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I BELIEVE

I believe that all life is connected.

I believe that human consciousness is not confined to the
physical being.

I believe that beauty is life displaying the essence of its true
being.

I believe love is the act that tries to bring beauty into being.

I believe that love is the glue and the bridge.

I believe that the real heroes in life are the battlers and the
givers,

and those that are both are extra special.

I believe in the worth of little things — in smiles, in hugs, in
laughs, in well done!, you're good, thanks.

I believe that when I have enjoyed myself, I should tell those
who have made it so.

I believe in the joy in a sparkling eye.

I believe in facing each day anew and leaving behind the
troubles and mistakes of yesterday.

I believe that one of the best things I can do for others is to
show them I believe in them.

I believe in God.

I believe in helping people up . . . my friends and my enemies.

I believe that the worth of my life will depend on how I have
loved and laughed, cared and shared — and not on the length
of my years or the balance in my bank account.

I believe that no matter what my circumstances I can succeed
for success is how I face life.

I believe that if I do not give my best I cheat only myself.

I believe in balance and harmony — that at some time during the
day it is important to rest and be still and enjoy the moment.

I believe everyone is somebody and somebody is everyone.

I believe that the whole is much greater than the sum of the
parts .

Until next month....think about what you believe!
Warmly, Carolyn

From October 1 through December 31, 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%.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE (SPOUSE)

Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, National Chaplain

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

I openly confess to you that I am not a person who watches television during the daytime or early evening hours. I rarely go to the theaters to see the current, popular movie. On a nightly basis, however, I surf the television in the wee hours of the morning because of insomnia or eating dinner way too late interfering with the normal beginning and ending of my digestive process. It is in the course of these early morning hours I am led to believe that if I purchase one of the various exercise programs, I will look like Atlas or a Stallone in his early years of the Rocky movie era. If I call within some twenty minutes of the beginning of a weight loss program, I will obtain a free week's supply of meals that will afford me the opportunity to lose anywhere between ten to one hundred pounds within a set number of weeks or months. I often wonder how delicious these pre-made meals taste!?! These same infomercials may be on two, three or more channels at the same time that makes me question why the Federal Communications Commission does not have a band permitting these same shows on at the same time!?!

Most of my daytime and/or early evening television viewing entails watching either baseball or football games during their respective seasons. I may tune into one of the news channels, the Weather Channel, or the Food Channel just to keep updated and informed. But the rest of the channels leave something to be desired. For example, I am not a sci-fi person and have difficulty placing myself in that particular setting. I do not like the cowboy venue because it is just not me. And surely I am way past "young" to situate myself in the MTV/VH1 audience.

Because the years are catching up with me, I have a major problem with daytime television. Very rarely I have the opportunity to glance at the various programs because of an illness or vacation time. While glancing at the soaps on the weekday afternoons and the various reality shows of the mornings and afternoons, I question the

morality being portrayed by the television producers, the characters, and their sponsors. The morality imposed on the viewing audience impels the watchers to conclude that this is a normal practice of everyday life. The soap operas pose a concern for me because of their lackadaisical approach to relationships between women and men, their seemingly loose understanding of the state of marriage, and the very free expression of jumping in and out of bed with one another without any sense of unitive love and sacredness for sexual expression reserved in marriage.

The Ninth Commandment of the Decalogue states: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife" (*Exodus 20:17*). I do not believe that I can better state what Yahweh gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, but in our day I would think that this can be expanded to not only a neighbor's wife but to a neighbor's husband as well. The sin of "covetousness", also defined as "concupiscence" in the Catholic tradition, refers to the forbidding of possessing a lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Etymologically, 'concupiscence' can refer to any intense form of human desire. Christian theology has given it a particular meaning: the movement of the sensitive appetite contrary to the operation of the human reason. The apostle Saint Paul identifies it with the rebellion of the 'flesh' against the 'spirit.' Concupiscence stems from the disobedience of the first sin. It unsettles man's moral faculties and, without being in itself an offense, inclines man to commit sins" (Paragraph 2515).

The moral principle of this Commandment is that of purity of heart. In the fifth chapter of the *Gospel of Saint Matthew*, Jesus taught His disciples the way of life through the Beatitudes. The Sixth Beatitude, "Blessed are the single-hearted for they shall see God" (5:8) calls the Christian to be "single-hearted" or "pure of heart" in three ways, namely, purity in our charity, purity through our practice of chastity, and purity through our love for the truth and orthodoxy of faith. Because the Christian is im-

mersed in the world, she/he knows that keeping pure of heart is a daily challenge, one that may catch her/him off guard at any time. But with the awareness that Christ is always present to assist the Christian in time of trial, she/he is given the grace to overcome that trial.

Primarily, we are called to be pure in our charity for one another. How easy it is for us to find fault with one another rather than to build charitable relationships with others, foundational through baptism. We have become brothers and sisters in Christ in baptism. As He has loved us, we love Him and one another because of this divine relationship we share with Him. Because all of us are made in the image and likeness of God, we all are called to image that divine love the Creator has bestowed upon us with one another, no matter who the person may be.

Our vocations as Christians are directed to chastity, orienting ourselves from lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life to admiration of the whole person whom we encounter, appreciation for what we view and know of the person before us, and being thankful to Almighty God for what we possess, giving us the ability to share what we have with those so less fortunate than ourselves. In all our thoughts, words, and actions, modesty should prevail.

Finally, in all that we do, truth must prevail. We know that Jesus is our way, our truth, and our life. No matter what the consequence may be, our goal must be the truth. Through the truth, we come to know our God. The way we come to experience this truth is through our following the teachings of Christianity as expressed in the Catholic Church.

What is portrayed in the media as being "acceptable" is not always in alignment with our Christian Faith. To be pure hearted is a task that is not so easy in our culture. Through the power of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies our bodies, may that Spirit's grace enable us to be living models of the Ninth Commandment of the Decalogue and the Sixth Beatitude.

FCSLA IS GROWING

FCSLA is on the move with the opening a new senior branch in David City, NE. On June 3, 2010 our Fraternal and Youth Director, Sue Ann M. Seich, traveled to David City to open new Senior Branch 621. The opening of this new branch is due to the hard work of Michael Moravec, Sales Representative and his office staff at Moravec Financial Advisors, INC. The staff consists of: Lisa Borer who works in Investment Client Services; Don Moravec, Registered Assistant; and Carol Struebing, Administrative Assistant.

This new senior branch keeps growing with the help of this conscientious staff and has surpassed the initial ten new member minimum requirement needed to start a new senior branch. We sincerely thank Michael and his staff for their continued efforts to promote our FCSLA organization and the fraternal benefit system.

Elections were held at the dinner on June 3, 2010. The two officers elected who are helping to lead Sr. Branch 621 into the future are: JoAnne Riha, President and George Cunningham, Secretary. Father Bernard Kimminau attended this branch opening dinner and will be assisting the branch as Spiritual Advisor.

The new branch has met several times since June and is in the process of planning a Fraternal Activity and a Matching Funds Project. FCSLA wishes this new branch much success as we continue to watch it grow.

If you are interested in starting a 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.



L-R, front row: Carol Struebing, Lisa Borer, JoAnne Riha, George Cunningham. Back row: Father Bernard Kimminau, Don Moravec, Michael Moravec.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

By the Grace of God, William and Marion Fayta of Schererville, IN, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 30, 2010, with a Mass at St. Margaret Mercy Chapel. Their children honored them with a luncheon held at St. Mary Hildebrand Hall in Griffith, IN on August 1.



In attendance along with their children, spouses and grandchildren were relatives and friends, including all members of their wedding party (Maid of Honor was unable to attend).

Bill and Marion were married at St. Simon Slovak Church in Chicago, IL on July 30, 1960, by Rev. J. Spitkavsky.

Marion and children: Marianne, Donna and Jim are all members of Branch 421, as was their son John (deceased 1995) and Marion's mother, Johanna Bomba.

VISITS SLOVAKIA



Elaine (Valencik) DeMarco, a member of Sr. Branch 77 in Glassport, PA recently traveled to Bratislava, Slovakia with her husband. She is pictured in front of the Slovenska Narodna Galeria.

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*

Help Find a Cure for Breast Cancer

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Every year more and more individuals are faced with this dreaded disease. "Breast cancer, despite all medical and technological advances, has been on the rise in the last 50 years or so." It takes millions of dollars to fund the research needed to develop new and better treatments for the fight against breast cancer. There are many foundations and charities that help with the raising of these funds. One of them is The Susan G. Komen Foundation and another is The Network of Strength. Every year the Komen Foundation sponsors a Race for the Cure among many other projects that raise funds. Walkers and runners raise funds with pledges and sponsorship for their activities.

You may be able to join the Race for the Cure in your area or consider sponsoring a walker or runner. If every-

one gives a few dollars, it adds up fast! There are several websites where you can obtain information. One of them is www.nbcam.org which contains suggestions and ideas of ways to get involved.

The FCSLA Matching Funds Program is available to all branches that may wish to sponsor an event for this charitable cause. A project may receive up to an additional \$500 in matching funds, if it follows the guidelines. Branch officers and members are encouraged to call the Fraternal and Youth Director, Sue Ann at 1-800-464-4642, Ext. 1051 or email her at sueann@fcsla.org, for information, ideas, suggestions or questions.



Molly Rebar and Andrew Mills Exchange Vows



Mary R. Williams (Sr. Branch 620) of Ramer, PA celebrated the July 24, 2010 wedding of her granddaughter Molly Claire Rebar (Sr. Branch 225) to Andrew Mills. Molly and Andrew were married at St. Mary's Annunciation Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramer, PA in a traditional Mystery of Crowning Ceremony. Attending the new Mrs. Mills as maid of honor and bridesmaid were her sister, Mrs. Sarah Fye, (Sr. Branch

225) and cousin, Amelia Bach (Sr. Branch 620). Guests included her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnston (Sr. Branch 620) and cousins, Noah, Joshua, and Hannah Williams (Jr. Branch 513).

60th Wedding Anniversary Observed

Frank E. and Shirley Ann (Studer) Wellik, of Britt, IA, were married August 1, 1950 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wesley, IA.

The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, August 1, at St. Patrick's Hall, Britt, IA. The day began with an 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

To honor their parents and grandparents, a number of family members participated in the liturgy by playing the organ, singing, proclaiming readings as lector and giving Holy Communion as Eucharist Ministers.

The couple's children and their spouses are Michael J. (Maureen) Wellik of Middletown, DE, Terry (Bert) Wellik of Forest City, IA, Susan (Roger) Sprague of Big Lake, MN, Sandra (Bob) Brcka of Grimes, IA, Gregory (Mary) Wellik of Sicklersville, NJ, Jon (Deneen) Wellik, of Ann Arbor, MI, Jeralyn Wellik of Britt, IA and Janan (David) Juliff, of Minneapolis, MN. They have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple and their children are long-time members of Branch W051 of Duncan, IA.

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



**Have You Signed Up
A New Member This Month?**

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).



Our Readers Respond to . . .

FCSLA FRATERNAL OUTREACH IS ON THE MOVE IN 2010

We continue to share stories with you on how, "Volunteering Can Be Good for Your Health".

JOHN MOYNIHAN is from Jr. Branch 6 in Cleveland, OH and has just turned 12. He volunteered to participate in a trail clean up at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. He put in 8 hours of service work picking up trash, cleaning out ditches and pruning bushes or tree branches. In John's words, "This was very hard but it was a good feeling to help the planet". John is an awesome example of our future generations of volunteers. Way to go John!



JENNIFER KUKULKA ROBERTSON is from Sr. Branch 225 in Hickory Hills, IL and lives in Arnold, MS. She shares with us her story of how volunteering helped her with recovering from the devastated loss of her baby girl, Alyssa. Jennifer shared that it was the hardest thing for them to accept in their lives, losing their baby girl. In January of 2010, Jennifer started looking for a place to donate her wedding dress. She stumbled upon a group called *Newborns In Need of Eastern Missouri*. This group uses donated wedding gowns to make bereavement items for babies who have passed away in a hospital or to help parents in need of an outfit to bury their baby in. Jennifer decided in order to give back to her community she would put her efforts into volunteering with Newborns In Need. She makes deliveries of donated handmade and bereavement items to various organizations in her area. Jennifer attends meetings once a month where the volunteers make the items to donate. Every May she along with the other volunteers hosts the "Largest Baby Shower on the Planet". The shower raises funds and collects the needed baby items that are donated in their community. *Newborns in Need, Inc.* was founded in 1992 upon Christian

principles of serving God's tiniest children who are in need of essential items without charge. If you would like more information about this ministry, their website is easternmo@newbornsinneed.org. We thank Jennifer for sharing her story which will hopefully encourage others to join this ministry.



MARTIN McINTYRE is the husband of our member Mary McIntyre from Branch 196 in Shenandoah, PA. Martin and Mary live in Monroe Township in NJ. Martin's volunteer efforts were for the PCGG, (Prison Christian Growth Group) in Northeast PA. He and as many as nine other volunteers traveled to the State Correctional Institutions and met with the inmates on the weekends. They would pray with the inmates and spend time with them. Martin said it was gratifying to see the friendliness as they got to know the men. Martin says, "We left feeling better and they felt better also". We thank Martin for sharing his volunteer efforts.



JOSEPH MIKLOVIC secretary of Sr. Branch 101/Jr. Branch 11 in St. Louis, MO coordinated and volunteered for a project on July 4, 2010. The members of his branch along with FCSU Branch 109 KJ and BSA Troop 115 from St. Mary Magdalen in south city St. Louis held a flag collection drive after all the masses. There were over 750 flags donated. The United States Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning". We thank Joseph for sharing his volunteer efforts and appreciate him coordinating this project.

BRANCH 8 MEMBER EARNS JURIS DOCTORATE DEGREE

Mrs. Erica Lee Beck Pero received a Juris Doctorate degree from Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, VA on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Mrs. Pero was the Senior Editor and articles editor of the Regent University Law Review and was a member of the James Kent Inn of Court. Regent Law faculty awarded her the Corporate Transactional Law award at the commencement (commissioning) ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Erica is the daughter of Tom and Candy Beck, Huntersville, NC and granddaughter of Marcella and the late

Don F. Chudomelka of Dodge, NE and Bob and Nola Beck, Fremont, NE.

Erica and Andy Pero and their 3-month-old daughter, Marcella Kathleen, hosted a dinner in their home on Thursday, May 6, 2010 to welcome friends and family and to honor brother Aaron Beck and Aunt Connie Pieper who were celebrating their birthdays.

Attending the weekend festivities in Virginia Beach were Tom and Candy Beck, Huntersville, NC; Aaron Beck, Charlotte, NC; Marcella Chudomelka and Connie Pieper, Dodge, NE; Jessica Pieper, Lincoln; and Dr. Pat Chudomelka and Keith Wagner, Omaha.

Erica was also a recipient of a scholarship award from FCSLA. She along with members of her family are members of Branch W008 of Dodge, NE. Congratulations Erica from all Branch W008 members.



MATCHING FUNDS ACTIVITIES

Jr. Branch 157

On Sunday, August 8, 2010 The Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church in Monessen, PA held its annual Parish Food and Fun Festival. Members of Jr. Branch 157, Monessen, PA participated in a Matching Funds Project at the festival by manning a Bake Sale booth. Each member wore a sailor type white hat with the large initials FCSLA printed in blue on the front. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers and friends of the junior members baked cookies, buns, pies, fudge, cakes and numerous other sweet treats for the project.

Junior members greeted the people who came to the Bake Sale tables, sold the cookies and other treats, and then helped to carry the purchases to patron's seats. The members enthusiasm and courtesy was noted by all the patrons and they were all "good ambassadors and examples" for the FCSLA. The festival started at 11:30 a.m. and lasted until 10:00 p.m. Over 2,000 parish members, Monessen and Monongahela Valley residents enjoyed the fun, food and friendship of this annual festival.



Shown presenting the check to Rev. David J. Nazimek, pastor of the Epiphany Church is from left, Rosemary Betza, Branch Auditor, Rev. David J. Nazimek, Ruth J. Bielawski Branch Project Co-ordinator, and Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Officer Auditor.



Sr. Branch 177/Jr. Branch 115

Members of Sr. Branch 177 and Jr. Branch 115 of Clairton, PA helped sponsor Womansplace at the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. The walk was held in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Gerald M. LaFrankie of Branch 177 is a board member of Womansplace.

This year, with the help of Womansplace Board of Directors, staff, family and friends, we were able to gather 75 walkers and raise nearly \$2,700 under the team name, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Womansplace is a domestic abuse center in McKeesport, PA. Womansplace mission is to end the cycle of domestic violence and change social norms through education and systems advocacy.



L-R: Amy Thomas, President of Jr. Branch 115; Camden Stover, Jr. Branch 115; Gerald M. LaFrankie, President of Branch 177; Monica LaFrankie, Secretary of Branch 177 and Jason Thomas of Branch 177.



Staff, family and friends of Womansplace.

Sr. Branch 88

The photo below is a presentation of a matching funds check in the amount of \$500 by Sr. Branch 88 to the Rostraver Public Library.



L-R: Rosemary Betza, Branch 88 Auditor; Dorothy Urbanowicz, National Auditor and Branch 88 President; John Masich, Rostraver Library Board President, and Alice Bialon, Branch 88 Recording Secretary.

Sr. Branch 172

Sacred Heart Wilkes-Barre Foundation (SHWBF) and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA), Sr. Branch 172 raised funds of \$880 to clean-up the grounds and gardens of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on North Maine Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Since the church and its grounds are in a prominent area of north Wilkes-Barre, PA, those concerned groups wanted to return the area to its former beauty to be enjoyed once again. The project was a Matching Funds Project sponsored by the FCSLA, Sr. Branch 172 with the Sacred Heart Wilkes-Barre Foundation.

Nancy Balent of the SHWBF and Magdalen Iskra of the FCSLA were Project Leaders of the groups that spearheaded



L-R, front row: Joe Ceklosky, Barbara Ceklosky, Magdalen Iskra, Dave Tarantini, Noreen Foti, Tony Foti. Row 2: Mike Hovarth, Nancy Balent, Mary Ann Petrenchak, Theresa Partika, Mary Chupka, Ann Dougher, Martha Iskra. Back row: John Yench, Nancy Fedor, Margaret Chupka, Lois McManus, Theresa Chupka.

the activity. After receiving permission to do the clean-up, Nancy Balent contacted Scott Lawson of Green Valley Landscaping, Plains, PA, to do the work. Two entire days and a crew of men were needed to complete the project. The work was completed for the celebration of a special evening Mass on June 11, 2010 requested by the SHWBF for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass was celebrated by the newly appointed pastor Rev. Kevin Seagar and the guest organist was David Baloga. Seminarian Michael Drevitch served as coordinator. The Foundation led a rosary prior to the evening Mass for a favorable outcome to the appeal in Rome to save Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

New members are invited to join the mission to save Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at www.shwbfoundation.com.

Home Office Happenings

• SLOVAK AMBASSADOR VISITS CLEVELAND

His Excellency Peter Burian is the Slovak Ambassador to the United States of America. Recently he was in the Cleveland area for the FCSU Convention. Ambassador Burian graciously accepted an invitation from our National President to visit the FCSLA Home Office.



L-R: Monsignor Peter Polando, National Chaplain; Irene Drotleff, National Secretary; Ambassador Peter Burian; Mary Ann Johaneck, National President and John Janovec, National Treasurer.

• JIM DEAK CELEBRATES 50TH BIRTHDAY



Jim Deak, Programmer at the Home Office recently celebrated his 50th birthday with his co-workers properly attired in black to mark the special occasion.



National Scholarship Winners Honored

Branch 77 — McKeesport, Pennsylvania

Branch 77 of McKeesport honored their scholarship winners on Sunday, June 13 with a dinner at the Winchester Room Steakhouse in North Versailles, PA. Nicole Ianotti attended with her parents, Sherry and Nick, and Adam Hutsko attended with his parents, Tony and Jen, along with Branch Officers.

Nicole works as an intern at Dick's Sporting Goods. She will begin her senior year at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. Nicole has a double major, Accounting and Finance.



L-R, Seated: Marian Greenland, Financial Secretary; Judy Fedor, Recording Secretary and Junior Secretary; Audrey Podlesny, Auditor. Standing: Jerry Holmes, President; Virginia Holmes, Treasurer; Adam, Nicole and Carol Yurechko, Auditor.

We are proud of our scholarship winners and their accomplishments. We wish them all the best!



Nicole Ianotti with her parents, Nick and Sherry.



Adam Hutsko with his parents, Tony and Jen.

Branch 114 — Lorain, Ohio

Members of Branch 114 celebrated St. Ann's Day in Lorain, OH and honored their scholarship winners with a lunch for them with many members of Branch 114 present at the American Slovak Club.

President Bernadette Robertson honored scholarship winners — Amanda Smith, Nicholas Burgdorf, Briana Shullick and Kayla Bobek. In addition the branch honored



Slovak princess Kaitlyn Knick and Bernadette Robertson, President of Branch 114.

all those who applied for scholarship and the scholarship winners by giving them a monetary donation to help cover the cost of their books.

Also present was Kaitlyn Knick (Slovak Princess), daughter of Tom and Catherine Knick. Kaitlyn is a member of the St. Ann's Lodge Branch 114 and was sponsored by the United Slovak Societies of the American Slovak Club at Lorain's International Festival which was held in June.



L-R: Amanda Smith, Nicholas Burgdorf, Briana Shullick, Kayla Bobick and Branch President Bernadette Robertson.



Kaitlyn Knick and members of St. Ann's Branch 114.



Anna Hurban District of Chicago

During its quarterly District meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2010, at the Royal Palace Restaurant in Chicago Ridge, IL, the Anna Hurban District of Chicago hosted its annual scholarship awards luncheon for 20 Chicago District scholarship winners. The scholarship winners and their guests were congratulated not only by the District and Branch Officers in attendance, but also by the National President, Mary Ann Johanek and National Secretary, Irene Drotleff. Mary Ann and Irene were in Chicago to attend the District meeting on other FCSLA business and graciously posed for pictures with these proud scholarship recipients. Anna Hurban District of Chicago President, Joe Ledvora, reported to all in attendance that this year the FCSLA awarded scholarships to 223 FCSLA members in the amount of \$251,750 of which \$23,500 went to 20 Chicago District members comprising of four elementary, four high school, nine college (ranging from freshman to senior year) and three graduate students. The 20 scholarship winners are: Erica F. Fant (Branch 175), Evan J. Jurcenko (Branch 96), Christine A. Kobilarcik (Branch 339), Richard A. Schultz (Branch 174), Mitchell E. Lotko (Branch 370), Hunter T. Priesol (Branch 174), Andrew VonJohnn (Branch 377), Eric Lee Yeager (Branch 258), Eric W. Balas (Branch 225), Bennet E. Cerven (Branch 46), Kaitlyn A. Crohan (Branch 180), Daniel J. Hanacek (Branch 485), Mary T. Haneman (Branch 180), Danika Kugelard (Branch 181), Nicholas Nowdomski (Branch 225), Joshua D. Palanca (Branch 258), Annemarie Palenica (Branch 287), Mark Groner (Branch 180), Marsha T. Komosa (Branch 421), and Matthew Michuda (awarded as a Theresa Sajan Scholarship Award) (Branch 180). The Chicago District is proud of all of these scholarship winners and we wish them continued success in their studies.



L-R, Back Row: Hunter Priesol, Kaitlyn Crohan, Irene Drotleff Erica Fant, Joshua Palanca, Mary Ann Johanek and Annemarie Palenica. **Front Row:** Christine Kobilarcik and Richard Schultz.



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Branch 406 Celebrates a Scholarship Winner

David E. Sumney III recently celebrated the scholarship he was awarded by the FCSLA at a party hosted by his proud family. He entered his first year at Slippery Rock University this fall.



Front row, L-R: Elizabeth Sobansky, great aunt and Branch President; David, the recipient; Geraldine Reihner, grandmother. **Second row:** Elmer L. Sobansky II, cousin, David E. Sumney II, father, Carol A. Sumney, mother. **Back row:** Elmer L. Sobansky, cousin and Thomas W. Reihner, uncle. All are members of Sr. Branch 406.



Branch 481 — Cleveland, Ohio

Matthew Oros a member of Jr. Branch 481 in Cleveland, OH wishes to thank the FCSLA for awarding him a scholarship. Matthew is in the third grade at SS. Joseph and John School in Strongsville, OH. His parents Joseph and Nadia Oros are officers in Sr. Branch 553. His grandpa, Joseph (pictured above) and grandma, Johanna Oros are officers. Joseph is in Sr. Branch 553 and Johanna Ser. Branch 557. Aunt Donna and Uncle Tom are officers in Sr. Branch 557.



FCSLA ANNOUNCES NEW FEATURES ON WEBSITE

The Chicago District and its branches are now live on the web. Go to www.fcsla.org, click on the "District Pages" link on the left hand side to view the latest news and upcoming events happening in the Chicago District.

In the upcoming months the Home Office plans to work with the districts to create pages of their own.



A big congratulations is in order for Jr. Branch 475 member **KEVIN KEHOE**. His artistic and academic skills netted him first place in the Ohio Energy Project's bookmark contest. Sixth grade students from more than 115 schools throughout the state of Ohio participated by submitting outstanding bookmark designs and essays for the contest sponsored by the Office of the Ohio Consumer's Counsel. The theme was "Energy Efficiency is our Responsibility for Ohio."

Kevin Kehoe attends Hudson Middle School in Hudson, OH. His mother, Eve Joseph, grandparents, Penny and Bart Topoly, and great-grandmother, Helen Javurek are longtime members of Branch 292.



GRACE ELIZABETH KONICK, daughter of Beth and Brian Konick of Jefferson Hills, PA received her First Holy Communion at St. Thomas Á Becket Church on April 24, 2010. Grace and her brother, Jack, are members of Jr. Branch 115 in Clairton, PA. Her mother, Beth, is the Treasurer of Sr. Branch 177 and her father Brian is also a member. Grace's grandparents are Monica LaFrankie, Sr. and Jr. Financial Secretary and Gerald M. LaFrankie, Pittsburgh District Vice President and Sr. Branch President.

Grace is a second grade student at Gill Hall Elementary School in Jefferson Hills. She is a cheerleader for Thomas Jefferson Youth Cheerleading Association and takes dance and gymnastics. Grace and her family are very active with branch activities.



MATTHEW OROS received his First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville, OH with Father Robert J. Sanson celebrating the Mass.

Matthew is the son of Joseph and Nadia Oros of Strongsville, OH. Matthew attends SS. Joseph and John School.

Matthew and his sister Veronica are members of Jr. Branch 481 and his parents are members and officers of Sr. Branch 553. Matthew is the grandson of Joseph and Johanna Oros active officers in Sr. Branches 553 and 557, along with Aunt Donna and Uncle Tom.





KYLIE ROSE KIGGINS received her First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at St. Helen Church in Newbury, OH.

Kylie was a FCSLA scholarship recipient in 2008 and attends St. Helen School where she will be in the third grade this September.

Kylie is a member of Jr. Branch 380 in Bedford, OH where her great-grandmother, Helen Basa, is Treasurer and her grandmother, Christine Kiggins is Secretary.



David and Carolyn Kcenich members of Branch 350, Shamokin, PA would like to introduce to you the newest member of their family and of Jr. Branch 207, Shamokin, PA.

CAROLINE ROSE KCENICH was born on May 18, 2010. She is the granddaughter of the late Karlene Wheeler and Joseph Wheeler of Texas and Ted and Rita Kcenich of Plains, PA.

Branch W137 Holds Annual Family Bike Ride

On Saturday June 26, 2010, Branch W137 held a family bike ride. The ride originated from Sokol Park and proceeded south to the end of the trail and back, a 20 mile round trip. Participants were from Iowa, Illinois, Virginia, Michigan, Texas and Massachusetts. Lunch was served after the ride and prizes given out.



Drahozal Family Celebrates 100 Years

The Drahozal family celebrated 100 years in America with a family reunion at Jones Park in Cedar Rapids, IA on Sunday, June 27, 2010. Over 100 family members were in attendance. A tree planting was held earlier in the day at St. Ludmila Church. Vaclav and Marie Drahozal arrived at Ellis Island on October 10, 1910. Many of the Drahozal family members are FCSLA members.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Did your children, grandchildren receive special awards or achievements in school this year?
- Baptisms? Confirmations?
- Participated in Volunteer and Community Projects?

If they are members of the FCSLA please send us a photo and short article about their special achievements to Carolyn Bazik, National Editor.



IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET M. DOSLAK

Branch 114



Margaret M. Doslak (nee Zahuranec), 90, of Lorain, OH, died Friday, May 28, 2010 at Anchor Lodge Nursing Home in Lorain, OH.

She was born June 1, 1919 in Yukon, PA and had resided in Lorain since childhood.

Margaret was a graduate of Lorain High School and worked as a secretary for the law firm of Levin and Levin and for Attorney Thomas O'Hern.

Margaret was an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lorain where she sang in the children's choir and later in the adult women's choir. Prior to her marriage, she was active in the Young Ladies Sodality and later served as a lector during masses celebrated in the Slovak language.

Margaret was active in many Slovak fraternal organizations. She was a life-long member of the Ladies Wreath of Slovak Catholic Sokols and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

As a youth Margaret participated in the gymnastic program of the Slovak Catholic Sokols. She served as president, secretary and treasurer of St. Ann's Lodge Branch 114 of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

She is survived by her children Margaret Ann Thomas (Carl) of Lorain, OH, Marie V. Schweinberg (Richard) of Lorain, William R. Doslak (Kristina A. Hampton) of Olmsted Township, daughter-in-law Dorothy Doslak of Rochester Hills, MI, grandchildren Connie DePauw (Phil), Brian Doslak (Kim), Cheryl Desko, Matt Doslak, Beth Doslak and Sarah Doslak, eight great-grandchildren, sister Fabiola Gornik of Steelton, PA and brother Bernard Zahuranec (Jean) of Emerald Isle, NC.

She was preceded in death by her husband John J. Doslak in 1998, son John A. Doslak in 1980, parents John and Anna Zahuranec (nee Regens-

bogen) and a grandson at birth, Scott Allen Doslak.

ANNA MARY VERESPEJ

Branch 555



Anna Mary (Matea) Verespej of Willoughick, OH, passed away at the age of 90 on June 25, 2010.

Born in Clymer, PA, on May 12, 1920, she was the daughter of Frank

and Clara (Kusner) Matea and the last surviving sibling of six brothers and sisters. Preceded in death by her husband Joe in June 1996. Both Anna and Joe were members of Sr. Branch 555.

Anna is survived by her children Joanne of California, Mike (Kathy) of Virginia and Ray (Christine) of Wisconsin. She is further survived by her grandchildren Sally, Thomas, Daniel, Jeffrey, Joseph and Sarah, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Anna was a seamstress, homemaker and volunteer before joining the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland in 1969. She worked in the Diocese's Printing and Mailing Department 25 years before retiring in 1995.

Anna was an avid cook, baker and reader of mystery novels who passed along her love of those hobbies to her children.

A special thanks to the staffs at Riverview Village in Menomonee Falls, WI, and Lasata Care Center, 2 East, in Cedarburg, WI, for all your love and compassion shown to Mom while a resident from August 2004 to June 2010. Your special care was truly a blessing.

Visitation was July 2 at Monreal Funeral Home, Eastlake, OH, with a funeral Mass on Saturday, July 3, at St. Mary Magdalene, Willoughick, OH, followed by burial at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

Those interested may make a donation in Anna's name to the American

Diabetes Association, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Special Olympics Wisconsin, three organizations near to her son Ray's heart.

FRANK JOSEPH SHIDLER

Branch W500

Frank Joseph Shidler, 92, died of natural causes in his home in Oklahoma City, OK on May 24, 2010 (his 69th wedding anniversary). He was surrounded by loved ones at the time of his death.

Frank was born March 21, 1918 in Detroit, MI to Czech immigrants (Marie and John Shidler). He attended Northwestern High School where he met his life-long sweetheart, Shirley. Frank helped his basketball team win the State Championship. His high school basketball success earned him a college scholarship to Michigan State where he studied Criminal Justice.

Frank married Shirley on May 24, 1941. Shortly thereafter World War II started and Frank joined the Army as a ROTC Second LT. He was sent to Europe and became a Captain of the 739th Field Artillery Battalion of General Patton's Third Army. During that time Frank distinguished himself in battle earning many medals including the Silver Star. When the war ended Frank returned safely and made his home in Oklahoma to reunite with his wife and met his first child, a son.

With \$700 to his name he went on to build a SMICO, a very successful company that manufactured flour-milling equipment. They had two daughters to complete their family which was raised with love in the Catholic faith.

Frank is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Ann Shidler; three children, Frank J (Cap) Jr., Donna Shidler Krutka and husband Larry, Jane Ann Shidler Crutchfield and husband Jim; and eleven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations were made to the Christ the King Catholic Church Pre-School Development Fund,

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8005 Dorset Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73129.

CHERYL ANN KOLESAR **Branch 301**

Cherished daughter of Helen (Radvansky) and Francis P. Kolesar went to God on Friday, July 16, 2010, after a brief battle with uterine sarcoma.

Cheryl was born August 4, 1970; and was a 1988 graduate of Glen Oak High School. She was a 1992 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in education specializing in French and math.

Cheryl taught French at Maysville High School and Canton Country Day.

Due to the demise of French as an academic subject, she took the challenge to change careers and became a skilled medical transcriptionist at Mercy Medical Center.

Cheryl's love of French never waned as she traveled to France every summer as a guide and mentor to French students.

She was an avid crochet artist, making and giving to all.

Cheryl is also survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and David Siegfried of Vienna, OH and Shelia and Jeff Crawford, of Macedonia, OH and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Katrina Kolesar of Canton. Cheryl was the proud aunt of Jeremy, Adam, Cassandra, Calvin, and Calista. She is also survived by her maternal grandmother, Mary Radvansky, whom she loved and visited frequently. Nearly two dozen aunts and uncles shared in her life, as well as cousins all over America. Her friends were numerous and dear to her heart and her love for all will be sorely missed.

Memorial donations were made to the American Cancer Society for Cancer Research at www.cancer.org.

RUTHANN SACEK **Branch 409**

Ruthann (nee Hrabik) Sacek, age 71, of Crown Point, IN passed away on

Wednesday, June 30, 2010, at St. Anthony Medical Center.

Ruthann is survived by her husband of 49 years, Andrew A., three children: Cheryl Sacek of Rhode Island, Jeffery (Nancy) Sacek of Valparaiso, IN, Scott (fiancée Jessica Hill) Sacek of Crown Point, IN; two grandchildren, Samantha and Amanda Sacek.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ann Hrabik. Ruthann was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She was retired Director of Nursing at St. Anthony Nursing Home with over 22 years of service. Prior to nursing she taught kindergarten and second grade at Assumption School in East Chicago. Ruthann was secretary treasurer of Sr. Branch 409. She enjoyed arts and crafts, including ceramics, knitting and crocheting.

Memorial donations were made to St. Mary's in Crown Point, IN.

HERMAN M. ZAHRADKA **Branch W092**

Herman M. Zahradka, 79, of Grand Forks, ND passed away peacefully May 20, 2010 at Altra Hospital Grand Forks.

Herman was born March 21, 1931, the son of John J. and Lucy (Shereck) Zahradka in Lankin, ND. Before moving to Grand Forks and as a young man Herman grew up in Lankin, working and running the family farm with his brothers.

On September 18, 1970, Herman married Rita Carl and raised their family in Grand Forks. After 37 exceptional years, Herman retired as a Heavy Equipment Operator from University of North Dakota. He was a very dedicated worker and took pride in all his accomplishments.

Herman thrived on being a compassionate husband, father, and friend. He enjoyed spending summers with his wife, children, and grandchildren at their lake cottage in Minnesota, where he spent his days fishing and boating. Being "Mr. Fix-It" you could find him

building or working on his many projects, but always had time to bandage skinned knees. He loved spending time in the outdoors for both work and pleasure. Herman's faith and family was the highlight of his life. He will forever be in our hearts.

He survived by his wife, Rita; daughters Kari Gaddie (Don Burris), Grand Forks, ND, Kristin (Craig) Spradlin, East Grand Forks, MN and Kelli (Chad) Bohn, Harwood, ND; grandchildren, Alizabeth, Brianna and Blake Gaddie, Addisyn and Zoey Spradlin; sister-in-law Ann (Mrs. Leonard) Zahradka, West Fargo, ND.

Herman was preceded in death by his granddaughter Amy Jo Gaddie; parents and brothers; John, Leonard and Ronald.

MARGARET A. GANZLMAR **Branch 224**

Margaret "Marge" A. Ganzlmar, 81, formerly of Ford City, died June 18, 2010, at Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Cabot.

She was born September 15, 1928 in Ford City, a daughter of the late Andrew and Anna (Bengas) Halas.

Mrs. Ganzlmar was a former member of Holy Trinity Church in Ford City, where she was a member of the choir and the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild.

She formerly worked as a clerical person at PPG Industries of Ford City and was a member of the Armstrong County Herb Group and the Heritage Days Choir. She volunteered as an English and reading tutor and volunteered at the Well Baby Clinic of the ACMH Hospital. She enjoyed doing cross stitch and enjoyed going to the family camp on the Allegheny River.

Surviving are son, Frank M. (Lore) Ganzlmar of Conneaut Lake, PA, brother Edward Halas of Pittsburgh, brother Frank Halas of Ford City.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Frank E. Ganzlmar, who died in 2001.

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IN MEMORIAM

SKOLASTIKA OLINA FRANTA **Branch 235**

Skolastika Olina "Oli" Franta, 82, of Saddle Brook, died June 16, 2010. Born in Hajske, Slovakia, Mrs. Franta came to the United States in 1948 settling first in Passaic and then moving to Saddle Brook in 1950.

She had been a Data Processor with the IMS Health Co., formerly of Totowa, for fifteen years until her retirement. During her lifetime, Mrs. Franta had been an accomplished artist working with oils and creating still lifes, landscapes and seascapes. She had studied in New York City and displayed her artwork in Lincoln Center and various college campuses. Mrs. Franta attended Bergen Community College at the age of 50 and graduated at the age of 52.

Mrs. Franta was a parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Passaic, where she was a member of the Rosary Society and served as a Eucharistic Minister for over 20 years. She was also a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokols.

She was predeceased by her husband, Teofil (Tom) Franta, in 2008 and by her sister, Anna Blaho. Survivors include: her son, Daniel Franta, DMD of Somerset, NJ; her daughter Mrs. Irene Bliss and her husband, Roger of Gainesville, NY; her grandson, Michael Lloyd and her great-grandson, Michael Scott Franta Lloyd.

Memorial contributions were made to the Propagation of the Faith, 24 DeGrasse St., Paterson, NJ 07505.

ERNEST MASSAR III **Branch 417**

Ernest Massar III, age 21, of Tresckow, died Friday, July 2, 2010 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Weatherly.

Born in Hazleton, PA, he was the son of Ernest Massar Jr. of Tresckow and Mary Jo Holly Massar of McAdoo.

Ernest attended McAdoo Catholic School and was a 2006 graduate of

Marian Catholic High School. He was a member of the Weatherly Youth Basketball League.

Preceding him in death were his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Mary Jane Makowiec Holly; and paternal grandparents, Ernest and Evelyn Halecky Massar.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Robert of McAdoo; sister, Holly Massar and Willow Lyons, both of McAdoo; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

SISTER M. ROSETTA DIEHL **Branch 542**

Sister M. Rosetta Diehl, SCN, ended her earthly life of 72 years and began her eternal life on July 14, 2010. At the time of her death Sister was a member of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY.

Born in Ridgway, PA, Sister entered the Vincentian Sisters of Charity from St. Leo the Great Parish, Ridgway, PA on September 8, 1957.

During her years of ministry, Sister Rosetta work for 24 years as a Practical Nurse in Assumption Nursing Home in Youngstown, OH. She served 11 years in the same capacity at Vincentian Nursing Home and 11 years as Activities Coordinator in Vincentian Personal Care Facility. Sister also served for 12 years at Villa de Marillac. She entered Vincentian Nursing Home in 2010.

Sister was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Rose. Among those who will mourn her death are her

sister Joan Hepp and her many friends and her sisters in Community.

Memorial donations were made to the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Office of Congregational Advancement, PO Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.

COLLEEN C. BANNON **Branch 53**

Colleen C. Bannon passed away January 21, 2010 in Glendale, AZ at the age of 49. Loving daughter of Richard J. and the late Rosemary J. Bannon Sr., beloved sister of Ann (Terry) Wyllie of Virginia, Maureen (Mark) Wilcomb of Virginia, Richard (Gloria) Bannon Jr. of Plainfield, Arthur Bannon of Naperville and Marybeth Bannon of Joliet.

Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews, Krista M. Bannon, Patrick, Timothy and Logan M. Wyllie, Mark D., Sean R., Kevin M., and Brianna Bannon, Anna E., and Katharine T. Meier, Conaill M. Wilcomb and Noah James Wolf. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Colleen attended the Cathedral of St. Raymond Grade School, Providence Catholic High School and graduated from the Joliet Junior College Nursing Program. She was a staff nurse at the University of Chicago Medical Center immediately after receiving her nursing degree. Subsequently she was employed by the Flying Nurses with assignments throughout the eastern and southeastern United States. Colleen was most recently a charge nurse in Augusta, GA.

WANTED: Catholic Religious Items!

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If you are considering "cleaning out" please do not throw these Catholic items away! Help send them to Catholic Missions in Third World countries that they may be used once again and spread the Holy Catholic faith.

Please send to Peter Gaidos, 738 Gatewood Road #131, Garland, TX 75043-3398. Do not send old Christmas Cards or Mass Enrollment Cards. Thank you.

May Jesus and Mary most abundantly bless and reward you for your kind generosity to those who have so very little!

Jr. Branch 58 and Sr. Branch 81 of Whiting, Indiana Visit Convalescent Home

Jr. Branch 58 officers and young members met June 9, in the St. John Founders Room in Whiting, IN to make rosary bracelets for the Whiting/Hammond Convalescent Home. The officers and members strung prayer beads and a cross to make a decade of the rosary. In order to turn this into a bracelet we added a button on the end. Making these prayer beads took a lot of patience along with knot tying expertise. The beads and crosses were donated by a church group in Florida that is visited by one of our officers. The officers of Branch 81 helped the Jr. Branch greatly.

On June 21 the officers and members attended a prayer service at the Whiting/Hammond Convalescent Home. Before this service we handed out the rosary bracelets we had made. The recipients were very happy to receive these bracelets. They liked the big wooden beads which were easy for them to hold. They all enjoyed seeing the younger members, it really put a spark in their day. One of the residents at the Convalescent Home was a previous officer of Branch 81, Ann Furiak. Also present was a Branch 81 member, Val Stack, who was there undergoing therapy at the home. This proved to be a very good exercise in community service for all who participated.



Front row, L-R: Florence Hovanec (President of Branch 81), and Ann Furiak, former officer of Branch 81. Back row, L-R: Marjorie Strbjak, Jr. Branch 58, Donnie Sabol and Geraldine Tumidalsky, both members of Branch 81.



KANSAS BRANCH W133 HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

Branch W133, of Timken, KS, held their annual picnic on August 1 at Timken Hill. Members enjoyed a fine lunch featuring BBQ, salads, chips, drinks, and desserts. After lunch and a social time, President Helen Finger presented a FCSLA college scholarship to Michelle Harris. Andrew Gasper, unable to attend the picnic, also earned a FCSLA scholarship. The next meeting for the group will be a Christmas party on January 9, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at Timken Hill.



Michelle Harris, left, receives her scholarship from Branch President Helen Finger.



Candid shots from Branch W133 members and families gathering for lunch.

BRANCH W045 HOLDS SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL PICNIC

Branch W045 in Cedar Rapids, IA held their annual picnic on Sunday, July 25 from 2-6 p.m. in the St. Wenceslaus Gym building. The festivities started with Bingo from 2:30-4 p.m. A picnic lunch of hot dogs, bratwurst, hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, cucumbers, tomatoes, rye bread, kolaches and beverages followed. Approximately 100 people attended. Gifts supplied by the Home Office were heartily enjoyed by both the adults and children.



SESTRY KORNOVE: THE CORNELL SISTERS

Mila, Chris, and Anne are the daughters of the late Joseph and Anna Korno, a family esteemed for their liberal support of Slovak culture in America. Since their early childhood, the celebrated trio was acclaimed for their delightful renditions of Slovak folksongs.

They made their first public appearance when Mila was 10, Chris was 8, and Anne was 6 on the early WJBK Slovak Radio Program. The sisters gained much of their basic experience appearing on Slovak socials and cultural programs, church functions, amateur school dramatic programs, and Slovak picnics and dances.

Each member of the trio mastered one or more musical instruments. Chris sang lead vocals and played the piano, drums, and rhythm instruments. Mila sang third part harmony, played accordion and piano. Anne sang second part harmony, played bass, violin, and accordion.

The trio signed with MCA and traveled throughout the

USA and Canada, including Boston, New York, Toronto, Quebec, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Syracuse. In 1970 they cut an album of Slovak music called *Kornove Sestry*. The music on this CD is the result of the nurturing of the Slovak culture and love of music Joseph and Anna Korno instilled in their daughters. Joseph, who played the button accordion in the family home and entertained his three daughters with Slovak folk songs, taught them the love of music and songs of his native Gombos, Slovakia. From the time of its release, it has been a favorite with Slovak Americans. The vocal trio had the rare gift of electrifying audiences from the moment of their appearance on stage. They interpreted Slovak music in a personal way and audiences sensed that they performed with their hearts and souls. Many times they heard listeners say, "You make me proud to be Slovak."

The collection on this CD is a compilation of 24 Slovak Folk Songs the sisters sang many times. Highlights include *Stary Nas, Ja Parobek, Cingi Lingi Bom, Pod Tym Nasim, Pri di Janik, Tecie Voda Tecie, Co Srdce Necusis and Hey, Slovaci*.

The CD can be purchased for \$11 which includes postage and handling by contacting Chris Mathews @ 734-675-3154 or cmmathews@wowway.com.



ABBEY BENEFIT TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will present their Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 7, 2010. "Come Follow Me" ~ Dedicated Commitment in Service to the Lord, is this year's theme. The benefit will celebrate the ordination anniversaries of Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB, 35 years; Rev. Gerard Gonda, OSB, 30 years; Rev. Bede Kotlinski, OSB, 25 years and the profession anniversaries of Rev. Michael Brunovsky, OSB, 25 years; Br. Mario Parisi, OSB, 10 years.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, OH, 44147. A reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

Rt. Rev. Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB will be the main speaker for the banquet. Your support of our Annual Benefit is a very important part of the monks' present and future ministry. Please join in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you cannot attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated.

Entertainment will be provided by Damion Fontaine and Scott Brotherton with their program entitled: "Frank, Dean and Then Some." Catering will be provided by Bill Hricovec, of Tom's Country Place. Center piece flowers donated by Orban's Flowers. A silent Slovak auction will be held. The event concludes about 4:00 PM with the Monks singing the "Benedictine Anthem" — *The Ultima*.

Ticket price is \$65.00. Additional sponsorships, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions, are available. For reservations and additional information please contact Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB at 216-721-5300 ext. 209, Marie A. Golias at 216-338-8179, or Rose Stiffar at 216-721-5300 ext. 0. Please make reservations by October 25, 2010.

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New Leadership at Jankola Library and Slovak Museum

Sister M. Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. (right) has been appointed Director of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum by Sister Linda Marie Bolinski, SS.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, effective August 1, 2010. Assisting her as Librarian is Sister Loretta Marie Hrubec, SS.C.M. (left). Tours of the Library and Museum for individuals and groups can be arranged by calling 570-275-5606, ext. 140.



Photo credit: Sister Jeanne Ambre, SS.C.M.

JR. BRANCH 46 OF LANSFORD, PA, CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Over 100 members along with family and friends gathered in Pavilion D at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA on Thursday, July 15th for their annual Christmas in July outing. Members were treated to food and ride tickets as well as additional treats provided by the Home Office. Snacks and soda were also provided free all day for everyone to enjoy. Members are already looking forward to next year's event!



Branch officers are pictured L-R Veronica Bazik, Louise Dunstan, Carolyn Bazik and Mary Ciganek.



37th Annual Gary Diocese Slovak Day

FCSLA members were well represented, both as volunteers and attendees, at the 37th Annual Diocese of Gary Slovak Day observance on June 20, 2010 at the Polish Salvatorian Fathers' Shrine in Merrillville, IN. Rev. Gregory Holicky celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine at 10:30 a.m.; afterwards, the festivities moved to the air conditioned hall, where Slovak and American foods were available for purchase and the cash bar featured Zlaty Bazant Slovak beer. Carl and Betty Yurechko, Slovak Day General Chairpersons, welcomed Peter J. Visclosky, Indiana's First District Representative to Congress, who is also a Slovak Catholic, to the event.

The Sarisan Slovak Dancers from Sterling Heights, MI, provided the headline entertainment, while the Gene Mikrut Orchestra from Chicago played dance music for the rest of the afternoon. Delicious Slovak baked goods and raffle tickets were sold by festival volunteers. It was another wonderful Indiana Slovak Day!



The Šarišan Slovak Dancers from Sterling Heights, MI headlined the entertainment portion of the day.



Branch 452 members Mary Blake, Elizabeth Dedinsky and Betty Ortiz sold nuts and poppy seed rolls, as well as rozhky and other Slovak pastries.



Fred Olszowka, Therese Buc, and Joe Buc of Chicago Branch 352.



Father Gregory Holicky enjoyed an ethnic meal after celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Branch 289 members Ann Fedorchak, along with Betty Yurechko accepted raffle tickets and sold FCSLA cookbooks at the front table.

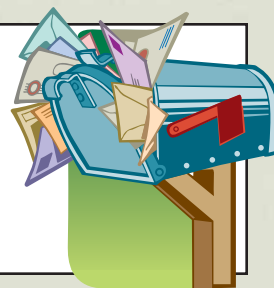


L-R: Agnes Chervenak, Andrew Sacek, and Ruth Ann Sacek of Indiana Harbor Branch 409, sold pull tabs during the afternoon.

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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.

Tax deductible donations are welcome. Make check payable to: Slovak League of America Scholarship Fund, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055.

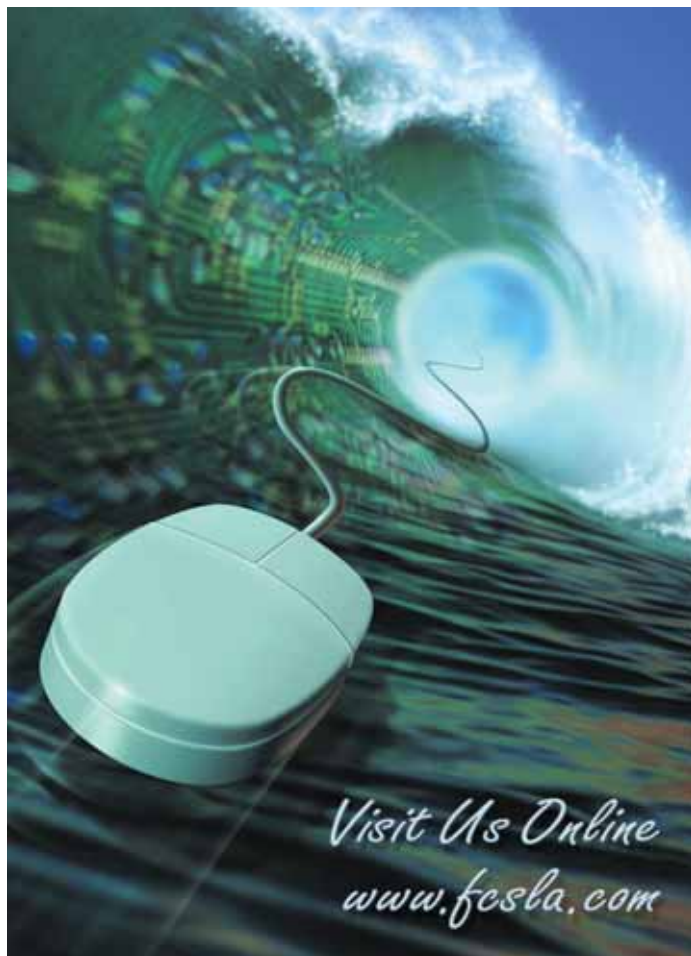
REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MAY 31, 2010

ASSETS	
Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 15,415,527.38
Bonds	568,340,582.19
Preferred Stock	8,230,430.87
Common Stock	743,229.59
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,614,910.75
Promissory Notes	50,836.55
Property Plant and Equipment, Net	6,839,117.54
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,540,667.50
Other Assets	230,943.98
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 610,979,246.35
LIABILITIES	
Life Reserves	\$ 174,928,117.08
Annuity Reserves	330,278,826.10
Death Claims Payable	554,509.21
Unearned Premiums	495,773.00
Matured Endowments	301,394.00
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,826,836.54
Accumulated Dividends and Interest	3,580,558.81
Accrued Convention Donations	472,223.00
Provision for Future Conventions	465,000.40
Asset Valuation Reserve	6,312,896.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve	1,452,457.00
Other Liabilities	1,462,560.10
Provision for Annuity Certain Accounts	3,081,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 525,212,151.24
SURPLUS	
Surplus	\$ 85,767,095.12
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 85,767,095.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$ 610,979,246.36

INCOME STATEMENT For the Five Months Ending May 31, 2010

REVENUE	
Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,212,131.15
Annuity Premiums	16,617,247.34
Investment Income	14,287,882.64
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	34,631.00
Rental Income	158,333.00
Other Revenue	10,986.55
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 36,321,211.68
EXPENSES	
Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 6,286,117.00
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	15,547,826.00
Insurance Benefits	1,252,603.08
Annuity Benefits	6,686,539.78
Commission Expense	702,400.14
Surrender Benefits	851,503.58
Miscellaneous Member Benefits	31,500.39
Matured Endowments	(1,021.00)
Donation Expenses	164,112.85
Convention Expenses	75,607.00
Dividends to Members	780,764.62
Post Mortem Benefits	315,451.37
Bonus to Branches	411,870.00
Fraternal Activities	45,190.13
Bank Service Charges	34,796.55
Data Processing Service Fees	134,585.56
Accounting Fees	29,901.00
Actuarial Fees	59,475.00
Legal Fees	51,056.22
Consulting Services	40,802.50
Official Publications	141,083.35
Scholarship Awards	(1,750.00)
Miscellaneous Employee Benefits	161,858.33
Fees — Directors	46,779.30
Salaries — Employees	498,379.03
Salaries — Officers	182,545.85
Interest Expense	117,539.31
Tax Expense	117,750.03
Depreciation Expense	115,315.00
Utility Expense	30,886.50
Postage and Printing	169,197.59
Advertising	50,145.71
Travel Expense	44,004.14
Insurance Department Fees	42,312.86
Sales Promotion	65,910.09
Rental Expense	158,333.00
Other Expense	186,865.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 35,628,237.48
NET INCOME	\$ 692,974.20





New Recipes for Fall

CUCUMBER-ROULADES

- 1 seedless cucumber, peeled
- ¼ cup Chive & Onion Cream Cheese spread
- 1 oz. smoked salmon, thinly sliced, cut into 12 pieces
- 12 sprigs fresh dill

Cut cucumber into 12 slices. Use melon baller to scoop out indentation in center of each. Fill with cream cheese spread; top with salmon and dill.

CRANBERRY SPINACH SALAD

- 1 tablespoon butter
- ¾ cup almonds, blanched and slivered
- 1 pound spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons minced onion
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ cup white wine vinegar
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- ½ cup vegetable oil

In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Cook and stir almonds in butter until lightly toasted. Remove from heat, and let cool.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach with the toasted almonds and cranberries.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar, onion, paprika, white wine vinegar, cider vinegar, and vegetable oil. Toss with spinach just before serving.

CHILI WITH BEANS & BEEF

- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 (28 ounce) cans tomatoes, undrained, cut up
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 2 (16 ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed and drained

In a Dutch oven or large soup kettle, saute green pepper, onions and celery in oil until tender, about 5 minutes. Add ground beef and cook until browned; drain. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 1½ hours, stirring occasionally. Add kidney beans. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes longer.

BROCCOLI NOODLE BAKE

- 6 cups uncooked wide noodles
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 4 cups broccoli florets
- ½ pound fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in skillet, saute minced garlic in oil until tender. Add broccoli and saute for 4 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add the mushrooms, thyme, pepper and salt; saute for 2-3 minutes. Drain the noodles and add to the broccoli mixture. Stir gently over low heat until heated through.

BREADED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1½ pounds Brussels sprouts
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 tablespoons dried bread crumbs
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon seasoning salt

Wash and trim Brussels sprouts. Cut an "X", about 1/8 inch deep in the stem of the sprouts, (this helps cook the sprouts more evenly and quickly).

In a medium-size pot, cover Brussels

sprouts with water, add 1 teaspoon salt and bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 6 minutes or until tender; drain. Be careful not to overcook sprouts.

Place sprouts in a small casserole dish. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of melted butter over the sprouts and mix well to coat.

Combine Parmesan cheese, dried bread crumbs, garlic powder, black pepper, seasoning salt and remaining butter and mix well; sprinkle mixture over sprouts.

Heat sprouts under broiler (about 4 inches away from heat) for about 5 minutes or until crumb mixture is lightly browned. Serve hot.

CHERRY DELIGHT

- 1¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ¾ cup margarine, melted
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 dash vanilla extract
- 1 dash almond extract
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 (12 ounce) can cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x9-inch baking dish. In small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and melted margarine. Stir well and press into baking dish. Bake 5 minutes. Cool.

In large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and almond extract. Mix well. In a medium bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream into cream cheese mixture. Spread over cooled crust. Dot with cherry pie filling, and smooth with knife or spatula to cover. Chill in refrigerator until serving.

NUTTY APPLE CRISP

- 5 cups thinly sliced apples
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup rolled oats
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ¾ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 pinch salt
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Toss apples with lemon juice and water in a shallow 2 quart baking dish.

In a large bowl, combine flour, oats, sugar, nutmeg, and salt. Mix to blend thoroughly. Cut in the butter or margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in walnuts. Crumble over apples to cover completely.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes until top is lightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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