of the Firm. Leo concentrates his practice in accounting and auditing for closely held businesses and fraternal benefit societies as well as management consulting in areas such as mergers and acquisitions. His industry specialties include manufacturing, technology, fraternal

benefit societies and construction.

Leo has Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Penn State University, an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the University of Pittsburgh

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), the PICPA Peer Review Committee, the PICPA Local Chapter Committees. Leo is also a member of the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh, a Board Member and Treasurer for Family Links and the former Treasurer and Board Member for the South Fayette Baseball/Softball Association. He is also a Partner and Board Member for Cold Cypress, LLC.

Personally speaking Leo lives in South Fayette and when he's not assisting clients can be found on the golf course, running around with his kids—Zach, Jessica and Andy to their different activities such as swimming, dance and baseball. Leo also enjoys spending time with his wife of 22 years, Lena, who is an active School Board Member in the South Fayette School District.

TODD MARTIN, ESQUIRE



Todd Martin's special relationship with fraternal benefit societies grew out of the more than seven years he spent in the corporate legal department of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and his service on the merger team for the merger of Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood. Since that time, Todd has continued to serve the fraternal benefit system providing legal advice and counsel to more than 30 fraternal benefit societies across the country and serving as general

counsel to the National Fraternal Congress of America. Todd has advised on more than 10 fraternal mergers and 13 fraternal bylaw reviews and is a leader in initiatives to improve the effectiveness of fraternal governance. Todd's inside knowledge and understanding of fraternal benefit societies underpins his credibility in advising them in all areas including governance, insurance regulatory matters, lodge activities and requirements, dispute resolution, membership, product distribution, contracting, and mergers and acquisitions.



National Scholarship Winners Honored

Branch 184/289 — Gary, Indiana

Branch 289/184 honored Regina Weber, National College Scholarship winner from their branch with a gift and a dinner at Kelsey's Restaurant in Schererville, IN along with her family.



Regina Weber is presented a gift by Branch President Leona Cupke.



Regina is pictured with Leona Cupke, Branch President (center) and surrounded by her proud family: mother Mary and father Donald and her sons Ben and Justin. The family is all FCSLA members in either Jr. Branch 189 or Sr. Branch 289 in Gary, IN.



Branch 343 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FCSLA scholarship winner, Emily Susan Eckenrode, is presented a check by Helen Malyszka, President of Branch 343, of the Pittsburgh Okres.

Emily is a college junior at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH and is pursuing her BS degree in Childhood Studies. She is the daughter of Brian and Laura Eckenrode of Norwich, CT and a 4th generation FCSLA member.

Emily is on the President's List and also a community advisor and a member of the Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honor society in Education at the school. She is also



a Plymouth Diversity Alliance Admission representative at the college. She is a lifeguard at Old Black Point Beach in Niantic, CT. The branch is proud of Emily and wishes her success and happiness as she pursues her chosen profession.



Branch 457-524 — Cleveland, Ohio

Casey Canales (J457) was recently awarded an FCSLA scholarship for which she was very grateful. The family are all members of either Jr. Branch 457 or Sr. Branch 524 in Cleveland, OH, but currently they reside in California. Casey will be attending Rosary High School in Fullerton, CA where she will be a freshman. She will be participating in the Cheer Program which not only cheers for Rosary High School, but also their brother Catholic school, Servite High School.



Pictured (left to right) are Casey's Mom Jill, sister Haley, brother Colby, grandmother Jo Ann Bednar (who is presenting Casey with the scholarship) and her father R. Peter Canales.



Branch W001 — New Prague, MN

Branch W001 of New Prague, MN awarded \$500 scholarships to each of the following members:

Danielle Hortop will be attending the University of Minnesota/Duluth.

Mitch Semmer will be attending Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Jacob Geis will be attending Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount.



Danielle Hortop



Mitch Semmer



Jacob Geis

FCSLA IS GROWING

Our Fraternal and Youth Director, Sue Ann M. Seich has been working with many of our General Agents and Sales Representatives to open new senior (S) and junior (J) branches. It takes 10 new senior members to open a senior branch and 15 new junior members to open a junior branch, in the 47 states where we are licensed to do business including DC. There are still many areas where we do not have a local branch. Recently new branches have been formed in several new areas. For the next few months, we will feature our new FCSLA branches and their officers.

On November 16, 2009, a new senior branch S-620 was officially initiated in Demotte, IN. An informal luncheon at All Saints Parish in Hammond, IN was held on November 4, 2009, where officers were nominated and elected. A meeting then took place after the luncheon with the newly elected officers and potential branch members. Currently there are 7 officers serving this branch. Kelly Hedegore is President and Beth Bach is Secretary. This new branch of only nine months, has successfully promoted and completed a Matching Funds Project recently.

On July 25, 2010, a new Junior Branch J-531 was officially initiated to partner with Senior Branch S-620 in Demotte, IN. An informal dinner was held at the American Slovak Club in Whiting, IN for new and potential members of Junior Branch J-531 and their families. Other guests included the members and their families from Senior Branch S-620. The officers elected were: President, Debie Rossodivito; Secretary, Beth Bach; and Fraternal Activities Director, Vincent Rossodivito. Branch manuals were handed out and information was shared. Two guests spoke on several ways the new junior and/or senior branch could become involved in the community.

The opening of these new branches can be credited to General Agent, Edward Bach. Through his hard work and determination the required number of new members for each of these new branches was sold. We sincerely thank Ed for his continued efforts to promote our FCSLA Association and the fraternal benefit system.

As FCSLA continues to grow there will be more communities that can benefit from a FCSLA branch. If you are interested in starting an FCSLA branch in your area or have questions, please contact our Fraternal and Youth Director, Sue Ann M. Seich, at 800-464-4642, Ext. 1051 or email sueann@fcsla.org.



Meeting scenes of the new Senior Branch 620 which opened in Demotte, IN.



Members of the newly formed Junior Branch 531.



MICHAEL ANDREW MARKOVICH celebrated his First Holy Communion at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Whiting, IN on Sunday, April 25, 2010. He is a member of Junior Branch 58, Whiting. Michael will be in the fourth grade this fall, and will attend St. John School. Michael enjoys baseball, video games, practicing his trumpet, and playing with his dog Sadie.

He is the son of Matthew and Annette Markovich and his siblings are Marisa and Mason Markovich, all members of Branch 81, Whiting. His proud grandmother, Helen Markovich is also a member of Branch 81, along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.



LAUREN ELIZABETH DePROFIO, received her First Holy Communion on April 18, 2010 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Youngstown, OH, officiated by Fr. Nicholas Mancini. She is the daughter of Michael and Tracey DeProfio. Tracey, Lauren's mother, is a member of Sr. Branch 30 and Lauren is a member of Jr. Branch 29, along with her older sister Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Donald and Patti Petrella also of Sr. Branch 30.

Lauren will attend third grade this fall at Seaborn Elementary School in Mineral Ridge, OH, and she enjoys dance in her spare time.



CHARLES ROBERT VOJTECKY received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25, 2010 with Father Mike Harcarck officiating, at St. Adalbert Chapel, Prince of Peace Parish, on the South Side in Pittsburgh, PA.

Charles will be entering the third grade at St. Sylvester's School located in Brentwood, PA along with his sister Jenna. They are both members of Jr. Branch 129 located on the South Side of Pittsburgh.

Charles is the son of Rosemary and Martin Vojtecky. His grandparents, Robert and Rosemary Thumpston are officers of Sr. Branch 233 (South Side).

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



RYAN JOHN GRABOWSKI, a member of Jr. Branch 202 graduated from the Greensburg YWCA Pre School on May 21, 2010. He is the son of Martin and Susan Grabowski of Harrison City, PA.



CAROLINE ROSE STEIRER, daughter of Bill and Kathy (Krempasky) Steirer of Allentown, PA, received her First Holy Communion on May 1, 2010 at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield, PA.

Caroline is a member of Jr. Branch 378, Egypt, PA. Her proud grandparents are Will and Gwynn Krempasky of Allentown, PA.

RECEIVED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Four young members of Branch W074 — **JULIANN SIS**, **GRACE SABATKA**, **EZYKIEL** and **GABRIEL VIGIL** received their First Holy Communion on May 8, 2010 at St. John Nepomucene Church in Beardsley, KS. The Mass was celebrated by the Pastor Father Stephen Folorunso.

JULIANN SIS is the daughter of Jeremy and Anna Sis. The Sis family includes her grandmother Delpha Sis, Juliann, her sister Jaelynn, and her parents. They are all members of the W074.

GRACE SABATKA is the daughter of Kassey and Jennifer Sabatka. The Sabatka family includes Grace, her brothers Jhon Paul and Tyler, grandparents R.J. and Susie and Kenny and Pauline Micek and great-grandparents Agnes Sabatka and Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Her brothers, father, and several other family members all belong to W074.

EZYKIEL and **GABRIEL VIGIL** are the sons of Daniel and Catherine Vigil. The family includes Ezykiel and Gabriel, their parents, grandmother Cynthia Helmick, and great-grandmother Elizabeth Pochop. Their grandmother and great-grandmother are also members of Branch W074.



L-R: Ezykiel Vigil, Grace Sabatka, Father Folorunso, Juliann Sis, and Gabriel Vigil.

Wisconsin District Join Hands Day



On May 16, 2010, the members of the Wisconsin Louise M. Yash District spent the day with the Sisters of Notre Dame convent. The sisters were entertained playing Bingo and conversation, many won prizes of chocolate bars, chips and hard candy. To show their appreciation, the sister sang a song of praise and thanksgiving. The members were invited to have lunch and requested that they come back and continue this again next year.





IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET PALMER

Branch 196

Margaret Palmer, 91, of New Boston, passed away February 14, 2010 at Schuylkill Medical Center-South Jackson Street.

Born in New Boston, February 20, 1918, she was a daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Elis Etcho.

She attended Mahanoy Township Schools and last worked at Charles Rabin Factory, Frackville, PA.

She was a member of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Roman Catholic Parish and the former Assumption BVM Roman Catholic Church, Mahanoy City. She was past president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and a member of the Golden Age of Mahanoy City and St. Mary's Sodality.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George S. Palmer; on September 16, 2001; brothers, Joseph Etcho and Andrew Etcho; and sisters, Anna Gensure and Mary Patcella.

Surviving are daughters, JoAnn Dower, Morea, and Georgine Legutko, New Boston; a brother, John Etcho, Morea; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

MARGARET YURASEK GETZ

Branch 55

Margaret Yurasek Getz, 86, formerly of Mahanoy City, passed away June 17th at Lancashire Hall Nursing Home.

Born in Mahanoy City, Feb. 23, 1924, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Yurasek.

She was employed in the garment industry for Eagle Shirt Co., Mahanoy City, and also worked as the local insurance agent for the FCSLA "Jednota" Branch 55.

She was a member of Blessed Theresa of Calcutta Roman Catholic Church and the Amalgamated Garment Workers Union.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Stephen, in 1976; three

brothers, Stephen, Joseph and Michael; and two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth "Betsey" Roberts, Lititz; a brother, John, California; and two sisters, Amy and Josephine, both of New Jersey.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the Lancashire Hall Nursing Home, 2829 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543, or to the American Cancer Society.

LORRAINE BERNADETTE (DURESKA) LAHEY

Branch 301

Lorraine Bernadette (Dureska) Lahey, 64, of Chesterfield, MO, loving wife of William (Bill) Lahey for 40 years went home to be with her Lord on Friday, May 29, 2010. Born in Canton, OH in 1945 to the late Steve Dureska and Pauline Dureska, Lori was a 1963 graduate of Canton Central Catholic High School and a 1967 graduate of Bowling Green State University.

At the time of her passing, Lori lived in Chesterfield, MO with her husband, Bill, where they were faithful members of St. Claire of Assisi Catholic Parish. Lori was a devoted mother to her two children. Seann Patrick Lahey, and Nicole Bernadette Cardin, and a proud grandmother of Breanna Nicole Lahey.

Lori had a passion for cooking and gardening. She loved vacationing on the Outer Banks of North Carolina where she enjoyed relaxing on the beach, crafting elaborate sand castles, hunting for seashells, and eating blue crabs. She also had a passion for skiing in the Rockies and in northern Michigan. She took great comfort and joy in the practice of her Catholic faith. Her love, generosity and laughter will always be remembered.

Lori is survived by her husband, Bill; her son Seann, his wife Dana, and their daughter, Breanna; her daughter Nicole and her husband, Tim Cardin; her mother, Pauline Dureska; her brother, Peter Dureska, his wife Patricia; and

their children; and her brother David Dureska, his wife Laura and their children.

MARY ANN BALLAS

Branch 560

Mary Ann Ballas, 68, of Ravenna, OH, formerly of Rootstown, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2010, at her home.

She was born March 28, 1942, in Salem, OH, a daughter of the late Michael John and Anna Dorothy (Jaros) Ballas. Mary Ann worked for M. O'Neil Company and retired from Kaufmann's. She enjoyed birds and loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her siblings: Marge Cayton of Ravenna, Michael R. Ballas of Edinburg, Cathy (Olan) Booher of Kent, Frances Haslett of Green Valley AZ, and Joseph (Dora) Ballas of Edinburg; she is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial contributions were made to the Arthritis Foundation or the North American Bluebird Society PO Box 7844, Bloomington, IN 47407.

RAYMOND J. CAHOY

Branch W093

Raymond J. Cahoy, 66, of Tabor, SD passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Ray was born December 26, 1943 to Rudolph and Ella (Pishek) Cahoy in Bon Homme County, South Dakota. He attended and graduated from Tabor High School in 1961. On June 18, 1965, he entered into the United States Army and served until June 16, 1967 when he was honorably discharged. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Lane on August 9, 1969 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor, SD and to this union four children were born: Mark, Jeff, Amy, and Jean.

Ray enjoyed telling jokes and stories from the past, and talking about

farming along with playing cards, dancing and listening to Polka music. He loved talking and watching sports, especially the Minnesota Twins and the Dodgers.

Ray was a lifetime farmer in the Tabor areas and was also employed by the Mike Durfee State Prison for 21 years before retiring on January 8, 2007.

Ray's memory will always be cherished by his wife, Marilyn Cahoy of Tabor, SD; son, Mark (Kris) Cahoy of Avon, SD, Jeff Cahoy of Tabor, SD, Amy (Jason) Clare of Sioux Falls, SD, and Jean (Kevin) Meyer of Tabor, SD; four grandchildren and one on the way; three sisters: Helen Maruska of Mesa, AZ, Marie (Leonard) Hisek of Tyndall, SD, and Marcy (Lumir) Ruman of Tyndall, SD; a brother, Steve (Janice) Cahoy of Tabor, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Ed Cahoy and infant brother, Joseph, a nephew, a brother-in-law, and two sisters-in-law.

Ray was buried with military graveside rites provided by the Hatwan-Kortan American Legion Post #183.

URBAN P. IMHOLTE **Branch W080**

Urban P. Imholte, 82, died January 19, 2010 in Schuyler, NE. Urban was born November 17, 1927 at Crawford, NE to Urban and Frieda (Wullschlegler) Imholte. He graduated from Leigh High in 1945.

He served in the US Army from 1950 to 1952 with tours in Korea and Japan.

Urban married Alice Ternus on August 22, 1950 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Humphrey and they farmed and operated a dairy farm near Leigh until 1990 when he became the Colfax County Veterans Service Officer, a post he held until 2002.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, 40 and 8, American Legion and the VFW, the NE Association of Service Officers, NAEM. While living in Lehigh he served on the school board, Co-Op Board, Tri County

Board, Community Club and the church council. He enjoyed reading, playing cards, traveling and following sports.

Urban is survived by his wife, Alice of Schuyler; seven children, James and his wife Peg of Overland Park, KS, Janet (Mrs. Harley) Loseke of Richland, Joan (Mrs. Dave) Hollatz of Creston, Kathy (Mrs. Jim) Berger of Louisville, KY, Keith and his wife Nancy of Seneca, KS, Beth (Mrs. Russ) Kuhr of Leigh, Mark and his wife Andrea of Eureka, MO; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother Rev. Otto Imholte of Ireland; two sisters, Noreen (Mrs. Odell) Marchant of Sparks, NV and Eileen (Mrs. Frank) Paulus of West Des Moines, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Paul Hollatz.

CECILIA SAROCKY **Branch 13**



Cecilia (Yaniga) Sarocky, of Swissvale, went home to heaven Tuesday, June 8, 2010, the day after her 86th birthday. She was born June 7, 1924, in Braddock, to the late Michael and

Sophia Slanika Yaniga.

She graduated from Scott High School in North Braddock and she married her husband, the late Stephen S. Sarocky, in September 1945. He passed away September 23, 2002. They had four children: Stephen R. of Pittsburgh, Kenneth M. of San Francisco, CA, Cynthia Schlebusch of

Robinson Township, and the late Carol Ann (surviving spouse James) Bertera who passed away January 12, 1999.

She is also survived by two grandchildren Ronnie and Stephanie; and brothers Frank (Sandy) Yaniga of North Huntington, Richard (Janet) Yaniga of Finleyville, and Edward (Anotinette) Janiga of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Garrity and Valeria "Dolly" Durick (surviving spouse Elmer) of Yardley.

Cecilia served as national president (1978 to 1996), national treasurer (1973 to 1978) and national trustee (1969 to 1973) of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. Cecilia is a past treasurer of the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh. She received the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association, where she served as a board member. Since 1983, she has been general chairperson for the Pittsburgh Slovak Committee for Western PA Slovak Day at Pittsburgh's Kennywood Park. At the centennial anniversary of the LPSCU in 1998, she was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal by his Excellency Jozef Cardinal Tomko of Rome. In 1980, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the Slovak American member to the public delegation at the "Conference on Security and Cooperation Reviewing Helsinki Accords" in Madrid, Spain. In 1988, former Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburg appointed her to serve as Slovak Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission in Harrisburg, a position she held until 1992. Prior to her retirement, she worked in accounting for 22 years.

REMINDER

All the participants who entered the Summer Challenge are reminded to return their calendars to Sue Ann Seich by the September deadline by mail or email.

MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Senior Branch 141

Members of St. Mary's Branch 141 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA) learned that the State of Ohio was making deep cuts into the funding of Mayle Homes, so they approved a motion to join with St. Ambrose Renewal



Marlene and Dick Paterson are presenting checks to Mark Mayle, Director of Maayle Homes for the care of mentally ill residents.

Team 11 and conduct a fund raiser with the approval of the FCSLA Home Office's Matching Funds Program.

Joan Thesling and her St. Ambrose Renewal Sisters have been meeting every month for the past 24 years. One sister, Marlene Paterson, has a son living at Mayle Homes where 80 mentally ill adult residents are cared for with funds from the State of Ohio.

The Ohio State's budget has a deficit of \$8 billion dollars, therefore Legislators cut the funding to many social service programs and Mayle Homes was one of the agencies to receive this sad news.

Therefore, members of St. Mary's Branch 141 and St. Ambrose Renewal Team 11 set about advertising their benefit garage sale for the evening of June 16 and all day on June 17, 18, and 19, with donated items to sell and money donations accepted. Family members, Retreat and Renewal Sisters, and Branch 141 members all volunteered to help before and after the sale.

The response to requests for goods, usable items (no clothes) to sell was simply great! Items were dropped off, picked up, and delivered by members of St. Mary's Branch 141, members of the St. Ambrose Renewal Team 11, Marlene's Retreat sisters, NAMI friends and relatives. Plus



Even a bus brought a load of shoppers to our garage sale.

many members and branches of the FCSLA donated items and money to this worthy cause.

Marlene and Dick washed, waxed and refurbished everything that needed it. Furniture that did not sell was trucked directly to Mayle Home for much needed use by its residents.

The event raised \$1,554.21 from the garage sale, with an additional \$642.68

in donations plus the \$500.00 Matching Funds check from the FCSLA Home Office – bringing the total raised to date for the Mayle Home to \$2,696.89.

Items that remained, a set of China and kitchen cabinets have been advertised on CraigsList.com with the hope for additional income.

When Marlene and Dick made the presentation to the Director, Mark Mayle, he and his staff, plus the residents were thrilled and grateful to everyone who participated in any way. As one resident responded, "I never knew there were people who didn't even know you, that could be so kind!"



Branch 033

Rebecca Kuhn, Branch Secretary of W033 presented a check to Father Donald Hawes of St. Wenceslaus Church in Spillville, IA for \$1,500. \$1,000 of the check proceeds was raised from the annual Branch FCSLA Breakfast and Raffle and \$500 was from the National Home



Office as part of the Matching Grant Program. The money will be used to refurbish the Memorial Gateway at the church and for another project of Father's choice as they prepare for their 150th anniversary celebration.

CORRECTION —

On page 7 in the June issue the two photos should have been captioned Annual Breakfast Raffle, Branch W033, Spillville, IA not Branch W003 Montgomery, MN.

Branch 88

Members of the Monessen Branch 88 recently sponsored a matching funds project for the benefit of the Rostraver Public Library. Members solicited individuals and business's in the area to donate items for an auction. Members also sold tickets to a dinner with part of the ticket price being donated to the library. Tickets were sold for half the take and a chinese auction. The results of the efforts of branch members were approximately 4,000 people will benefit and a grand total of \$6,537.50 was the total profit. Representative Harhai also presented a check for an additional \$5,000 he obtained through the state for the Library.



R. Ted Harhai, PA State Representative of the 58th district (Branch 88) with Dorothy Urbanowicz.



Members of Senior Branch 88 along with one member of Junior Branch 157 and members of the library Board of Directors.



Monica Schoeneck to Compete in Duathlon Worlds Competition

Monica Schoeneck, a member of Branch 23 and an FCSLA Sales representative, has qualified for Team USA in the Duathlon Worlds Competition in Edinburgh, Scotland. Monica competed in the Duathlon Nationals in Richmond, VA on April 25, 2010 and finished 9th in the 30-34 age group, which qualified her for the September 3-5 event in Scotland.



The 2010 Duathlon Worlds Competition involves running and cycling. It starts with a 10 km (about 6 miles) run, followed by a 40 km bicycle ride (about 24 miles), followed by a 5 km run (about 3 miles). In 2008, Monica competed in the Ironman competition in Madison, WI. The Ironman is a grueling sport. It starts with a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bicycle ride, followed by a full marathon. Monica finished the race in 13 hours, 15 minutes and earned the title "Ironman"!



Team USA athletes are expected

to pay for their own expenses for the competition they enter and Monica is currently seeking sponsors for the Scotland trip which will run at \$4,000. FCSLA members or branches may send donations to Monica Schoeneck/ Duathlon Sponsorship, 1779 Gail Lynne Drive, Burlington, WI 53105. All sponsorship donations will be acknowledged. Any funds not needed for the Scotland trip will be donated to the (MDS) Leukemia Foundation. Monica recently lost her father Edward (Tim) Zaccard who fought a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Tim was an FCSLA general agent.



STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Holly Hovanec Earns Gold Award

Holly Hovanec of Deerfield, IL has earned the Gold Award, the highest award presented by the Girl Scouts. Holly is a member of Branch 81 in Whiting, IN, and is the granddaughter of Florence Hovanec, former National Vice President and Trustee and President of Branch 81.

Holly's Gold project consisted of designing and constructing a fence to protect a natural turtle pond environment at Elwa Farm, and a nature park in Lake Forest, IL. Holly and her team worked on this project throughout last summer and completed it just in time for its dedication at summer's end.



Nicole Bazik Graduates



Nicole Ann Bazik (S140, Lansford, PA) graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Psychology. She graduated summa cum laude, with University Honors and was also inducted in Phi Beta Kappa. She will enter George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Nicole's proud grandmother Veronica Bazik is the President of Branch 140 and of the Francis Jakabcin District in Eastern Pennsylvania. Nicole's Dad Mike and brother Matt are also members of Sr. Branch 140. Her equally as proud Aunt Carolyn is the National Editor for the FCSLA.



Hilary Wavrek Receives Award

Dorothy Urbanowicz presented an award to Hilary Wavrek, Co-Valedictorian of the 2010 Graduating Class of Monessen High School. In addition to an FCSLA Scholarship, Hilary is the recipient of the John Husher Scholarship



Award, the Monaghan/Sala Scholarship Award, the Monessen Lions Club Award, the Band Parent Association Award, the Xerox Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution Award. Hilary is a member of Branch 88.



Joseph Gerba Graduates with Distinction

Joseph Gerba, (Branch 522) graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma in May 2010 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He recently began a job working for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Oklahoma City airport. Joseph is the son of Paul and Theresa Gerba of Bedford, TX. Joseph's grandpar-



ents, Paul and Margaret Gerba were officers of Branch 522 for many years.

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!

FCSLA EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING • MARCH 25, 2010

0100.00 Call to Order/Prayer

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

0200.00 Opening Business

0200.01 Roll Call

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

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

0200.02 Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION ADOPTED

0200.03 Approval of Minutes of 12/9/09

Cynthia M. Maleski moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes of 12/9/09 as presented.

MOTION ADOPTED

0300.00 President's Comment

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

0400.00 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John M. Janovec gave a detailed financial review of the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement for year 2009. Supplement #1

0500.00 Old / New Business

0500.01 Annual Annuity Yield – April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Virginia A. Holmes moved and it was seconded to recommend to the Board of Directors, that the annuity annual yield be set at each contract's minimum guaranteed rate effective April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

MOTION ADOPTED

0500.02 Investments

Members of the Executive Finance Committee reviewed the investment purchases made through March 2010. Supplement #2

0500.03 Donations

The Executive Finance Committee approved the requested changes in the use of convention donations for the Lucinka Dance Group, Haven House and St. Barnabas Villa.

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

0600.00 Meeting Dates

The 2010 meeting dates are:

2nd Quarterly Meeting – June 6, 2010 – Reading, PA

3rd Quarterly Meeting – September 15, 2010 – Home Office

4th Quarterly Meeting – December 9, 2010 – Home Office

0700.00 Adjourn

Cynthia M. Maleski moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

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

Branch W018 Holds Annual Picnic at Mahoney State Park

Branch W018 in Omaha held its annual Branch Picnic at Mahoney State Park on Sunday, June 27th. The beautiful weather added to the conviviality of the day. Over 120 members joined in the meal, swimming, paddle boating and miniature golfing. They announced and congratulated the winners of the branch scholarships, and the national scholarship winners. Invitations were given to the winners for the dinner to be held in their honor at Dave & Busters on July 22.



Branch W108 High School Scholarship winner Ryan Cerny.



A strong prairie wind cooled the crowd at Mahoney State Park (but not enough to discourage a good time).



Four generations of the Jim Benes family attended the picnic.

Branch W018 honored two sales professionals from the St. Isidore District at an informal dinner welcoming FCSLA leaders Mary Ann JohaneK and Irene Drotleff. Branch President Bob Hladik presented Steve Stemper and Karen Ruby a small token of appreciation for the work they do for the branch and the Association.

SLOVAK WORDS AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

Women's Clothing: Ženské Oblečenie:

bloomers	nohavičky
blouse	blúzka
bra	podprsenka
cap	čiapka/čapica
dress	šaty
gloves	rukavice
hat (with brim)	klobúk
straw hat	slamený klobúk
hosiery	pančuchy
panty hose	pančuchové nohavice
jacket	kabát/sako*
pullover	pulóver
purse (bag)	taška
shopping bag	nákupná taška
raincoat	pršiplášť*
robe	župan*
scarf	šatka

shawl	šál
shoes	topánky*
skirt	sukňa
slacks/trousers	nohavice*
short pants	šortky/trenky
slip (full slip)	kombiné
slippers	papučie*
socks	ponožky*
suit	oblek/kostým*
sweater	sveter*
sweatsuit	tepláky*
underwear	spodná bielizeň
wallet	peňaženka

**Also applies to men's clothing*

Men's Clothing: Mužské Oblečenie:

belt	remeň
boots	čizmy

Pokračovanie na str. 21

Zázrak na Svadbe v Káne Galilejskej

Bohuslav Zeman SSP

Čítam

Jn 2, 1-11

V Káne Galilejskej bola svadba. Na svadbu pozvali Ježišovu matku, Ježiša a jeho učeníkov. Svadba mala trvať ešte niekoľko dní, ale novomanželom sa už minulo víno. Keď si to Mária všimla, povedala Ježišovi:

– Nemajú vína.

– Čo mňa a teba do toho? – odpovedal Ježiš. – Ešte nenadišiel čas, aby som začal konať.

Vtedy jeho matka povedala obsluhujúcim:

– Urobte všetko, čo vám môj syn povie!

Stálo tam šesť, kamenných nádob na vodu, ktoré slúžili na očisťovanie, aké predpisovala židovská tradícia. Do každej z nich sa zmestilo vyše sto litrov vody.

– Naplňte nádoby vodou – prikázal Ježiš sluhom.

Sluhovia sa pustili do práce a naplnili ich až po okraj. Potom Ježiš povedal:

– Teraz načrite a zaneste nápoj starejšiemu.

Sluhovia urobili, ako im Ježiš prikázal. Keď starejší ochutnal vodu, premenenú na víno, zavolať si ženícha a vravel mu:

– Každý kto usporadúva svadbu, podáva najprv dobré víno a horšie ponúka až potom. Ty si zachoval dobré víno až doteraz.

Toto urobil Ježiš v Káne Galilejskej ako prvé zo znamení. Zjavil, že ho poslal Boh, a jeho učeníci uverili v neho.

The Miracle at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee

Bohuslav Zeman SSP

I Read

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Mary was there, as well as Jesus with His disciples. The wedding was to last for a few more days, but the newlyweds had already run out of wine.

Mary had noticed this and she said to Jesus, 'They have no more wine.'

That is not our concern,' Jesus replied, 'The time for me to act has not come yet.'

Then His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever my Son tells you.'

There were six stone vessels where water for traditional rites of purification was stored. Each of them could hold enormous amounts of water.

'Fill the jars with water,' Jesus ordered the servants.

The servants filled them up to the brim.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the chief steward.'

The servants did as they had been told.

When the steward tasted the water, he realized that it had become wine. He called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone who holds a wedding reception serves good wine first and leaves inferior wine for later. But you have managed to keep the good wine until now.'

Such was the beginning of signs that Jesus made. In Cana of Galilee, He was recognized as someone who had been sent by God Himself and His disciples believed in Him.

Sister Antonia Klausner Honored for 75 Years of Religious Life and 65 Years in Healthcare



Sister Antonia Klausner was born on the south side of Chicago, Roseland, IL. She entered the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth at the age of 14 and is celebrating her 75th Anniversary as a Religious in the Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN) on April 10, 2010. Sister Antonia completed her nursing education at Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, IL and was honored for 65 Years of Service during April 2009 at a Resurrection Health Care award ceremony. Sister Antonia has been involved in patient care services at Saint Mary of

Nazareth Hospital since 1944. She pursued the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at DePaul University, Chicago, IL. Sister then obtained the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Sister Antonia's nursing leadership experience includes positions as Supervisor of Saint Mary of Nazareth's nursery followed by a position as a School of Nursing faculty member. In

1965 she became the Director of the School of Nursing until its closure in 1986. Her motto was "*To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever*". More than 1,300 nursing students graduated during her term of twenty-one years. While serving the nursing school she was also a surveyor for the National League of Nursing for Diploma Programs.

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

Sister's current responsibilities include provision of hospital wide education, monitoring and evaluation of compliance with accrediting and regulatory agency standards. She helps prepare the organization for the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program accreditation process and serves as a resource to staff, to assure quality in patient care as prescribed by the Medical Center's Quality Improvement Plan. She also serves as a mentor in her role as the Department of Nursing's Magnet Journey Coordinator. She wrote and starred in a video entitled "On the Magnet Journey" which educated staff throughout the medical center regarding the process and benefits of the Magnet Recognition.

Sister has been a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Saint Mary's throughout her healthcare career and continues as a strong supporter of the Women's Auxiliary as Moderator and through functions for the benefit of Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center.

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

Although she has lived most of her life as a member of the Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN), her biological family has remained a core value in her life. She has always been there to nurture and support them. Her abounding energy seems limitless; clearly she is moved by the Holy Spirit – not only in her daily life, but when she volunteers her services in soup kitchens, visits the elderly in nursing homes and provides support to the infirmed who do not have others to care for them. She continues to do all things with gusto and perfection as only a life guided by a Christian Philosophy provides, as the *Covenant of Love* states:

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, are called to extend the Kingdom of God's love among ourselves and others by living the spirit of Jesus, Mary and Joseph whose lives were centered in the love of God and one another. We witness to this love through dedicated service to the Church, especially in ministry to the family.

SLOVAK WORDS AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

Pokračovanie zo str. 20

handkerchief	vreckovka
pocket	vrecko
national costume	kroj
necktie	kravata/viazanka
shirt	košeľa
tee shirt	tričko
vest	vesta

What Size:

Aká Veľkosť:

small	malý
smaller	menší
big	veľký
bigger	väčší
medium	stredný
narrow	úzky
wide	široký

Exam/Skúška

1. Mám pekný _____.
2. _____ je veľká.
3. Teplé _____ majú na rukách.
4. Táto _____ sa dobre hodí k tejto sukni.
5. _____ sú čierne.

Possible answers: 1. kraj, 2. taška, 3. rukavice, 4. blúza, 5. čížmy.

We are aware that dates on the cover of the August edition of *Fraternally Yours* should have read 2010-2011. We apologize for this typographical error. A corrected version appears on the web. Thanks for your understanding.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual Midwest Sloak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629.

Mr. Ivan Kralik of the Slovak League of America will show two short videos: one about Slovak-American astronauts Eugene Cernan's trip to the moon, and the second about Slovakia. Afterwards he will answer questions.

Registration for the seminar will start at 1:00 p.m.; Mr. Kralik will be welcomed at 11:45 p.m., with his presentation following. A buffet dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m.

The offering for this event is \$15.00. Prepaid registration can be arranged through John Jurcenko at 773-763-0810. For more information, call Geraldine Hletko at 708-387-7812.

WHITING, IN - Branch S081

Annual Mass and Dinner Sunday, October 31, 2010

Mass 11:00 A.M at St. John the Baptist Church

Dinner - 12:30 P.M. at St. John Panel Room

No charge for members. Guests of members \$15.00

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

Call 659-0913 or 659-2109

REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 30, 2010

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 14,476,529.77
Bonds	565,869,322.38
Preferred Stock	8,230,430.87
Common Stock	743,229.59
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,502,764.50
Promissory Notes	50,836.55
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,860,217.54
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,540,411.51
Other Assets	208,608.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 607,482,351.69
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 173,500,611.08
Annuity Reserves	328,574,944.10
Death Claims Payable	507,910.76
Unearned Premiums	503,100.00
Matured Endowments	304,621.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,782,407.54
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,574,787.61
Accrued Convention Donations	444,445.00
Provision for Future Conventions	450,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,248,373.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,459,383.00
Other Liabilities	1,353,147.22
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	3,081,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 521,784,730.71
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 85,697,620.97
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 85,697,620.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 607,482,351.69

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2010

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,257,913.44
Annuity Premiums	14,641,067.15
Investment Income	11,280,792.71
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	27,705.00
Rental Income	125,954.00
Other Revenue	7,917.32
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 30,341,349.62
EXPENSES	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 4,858,611.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	13,843,944.00
Insurance Benefits	1,007,976.50
Annuity Benefits	5,351,195.46
Commission Expense	497,878.76
Surrender Benefits	667,145.11
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	24,935.39
Matured Endowments	884.00
Donation Expenses	133,774.85
Convention Expenses	60,000.00
Dividends to Members	623,187.21
Post Mortem Benefits	266,072.41
Bonus to Branches	336,870.00
Fraternal Activities	36,796.00
Bank Service Charges	30,256.73
Data Processing Service Fees	106,961.01
Accounting Fees	29,901.00
Actuarial Fees	46,587.00
Legal Fees	51,056.22
Consulting Services	37,667.50
Official Publications	108,526.15
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	130,236.43
Fees — Directors	37,423.44
Salaries — Employees	440,893.33
Salaries — Officers	146,066.68
Interest Expense	102,235.84
Tax Expense	99,250.98
Depreciation Expense	92,012.00
Utility Expense	25,371.74
Postage and Printing	144,539.67
Advertising	41,120.84
Travel Expense	28,747.54
Insurance Department Fees	38,907.62
Sales Promotion	56,461.24
Rental Expense	125,954.00
Other Expense	152,924.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 29,782,372.56
NET INCOME	\$ 558,977.06



BLUE CHEESE COLESLAW

- 1 bag of pre-chopped coleslaw mix (contains red and green cabbage as well as carrots)
- 1 heaping cup of mayonnaise
- 4 tbsp. of Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp. of apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp. of honey
- 1 tsp. of salt
- ½ tsp. of fresh ground black pepper
- 1 cup of crumbled blue cheese
- ½ cup of coarsely chopped walnuts
- ½ cup of raisins

Empty bag of coleslaw mix into a large container. Prepare the dressing. In a separate bowl, mix the mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar, honey, salt, and black pepper together.

Add blue cheese, walnuts, and raisins to the cabbage mixture. Pour the dressing over the salad and mix together well.

Place coleslaw in fridge until ready to serve, at least 2 hours before serving.

SHRIMP PASTA

- ½ pound bow-tie or other short pasta
- Salt
- 2 pounds small pink shrimp (already cooked)
- 1 diced red bell pepper
- 1 diced red onion
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 cup chopped basil leaves (loosely packed)
- ⅓ cup high-quality olive oil
- 1 teaspoon of lemon zest
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon red chili flakes
- Black pepper to taste

Cook the pasta in well salted water until al dente, a bit firmer than you would normally eat. (The pasta will absorb some of the salad dressing and soften further af-

ter cooking.) Rinse the pasta in cold water to stop the cooking. Drain well and put into a large bowl.

Rinse the shrimp and drain well. Add them to the bowl and mix. Add the remaining ingredients and gently mix until well combined. Serve chilled. Serves 4 as a main course, 8 as an appetizer.

PEACH CRISP

- 1 cup of flour
- ⅓ cup of rolled oats
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. all spice
- ¼ tsp. powdered ginger
- Scant ⅛ tsp. of salt
- 1 stick butter at room temperature
- 3 cups of peaches, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- Zest of ¼ lemon
- Juice from ¼ lemon
- 1 tbsp. maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all dried ingredients (flour through salt) together in a large mixing bowl. When thoroughly combined, cut in butter, in pieces, then mix together with your hands until you get a crumbly mixture.

In an 8-inch square baking dish (or dish of similar proportions), add peaches, zest, lemon juice, and maple syrup. Toss together, then top with crumble topping.

Cover dish with foil and bake in oven for 20 minutes, then uncover and bake for another 20-30 minutes, until topping is crispy and brown. Remove from oven and let cool for 15-20 minutes, and then serve with ice cream of your choice!

EGGPLANT RELISH

- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 medium sized eggplant, about 1 lb., cut into ½-inch cubes
- 6 plum tomatoes, finely chopped
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup walnuts or pinenuts
- ¼ cup pitted green olives, chopped
- ¼ cup raisins
- 2 to 3 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. capers, drained
- ¼ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally until the onion begins to soften — about 5 minutes. Add the garlic. Cook a couple minutes more.

Add eggplant and tomatoes. Cover. Cook, stirring occasionally until eggplant is very soft, about 15 minutes.

Add vinegar, nuts, olives, raisins, sugar, and capers. Cook uncovered over medium-low heat until vegetables begin to break down, about 10-12 minutes.

Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Mix in the parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Relish can be refrigerated, covered, up to 5 days.

Makes 4 cups. Serve with toasted French baguette slices, bread sticks, on a sandwich, or with fish or chicken.

CHICKEN/MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE

- 1 5-pound roasting chicken, cut into serving pieces (bone-in, skin on)
- Flour, salt and pepper
- 1 cup canola oil
- Butter
- ¼ cup rich chicken broth
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper

Put a cup of flour, a teaspoon of salt and half a teaspoon of pepper in a brown paper bag. Piece by piece, put a piece of chicken in the bag and shake to coat the chicken with flour mixture.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. On the stovetop, in a large frying pan, heat oil to medium high heat. Place the chicken pieces in the pan. Brown the chicken pieces on all sides, turning when necessary.

Butter a roasting pan generously. Arrange the chicken pieces in it, pour broth over it, and bake at 350 degrees until the chicken is tender and cooked, about 40-50 minutes, or when poking a thigh with a meat fork and only clear juice runs out.

About 20 minutes before the chicken is expected to be done, start cooking the onions and mushrooms. In the same frying pan as was used to cook the chicken, empty the pan of all but 2 tablespoons of oil. Add the onions to the pan and sauté on medium heat until softened. Add the crushed garlic clove and the mushrooms and cook until mushrooms are no longer crisp. Remove and discard the garlic, and add the sour cream and the heavy cream to the onions and mushrooms. Lower the heat. Keep warm, but do not boil. Salt and pepper to taste.

When the chicken is done, remove from oven. Serve on a platter with the mushroom sauce spooned over it, or served on the side.

Serves 6 to 8. Serve with noodles, rice, or Spanish rice.

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