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### Scenes of the 27th International Softball Tournament

Kirby Park Softball Field Complex + Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + July 11-12



MVP Award winner of the 27th International Softball Tournament, Michael Macko, second from the right, is shown on the above photo with his brothers who competed at this year's competition and include, from the left, Donnie Macko, Bob Macko and Paul Macko. The 100% Sokol Macko clan enjoys membership in Assembly 167 in Barberton, Oh.



Supreme Secretary Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C., standing, with General Counsel, Attorney John D. Pogorelec and Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew "Butch" Hvozdic.

#### Final Standing for the 27th Softball Tournament

	Wins	Losses	Place
Group 1A team	3	1	1st
Group 5 team	4	2	2nd
Group 6 team	2	2	3rd
Group 7 team	1	2	4th
Group 1B team	0	3	5th



Kevin Matlon of Group 1.



Steve Pogorelec, Jr. with David Check.



Chuck Marakovitz of the Group 1B team.



Mikey Matras of Group 6.



Ryan Blizzard of Group 5.



Steve Hvozdic, Jr. of Group 7.

*Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain*  
**Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven**

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, “has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith.”

While the Eastern Orthodox be-

lieve in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary’s bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times.

Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin’s death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, since the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question, Catholics can legitimately believe that Mary did not die before the Assumption.



**SEZ YOU...**  
 Letters to the Editor

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

I would like to extend my gratitude to all who made the recent 27th International Softball Tournament in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. such a pleasant and fun experience for me and all my family this year. No organization can ever top the love and fellowship that the Slovak Catholic Sokol shows to each and everyone involved. This is Fraternalism at its best.

Over the last 27 years, my family has formed a close bound with many members from all around the northeastern United States and Canada. However we did not expect the overwhelming love and friendship that was shown to us this year. God’s love truly does shine when we stand together as one.

Thank you to all the board members who make these events possible. And special thanks to Edward Moeller, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, and James Matlon. Also, the support that was shown Mike Macko and our family from all the players involved with the tournament was overwhelming. We will pass this love to others the best we can.

New Jersey went above and beyond all with their support, but we all know that the Pogorelecs and team always have. Thanks guys.

These events have been the backbone of our organization and no other fraternal organization does it better. God bless the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Zdar Boh!  
 Donald Macko, Group 5  
 Clinton, Ohio

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
 AND SAVE THE DATES!**

**August 1- 5, 2015**

**Groups - Assemblies - Wreaths  
 for the**

**Slovak Catholic Sokol  
 32nd Quadrennial Convention**

**at the  
 Doubletree By Hilton  
 Pittsburgh - Greentree  
 500 Mansfield Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205**



**Zdar Boh!  
 Plan now to be there!**



**Rev. Gary Hoover, O.S.B.  
 new Benedictine Abbot**

The Monks of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio elected the Rev. Gary Hoover, O.S.B. as their seventh Abbot on August 6. The Rt. Rev. Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Ill. and president of the American Cassinese Congregation, presided over the election exactly 80 years to the week of the election of the first Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Stanislaus Gmuca, August 8, 1934. Abbot-elect Gary, who is 58, is our Sokol of Assembly 303 in Cleveland. The date of his abbatial blessing has not as yet been set. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Abbot Gary. May the ageless motto of St. Benedict, *Ora et labora*, (to work and to pray) continue to inspire your ministry among us.



**Introducing our newest members**



Rowan Anthony Nichols, born February 24, 2014, is the son of Michele Warner of Kenosha, Wis. He was enrolled as a member of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, Wis.



Ashlynn Elizabeth Dunleavy, born November 14, 2013, is the daughter of Michael and Christine Yencha Dunleavy of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She was enrolled as a member of Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE IS  
 AUGUST 27TH**

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, August 27th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, August 21st. View *e-Falcon* on our website: [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org). Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter. I remain Zdar Boh!

**Daniel F. Tanzzone, Editor**

**LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Home Office will be closed for business on Monday, September 1. The Home Office will reopen for business on Tuesday, September 2. Regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Best wishes to all our members and friends for an enjoyable, relaxing Labor Day observance.



The Rev. Stefan Chanas, seated center, the popular associate pastor at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City, was honored at a special dinner on Sunday, July 20 on the occasion of his 42nd birthday. Father Chanas, ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Kosice in eastern Slovakia, has served at the New York City Slovak parish for the past nine years and is an active leader in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area’s Slovak community. Representatives of the local lodges of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association are shown on the above photo with Father Chanas along with Monsignor Lawrence B. Connaughton, pastor of St. John Nepomucene.



### How Much Is Enough?

So how much Life Insurance do you really need? This seems to be one of the most common questions we receive at the Home Office on a daily basis, and the answer is not quite as simple as one would think. Life insurance is often just an afterthought after more rewarding financial obligations are taken care of, but it is one of the most important. If you don't have enough life insurance, you could put your family in a difficult situation upon your death. So, how much life insurance do you need? The answer is...it all depends on your unique financial situation and needs.



If you are single without any children, your insurance needs may not be much. Even so, you may still want some very basic coverage to ease the family's pain by covering final funeral expenses, which continue to be on the rise. For a basic burial, the average funeral costs between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

If you have a spouse and/or children, life insurance needs become increasingly important. Typically, a death is not only emotionally difficult, but the loss of a significant source of income can leave your loved ones facing an enormous financial burden. Here are a few questions to consider:

- What immediate financial expenses will your family face upon your death? Ex: Funeral expenses
- How much of your salary is required to meet your current expenses and current standard of living?
- How much, if any, would you want to leave behind to fund your child's education, give to charities, or leave for inheritance?

Everyone has a different set of income and expenses that they need to factor in when making this decision such as: children's tuition, mortgages, medical bills, taxes, and retirement. The first step is to think about your condition, and those who will undergo a financial loss in case you were to pass away. What financial amount would allow them to go on without undergoing such a disadvantage? Many financial advisors will say four to five times your annual salary, while others will say enough to cover any outstanding debt. Remember, you don't buy life coverage to insure YOUR life; you buy it to insure your financial losses that your loved ones would incur in the case of your death.

There is no right or wrong answer to how much insurance you need as your values and goals will ultimately determine what is right for you. Whatever you decide, your loved ones will appreciate it in the unfortunate event that it is needed. If you have any questions in determining the right amount of coverage for you, feel free to call the Home Office at 800-886-7656 and someone will be happy to assist you. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and Zdar Boh!

**Scott Pogorelec**  
S.C.S. Underwriter

## Sokol Calendar

### SUN.AUG.17

■ Annual Summer Festival of SS.Cyril and Methodius Parish, 1315 Second St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. tel. (612)379-9736, beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m., games, entertainment, Slovak and Spanish culinary specialties, throughout the afternoon until 5 p.m.

### AUG.18-19

■ Semi-Annual Audit of the S.C.S. Supreme Auditors at the Home Office in Passaic, N.J.

### AUG.22-23-24

■ Annual Slovak Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 41233 Ryan Rd.(north of 18 Mile Rd.) Sterling Heights, Mich. daily entertainment, games, Slovak culinary specialties; Saturday vigil Mass at 4 p.m., Sunday Mass in Slovak at 11:30 a.m.; for information call (586)726-6911.

### AUG.30-31

■ 80th annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, hosted by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

### SUN.AUG.31

■ Annual Slovak Festival at St.

Anthony of Padua Social Hall, 6750 State Road, Parma, Oh, beginning at 1 p.m., cultural program at 3 p.m. music by Anthony Culkar Band and the Frank Moravcik Band, Slovak culinary specialties, admission \$5.00 per person, children ages 12 and under admitted free of charge.

### MON. SEPT. 1

■ 99th annual Labor Day Pilgrim-  
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### Clinic Exhibition set for August 16

The closing exhibition of our Supreme Clinic - Kurz is scheduled for Saturday evening, August 16 in the Common Room of Harrison Lodge of Camp Fitch, 12600 Abels Road in North Springfield, Pa. The evening's festivities begins with Mass celebrated at 7 p.m. to satisfy the Sunday obligation. After Mass, a closing drill exhibition will be held with the Clinic participants. The drills featured will be those planned in anticipation of next summer's 47th International Slet. Area Sokol members are invited to attend.

## Schedule for the International Clinic - Kurz in preparation for our 47th International Slet held in conjunction with our S.C.S. Camp Adventure

August 13 - 17 + Camp Fitch + North Springfield, Pa.

(Tentative -- Subject to change)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
11:00AM - 1:00PM	Arrival of Supreme Physical Fitness Board	Main building
1:00PM - 6:00PM	Work Detail	TBD
6:00PM	Supreme Physical Fitness Board Meeting	Common Room of Mitchell

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH

8:00AM - 11:00AM	Registration	Main building
11:00 - 11:45AM	Meeting with all campers, camp counselors, and clinic participants	Main building
12:30 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:15 - 5:00PM	Campers - orientation and scheduled camp activity Clinic participants - opening meeting / drills	See camp schedule Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel
5:30 - 6:00PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:30 - 10:00PM	Group photo campers - scheduled activity clinic participants - seminars: (gymnastics, Slet, medical forms, insurance) team building activity	Field outside of Harrison Lodge Common Room of Harrison Lodge

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Campers - scheduled camp activity Clinic participants - drills	See camp schedule Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel Dining Hall
12:30 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:15 - 5:00PM	Campers - scheduled camp activity Clinic participants - drills	See camp schedule Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel Dining Hall
5:30 - 6:00PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 - 10:00PM	campers - scheduled activity clinic participants - drill practice (if needed) and team building activity	Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Campers - scheduled camp activity Clinic participants - drills	See camp schedule Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel Dining Hall
12:30 - 1:00PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:15 - 5:00PM	Campers - scheduled camp activity Clinic participants - exhibition practice	See camp schedule Men - Russel Room Women - Trinity Chapel Dining Hall
5:30 - 6:00	dinner	Dining Hall
6:30 - 7:00	Campers - scheduled camp activity	See camp schedule
7:00 - 8:00PM	Mass Group photo Exhibition of Drills	Field outside of Harrison Lodge
8:30 - 11:00PM	Hayride / Camp fire and nightly activities for all	Meet outside of Harrison Lodge

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 - 10:00AM	Check out	Main building



## REFLECTOR ...

### *Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life*

#### **24th Slovak Heritage Festival set at the University of Pittsburgh**

The Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh will host the 24th Slovak Heritage Festival on Sunday, November 2. The annual celebration of Slovak pride will be held in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning located on the university campus in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh from 1 to 5 p.m. This festival was conceived by a group of students who wanted to share their interest in the Slovak and American Slovak culture with the local community. As in previous years, the festival will be the culmination of much hard work, effort and time on behalf of the entire American Slovak community. The festival is the result of the volunteer efforts of all involved in order to promote Slovak heritage.

There will be lectures on the history of Slovak immigration and genealogy, folk art and the Slovaks' participation in World War I, the so-called "Great War" whose centennial we currently commemorate.

Continuing in the long-standing tradition of the festival, a rich cultural program will be featured. Performances will be given by the famed PAS (Pittsburgh Area Slovaks) ensemble, under the capable direction of Angie Lipchick, as well as the Pittsburgh Junior Slovaks and the Pittsburgh Slovaks, under the direction of Sue and Rudy Ondrejco. A colorful exhibit of traditional Slovak dress will feature Helene Cincebeaux's Parade of Krojcs. In addition, there will be Slovak-related displays, plenty of Slovak culinary specialties and folk vendors featuring imported items from Slovakia. There is free admission and plenty of free parking. For additional information on this year's Slovak Festival, call Chris Metil at (412)624-5906 or visit [www.slavic.pitt.edu](http://www.slavic.pitt.edu).

In 1985, five Slovak fraternal, including the Slovak Catholic Sokol, joined together in a fund-raising effort to create the only Slovak Studies program in the United States at the University of Pittsburgh. With the initial \$500,000 endowment, the program began as part of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature. The Slovak Festival looks to celebrate Slovak pride and feature the work of the Slovak Studies Program.

#### **Catasauqua, Pa. Slovak church to be hub of new parish**

A letter from the Most Rev. John Barres, Bishop of Allentown, was read at all Masses celebrated in the churches of St. Lawrence and St. Andrew in Catasauqua, Pa. The letter announced that effective this past July 1, 2014, the two parishes would be merged and become the new Parish of St. John Fisher. St. Andrew's Church, which has served the Slovak community since 1902, will be the worship site of the new parish. St. Lawrence Church will no longer be used for worship except in the cases of funerals and for the celebration of Mass on its patronal feast on August 10.

The merger is part of the continuation of the restructuring of parishes called for by the Second Synod of the Allentown Diocese in 2006. Plans in sixteen regions of the diocese went into effect in July 2008, but a plan, which called for the merger of all three Catasauqua parishes, was delayed until such time as the site of the parish was selected. A third parish, Annunciation of the BVM was not part of the consolidation at this time. The Slovak church was chosen as the worship site due to its structural soundness and capacity to house the parish family. The patron of the new parish, St. John Fisher was a 16th century English Bishop who was a fearless defender of religious freedom. He was martyred for opposing King Henry VIII's divorce from Queen Catherine of Aragon and the King's oppression of the Catholic Church.

The Catasauqua Slovak parish has an interesting and successful history. Slovaks began settling in the area in the late 1890s. By 1900, a group of Slovaks organized the St. Andrew's Society which became Branch 157 of the First Catholic Slovak Union. The group petitioned the Archbishop of Philadelphia to establish a parish for the Slovaks in Catasauqua. Permission was officially granted on November 30, 1902 and the parish was placed under the patronage of St. Andrew the Apostle. The Rev. Paul J. Lisicky was welcomed as the first pastor. A number of fine pastors succeeded him. At one time, the parish also had an associate pastor. In later years, property was purchased for a cemetery. While never a large parish, at its peak in the 1950s, the parish numbered about 250 families. Our Sokol, Assembly 72 has been active in the parish for nearly a century.

Until the early 1990s, the parish had its own resident pastor. During those years, the Rev. Michael Stone was appointed as pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary Slovak Parish in Northampton as well as St. Andrew. He resided in Northampton. In April 1992, the Rev. Stephen Radocha (now Monsignor) arrived as pastor of the two churches and remained for the next ten years. Father Radocha's pastorate was a time of renewal and renovation. New activities were initiated and the church building itself was refurbished and restored.

In June 2002, the Rev. William Baker, pastor of St. Lawrence in Catasauqua was appointed pastor of St. Andrew's as well. Since the two churches are only blocks away from one another, this really represents a melding of Catholics from the same neighborhoods who share one common faith. Thus, for the past 12 years St. Andrew and St. Lawrence formed one people in two "sister" parishes. For the past 36 years, since the inception of the annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal of the Slovak Catholic Federation which supports the Church in Slovakia, St. Andrew's Parish has always been a generous supporter.

We pray that God will bless the new faith community of St. John Fisher, located in the church built through the sacrifices of Slovak immigrants and their descendants. We know those of Slovak ancestry will continue to bear witness to their Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith within their new family of faith. We thank Brother Stephen Roman, the officers of Assembly 72 as well as Monsignor Stephen Radocha for sharing this story with our readers.

#### **25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution at New York exhibit**

As 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa has found a unique way to tell the story of the Communists departure from Czechoslovakia.

To commemorate this milestone in Czech and Slovak history, the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library's curatorial team has created a traveling exhibit highlighting first-hand experiences of Americans who were in Czechoslovakia during this period. From August 14 thru August 28, a special exhibit titled "Witness to the Revolution" will be featured at the Bohemian National Home located at 321 East 73rd Street in New York City. The exhibit is hosted by the Bohemian Benevolent & Literary Association in cooperation with New York area Slovak organizations. This powerful exhibit offers to tell the story of the fall of Communism in the then Czechoslovakia through a unique and moving lens. A special closing reception is set for Thursday, August 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public. Visit [www.NC-SML.org](http://www.NC-SML.org) for more details.



## The Word of God ...

### *Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday of the Year – August 17th*

**Matthew 1 5:21-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*At that time,  
Jesus withdrew  
to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
And behold,  
a Canaanite woman of that district  
came and called out,  
"Have pity on me,  
Lord, Son of David!  
My daughter is tormented by a demon.  
But Jesus did not say a word  
in answer to her.  
Jesus' disciples came and begged him  
"Send her away,  
for she keeps calling out after us."  
He said in reply,  
"I was sent only to the lost sheep  
of the house of Israel."  
But the woman came  
and did Jesus homage, saying,  
"Lord, help me."  
He said in reply,  
"It is not right  
to take the food of the children  
and throw it to the dogs."  
She said,  
"Please, Lord,  
for even the dogs eat the scraps  
that fall from the table of their masters  
Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
"O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish."  
And the woman's daughter  
was healed from that hour.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### *Gospel for the Twenty-First Sunday of the Year – August 24th*

**Matthew 1 6: 1 3-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew

*Jesus went into the region of  
Caesarea Philippi  
and he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?  
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist,  
others Elijah, still others Jeremiah  
or one of the prophets."  
He said to them,  
"But who do you say that I am?"  
Simon Peter said in reply,  
"You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God."  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.  
For flesh and blood has not revealed  
this to you, but my heavenly Father.  
And so I say to you, you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of the netherworld  
shall not prevail against it.  
I will give you the keys  
to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth  
shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven."  
Then he strictly ordered his disciples  
to tell no one that he was the Christ.*

The Gospel of the Lord.



## Plan to participate

### Group Annual Meetings Announced

**Group 2, "Rev. Stephen Panik"** - This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, September 28 in Stratford, Conn. Hosting this year's meeting will be Wreaths 1 and 39 and Assembly 9. Our day begins with attendance at the 9:30 a.m. Mass which will be celebrated for our living and deceased members at Holy Name of Jesus Church, located at 1950 Barnum Avenue. Following the liturgy, we will assemble in the Parish Center where our meeting will be called to order by President Eileen S. Wilson. A continental breakfast will be available. Our agenda will include, but not be limited to, the reports of the officers as they relate to their office within the Group, as well as reports from the following lodges: Wreaths 1, 39 and 86 and Assemblies 9, 23 and 33. Business for the good and better of the order. Plans will be finalized for our 32nd annual St. Martin's Day Celebration set for Sunday, November 9th. We will discuss our upcoming 32nd SCS national convention, scheduled for August 2015. Cost of our annual meeting luncheon is \$14.00 per person (same as last year). All Wreaths and Assemblies should make check payable to SCS Group 2 for all of their delegates and bring same to the meeting for our Treasurer, John Sinanis. Continuing in our fraternal outreach project, "Care and Share," participants of the annual meeting are asked to bring along non-perishable food items which be given to a local food pantry. Our secretary will send out del-

egate forms and a reminder letter to the president of all our lodges by September 5 to give time for delegate selection, set up of committees and planning by our hosts. RSVP to the secretary by Saturday, September 20. With every good wish we remain Fraternal,

Zdar Boh!  
**Eileen S. Wilson**  
 President  
**Darlene K. Musial**  
 Secretary

**Group 4, "Bishop Stefan Moyzes"** - Members are hereby notified that this year's annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 13 at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Franklin Facility located at 10101 South 27th Street in Franklin, Wis. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be served at 12 noon. The meeting will resume at 1 p.m. The cost of the luncheon will be \$15.00 per person. Lunch payments, made payable to Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 4 along with the completed delegate form should be returned by our Assemblies and Wreaths no later than August 15. This is necessary to guarantee our luncheon arrangement. Group 4 officers need to notify the Secretary, Julie Ann Dobbs, 5314 Agatha Turn, Racine, WI 53402, tel. 262-681-1720, jdobbs2@wi.rr.com prior to August 15 if they are UNABLE to attend the annual meeting. We hope to see all our Assemblies and Wreaths in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin represented at this

important meeting. Important issues related to our fraternal activities will be discussed and input from all our lodges will insure their success. We hope to address any concerns and look forward to hearing some new ideas.

Zdar Boh!  
**Tony L. Scugik**  
 President  
**Julie Ann Dobbs**  
 Secretary

**Group 11, "St. John Nepomucene"** - Our annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 12 in Minneapolis, Minn. Hosting this year's meeting will be Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 of Minneapolis. Mass will be offered for the living and deceased members of Group 11 in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church located at 13th Avenue and 2nd Street N.E. beginning at 9 a.m. Following the liturgy, we will assemble in the Father George Dargay Memorial Hall of the parish where our annual meeting will be called to order. Coffee and rolls will be available before the meeting and a luncheon will be served following the conclusion of our business agenda. All delegates and guests from Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., as well as Wreath 21 of Superior, Wis. and Assembly 155 of Ironwood, Mich. are requested to register with the Group Secretary, James T. Genosky, tel. (763)789-9196 by the deadline date of Sunday, October 4. We look forward to seeing a good turnout for our annual meeting as we plan our fraternal activities for 2015, including participation in our 47th International Slet and 32nd Quadrennial Convention.

Zdar Boh!  
**David J. Genosky**  
 President  
**James T. Genosky**  
 Secretary

**Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga"** - This year's annual meeting is set for Saturday, September 20 in Sterling Heights, Mich. The meeting will be held in SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 41233 Ryan Road (north of 18 Mile Road) in Sterling Heights, Mich. Hosting this year's annual meeting will be Assembly 36 of Detroit. Our program will begin with the officers and delegates attending the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass in church. The liturgy will be celebrated for the living and deceased members of Group 16 by our chaplain and pastor of the parish, Father Benjamin Kosnac. Following the Mass, our meeting will be called to order in the Heritage Room in the parish building.

We have enjoyed a busy fraternal year and we look forward to continued activity in the year ahead. We hope to see all our officers in attendance. We extend a cordial invitation to all our members to attend.

Zdar Boh!  
**Andrea Ames Papcun**  
 President  
**Madeline Stanek**  
 Secretary

## Excerpts from Essays Submitted by 2014 S.C.S. Scholarship Winners

Applicants for our 2014 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Scholarship Grants were asked to submit an essay on the topic of "How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Influenced my life?" Excerpts from these essays follow.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

"Slovak Catholic Sokol has influenced my life in a way that has made me eager to visit, Slovakia, the country where my ancestors lived." - **Gerard Freda, Group 1**

"It has shaped me into a motivated, spiritual, and inspired collegiate student. I am constantly reminded of my heritage and the importance of God in my life." - **Jenna Freda, Group 1**

"...I want to fulfill my great grandmother's dream of never losing my heritage in this melting pot called America" - **Kayla Kopchak, Group 1**

"Being a member of this organization has connected me to my heritage and Catholic faith." - **Ashley Pinck, Group 1**

"...being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol allowed me to reconnect with my Slovak heritage and has taught me a lot about the culture of the country" - **Alyssa Marconi, Group 2**

"...the Slovak Catholic Sokol is not just something I belong to, but it also belongs to me and my heritage" - **Daniel Velky, Group 2**

"...Being a Sokol member allowed me to grow as a person and I strongly encourage others to join and have fun like it did." - **Kevin Wnukowski, Group 3**

"Being a member of Slovak Catholic Sokol has allowed me to mature as an adult and prosper academically, athletically, socially, and in my faith" - **Justin Dobbs, Group 4**

"...the Slovak Catholic Sokol has taught me the value of giving back to the community" - **Joseph Evica, Group 4**

"...the Slovak Catholic Sokol represents two very important aspects of my life- my family's Slovak heritage and my Catholic faith" - **Katy Ley, Group 4**

"Being a Slovak Catholic Sokol has been very influential on my life. It gave me a chance to travel. It brought me together with family, and showed me I could do things I thought I couldn't." - **Cory Ruhland, Group 4**

"Being a part of the Slovak Catholic Sokol has changed my life by helping enhance my relationships with the ones who mean the most" - **Brandon Schmidt, Group 4**

"I have met so many great friends through this organization. I have traveled to cities and states and Canada which would not have been available to me without the Slovak Catholic Sokol." - **Jayne Blosser, Group 5**

"In today's world, many people do not have the opportunity to know their heritage as I do. This fraternal organization continues to keep my heritage alive in me" - **Kenny Cunningham, Group 5**

"This organization promotes leadership skills and makes each

and every member more well-rounded." - **Kristin Hill, Group 5**

"Slovak Catholic Sokol has, through their mantra and proactive participation in their members lives (including my family), instilled a greater sense of belonging and family within both the Catholic Church as a whole, and within my family." - **Kelly Dunleavy, Group 6**

"The Slovak Catholic Sokol has influenced my life by allowing me to learn more about my Slovak heritage and to start and maintain lifelong relationships" - **Thomas Allardyce, Group 7**

"I have always looked forward to the Sokol events because they provided me an opportunity to meet new friends" - **Nicole Hvozdivic, Group 7**

"This organization helps me to continue my college education and meet new people with the same heritage, faith, and culture as I have" - **Michael Iorio, Group 7**

"Being a Slovak Catholic Sokol has helped me discover many traditions about my ethnic background and intrigued me to learn more by journeying there one day" - **Nicole Maximowicz, Group 7**

"...the Sokol has influenced my life by teaching me imperative qualities including leadership, teamwork, and friendship." - **Jessica Walsh, Group 7**

"...Being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol has taught me how to be more outgoing and comfortable in my own skin by interacting with all of the people because of the group-orientated functions they let us go to." - **Nicole Walsh, Group 7**

"Being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol has not only strengthened my values and knowledge in the Catholic faith but also helped me to teach others about Slovak heritage." - **Krista Alt, Group 9**

"The Slovak Catholic Sokol slogan, 'A Sound Mind in a Sound Body' defines the lifestyle I choose to follow" - **Sarah Ruth Taylor, Group 9**

"...through participation in the Slets I developed new friendships, leadership skills and an even stronger appreciation for the Slovak Catholic Sokol" - **Bryan Matlon, Group 11**


"The Slovak Catholic Sokol has taught me a lot of lessons about myself and the importance of working hard." - **Charissa Perzel, Group 11**

"...the Sokol allows me to learn about my family's traditions and helps to keep my heritage alive" - **Theresa Holthenrichs, Group 12**

"I grew up in this organization forming lifelong friendships, learning perseverance, and bettering myself as a person" - **Paige Gasiorowski, Group 14**

"Being able to meet fellow mem-

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## How Delightful to Sing Your Name, Mary

### *O Ako sa Sladko Spieva*

by **Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.**

On August 15th, we honor Mary, God's Mother, and celebrate her glorious Assumption into heaven. This feast has been observed for centuries in many countries and is the latest to be declared a dogma of our faith. This proclamation was made on November 1, 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



I believe that as on earth, so in heaven, a devoted son wants only the best for his mother. And so we rejoice with the Church as we celebrate the joyful reunion of Mary with her Son in heaven.

This hymn, *O Jak sa Sladko Spieva*, sung as a prayer to Mary, is a great favorite of Slovaks. I fondly remember hearing my mother singing it often at home. Traditionally, it was a processional hymn and suitable for pilgrimages.

Thus, as we celebrate Mary's Assumption this month, we can look forward to venerating her holy name on September 12th.

#### **We Sing With Joy, O Mary**

We sing with joy, O Mary,  
We praise and call on your name!  
Our own dear one, we claim you  
As Mother, loving and true.  
You are the best of all mothers,  
The blessed joy of my life  
You are my solace and comfort,  
Each day, my soul's delight.

O, jak sa sladko spieva  
- tvé meno, Mária! - O, jak  
tá každý žiada, Maticka premilá.  
Ty si najlepšia Matka  
- ty si moja radosť, - ty si  
všetka potecha, mojej duši žiadost.

Yes, I can now remember  
As mother taught me to pray,  
And sing out: "Hail, dear Mary,"  
To call on you day by day  
Where'er I go on life's journey  
My fervent hopes, prayers I raise  
Protect me, guide me, dear Mother.  
I honor you with praise.

Od toho času jak ma matka  
naučila - tú krásnu milú pieseň:  
Zdravá bud', Mária -  
Kam sa pohnem, kam idem.  
všade si ju spievam - tebe,  
Maticka mailá, česť a chválu vzdávam.

When dangers rise to harm me,  
Misfortune heightens my fear,  
I pray with earnest pleading,  
"Hail Mary, Mother most dear"  
When sin and weakness o'erwhelm me  
You comfort me through this pain;  
So lost, forsaken I struggle,  
And cry to you again.

I ked' v nebezpečí stojím -  
ked' mi hrozí skaza, - volám  
k tebe vrúčne: Zdravá bud',  
Mária - Ked' sa hriechom dopustím,  
ked' teba nahnevám, -  
tak strateným sa cítim a horko nariekam.

My eyes with tears are streaming,  
I seek your kind, gentle gaze.  
My lips these words are praying  
"Hail Mary," honor and praise  
As you, compassionate Mother  
With loving arms hold me close,  
With tender mercy embrace me  
And in your heart enclose.

Slzy sa mi po tvári zarmútnej  
ronia - ústa moje opakujú:  
Zdravá bud', Mária! - A  
ty predobrá Matka, zas ma  
k sebe vinieš - moje žalostné  
srdce zas k sebe pozdvihneš.

## 4th European Beer Tasting Party set

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA) will host its 4th annual European Beer Tasting party on Saturday, October 11 at the Sonoma Grill located at 947 Penn Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pa. The grill is located in the heart of the city's downtown cultural district. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m. This event has become one of the most popular offered by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association. This year's program will again feature samples of some of Europe's greatest beers, including those from Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland. Refreshments will be served.

This event is an opportunity for those of Slovak ancestry to meet with good friends, good food and the wonderful beer tradition which has deep roots in central Europe. The price of the afternoon is \$25.00 for members of the WPSCA and \$30.00 for non member. Attendance is limited to just 50, so early reservations are recommended. For reservations, call Joe at (412)531-2990 or Albina (412)343-5031. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

## Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar on September 21 in Whiting, Ind.

All is in readiness for the 2014 Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar, under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, scheduled for Sunday, September 21. The annual event will be held at the Calumet College of St. Joseph, located at 2400 New York Avenue in Whiting, Ind. The program begins with a delicious luncheon catered by Steve's Lounge of Hegwisch at 1 p.m. Following the luncheon, Monsignor Joseph P. Semancik, Ph.D. will offer a presentation on the life and legacy of the Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, the first Bishop of Gary, Ind. Bishop Grutka, who was very proud of his Slovak heritage, was an important figure in the life of the American Slovak community. The Joliet, Ill. native headed the Gary Diocese from 1957 until his retirement in 1984. Following his retirement, Bishop Grutka continued his interest and activity within the world-wide Slovak community. He passed away in November 1993.

The presenter, Monsignor Semancik is a well-known retired priest of the Diocese of Gary. He is the retired pastor of the former

Sacred Heart Slovak parish in East Chicago, Ind. and served for many years as director of Catholic Charities in the Gary Diocese. In addition, he also served as chairman of the board of Catholic Charities, U.S.A., the largest charitable non-profit outreach institution in the country.

Following the presentation, seminar participants will have the opportunity to tour the Bishop Grutka Memorial Museum located at the college. The interesting and colorful museum, dedicated in February 2013, chronicles the life and times of Bishop Grutka. Cost of the seminar and luncheon is \$20.00 per person. Reservations are necessary. For information and reservations call John Jurcenko at (773)763-0810 or Geri Hletko at (708)387-7812. These annual seminars offer a wonderful opportunity for those interested in their Slovak heritage and faith traditions to come together to celebrate their pride and enjoy one another's company. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. We look forward to seeing many midwest Sokols and Sokolky at this year's pastoral seminar.

Zdar Boh!  
**Robert Tabak Magruder**  
Seminar Publicist

# SLOVAK FESTIVAL

**Saturday, August 23, 2014: 2:00—11:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 24, 2014: 12:00—8:00 p.m.**

#### Friday, Aug. 22, 6 to 11 p.m.

- ◆ Parish Talent Show Competition
- ◆ Family Night "Karaoke"

(Note: No Slovak food, Children's Area, or other entertainment on Friday.)



#### Delicious Slovak and American Food

Klobása \* Palacinky (Crepes) \* Stuffed Cabbage \* Pirohy  
Guláš (Goulash) \* Hot Dogs & Fries \* Fish & Chips  
Bake Sale \* Imported Beer and Liquor \* and More!



#### Great Entertainment

- ◆ Šarišan Slovak Folk Ensembles (Detroit)
- ◆ Lúčička Slovak Folk Ensemble (Cleveland)
- ◆ Slovak Domovina Dancers (Windsor, ON)
- ◆ Tri-City Plus Band (Saturday)
- ◆ Hank Haller Ensemble (Sunday)

—Public Dancing Both Days—



#### Raffles

- ◆ Parish Raffle — \$5,000 top prize!
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle



No Entrance Fee  
Free Parking

#### Children's Area

Game Tent, Face Painting, Sand Boxes,  
Inflatables, Rock Climbing Wall,  
and Bungee Jumping



## 24th Annual Parish Slovak Festival

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church  
41233 Ryan Rd. (north of 18 Mile Rd.)  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

586-726-6911

[www.saintcyrls.org/festival.htm](http://www.saintcyrls.org/festival.htm)

Slovak Mass at  
11:30 a.m. on  
Sunday







# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## August, 2014

### ANNOUNCING THE KIDS' CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

Just a reminder.....I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than September 15th. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper. Don't forget to highlight your favorite books on the list!!! and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Julie Ann Dobbs-  
5314 Agatha Turn,  
Racine, WI 53402



If you prefer to do it online you can e-mail it to me:

vp@slovakcatholiccsokol.org

### Spot 5 differences



### School Days.....!

As school quickly approaches, it is important to start getting back into "school mode". Some simple ways to ease back into things.

1. If you stay up late every night, start going to bed a little earlier so it not so hard to transition when school starts.
2. Go online and play some math games to engage your mind.
3. Find a puzzle book or go online to help get your mind working.
4. Watch the history channel or the discovery channel.
5. Get yourself organized.

### 30 DR. SEUSS Quotes that Can Change Your Life

- 1 Today **you are YOU**, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is **youer than You**.
- 2 Don't cry because it's over. **Smile** because it happened.
- 3 **Why fit in** when you were born to stand out?
- 4 Today was good. **Today was fun.** Tomorrow is another one.
- 5 You'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut.
- 6 **Think and wonder,** wonder and think.
- 7 **Today is your day!** Your mountain is waiting. So... **get on your way.**
- 8 **Unless!**
- 9 **THINK!** You can think any **THINK** that you wish...
- 10 If you never did, you should. **These things are fun and fun is good.**
- 11 You have **brains in your head.** You have **feet in your shoes.** You can **steer yourself** any direction you choose.
- 12 **You are you.** Now, isn't that pleasant?
- 13 Sometimes the questions are complicated and the **answers are simple.**
- 14 It is better to **know how to learn** than to know.
- 15 **Everything stinks till it's finished!**
- 16 The more that you read, the **more things you will know.** The more that you learn, the **more places you'll go.**
- 17 A person's a person, no matter how small.
- 18 **I meant what I said and I said what I meant**
- 19 Only **you** can control your future.
- 20 **Be awesome!** Be a book nut!
- 21 **Be who you are and say what you mean.** Because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
- 22 **Oh, the things you can find if you don't stay behind!**
- 23 **It's open,** out there, in the wide, open air.
- 24 **Teeth** are always in style.
- 25 **Today I shall behave,** as if this is the day I will be remembered.
- 26 **Will you succeed?** Yes you will indeed! Ninety-eight and three-quarters percent guaranteed.
- 27 From there to here, and here to there, **funny things are everywhere.**
- 28 **Step with care and great tact.** And remember that **Life's a Great Balancing Act.**
- 29 **Unless someone like you cares** a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
- 30 **You're on your own.** And you know what you know. And **YOU** are the one who'll decide where to go.

### Slovak Words=Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

**to read** = čítať [ chee - taat' ] With a soft "t," it is soft like the "t" in the word "question."

**I love to read.** = Rád čítam. [ Raad - chee - tom ] The „a“ is a long á, and sounded longer.

**book** = kniha [ knee - hah ] - Note, that the "k" is pronounced, as in Knute Rockne, the famous Norwegian-American football coach at Notre Dame in the 1920s and 1930s.

**books** = knihy [knee - hee ]  
I love to read books. = Rád čítam knihy. [ Raad - chee - tom knee - hee ]

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Michael Fesko 8/6
- Ian Dobbins 8/9
- Jason Banaszak 8/12
- Lauren Marie Bond 8/14
- Edward Stankowski 8/14
- Donald Kacmarcik 8/15
- Ryan Sims 8/16
- Kayla Hvozdic 8/16
- Eric Jozwiak 8/19
- Bryce Watkins 8/19
- Juliana Hoec 8/20
- Alex Jozwiak 8/22
- Amber Radtke 8/29





# Scenes of the Annual Golf Tournament Hosted by Assembly 59

Hollenback Golf Course + North End Slovak Citizens Club + Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + Sunday, June 29



Chairperson of Supreme Auditors Michael J. Horvath, right, is shown with tournament directors, Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew "Butch" Hvozdovic, chairperson and Bill Barber, co-chairperson.



Johnny Ulichney, the closest to the pin winner, is shown with his dad, Johnny Ulichney, Sr.



Checking the scores are, l-r, Bill Barber, "Butch" Hvozdovic, Steve Hvozdovic and John Ulichney.



The Palchanis golfers, Teri, Kelly and Bob.



Teri and Bob Palchanis enjoying the refreshments.



From the left, Kyle Graham, Honorary Supreme Officer "Butch" Hvozdovic and Johnny Ulichney, Jr.





The Grahams, Kyle, Mary Beth and Keith.



Socializing from the left, Jim Iskra, John Ulichney, Denise Ulichney and Michael J. Horvath.



Tony Rasimas and Kelly Palchanis.



The Longest Drive winner, Joe Usefara, right, is shown with Tony Rasimas.



Chairperson of Supreme Auditors and president of Assembly 59, Michael J. Horvath is shown with his daughter, Heather.



All smiles from Danielle Zabloutney and Jim Iskra.



Steve and Josh Hvozdovic enjoyed the tournament.

### Assembly 59 Golf Tournament Results at a glance Tournament Winners

First Place: Steve Kerestes, Sr. and Steve Kerestes, Jr.  
Second Place: Tony Rasimus, Kelly Palchanis, Teri Palchanis and Bob Palchanis  
Third Place: Steve Hvozdovic, Josh Hvozdovic, Mike Syms and Steve Hvozdovic, Jr.

Longest Drive winner: Joseph Usefara  
Closest to the Pin winner: Johnny Ulichney

Thanks and gratitude go out to all who had a hand in the success of this year's fraternal competition enjoyed in the best traditions of Sokol good sportsmanship and camaraderie. We especially thank our Chairperson, Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew "Butch" Hvozdovic and co-chairperson Bill Barber. Following the competition on the greens, the traditional victory dinner was enjoyed at the North End Slovak Citizens Club. A good time was had by all.

Zdar Boh!  
**Renee Pizzella**  
Secretary, Assembly 59



All smiles from the first place winners, the father-and-son duo, Steve Kerestes, Sr. and Steve Kerestes, Jr.



Danielle Zabloutney and Joe Usefara, the longest drive winner.



## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### Pavlis: two major firms from Germany to create new jobs in Slovakia

Investors from Germany active in the sphere of engineering are likely to create new jobs in Slovakia, the Economy Minister Pavlis told TASR in an interview.

"I visited potential investors in Germany two weeks ago. We're waiting for their response now," said Pavlis.

"It's one of the largest companies in the world, and there's a potential that they'll expand their production in Slovakia," said Pavlis, adding that this should take place in two phases. The investors should create around 200 jobs in the first stage, and a further 1,000 jobs in the second phase.

As far as the other investor is concerned, Pavlis said that the management was happy with the locality offered by the Slovak ministry.

"One benefit of this investment consists in the fact that they have a significant interest in cooperation with young people and universities," said Pavlis, adding that the investment concerns jobs with higher added value.

"Another country I want to focus on is Korea. I see a great potential in South Korea, as Slovakia has a good name with Korean companies. They know that Slovakia is stable, and they've already tried out its business parameters," added the economy minister.

### 50,000 people enjoy 49th folk festival in Detva

More than 50,000 people participated in the 49th annual Folk Festival Under Polana in Detva (Banska Bystrica region of central Slovakia) over the weekend of July 11-13, festival press secretary Zuzana Juhaniakova told TASR.

The town of Detva, which organized the festival, is currently not only evaluating the 49th year, but it has also begun to think about the upcoming 50th festival in 2015.

"This past festival has been one of the most successful ones; only if there hadn't been repeated sound failures. We're trying to spot out the faults in order to prepare for the 50th edition as best as possible," said festival organization committee chair Margita Gajdosova.

A total of almost 1,700 performers were featured in ten scenic and 32 other events at this year's festival.

For the first time, the Folk Festival Under Polana opened the 'gate' of the 'Lower Land Courtyard' as a stage for Slovaks living abroad. Slovaks from Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic performed as part of the program. Several Slovak folk ensembles from the United States and Canada have performed at past Detva festivals.

### Turecka hosts Slovak and global Bryndzove halusky championships

A two-day festival celebrating the Slovak national dish 'bryndzove halusky' (potatoe dumplings with bryndza sheep cheese and bacon) that began on July 18 in the mountain village of Turecka (Banska Bystrica region of central Slovakia) was wrapped up as late as early morning on July 20.

According to Turecka mayor Ivan Janovec, at least 5,000 people visited the festival in the village in the Velka Fatra mountains.

The 20th annual Slovak and European Championships in Cooking and Eating of Bryndzove Halusky exceeded our expectations. Those who were not there to experience it, certainly won't believe what they missed," said Janovec.

The championships were divided into two categories with a total of 13, four-member teams taking part in the competition.

The first contest consisted in cooking and eating eight pounds of bryndzove halusky as quickly as possible. Of course, quality of the dish was also taken into account. This year's competition was won by a team called Zupkovski Jedaci (Trenchmen from Zupkov), who cooked the dish in less than 23 minutes and

consumed it within 47 seconds.

The other competition entitled 'Thousands of Tastes of Halusky' wasn't about time but exclusively about the quality of the halusky. The competitors could have used ingredients according to their own taste, such as cabbage, eggs and cottage cheese. The contest was won by a team of housewives called 'Majorettes' ahead of the London Team, which also featured an Englishman.

### Kiska: Austria was window to another world

Austria was a window into an other world for Slovaks and it was at our common border where we cut the Iron Curtain 25 years ago and where hundreds of thousands of people went freely to the other side of the world for the first time, said Slovak President Andrej Kiska at a press conference after meeting Austrian President Heinz Fischer on July 17.

"Even back then we found a country in Austria with a high quality of life, with the rule of law, where things work, and where we felt comfortable. Today, both our countries are EU members and many of our citizens are living here," Kiska told Fischer, adding that Austria is a source of inspiration for Slovakia in education, state services and respect for the environment.

Kiska also pointed out that Slovakia is an attractive country for Austrian investors, who have officially opened almost 2,500 businesses so far. "Up to 88 percent of them have never regretted their investment," said Kiska.

According to Fischer, bilateral relationships between the two countries are developing positively. "The trade balance reached about \$6.7 billion, Austria is the second largest investor in Slovakia," said Fischer. The Austrian president also pointed out that both Slovakia and Austria have profited from Slovakia's accession to the EU. "The fact that our economies have benefited from it is obvious and can be supported by facts and figures," he stated.

### Slovaks and Czechs celebrate brotherhood on Velka Javorina Hill

Slovaks and Czechs met up for the annual celebration of Slovak-Czech brotherhood on Velka Javorina hill (Trencin region of central Slovakia) in the White Carpathians on Sunday, July 27, TASR learned on the same day.

"Even though there's been an imaginary border for more than 20 years, these spontaneous meetings of inseparable and close nations are a clear evidence that we stay together in our hearts," said Livia Boorova, spokesperson for the co-organizing town of Stara Tura.

This year's meeting has been held in the spirit of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, during which time the idea to form a joint state of Czechs and Slovaks emerged. "It was after World War I, which claimed many lives, that our joint history began to be written," said Boorova.

After representatives of neighboring municipalities across the border officially met up, a large audience was treated to an array of folklore performances. The event has been taking place at the monument to Czech, Moravian and Slovak Solidarity on Velka Javorina hill annually since Czechoslovakia split in 1993.

### Study: one third of motocyclists killed between '92 & '12 had been drinking

Almost one-third of the motocyclists who were killed in accidents in Slovakia between 1992 and 2012 were driving under the influence of alcohol, a study by Dr. Martin Janik from the Forensic Institute of Comenius University's Jessenius Medical Faculty has revealed.

As many as 91 percent of the 311 killed were men. Two-

thirds of them died at the scene of the accidents, while 54 percent of the incidents involved crashes with other vehicles and 28 percent with static objects, such as trees, poles and crash barriers. A total of 18 percent of the motocyclists died following a fall.

Meanwhile, 91 of the motocyclists (29 percent) were under the influence of alcohol.

"The brain and lungs were the most frequently injured internal organs," said Janik, adding that in as many as 137 cases, death was caused by skull and brain damage.

Janik further reported that around 6,000 motocyclists die on European roads annually, while the figure stands at around 25-30 in Slovakia.

According to Janik, if a motocyclist crashes into a solid object at a speed of 10-12 kilometers (5 to 10 miles per hour), only slight injuries may be expected, but if the speed is twice as high, the injuries can already prove fatal. "A crash at 80-90 kilometers (50 to 60 miles per hour) causes injuries that are virtually incompatible with life," added Janik.



The tradition of pilgrimage has been an important aspect of our Catholic faith in Slovakia. Pilgrims journey to a holy place to seek an encounter with God. The first Benedictine monastery was established in the year 1020 founded at Skalka near Trencin in central Slovakia. This monastery was founded by St. Andrew Svorad and his student St. Benedict Skalka. St. Andrew Svorad died in 1030 and his remains are interred in the Cathedral of St. Emeran in Nitra. He is the patron of the Slovak Benedictine abbey in Cleveland, Oh. Skalka became an abbey in the year 1224. This monastery, located on a high promontory point, is the oldest pilgrimage site in Slovakia. The present abbey church dates from 1853. During the Communist period, the church and grounds fell into ruin. Following the fall of Communism and the independence of Slovakia, the monastery church and grounds were restored in 2000 and today the Monastery of St. Benedict Skalka is once again one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Slovakia. During the summer months, many pilgrimages are held here, especially around the feast of SS. Andrew Svorad and Benedict which is observed on July 17.



## 37th New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival set for September 28

All is in readiness for this year's exciting 37th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival set for Sunday, September 28 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, N.J. The festival this year commemorates the 450th anniversary of the great Shrine of Our Mother of Sorrows dedicated to Slovakia's patroness in Sastin.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with an array of colorful and interesting exhibits celebrating Slovak culture and heritage in the Garden State. A concelebrated Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Celebrant and guest of honor at this year's festival will be the Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, N.H. Bishop Libasci, a New York native, is active in the American Slovak community. His maternal grandparents were natives of eastern Slovakia. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. in 1978. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him an Auxiliary Bishop of the diocese in 2007. In 2012, he was appointed Bishop of Manchester.

Following the liturgy, an array of Slovak culinary specialties, baked goods and American picnic favorites will be available. At 2 p.m. the cultural program begins. The program opens with the traditional Parade of Slovak Fashions. Participants attired in the traditional Slovak dress

"kroj" of their ancestral villages and regions of Slovakia offer a colorful display. An explanation of each "kroj" makes for an interesting and unique program. Some participants don the "kroj" of their ancestors, some brought to this country when they emigrated to the United States more than a century ago. Individuals and folk ensembles will be featured celebrating the rich music and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. Music for dancing and listening pleasure will continue until 6 p.m. with the artistry of the Joseph Jurasi Band.

In addition, during the afternoon an array of rides and games will be featured for children. The traditional soccer competition will take place throughout the afternoon. The tournament will feature soccer teams from communities in New Jersey and New York. There's something for everyone at this year's festival. With plenty of free parking and free admission, mark your calendars and plan to participate in an enjoyable day as we celebrate Slovak pride in the Garden State. A large committee, under the direction of festival co-chairpersons and well-known Garden State Slovak activists, Nina Holy and Attorney John G. Duch, are laboring to make this year's festival one of the best to date.

## Excerpts from Essays Submitted by 2014 S.C.S. Scholarship Winners

(Continued from page 5)

bers from across the nation and have something in common, a love of sports, tradition and a common cultural background makes for a good group of people to "hang out" with" - *Joseph Lako, Group 14*

"...not only have some of my favorite memories taken place in Pittsburgh, PA, they have taken place because I am a Slovak and part of the Slovak Catholic Sokol" - *Morgan Macurak, Group 14*

"The SCS has influenced my life through learning the importance of giving back to the community,

leading a healthy and active lifestyle, and continuing traditions of my heritage." - *Stephanie Pavlick, Group 14*

"To be a Sokol, is to be a practicing Catholic, and a person who is generous with their time and talents to help others not only in their family but also in their community." - *Conrad Kovalcik, Group 16*

"Being a recipient of a 2014 SCS scholarship grant has meant a great deal to me and helped me out financially." - *Lindsay Adams, Group 17*

## Lodge Jottings

### BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Wreath 1

The annual meeting of our Wreath under the patronage of St. Frances of Rome will be held in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center, 1950 Barnum Avenue in Stratford, Conn. on Sunday, September 28 immediately following the annual meeting of Group 2. The meeting will include but not be limited to the election of officers, reports of the officers, participation in the 32nd annual St. Martin's Day Celebration hosted by Group 2 as well as our various fraternal outreach programs. We will review our 2014 programs and make plans for future 2015 programs. Input from our members will insure the success of our lodge's various activities. All business for the good and betterment of the Wreath and our headquarters will also be discussed.

At our meeting, we will also discuss our upcoming 32nd national convention scheduled for August 2015 in Pittsburgh, Pa. We look forward to seeing a good turnout at our annual meeting. As our organization's oldest female lodge, we have enjoyed a rich history over the past 108 years since our founding. We look forward to a bright future as well. May I remain, Fraternally

Zdar Boh!  
Eileen S. Wilson  
President

### LORAIN, OH. Wreath 111

Welcome back members of Wreath 111! After our summer break, we would like to extend an invitation to our members to join us for our upcoming fall fraternal program. Our meetings are held on the second Mondays of the month at the American Slovak Home located on Broadway beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings always have a theme and conclude with refreshments. An enjoyable evening is always assured.

Our first meeting of the season is scheduled for Monday, September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1922, our founders chose the birthday of Our Lady as patroness of the lodge. Following our business meeting, we will enjoy light refreshments. An enjoyable evening is assured.

We invite our members to mark their calendars and plan to join us for our subsequent meetings. Our Monday, October 13 meeting will be titled "Trick or Treat." We will enjoy the traditions of Halloween at this meeting. Our Monday, November 10 meeting will be titled "Thank a Vet" as we celebrate the Veterans Day observance. This will be our annual meeting during which the election of officers will take place. At this meeting will also read our by-laws.

Our December 8 meeting will

## Stefanec sets off on cycle ride to Brussels, eager to promote Slovakia

In order to keep a promise that he made to his supporters in the run-up to the European Parliament election, SDKU-DS MEP Ivan Stefanec has set off on a 1,500-mile bike ride from Bratislava to Brussels with the aim of bringing EU institutions closer to Slovakia and vice-versa. TASR learned on July 25.

"By doing this, I also want to draw the interest of my fellow Members of Parliament in Brussels to the importance of Slovakia within the EU. We in Slovakia have a lot to offer; not only our diligence and determination, but also our capacity to come up with new ideas and solutions," said Stefanec outside the parliament building in

Bratislava.

Stefanec further told journalists that from Bratislava he will cycle through Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and then into Belgium. He estimates that the trip will take eight days.

Turning to his activities in the European Parliament, Stefanec said that he'll push for equal conditions for all EU-member countries. As a member of the budgetary committee, he wants to lobby for the allocation of more financial resources for the future. "So that we spend less on consumption and administrative tasks and fork out more on education, sport and our health," emphasized the freshly elected Member of the European Parliament.

## Kiska splits first salary as president among 10 families in dire straits

Slovak President Andrej Kiska donated his salary as president for June to ten families who are faced with difficult economic situations, TASR learned from the president's web site on July 25.

Back during his presidential campaign, Kiska vowed that he would allocate his monthly salary as president to people in dire straits.

The final recipients of Kiska's net salary for June which amount-

ed to \$6,500 were picked based on proposals from organizations which held those in need - 'Plamienik,' 'Usmev ako Dar,' the League Against Cancer and Good Angel. Kiska, who was sworn in on June 15, will continue to donate his presidential salary every month.

The families all became plagued by financial woes when the family breadwinner or children contracted a serious disease, most often cancer.

## How Delightful to Sing Your Name, Mary

(Continued from page 6)

When eyes with tears are streaming,  
I seek your kind, gentle gaze.  
My lips these words are praying  
"Hail Mary," honor and praise  
As you, compassionate Mother,  
With loving arms hold me close,  
With tender mercy embrace me  
And in your heart enfold.

A ked' ma nemoc trápi, -  
bolesti zachváti - ústa moje  
opakuju: Zdravá bud', Mária!  
Ty bolesti ulavíš a trpkosť  
hladiš - láskou svojou materskou  
srdce mi napojíš.

When one day comes the moment  
In which I breathe my last breath,  
Once more I raise my fervent plea  
"Hail Mary, be near in death."  
For you as God's own dear Mother,  
With Jesus rejoice now above.  
Receive my poor soul and welcome  
Your child to you with love.

- *Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SS.C.M.*  
Maria Hall  
Danville, PA 17821

be titled "Silent Night, Holy Night. This is our traditional Christmas observance. As is our tradition, this evening begins earlier than usual at 6 p.m. and will include a delicious dinner featuring our beloved Slovak Christmas culinary specialties. At this meeting, we will also have our annual raffle drawing as our lodge's principal fund-raising effort.

We hope to see many new faces at our upcoming events. Let us continue to promote our activities in the best tradition of Lorain Sokol good sportsmanship and fellowship. Have a pleasant fall season.

Zdar Boh!  
**Martin J. Zemanek**  
Recording Secretary

### SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT July 12-13 2014

#### EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

##### REVENUES

Head Office Allotment	As Per July 1st Request to Home Office	\$4,500.00
Team Entry Fees	5 teams @ \$400 per team	\$2,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES		\$6,500.00
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##### EXPENSES

Hotel	Best Western	\$3,627.10
Championship Trophies	Trophy Works	\$155.00
Tournament Officials	Ron Trimble	\$180.00
Field Rental	City of Wilkes-Barre	\$175.00
Food/Catering	Debby Leary	\$1,300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,437.10
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DIFFERENCE	Refund to Home Office	\$1,062.90
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*A brother's tribute*

**Recalling the memory of Chuck Fogle, 1952 - 2014**

Chuck Fogle was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on August 8, 1952 to Charles and Rosemary Kitsko Fogle. He was the eldest of four children. A Slovak Catholic Sokol from



day one, when visiting family in Johnstown, Pa., our parents would take us to St. Stephen's Slovak Church and after Mass to the Sokol Club for some fraternalism. As a young boy, Chuck would play the pin ball and bowling machines and drink cokes with Grandpa Kitsko and his uncles. He would listen to members having conversations in Slovak. His youth was filled with many great memories and stories regarding his Slovak heritage. The Slovak Catholic Sokol organization and what it represented was very important. As fate would have it, this shaped Chuck into his later involvement among Pittsburgh, Pa. and Rochester, N.Y. Sokols.

As a son, brother, nephew, dad and friend, you could not find anyone more giving than Chuck. He was one of those unique people who gave of himself for others. He was an avid bowler, golfer and basketball fan. As a brother, Chuck would take time out to help us with school work or just be there for us. As a nephew, he would take our Uncle Will (Dr. William Kitsko) to the annual Slovak Catholic Sokol international golf tournament and a PGA event near Rochester, N.Y.

Chuck epitomized the word father. A devoted and loving father of two boys, who meant the world to him and he loved to take and watch them compete. He would take them to Mass and through the sacraments. Chuck would also bring them to the Sokol Club on Pittsburgh's South Side and other Sokol sponsored events.

As we carry our cross through life, it is for a reason. Chuck battled cancer, diabetes, heart and kidney disease for 18 years. All through

this time, Chuck displayed courage in its truest sense. You would not hear him complain about his ailments but always staying positive. He never wavered in his integrity and was close to God. His favorite book in the Bible was Job. Job endured many hardships and was in pain. However, he knew that the Lord was going to take care of him.

On the first birthday after Chuck's passing, which we observed on August 8, it is with the utmost love and respect for him that this tribute to him is penned. He loved the Slovak Catholic Sokol and attempted to attend and participate in all of the various sporting events. At the time of his passing, he was serving as president of Group 15, "General Milan R. Stefanik" of Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Now that Chuck knows so much more now and if he were here he would tell us that: You have a savior and he loves all of us and that Jesus died on the cross for us. He wants us to remember that the difficulties we go through in our lives are insignificant to our eternal reward in heaven.

I close with some scripture verses that I believe speak about Chuck: "Salvation is in the person of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?, Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." - John 6:40. "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

We will all miss our brother Chuck and we should all be thankful for knowing him and for his time on earth. I hope that everyone remembers how wonderful a person he was and that his memory will continue to live on in our hearts and minds.

Zdar Boh!  
**William B. Fogle**  
Chuck's brother  
and fellow Sokol  
Madisonville, La.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Slovak Catholic Sokol extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of deceased members**

**MAY 2014**

Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 9	John Obrin, Bridgeport, CT	94	May 14, 2014
Assembly 9	John P. Bepko, Bridgeport, CT	82	April 21, 2014
Assembly 11	Dorothy M. Nawojski, Chicago, IL	94	March 19, 2014
Assembly 11	Winifred B. Melus, Chicago, IL	80	September 12, 2013
Assembly 23	Joseph Pardus, Torrington, CT	85	March 8, 2014
Assembly 36	Thomas E. Osika, Detroit, MI	87	March 22, 2014
Assembly 36	Rose J. Witt, Detroit, MI	92	May 3, 2014
Assembly 36	Geraldine A. Zelenak, Detroit, MI	84	April 24, 2014
Assembly 59	Laurie A. Merritt, Wilkes-Barre, PA	51	April 15, 2014
Assembly 64	Frank J. Bohun, Erie, PA	98	February 19, 2014
Assembly 69	Mildred Petlock, Smock, PA	85	May 12, 2014
Assembly 78	Mary Ann E. Knight, Bethlehem, PA	70	May 3, 2014
Assembly 78	Joseph Pavolko, Bethlehem, PA	78	May 15, 2014
Assembly 79	Matthew Paul Bart, Lilly, PA	20	April 28, 2014
Assembly 86	George J. Yanisko, Port Griffith, PA	87	April 20, 2014
Assembly 179	John E. Ontko, North Braddock, PA	66	April 21, 2014
Assembly 188	Steve Paul Orsulak, Lansford, PA	86	May 9, 2014
Assembly 214	Amelia Studenka, Rossford, OH	92	April 3, 2014
Assembly 312	Robert M. Hnat, Passaic, NJ	83	April 5, 2014
Wreath 13	Veronica Kostovcik, Philadelphia, PA	87	March 22, 2014
Wreath 54	Anne M. Smolko, Youngstown, OH	97	May 23, 2014
Wreath 93	Peter C. Frasch, Sr., Milwaukee, WI	91	April 28, 2014
Wreath 93	Jeanette Torres, Milwaukee, WI	76	April 27, 2014
Wreath 111	Fred C. Sechkar, Lorain, OH	84	May 16, 2014
Wreath 111	Carolyn E. Mc Carthy, Lorain, OH	86	December 31, 2013

**MON. SEPT. 8**

■ Wreath 111 patronal feast day observance and first meeting of the fall season at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m., refreshments will follow the business meeting.

**TUES. SEPT. 9**

■ Slovak language classes begin at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa., 7 to 8:30 p.m. free tuition, call Albina Senko (412)343-5031.

**SAT. SEPT. 13**

■ Group 4, "Bishop Stefan Moyzes" annual meeting at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Franklin Facility, 10101 South 27th St., Franklin, Wis. beginning at 10 a.m., luncheon \$15.00, call Julie Ann Dobbs (262)681-1720, jdobbs2@wi.rr.com.

**SUN. SEPT. 14**

■ 16th annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Mother of Sorrows, hosted by the Youngstown Chapter of the Slovak Catholic Federation, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Lipkey Rd., North Jackson, Oh. beginning a 2:30 p.m.

■ Pilgrimage celebrating the 450th anniversary of Slovakia's national Shrine of Our Mother of Sorrows at Sastin to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C., Slovak Mass at 11 a.m. in the crypt church.

■ Slovak Day observance hosted by the United Slovak Societies of Lorain at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. Paprikas dinner from 1-4 p.m., \$12.00 per person, call Len at 988-3236 for tickets.

**SAT. SEPT. 20**

■ Group 16, "Rev. Ferdin Juriga" annual meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 41233 Ryan

Road (north of 18 Mile Road) Sterling Heights, Mich. beginning with Mass at 4 p.m. in church followed by the meeting in the parish's Heritage Room.

**SUN. SEPT. 21**

■ Annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation at the Calumet College of St. Joseph, 2400 New York Ave., Whiting, Ind. beginning at 1 p.m. includes lunch; \$20.00 per person, for reservations call Geri Hletko (708)387-7812.

**SAT. SEPT. 27**

■ Lecture by Professor Martin Votruba of the University of Pittsburgh titled "Slovakia and World War I" hosted by the Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. at the Embassy of Slovakia to the United States, 3523 International Court, N.W., Washington, D.C. beginning at 2 p.m.

■ Quarterly meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors, via Conference Call beginning at 10:00 a.m.

■ Christmas in September, imported items from Slovakia for sale, entertainment, folk crafts, refreshments at The National Slovak Society Museum, 351 Walley Brook Rd., McMurray, Pa. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., free admission.

**SUN. SEPT. 28**

■ 37th annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival at the PNC Bank Arts Center, off Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway, Holmdel, N.J., exhibits open at 10 a.m., Mass with Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Manchester, N.H. presiding at 11 a.m., cultural program at 2 p.m., free of charge, plenty of free parking.

■ Wreath 1 annual meeting at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. immediately following the annual meeting of Group 2.

■ Group 11, "St. John Nepomu-

cene" annual meeting at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 13th Ave. & 2nd St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. beginning with Mass at 9 a.m., meeting and luncheon to follow in the Father Dargay Memorial Hall.

**FRI. OCT. 3**

■ 11th annual International Beer Tasting Celebration hosted by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 1400 Inspiration Place, S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 6:30 - 10 p.m., for information call (319)362-8500, www.NCSML.org.

**SAT. OCT. 4**

■ Beatification ceremony of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, S.C. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark, N.J. beginning at 9:30 a.m.; for tickets call the Sister Miriam Teresa League of Prayer (973)290-5467.

**SAT. OCT. 11**

■ 4th annual Slovak Beer Tasting afternoon hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association at the Sonoma Grill, 947 Penn Ave., (downtown) Pittsburgh, Pa. 1-4 p.m., for reservations call Albina at (412)343-5031.

■ Traditional Slovakfest celebration at The Slovak Garden, 3110 Howell Branch Rd.#100, Winter Park, Fla. with Slovak culinary specialties and entertainment, 4 to 9 p.m. \$10.00 per person; for reservations call (407)677-6894.

**SUN. OCT. 12**

■ Wreath 81 meeting at the Sacred Heart Rose Room, 1723 LaPorte Ave., Whiting, Ind. beginning at 1 p.m.

**OCT. 14-15**

■ 81st annual convention of the New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance at the Golden Nugget Casino Resort, Atlantic City, N.J.

**Sokol Calendar**

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age hosted by the Slovaks of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Holy Hill, 1525 Carmel Rd, Hubertus, Wis. beginning at 8:30 a.m. with outdoor procession followed by Mass and devotions.

**SEPT. 4-6**

■ 128th annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance at the Hilton Austin, Austin, Texas.

**SAT. SEPT. 6**

■ 39th annual Group 3 Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Open at the Connecticut National Golf Course, Putnam, Conn. registration begins

at 7 a.m., benefit supports Group 3 sports program, for information, call the chairperson Roger J. Manyak at (508)476-2668.

**SUN. SEPT. 7**

■ 41st annual Slavic American Festival hosted by Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Parish on the parish grounds 3410 Woodburn Rd., Annadale, Va., Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., festivities from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m., free admission, free parking, Slavic culinary specialties, imported arts and crafts, concert of sacred music in church at 1:30 p.m., for information call (703) 573-3986 or visit www.epiphanyofourlord.org.





## The Mixing Bowl

### APPLESAUCE SCONES

2/3 cup applesauce  
1/3 cup buttermilk  
1/4 cup oleo, melted  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tbsp. honey  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 tsp. baking soda  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt  
Dash grated nutmeg  
1/2 cup raisins  
1 tbsp. oleo, melted  
Cinnamon sugar

Preheat oven to 425degreesF. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly grease. In a medium-sized bowl, combine applesauce, buttermilk, margarine, vanilla extract and honey. Set aside. In another medium-sized bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, nutmeg and raisins.

Combine applesauce mixture with flour mixture with floured hands, knead gently and turn out on to a floured surface. Pat dough to 1/2-inch thickness and cut into 8 triangle shapes. Arrange on baking sheet 1/4-inch apart. Brush with one tablespoon melted margarine and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 8 scones.

### LACE COOKIES

1/2 pound butter  
1 cup dark brown sugar  
1 egg  
2 heaping tbsp. flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
or black walnuts

Cream butter, add sugar and mix thoroughly. Add egg and again beat thoroughly. Stir in flour and flavoring. Lightly fold in nuts. Drop by half teaspoonful on very lightly greased cookie sheet - at least three inches apart. Bake in slow oven at 275degreesF until they begin to brown, then let them cool on the cookie sheet for two minutes before removing each one separately with a spatula.

### PRUNE-FILLED SOUP CREAM SQUARES

4 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 pound butter  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 pint sour cream  
4 egg yolks

Sift dry ingredients and add butter. Work with hands just like for pie crust. When mixture is like fine cornmeal, add 4 eggs and 1/2 pint sour cream. Work gently until egg yolks are blended. Roll 1/4 inch on lightly floured board. Dough is soft and may be hard to lift. Line the bottom of pan with dough.

#### Filling

2 lbs. prunes, cooked and mashed

1 cup crushed pineapple(draind) sugar to taste. You may add walnuts or coconut if desired.

Spread generously over dough. Roll another piece of dough out into strips 1 inch wide - lay strips lengthwise and cross wise.(Make a lattice top). Brush top with egg white or whole egg beaten, sprinkle with nuts. Makes two 8-inch pyrex pans or large cookie sheet. Bake 375degreesF for 30 minutes or until delicately brown.

You may use apricot, cherry or whatever type of filling you desire. It is much easier to divide the dough into 4 equal parts and instead of rolling, pat it in the pan and on top.

### Chocolate Nut Loaf

2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup butter or shortening  
2 cups sugar  
5 eggs  
1 cup broken walnuts  
2 1/2 squares unsweetened chocolate melted  
1 cup sour cream  
2 tps. vanilla

Sift flour, add soda and salt together, 3 times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Beat eggs until very thick and light. Add to cream mixture and beat well. Add nuts and chocolate and blend. Add flour alternately with sour cream, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in greased pan, 1 hour 20 minutes at 325degreesF or until done.

### SHISHKY - RAISED LEKVAR DOUGHNUTS

1/4 pound butter  
6 egg yolks  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tsp. lemon rind  
2 1/2 cups lukewarm milk  
1 cake yeast  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 teaspoons sugar  
6 cups flour

Warm 1/2 cup of milk, add 1 teaspoon sugar, yeast, and sprinkle with a little flour. Let stand for 10 minutes. When raised, add to the flour.

Mix butter, egg yolks and 1 teaspoon sugar together. Add 2 cups of milk, salt, lemon rind, vanilla and knead in mixing bowl for about 20 minutes until dough does not stick to hands.

Let dough rise for two or three hours or until double in thickness. Cover with cloth. Dough will rise faster. Roll on floured board to one-half inch thickness.

Cut with cutter, put one-half teaspoon of lekvar in center, cover with another circle of dough, press together and cut around edge to shape doughnut. Let rise 1/2 hour until doubled in bulk and fry in hot fat until golden brown. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar when cool.

## Beat Summer Heat

\* Get as much restful sleep as possible.

\* Add more salt to your diet.

\* If you sweat a lot, drink more fluids and take salt pills.

\* Dress lightly, bathe frequently.

\* Water and fruit juices are more cooling than soft drinks and alcohol.

### Abigail Said....

With Women's Equality Day set for August 26 - on that date in 1920, the 19th Amendment gave women their deserved right to vote - it is interesting to note this portion of a letter written by Abigail Adams to her husband John in 1776:

".... in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.."

Wonder if Abigail Adams would be satisfied with the rights women have today?

## Munch a Mouthful

You want to munch some something, but you're counting calories. So what's to eat?

For almost no calories per serving, you can snack on celery sticks, lettuce, cucumbers, green peppers, mushrooms, cauliflower, or broccoli.

For 25-30 calories, choose 1 small tangerine, 1/2 cup watermelon, 1/4 cantaloupe, 1 small tomato, 1 medium carrot, 1 cup plain popcorn, or 12 pretzel sticks.

For 35-40 calories, eat 1 medium peach, 1 medium nectarine, 1/2 grapefruit, 1/2 cup skim milk, 1/4 cup plain yogurt, 3 saltine crackers, or 1/2 small banana.

And for 50-60 calories, you can munch 1 small apple, 1 small orange, 15 grapes, 12 cherries, 1 cup strawberries, 1/4 cup cottage cheese, or 4 small shrimp.

## What Type Person Are You?

There are four kinds of people:

1. There is the type that does not know when things are wrong.

2. There is the type that knows when things are wrong but does not care.

3. There is the type that knows when things are wrong and does care but does not care enough to try to make them right.

4. There is the type that knows when things are wrong and strives intelligently to make them right and to keep them right.

What type of person are you?

## Smile for Health

Cheerful people are usually more healthy than those who are glum. Scientists have proved this fact. The cheerful simply resist disease more readily.

In other words, the surly bird catches the germ.

## Sokol Birthdays

### AUGUST 13

Brian Iwanonkiw, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mary Beth Kolodziej, Crown Point, Ind., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Ann Koval, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### AUGUST 14

Rev. Michael Brunovsky, O.S.B., Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh.

Joanne Sidlovsky, Farmington, Conn., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

### AUGUST 15

John M. Benek, Tamaqua, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

Mary Ann Dorr, Stratford, Conn., a member of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

Barbara A. Felak, Monessen, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

George M. Galik, Diamond Bar, Ca., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Marthanne Petrus, Harrisburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### AUGUST 16

Mary E. Jones, Ancaster, Ont., Can., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Brianna Lee Skladany, North Braddock, Pa., a member of Assembly 179, North Braddock, Pa.

### AUGUST 17

Paula Rakocy, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

Joseph Toskovich, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.

### AUGUST 18

Joseph Kerestes, North Huntingdon, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Susan Soppi, Uniontown, Oh., a member of Wreath 103, Barberton, Oh.

### AUGUST 19

Sue Dikos, New Lenox, Ill., a member of Wreath 81, Whiting, Ind.

Stella Z. Mihalik, Norwich, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Edward A. Puskar, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

Lillian Zemcik, Hamilton Square, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### AUGUST 21

John Anderek, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

John Bily, Rowlett, Tex., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

Cheryl Jones, Mechanicsville, Va., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### AUGUST 22

Andrew F. Hudak, Jr., Independ-

dence, Oh., a member of Wreath 153, Parma, Oh.

Mary E. Puskar, Mechanicsburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### AUGUST 24

Frank C. Iurato, III, Totowa, N.J., a member of Assembly 162 in Clifton, N.J.

Michael Wayne Macurak, Dallas, Ga., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nicholas Mikula, Youngstown, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

### AUGUST 25

Matthew Bakita, Norton, Oh., a member of Assembly 167, Barberton, Oh.

### AUGUST 26

Denise A. Beil, Boardman, Oh., a member of Wreath 54, Youngstown, Oh.

Julie Ann Dobbs, Racine, Wis. our esteemed Supreme Vice President and member of Wreath 93, Milwaukee, Wis.

John Goberish, Aliquippa, Pa., a member of Wreath 85, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Ann Soltis, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Helen Vlack, Elmwood Park, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### AUGUST 27

Madison Macurak, Kennesaw, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### AUGUST 28

Michael J. Culen, Lowell, MA, a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

Rev. Mark Hudak, O.F.M., Uniontown, Pa., a member of Wreath 15, Perryopolis, Pa.

James C. Matlon, Whippany, N.J., Supreme Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics and a member of Assembly 24, Boonton, N.J.

John Polchowski, Newtown, Conn., a member of Assembly 9, Bridgeport, Conn.

Stephen J. Sroba, Jr., Newtown, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

Edward M. Zelenak, Esq., Honorary Slovak Consul in Detroit, a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

### AUGUST 29

Paula A. Papcun, Clinton Twp., Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

### AUGUST 30

Raymond J. Iwanonkiw, Jr., Canonsburg, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### AUGUST 31

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## VANTAGE 1 ANNUITY – ENHANCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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During	1st year –	6%
	2nd year –	5%
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## In Memory of... Announcing the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!



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Supreme Vice-President

Have you found yourself looking for a way to memorialize a lost loved one or fellow Group/Wreath/Assembly member? Why not make a donation in their honor to the newly developed Memorial Scholarship fund? Your donation will assure that an annual scholarship be given out to a college age student who best exemplifies the meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism. Here's how it works:

Send a check or money order to the Memorial Scholarship Fund clearly indicating the name to be memorialized. You can find a donation form on line at

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- Your bequest will be recognized in the *Falcon* as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum.
- Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two \$500 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

Have you recently lost a loved one? You might consider earmarking donations to this fund in their memory. Keep the spirit of your fellow Sokol alive by investing in a way that their fraternal dedication will not be forgotten.

*(Editor's note: We have noticed a number of returned copies of our Falcon due to incorrect addresses of our members. We ask that when individuals move, that they complete the form below for a change of address or call the home office. We thank you for your continued cooperation)*

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## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

### ANNUITY RATES

EFFECTIVE SINCE: JULY 1, 2012

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>MINIMUM GUARANTEE</u>
VANTAGE 1	1.25%	1.00%
VANTAGE 2	1.50%	1.00%
VANTAGE 3	2.25%	1.00%
VANTAGE 5	3.25%	2.00%
VANTAGE 7	3.50%	2.00%

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5 THROUGH 9 YEARS	2.75%
10 YEARS OR MORE	3.50%

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EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 31, 2011

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>MINIMUM GUARANTEE</u>
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## Slovenský festival v Sterling Heights, MI

V sobotu 23. augusta a v nedeľu 24. augusta bude na pozemkoch farností sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 41233 Rzan Rd. v Sterling Heights, MI 24. Slovenský festival. V sobotu bude od 2.00 hod. popoludní do 11.00 hod. večer a v nedeľu od 12.00 hod. naobed do 8.00 hod. večer.

Na predaj budú slovenské a americké jedlá, koláče a slovenské pivo. V kultúrnom programe sa predstavia folklórne súbory Šarišan z Detroitu, MI, Lúčina z Clevelandu, OH, Domovina z Winsdor, Ontario a hudobné skupiny Tri-City Plus Band (v sobotu) a Hank Haller Ensemble (v nedeľu). Usporiadatelia pripravili rôzne hry pre deti. V piatok 22. augusta bude od 6.00 hod. do 11.00 hodiny večer Talent Show Competition a Family Night "Karaoke". Jedlo sa predávať nebude. Vstupné a parkovanie budú bezplatné.

## 37. Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ bude 28. septembra

37. Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 28. septembra v PNC Bank Center v Holmdel, NJ. Začiatok bude o 10.00 hodine dopoludnia. Svätá omša, ktorú bude slúžiť biskup Peter A. Libasci z Manchester, N.H., začne o 11.00 hodine. O 2.00 hodine začne kultúrny program, v ktorom je zahrnutá aj tradičná prehladka krojov. Počas dňa bude futbalový turnaj. Na predaj budú rôzne slovenské výrobky a jedlá.

## V Lešti vybudujú strelnicu, stanové mestečko a taktické cvičisko

Ministerstvo obrany Slovenskej republiky plánuje modernizáciu výcvikového centra Lešť. Chce tam vybudovať strelnicu, stanové mestečko či taktické cvičisko.

„V súčasnosti potrebujeme zvýšiť najmä kapacitu ubytovania, aby boli tréneri využívané čo najväčším počtom príslušníkov ozbrojených a záchranných zložiek. Pripravujeme výstavbu valu pechotnej strelnice a cvičisko trhania munície a odmiňovania,“ povedal minister obrany Martin Glváč.

Ako dodal, peniaze na rekonštrukciu nepôjdu len z ministerstva obrany, ale aj z externých zdrojov, napríklad z európskych fondov.

Záujem o využívanie výcvikového centra sa zvyšuje.

„Došlo k nárastu o 65 percent oproti minulému roku. Postupne sa nám hlásia rôzne jednotky, prevažne sú to špeciálne jednotky z členských krajín NATO, aby využívali tento priestor,“ uviedol zástupca riaditeľa Centra výcviku

Lešť Branislav Benka.

Rekonštrukciou a modernizáciou strelnice vznikne moderná multifunkčná strelnica so sektorom pre ostreľovačov a pre výcvik dynamickej strelby.

Cvičisko trhania a míňovania je určené na výcvik vojsk so zameraním na prácu s ostrými trhavinami, najmä s ich odstraňovaním a bezpečným ničením.

Dlhodobým problémom sú najmä ubytovacie kapacity.

„Snažíme sa v tom skordinovať, aby sme všetkým mohli vyjsť v ústrety. Ubytovacie kapacity sú kľúčové do budúcnosti,“ uviedol šéf rezortu obrany Glváč.

Preto vybudujú stanový tábor, ktorý zabezpečí dlhodobé požiadavky cvičiacich jednotiek, a to najmä v spojitosti s taktickou prípravou.

Obdobné ubytovacie zariadenia sa totiž používajú v operáciách medzinárodného krízového manažmentu.

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## O slovenský pas prišlo 865 ľudí

(Pokračovanie zo str. 20)

Minister vnútra Robert Kaliňák dlhodobo zastáva názor, že druhé štátne občianstvo by sa malo vziať na trvalý pobyt v inom štáte. V tom prípade by ľudia nestrácali slovenský pas. Už v minulosti takýto postup označil za najväčší štandard vo svete.

Líder Mostu-Híd Béla Bugár však s riešením, o ktorom hovoril Kaliňák, nesúhlasí. Zdôraznil, že mnoho ľudí stratilo občianstvo a väčšinou to neboli ľudia, ktorí prijali občianstvo Maďarska. „Novela, ktorú pripravuje minister Kaliňák, je diskriminácia. Mnoho občanov z južného Slovenska študuje v Maďarsku a má tam päť rokov prechodné bydlisko. Dokonca, keď si zoberú občianstvo, majú tam aj výhody,“ povedal Pravde Bugár. Podľa neho v nevýhode sú aj ľudia z juhu Slovenska, ktorí pracujú v blízkych továrňach za hranicami a potom sa ich aj prepúšťanie z práce dotkne skôr ako občanov z maďarským pasom. „Je to problém ľudí, ktorí majú zakódovaný strach v hlave. Čoho sa boja?“ spýtal sa šéf Mostu-Híd.

Novelu zákona o občianstve prijatú za prvej Ficovej vlády napadli poslanci na Ústavnom súde ešte v roku 2011. Tvrdili, že je v rozpore s ústavou a s medzinárodnými dohovormi. Podľa nich nemožno nikoho zbaviť štátneho občianstva proti jeho vôli, o čom hovorí aj ústava. O budúcnosti spomej novely sa má rozhodnúť po letných prázdninách. Hovorkyňa Ústavného súdu Anna Pančurová Pravde povedala, že na 17. september je naplánované pojednávanie, na ktorom by malo byť vyhlásené rozhodnutie.

## VIETE, ŽE...

... do Európy priviezol tekvicu Kolumbus z tropickej Ameriky? ... už dávno ju však pestovali Indiáni a semienka tekvice sa našli aj v starých peruánskych hroboch?

... tekvice sa pestovali v Mexiku skôr, ako kukurica, teda asi 2000 rokov pred naším letopočtom?

...že najčastejšie používané písmeno v abecede je E?

...že najmenej používané písmeno v abecede je Q?

...že v roku 1878 prvý telefonný zoznam obsahoval iba 50 mien?

...že priemerný človek strávi 25 rokov spánkom?

...že slovo „laser“ je v skutočnosti skratka z Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (zosilňovanie svetla pomocou stimulovanej emisie rádiácie)

## Počet dusných dní sa na Slovensku zvyšuje

Počet dusných dní za rok sa na Slovensku postupne zvyšuje. Informoval o tom Slovenský hydrometeorologický ústav (SHMÚ) na svojej internetovej stránke. Vzostup tohto fenoménu zaznamenali na celom území Slovenska.

V Poprade v 50-tych rokoch, keď sa s monitorovaním začalo, nepresiahol počet dusných dní päť. V súčasnosti sa priemerný počet dusných dní v meste blíži k číslu 20. Nárast počtu dusných dní zaznamenali aj meteorologické stanice v Telgárte, Kamenci na Cirochou, v Čadci, na Sliacich alebo v Košiciach. Priemerný počet dusných dní na Slovensku za rok sa v súčasnosti pohybuje okolo čísla 30.

Dusno predstavuje subjektívny nepríjemný pocit vyvolaný kombinovaným účinkom vyššej teploty a vyššej

relatívnej vlhkosti vzduchu na ľudský organizmus pri slabom vetre. Vyskytuje sa najmä pred búrkami. Hranicu pre pocit dusna je podľa SHMÚ pri relatívnej vlhkosti vzduchu 100 percent už teplota 16,5 stupňa Celzia, pri relatívnej vlhkosti 50 percent teplota 27,9 stupňa Celzia a pri vlhkosti 30 percent 36,9 stupňa Celzia.

Keďže ide o subjektívny pocit meteorológovia hranicu dusna presne stanovili na základe jednej z vlhkosťových charakteristík, a to takzvaného tlaku vodnej pary. V meteorológii je dusný deň na meteorologickej stanici zaznamenaný v prípade ak je o 14:00 miestneho času nameraný tlak vodnej pary 18,8 hektopascal a vyššou. Fenomén dusna je charakteristický hlavne pre nížinaté oblasti. V nadmorských výškach viac ako 1000 metrov sa vyskytuje len výnimočne.

## Slávnostné otvorenie 50. ročníka letnej školy Studia Academica Slovaca

V pondelok 4. augusta 2014 sa v Aule Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave sa konalo slávnostné otvorenie jubilejného 50. ročníka letnej školy slovenského jazyka a kultúry Studia Academica Slovaca (SAS).

SAS tento rok privíta 179 účastníkov z 38 krajín sveta, ktorí sa budú od 3. do 23. augusta 2014 učiť slovenčinu a spoznávať slovenskú kultúru i krajinu.

Najviac účastníkov prichádza na Slovensko z Nemecka (18), nasledujú Poľsko, Rakúsko a Taliansko (po 12 účastníkov) a Maďarsko (s 11 zástupcami).

Slovenčinu sa budú učiť aj frekventanti z USA, Kanady, Japonska, Číny, Egypta, Španielska či Argentíny. Najstarší účastník tohtoročnej letnej školy má 69 rokov a pochádza z USA. Naopak, najmladšou je 18-ročná Ruska.

Letná škola SAS je najstaršou letnou jazykovou školou na Slovensku, ktorá existuje od roku 1965 a od roku 1966 nesie názov Studia Academica Slovaca. SAS si na rozdiel od iných letných jazykových kurzov do dnešných dní zachováva profil slovakistikých akademických štúdií.

## Vojaci už začali rozoberať slovenskú základňu v Kandaháre

Slovenskí vojaci, ktorí v rámci operácie ISAF v Afganistane pôsobia na leteckej základni v Kandaháre, už začali s likvidáciou svojej základne.

Dôvodom je ukončenie operácie ISAF, ktoré je naplánované na koniec roka. Informuje o tom webová stránka Ozbrojených síl.

Ako prví rozobrali vojaci spoločenskú miestnosť - Slovak House, ktorá bola symbolom slovenskej základne.

„Tento priestor sa stal reprezentačným priestorom pre mnohé rotácie slovenských jednotiek. Bol miestom prijímania

zahraničných návštevných jednotiek, bol aj bohoslužobným priestorom,“ informujú vojaci.

V rámci sťahovania z misie vlni priviezli späť na Slovensko okolo 600 ton materiálu.

Tento rok už približne 83 ton a do konca roka majú naplánovaných ešte asi 190.

Armáda využíva na presun materiálu najmä program NATO s názvom SALIS (Strategic Airlift Interim Solution).

Na prepravu sa využíva nákladné lietadlo Antonov 124-100, ktoré môže odvieť až 120 ton nákladu. - TASR

## Informácie slovenských podujatiach na internete

Informácie o slovenských spoločenských, náboženských a športových podujatiach, video záznamy zo slovenských podujatí a ďalšie informácie nájdete na internetovej adrese:

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### Mincovňa v Kremnici vydala pamätnú medailu A. Kisku



Mincovňa Kremnica vydala pamätnú medailu Prezident Slovenskej republiky – Andrej Kiska v troch vyhotoveniach: zlatom, striebornom a z pozlátenej mosadze.

Pamätné medaily na počesť novozvoleného prezidenta sú v Mincovni Kremnica tradíciou. Andrej Kiska je štvrtým prezidentom, ktorému sme vyhotovili pamätnú medailu. Na jednej strane medaily je portrét Andreja Kisku spolu s jeho podpisom.

Na opačnej strane je vyobrazený Grassalkovichov palác, ktorý od roku 1996 slúži ako sídlo prezidenta Slovenskej republiky. Autorom pamätnej medaily je Štefan Novotný.

V zlatom prevedení vyrobili limitované množstvo 200 medailí, ktorých cena je 385 eur. V striebornom prevedení ich je k dispozícii 500 a ich cena je 30 eur. Variant v pozlátenej mosadzi nie je limitovaný a stojí 9,72 eur. - *tasr*

### O slovenský pas prišlo 865 ľudí

Zákon o občianstve politici naprávajú už štyri roky, kedy sa však dostane vláde na stôl v novej podobe, je stále nejasné. V súčasnosti platí, že ak slovenský občan nadobudne občianstvo cudzieho štátu, o slovenské príd.

Rezort vnútra má už novelu zákona pripravenú, teraz sa s ňou zaoberajú na ministerstve zahraničných vecí. To tvrdí, že posudzuje viaceré medzinárodnoprávne aspekty, ako aj dosah novely. Zriadilo expertnú skupinu, ktorá na nej pracuje. „Konzultácie prebiehajú na viacerých úrovniach, zákon má predsa oveľa širšiu pôsobnosť ako len pre tých, ktorí sa rozhodnú prijať maďarské občianstvo,“ uviedol riaditeľ tlačového odboru ministerstva zahraničných vecí Peter Susko.

Pôvodné plány boli, že zmeny v občianstve kabinet prijme ešte do letných prázdnin.

Prdlžovanie termínu schválenia zákona tak spôsobuje, že ustavične pribúda osôb, ktoré sa museli vzdať postavenia občana SR. Podľa údajov ministerstva vnútra k piatku 25. júla stratilo od júla 2010 slovenské občianstvo 865 ľudí, z toho je 491 žien a zvyšok sú muži. Zákon sa najviac dotkol osôb, ktoré prijali občianstvo Českej republiky. Ide o 326 ľudí. Nasleduje Nemecko 173, Rakúsko 121, Veľká Británia 75, Maďarsko 55 osôb.

Kauza s občianstvom vznikla po prijatí zákona v Maďarsku, ktoré umožnilo uchádzať sa o občianstvo aj bez podmienky trvalého pobytu. Prvá vláda Roberta Fica reagovala vlastnou novelou. Po 17. júli 2010 každý, kto prijal cudzie občianstvo, stratil slovenské. S neúspechom sa skončili všetky pokusy napraviť tento stav za bývalej vlády a problém pretrval dodnes.

(Pokračovanie na str. 19)

### Warren Buffett dá prácu stovkám Slovákov

Švajčiarska spoločnosť Swiss Re, ktorej vlastníkom je americký miliardár Warren Buffet, rozširuje svoj biznis na Slovensku a plánuje vytvoriť až 400 nových pracovných miest. Momentálne zamestnáva na Slovensku osemdesiat ľudí.

Swiss Re na Slovensku pôsobí od roku 2007, jej bizniscentrum poskytuje pre centrálu podporu v daniach a vo financiách či v informačných technológiách (IT) a manažmente klientov.

Spoločnosť plánuje rozšíriť svoje centrum zdieľaných služieb. Dôvodom rozšírenia je dobré podnikateľské prostredie a kvalifikovaná pracovná sila. Úlohu zohráva aj geografická poloha.

“Pozitívna spätná väzba od Swiss Re by mohla byť impulzom pre príchod ďalších firiem,” myslí si analytik J&T Banky Stanislav Pánis. Jeho slová potvrdzuje aj Slovenská agentúra pre rozvoj investícií a obchodu (SARIO), ktorá už rokuje so štyrmi firmami, ktoré zvažujú na Slovensku investovať práve v tejto brandži. “Spolu by mohli vytvoriť až 400 nových pracovných miest,” reagoval PR konzultant štátnej agentúry Richard Dír. Práve Slovensko sa vďaka tomuto biznisu stáva jednou z top destinácií.

To, že Swiss Re na Slovensku expanduje, potvrdzuje aj pracovný portál Profesia.sk, kde Švajčiari avizujú 35 pracovných ponúk v oblasti bankovníctva a finančnictva. Hľadajú tiež ľudí, ktorí chcú pracovať v informačných technológiách a v oblasti personalistiky.

V čase krízy do Swiss Re Warren Buffett investoval 2 miliardy eur. Švajčiarska zaistovňa a jedna z popredných firiem vo finančnom svete sa tak mohla udržať medzi elitou. Warren Buffett je tretí najbohatší muž na svete, jeho majetok má hodnotu 61,9 miliardy USD, je zakladateľ a top akcionár investičnej firmy Berkshire Hathaway.

### Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Tri roky po havárii lietadla s výpravou Lokomotivu Jaroslavl vznikol film o tragicky zosnulom slovenskom hokejistovi Pavlovi Demitrovi. Ukážky z dokumentu “Pavol Demitra: 38”, ktorý bude mať premiéru 7. septembra v Trenčíne, priniesla aj oficiálna stránka NHL.

□ Film zachytáva jednotlivé momenty zo života Demitru. Prvá časť sa venuje jeho kariére v NHL, druhá jeho pôsobeniu v národnom tíme. Tretiu časť nahrali počas cesty na miesto letckého nešťastia, ktoré sa Demitrova manželka Mária odhodlala prvýkrát navštíviť až počas nakrúcania filmu.

□ Česká zbrojovka bude spolu so slovenským partnerom MSM Martin vyrábať na Slovensku ručné zbrane. Ich spoločný podnik CZ-Slovensko otvorili 14. júla v Novákoch premiéri Česka a Slovenska Bohuslav Sobotka a Rober Fico.

□ V Košickom kraji sa rodí v rámci celého Slovenska najviac predčasne narodených detí, je to 12 percent zo všetkých pôrodov. Dobrou správou však je, že zlepšením pôrodnicej a novorodeneckej starostlivosti v spojení so zvyšujúcou sa dostupnosťou moderných technológií, sa počet úmrtí predčasne narodených detí znižuje.

□ Priemerná cena nehnuteľnosti na bývanie sa na Slovensku po jej miernom zvýšení na začiatu tohto roku v druhom kvartáli znížila o 10 eur za meter štvorcový na 1 211 eur. Informovala o tom Národná banka Slovenska. Znamená to medzikvartálny pokles o 0,8 percenta a v medziročnom porovnaní je to zníženie o 1,5 percenta.

□ Slováci utekajú z Líbye, kde už niekoľko týždňov bojujú znepriatelené milície. Keďže Slovensko nemá v africkej krajine svoj zastupiteľský úrad, s

presunom Slovákov do bezpečia pomáhajú Poľsko a Taliansko. Podľa informácií Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR bolo v Líbyi približne 20 Slovákov, ktorí tam majú trvalý pobyt.

□ Vyhrotené vzťahy medzi Ruskom a Ukrajinou majú dosah aj na slovenský cestovný ruch. Počet žiadostí o víza v týchto krajinách sa prepadol oproti minulému roku o tisíce. Celkovo Ukrajinci podali 28 349 žiadostí o víza, čo je prepad oproti minulému roku o 25-tisíc. V Rusku podalo 10 759 žiadostí, čo je o 5 000 menej ako za rovnaký čas vlani.

□ Tohoročný júl sa zapísal na Slovensku ako búrkový. Na celom území meteorológovia zaznamenali až 29 dní s búrkami. Len dva dni bolo Slovensko bez búrkovej činnosti. Najviac búrok sa vyskytlo na Sliachi (18), v Bratislave (16), v Dolnom Hročove a Poprade (15).

□ V Hondurase prepádli muži troch slovenských misionárov tesne po tom, ako vybrali z banky asi 10-tisíc dolárov, ktoré boli určené na výstavbu kaplnky Božieho milosrdenstva v Misijnom centre v Sangrelay.

□ Na Slovensku žije viac ľudí bez vyznania, ako ukázalo sčítanie obyvateľov v roku 2011. Kým podľa výsledkov sčítania je bez vyznania 13,4 percenta Slovákov, výskum Sociologického ústavu Slovenskej akadémie vied (SAV) s názvom Demokratickosť a občania na Slovensku hovorí až o 21,88 percenta.

□ Z výsledkov sčítania vyplýva, že 10,6 percenta obyvateľov nevedelo alebo neodpovedalo na otázku, k akému náboženskému vyznaniu sa hlásia. Sociologický výskum znížil toto číslo na 1,42 percenta. Výskum sa konal od 29. mája do 8. júna na vzorke 1 215 respondentov. Dáta zbierala a spracovala agentúra Focus.