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## Introducing the Recipients of Our 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol College, High School and Grade School Scholarship Grants

Grants of \$1,000 each to recipients of our College Scholarships



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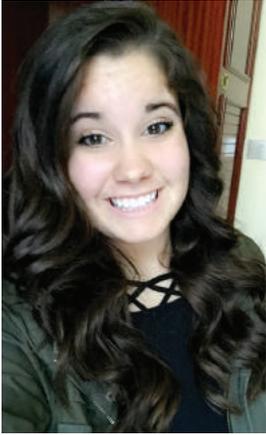


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This year marks the 45th anniversary of the first presentation of scholarship grants to our young people in support of their educational pursuits. From our earliest years, our organization has promoted education among our youth. A good education insures success in life. Since 1972, a total of \$1,574,500 in scholarship grants have been awarded to a total of 2,253 of our members, certainly an enviable record. This year, we again are pleased to introduce the 79 recipients of our 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to all of them. Happy future and Zdar Boh!

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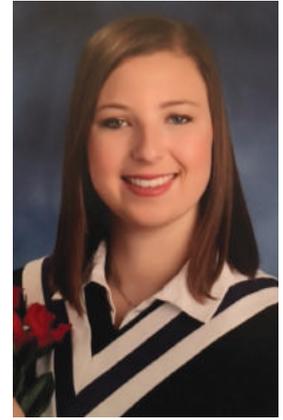
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### 2017 Theodore & Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarship Winners Grants of \$2,500



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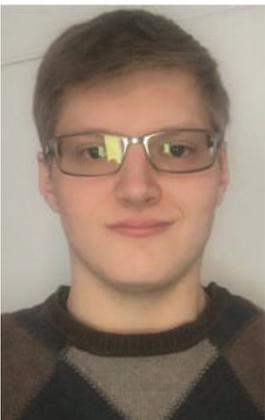


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Whippany, NJ  
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Boonton, NJ

### Krista Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Grant of \$1,000

### The Dostors'Lesko Medical Memorial College Scholarship Grant of \$1,000

### 2017 S.C.S. Memorial Scholarship Grants of \$1,000



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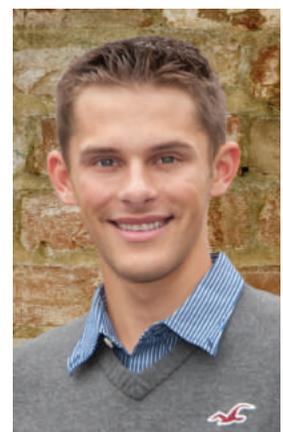
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## REFLECTOR ...

### Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

#### Cedar Rapids museum hosts extensive Sokol exhibit

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is hosting an extensive and interesting exhibit titled "Twists and Turns: The Story of Sokol" from June 3 thru December 31, 2017. The exhibit emphasizes the history and importance of the Sokol movement among Czech and Slovak immigrants in the United States.

Sokol, which means falcon, was founded in 1862 in Prague, now the capital of the Czech Republic, by Miroslav Tyrs and Jindrich Fugner, who believed a nation must be physically fit, moral and intelligent to secure and retain independence. The movement quickly became popular initially among the Czechs but soon among the Slovaks, Poles and other Slav groups who were among the subject peoples of the Austro-Hungarian empire. It promoted gymnastics and athletics as well as cultural endeavors. In addition, the movement became strong promoters of the aspirations of the Czechs and Slovaks to seek their political self-destiny to the dismay of their Hapsburg rulers. A century ago, Czech and Slovak Sokol groups were among the strongest promoters of the liberation of the Czechs and Slovaks and had a hand in the creation of the first Czecho-Slovak Republic.

The movement soon gained such popularity that when the Czechs and Slovaks began to immigrate to the United States, they brought with them the philosophy and traditions of the Sokol movement. Just three years after its founding early Czech immigrants established the first Sokol organization in St. Louis, Mo. in 1865. The Slovaks followed suit in 1896 when the first Slovak Sokol organization was founded in Chicago. Local Sokol halls were established where gymnastic and other athletic training was held as well as various cultural celebrations. In many Czech and Slovak communities in various parts of the midwest and the northeast, the local Sokol hall became the center of a lot of people's lives. To commemorate the centennial of the Sokol movement in our country in 1965, the U.S. Postal Authority issued a commemorative five cent postal stamp which at the time was sufficient to cover the cost of a first class letter.

Historically, the Sokol movement was non-sectarian and somewhat anti-clerical. In 1905, a group of Slovak Catholic immigrants in New Jersey wanted to preserve the rich traditions of the Sokol movement while promoting our rich Catholic faith traditions. Thus on July 4, 1905 a group of 46 Slovak Catholic immigrants met in Passaic, N.J. and founded a distinctly Catholic Sokol organization. Our organization's original name was the Roman and Greek Catholic Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol. In 1933, the name was changed to Slovak Catholic Sokol. So, for the past 112 years our organization has been a dynamic component of the Sokol movement in our country and Canada.

The interesting exhibit at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is perfect summer vacation family fare. The exhibit pays homage to the amazing men and women who made Sokol a part of their lives, containing artifacts, images and stories from Sokol units across the United States. It is truly a communal effort to bring together uniforms, pins, awards, equipment, posters, photographs and video from these different organizations. While the Sokol movement in the U.S. has been an overall positive force, the exhibit also recounts the perilous times throughout Czechoslovak history when Sokol was banned by various oppressive governments. The communist government in Czechoslovakia banned the movement in 1948 and replaced the traditional Slet with a mass synchronized exercise festival called the Spartakiada. Following the fall of communism in 1989, the Sokol movement enjoyed a rebirth of its traditions initially in the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and in 1993 following the peaceful split which saw the independence of Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

The Sokol exhibit is featured daily at the National Czech & Slovak Museum located at 1400 Inspiration

Place SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa tel 319 362-8500, www.NCSML.org. The museum is open Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, other interesting exhibits may be found in the museum including the Dale Chihuly exhibit on glass artworks. Dale's paternal grandparents were natives of Kosice in eastern Slovakia. Other exhibits of interest to every member of the family, make a visit to the museum a memorable experience.

#### 44th Summer Festival set for July 8 in Danville, Pa.

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius will host their 44th annual Summer Festival on Saturday, July 8 on the spacious grounds of their Motherhouse, Villa Sacred Heart in Danville, Pa. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. The festival will feature a large Flea Market, a silent auction, home-made baked goods, handcrafted items, a book store and religious and Slovak articles. There will be a variety of ethnic foods such as Holupky, Halusky and Potato Pancakes as well as traditional American picnic favorites such as hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, ice cream and much more. There will be a variety of games for children and adults plus special attractions like a petting zoo, raffles and bingo.

The Summer Festival has been a blessed opportunity for the Sisters to keep in touch with former students, their parents, and family members; to reconnect with friends they've made over the years, and to make new friends. The day never seems long enough for visiting with friends old and new.

Bus parking is available. The festival will take place rain or shine, and will close with Mass celebrated at 5 p.m. to satisfy the Sunday obligation. Tours of the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius will also be available. The revered Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, containing the largest collection of Slovakiana in the U.S., is located here. For additional information on this year's festival, please call: Sister Barbara Sable at: 570 275-3581, Ext. 302. We hope that many of our members will avail themselves of the opportunity to celebrate an enjoyable summer afternoon.

The Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius were founded in 1909 in Scranton, Pa. by the Rev. Matthew Jankola, who served as the second supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Generations of Sokol members were taught by the Sisters in parochial school located in the northeast and the midwest.

#### 12th Annual Consular Tour to Slovakia set for July 29-Aug. 11

Slovak Honorary Consul and our Sokol of Assembly 16, Joseph T. Senko and his Slovak born wife, Albina, have assembled a deluxe tour of Slovakia, July 29 - August 11. The tour includes history-rich cities including the nation's capital, Bratislava, the Marian Shrine at Sastin, Skalica, Trencin, Bojnice, Rajecke Teplice, Cicmany, the High Tatras, the Marian Shrine at Levoca, Kezmarok, Zdiar, Stara Lubovna, Kosice, Badejov, Jedlinka and Presov. As you travel through the various regions of Slovakia, arrangements can be made for you to visit relatives of family towns and villages for an additional cost. These are just some of the highlights of the tour.

What makes this tour unique is that it includes a tour of two castles, a mock wedding, two wine tastings, rafting on the Dunajec river, which forms the northern boundary between Slovakia and Poland, as well as a welcome reception with the mayor of Presov. Presov is the Sister City of Pittsburgh.

At no extra cost, Joe and Albina have included a tour of the imperial capital of Vienna and Poland. While in Poland we will visit the famous Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Zakopane and Krakow,

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## The Word of God...

### Gospel for the Pentecost Sunday - June 4th

In 20:19-23

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Gospel for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - June 11th

In 3:16-18

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## Sokol Calendar

### JUNE 2-4

■ Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend at Rocky Gap Casino and Resort, Flintstone, Md. open to all members; for information email Supreme Assistant Physical Directress Katie Swift at [Katie70@aol.com](mailto:Katie70@aol.com).

### MON. JUNE 5

■ Lecture "Eastern Slovak Village Culture and Traditions" by Emma Moser at Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m., free of charge.

■ Assembly 16 executive meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 6 p.m.; no general membership meetings for the summer months of June, July and August.

### TUES. JUNE 6

■ Group 4 eliminations in preparation for the 48th International Slet at Nicolet High School, 6701 North Jean Nicolet Rd., Glendale, Wis., 5-7 p.m., school tel. 414 351-7568, parents are welcome; for information contact Group 4 Assistant Physical Directress Lisa Hoeck at [Lhoeck16@gmail.com](mailto:Lhoeck16@gmail.com).

### SUN. JUNE 11

■ Semi-annual meeting of Group 6, "Msgr. Andrew Hlinka" at Hoss's Sea and Steak House, Finley Road, Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012 beginning at 1:15 p.m., for reservations call Group 6 President Anna Mae Warnick at 724 736-4032; deadline for reservations is June 4.

■ Annual picnic hosted by the Slovak American Society of Washington at Fort Hunt Park, off the George Washington Memorial Highway, Alexandria, Va. from 12 noon to 5 p.m., \$15 for individuals, \$20 for a family; contact Raymond Luca 703 475-8356.

■ Assembly 162 meeting in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 12:30 p.m.

### SAT. JUNE 17

■ 6th annual Simply Slavic Fest, celebrating the heritage, culture and cuisine, of the family of Slavic nations, in downtown Youngstown, Oh. from 12 noon to 6 p.m., for information call Loretta Ekoniak at 330 549-3760.

### JUNE 22-25

■ 24th Slet and Festival hosted by The American Sokol, Iowa Sports Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for information tel. 708 255-5397, [www.american-sokol.org](http://www.american-sokol.org).

### JUNE 23-24

■ Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### JUNE 23-25

■ 30th S.C.S. International Softball Tournament at Kirby Park Fields, with participants housed at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for information, call James C. Matlon at 973 647-8551.

### SUN. JUNE 25

■ Assembly 9 annual meeting in the Holy Name of Jesus School meeting room, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. beginning at 1 p.m.

■ Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands meeting in the social hall of Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Johnstown, Pa. beginning at 2 p.m.

■ Assembly 163 semi-annual meeting at Dorothy's Place in Donora, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m., light refreshments will be served during the meeting; for information call Financial Secretary Theresa Gardner at 724 263-7289.

■ Annual Slovak Day Picnic hosted by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club at the Slovak Sokol Camp, 2069 Royalwood Rd., between State and Broadview Rd., Broadview Heights, Oh., 12 noon to 8 p.m., Slovak culinary specialties, imported Slovak beer, homemade pastries and music for dancing and listening pleasure, admission \$4.00 at the gate; for information contact Milan Kobulsky at 330 239-2256.

### THURS. JUNE 29

■ Assembly 9 patronal feast day observance honoring SS. Peter and Paul beginning with 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, Conn. followed by breakfast at the cost of \$5.00, for information call John Tkacik at 203 336-9703.

### SAT. JULY 8

■ 44th annual Summer Festival hosted by the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius at their Motherhouse, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pa. beginning at 10:30 a.m. concluding with Mass at 5 p.m. to satisfy the Sunday obligation in the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius; handcrafted items, flea market, homemade baked goods, ethnic food, entertainment for children, for information call Sister Barbara Sable at tel. 570 275-3581, ext. 302.

### SUN. JULY 9

■ Annual Golf Tournament hosted by Assembly 59 at the Hollenback Golf Course, North Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. beginning at 9 a.m.; Captain and Crew are \$40 per person, refreshments follow at the North End Slovak City.

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### Flag Day Due June 14

Some expert out there notes that the three main colors in flowers are white, red, and blue.

Could be that America's very first flag makers knew that, too.

Well, what is more beautiful than flowers? And what flag is more beautiful than the Stars and Stripes?



## Lodge Jottings

### BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Assembly 9

The annual meeting of our lodge is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 in the meeting room of Holy Name of Jesus School, located at 1950 Barnum Avenue in Stratford beginning at 1 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Reports of our officers will be presented and plans for our upcoming fraternal activities will be discussed and finalized. Election of officers to serve our lodge 2017-2018 will take place.

Each year our lodge hosts a patronal feast day observance honoring SS. Peter and Paul. This year's observance will take place on the actual feast of our patrons, Thursday, June 29. We will attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Avenue in Stratford. Our pastor, the Rev. Andrew Marus will celebrate the Mass for the living and deceased members of Assembly 9. Following the liturgy, our lodge will host a breakfast for all attendees. The Assembly will subsidize the cost of the breakfast for those who wish to participate by paying \$5.00 towards each person's charge. We encourage our members to join us for this annual gathering celebrating our faith and fraternal fellowship.

Our lodge has enjoyed a rich history since its founding in September 1904 as a Slovak mutual benefit society at the former St. John Nepomucene Slovak Parish. Just a year after the founding of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in July 1905, this society under the patronage of SS. Peter and Paul, applied for membership in the new fraternal organization. The lodge was accepted and designated as Assembly 9 on September 4, 1906. Over the past 113 years, our lodge has enjoyed a rich history of fraternal, sporting and cultural activities in the best traditions of Sokol fraternalism. We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts in the years ahead. Wishing all an enjoyable summer season ahead, may I remain

Zdar Boh!  
John Tkacik  
Recording Secretary

### CLIFTON, NJ Assembly 162

The next monthly meeting of our lodge under the patronage of SS. Cyril and Methodius is scheduled for Sunday, June 11 in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 218 Ackerman Avenue beginning at 12:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

On our meeting agenda will be a recap of our members' participation in the 71st International Bowling Tournament held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 19-20 as well as plans for our participation in the upcoming International

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## Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain

### They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

by Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in



Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high. Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14).

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God, and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires. The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good. Do you want power to live a faith-filled life as a disciple of Jesus? Ask the Father to fill you with the power of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!". Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

## IMPORTANT 2017 INTERNATIONAL SLET INFORMATION

Slet information is now accessible on our website at [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org) under Sports Programs

You can access general rules and regulations, qualification times and distances for track, track records, volleyball information, gymnastics qualifiers, hotel info, pin trading information and much more!

You can also access videos of the drills at [scsdrills@gmail.com](mailto:scsdrills@gmail.com)  
password: sokoldrills

## OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JUNE 14TH

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, June 14th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, June 8th. 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. Tanzone, Editor

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*Holy Redeemer High School*  
Group 7, Wreath 147  
Larksville, Pa.



**Anna Sherman**  
*Cardinal O'Hara*  
Catholic High School  
Group 12, Assembly 186  
Drexel Hill, Pa.



**Lexington Meder**  
*Serra Catholic*  
High School  
Group 14, Wreath 22  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



**Stephen Babik**  
*Ursuline High School*  
Group 17, Assembly 108  
Youngstown, Oh.

## Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Grants

### Catholic Grade School grants of \$250 each



**Brooke Hess**  
St. Catherine of Siena School  
Group 1, Assembly 162  
Clifton, N.J.



**John P. Zakovic**  
St. Aidan School  
Group 1, Assembly 182  
New York, N.Y.



**Sophia Zakovic**  
Kellenberg Memorial School  
Group 1, Assembly 182  
New York, N.Y.



**Anthony J. Duonola**  
St. Anthony School  
Group 1, Assembly 219  
Yonkers, N.Y.



**Elizabeth Kowatch**  
Sacred Heart Grade School  
Group 1, Assembly 219  
Yonkers, N.Y.



**Hunter Kowatch**  
Sacred Heart Grade School  
Group 1, Assembly 219  
Yonkers, N.Y.



**Ava Rose Matthews**  
St. Anthony School  
Group 1, Assembly 219  
Yonkers, N.Y.



**Kelly Marie Matthews**  
St. Anthony School  
Group 1, Assembly 219  
Yonkers, N.Y.



**Lorelei Katlynn Wilson**  
St. Martha Catholic School  
Group 2, Wreath 1  
Bridgeport, Conn.



**Roland Joseph Wilson**  
St. Martha Catholic School  
Group 2, Assembly 9  
Bridgeport, Conn.



**Natalie E. Johnson**  
Our Lady of the Valley School  
Group 3, Wreath 18  
East Douglas, Mass.



**Evelyn Maria Vergara Seliga**  
Old St. Mary's School  
Group 4, Assembly 11  
Chicago, Ill.



**Annalise Romine**  
St. Leonard Catholic School  
Group 4, Wreath 93  
Milwaukee, Wis.



**Annika Romine**  
St. Leonard Catholic School  
Group 4, Wreath 93  
Milwaukee, Wis.



**Anne J. Sejba**  
St. Hilary School  
Group 5, Assembly 167  
Barberton, Oh.

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### Catholic Grade School grants of \$250 each

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**Margaret Sejba**  
*St. Hilary School*  
Group 5, Assembly 167  
Barberton, Oh.



**Ila Myers**  
*St. Barbara Catholic School*  
Group 5, Assembly 180  
Canton, Oh.



**Daniel Balas**  
*Good Shepherd Academy*  
Group 7, Assembly 59  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



**Hunter M. Wesolowski**  
*Good Shepherd Academy*  
Group 7, Assembly 86  
Port Griffith, Pa.



**Ellie Dwinell**  
*St. Michael's School*  
Group 11, Wreath 47  
Minneapolis, Minn.



**Cole Baker**  
*St. Ignatius Loyola School*  
Group 12, Assembly 261  
Reading, Pa.



**Colin Baker**  
*St. Ignatius Loyola School*  
Group 12, Assembly 261  
Reading, Pa.



**Andrew McVicker**  
*Holy Family Catholic School*  
Group 12, Assembly 48  
Philadelphia, Pa.



**Rebecca A. Sherman**  
*St. Dorothy School*  
Group 12, Assembly 186  
Drexel Hill, Pa.



**Ty Raymond Iwanonkiw**  
*St. Louise de Marillac*  
Catholic School  
Group 14, Assembly 16  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



**Robert John Macurak**  
*St. Elizabeth Catholic School*  
Group 14, Assembly 16  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



**Samuel A. Macurak**  
*St. Elizabeth Catholic School*  
Group 14, Assembly 16  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



**Liliana D'Andrea**  
*St. Elizabeth School*  
Group 14, Assembly 295  
Duquesne, Pa.



**Angelee Blasko**  
*St. Charles School*  
Group 17, Wreath 54  
Youngstown, Oh.

## Message from our Supreme President

by Michael J. Horvath

Our Supreme Vice President, Edward D. Moeller, arranged the annual conference call for the members of the Scholarship Committee to review the applications that were received from our members who applied for one of the many Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarships.



Brother Moeller chaired the discussion and answered the various questions the Committee had concerning the applications that were received. The Committee then selected the members whose applications stood out and awarded them a 2017 scholarship.

The Committee and the rest of the Supreme Assembly would like to congratulate all 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship awardees and want to wish you great success in your educational endeavors.

The Committee is appreciative of the help it received from home office staff for the work they did to prepare all the applications for the Committee's review and to the Editorial staff for publicizing the Scholarship Program in the Falcon.

Once again I attempted to get the magical and elusive perfect score. I almost had it this time. The first ball I threw at the 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol – Greek Catholic Union International Bowling tournament held on May 19 – 20, 2017 at Chacko's Family Bowling Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA was a strike. I was on my way to the perfect, 300. Then it happened in the second frame, like so many times before, a pocket hit and the dreaded ten pin stared back at me letting me know the bowling gods were not on my side.

This being my fate, it did not stop the other 170 plus other fraternal brothers and sisters who came to participate in the 71st Slovak Catholic Sokol and the 81st Greek Catholic Union bowling tournament from doing their best and having a great weekend of fraternal competition.

Congratulations to all the winners in this year's tournament. I hope all enjoyed themselves and will be back next year with a couple of members to make the tournament bigger and better.

To help set the stage for a bigger and more exciting 2018 SCS – GCU Bowling Tournament, it will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at The Orleans Hotel May 21 – 22, 2018. Save the Date. Start making your plans now and watch for future announcements and tournament details.

On Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Wilkes-Barre, PA the Slovak Catholic Sokol will hold its 30th annual International Softball Tournament. In 1987, some 15 teams participated in the inaugural tournament which continued to grow over the years. In 2017, the format of the tournament was changed to coed competition. This proved to be a success since younger female and male players were able to be on teams to support the few older players who still enjoy playing softball.

With the change in the tournament format we can expect more teams to participate and have a very exciting and enjoyable Softball tournament. Send in your application soon. This will help the Physical Fitness officers arrange the tournament schedule.

I heard there is excitement in the air, the Groups that will be attending the 48th International Slet, July 12-16, 2017 at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY have been practicing their drills and preparing the members for track and field and gymnastic competition.

To show support to these young and mature Sokol members who carry on this one-of-a-kind, Slavic tradition come to the Slet and watch them compete and have fraternal fun.

As you just have read the Slovak Catholic Sokol has a lot to offer its members. These member benefits can be enjoyed by many more if they were a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Find a way to introduce these benefits to family and friends and show them what they could be enjoying and doing if they became a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Call the Home Office or our Director of Marketing and Sales if you have any questions or need information on how to help someone become a member.

Zdar Boh!  
With God's Blessings to All!

## Lodge Jottings

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Softball tournament scheduled for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in June the International Slet in Brockport, N.Y. in July and the International Golf Tournament in DuBois, Pa. in August as well as any other lodge business that needs to be discussed. At this meeting our annual benefit raffle drawing will

take place.

Wishing all an enjoyable summer season ahead and looking forward to seeing a good turnout at our meeting, we remain

Zdar Boh!  
**John D. Pogorelec, Jr.**,  
President  
**David Bulwin**  
Recording Secretary

## Slovak Benedictines visit the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pa.



The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius were recently blessed with visitors from Slovakia. The Rev. Vladimir Kasan, O.S.B., Prior of the Monastery of the Transfiguration of Jesus in Sampor in Slovakia along with several Benedictine monks recently visited Villa Sacred Heart, the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville. They had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of SS. Cyril and Methodius and Jankola Library and Slovak Archives. The Benedictines were traveling from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where they celebrated the PhD graduation of the Rev. Jan Dolny. They stopped in Danville on their way to Saint Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey in Cleveland, Oh. where they visited the Benedictines there. On the photo, from the left: Brother Igor Hajas, O.S.B., Milan Kasan, Father Jan Dolny; Sister Jana Polakova, SCM; Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M., general superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius; Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. and Father Vladimir Kasan, O.S.B. The monastery in Sampor, located outside Banska Bystrica in central Slovakia, had its beginnings in 2002 when the first three monks established themselves with the assistance of the Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec, Poland. It was the first Slovak Benedictine monastery since 1789 when Emperor Joseph II banned all religious orders in Austria and Hungary, to which Slovakia was then a part.

## Caring and Sharing Project of Our 48th International Slet

In just a few months, we will gather together to enjoy our organization's 48th International Slet at SUNY Brockport, N.Y. In the best traditions of fraternal outreach, the Supreme Physical Fitness Board decided to participate in a philanthropic project or a 'good deed.' We would like the youngsters who will compete at the Slet to participate. Sometimes it is difficult to get them involved by bringing canned goods for a local food pantry. Because canned goods can be difficult to pack, we have decided to pursue a different route. This year, we have decided to participate in an organization known as the Crayon Initiative. This organization that takes used, unused, broken and old crayons and melts them down to become new crayons. They are then donated to children's hospitals.

We encourage all our Slet participants to bring along all the crayons they have laying around the house. This is an opportunity to put those old crayons to new use. Complete details of this project may be found on this page. We thank our Slet participants in advance as we promote fraternal outreach.

Zdar Boh!  
**Katie Swift**  
Supreme Assistant  
Physical Directress

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## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### UNESCO Project to help show Poloniny National Park to world

A United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-sponsored micro-project is due to be launched in the autumn in the Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians in order to unfold the largely hidden potential for tourism at the Poloniny National Park in north-eastern Slovakia, TASR learned on May 7.

James Rebanks, a member of UNESCO's expert panel for Sustainable Tourism, told TASR that tourism, including such services as gastronomy, accommodation and safari, could be able to produce more sustainable income for the locals than mere forestry. Nonetheless "it can't be expected that these communities and the local life will adapt to the market economy," stated Rebanks, adding that financial assistance will be necessary.

Rebanks claims that Poloniny needs global promotion in New York, London, Paris and Moscow, for example, as people from big cities might be interested in spending their holidays in this peaceful environment colored by tales from the forests and war stories.

Meanwhile, Peter DeBrine, who serves as Senior Project Officer in UNESCO's World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Program, told TASR that the key idea of UNESCO's involvement in Poloniny at the moment is to connect people who have visions for developing the region.

"I believe that what you have in Slovakia is quite comfortably on the level of Yellowstone National Park, Machu Picchu and the Taj Mahal," stressed DeBrine.

### Bratislava marks Europe Day with celebrations at main square

Learning more about the European Union (EU), its individual member countries and various EU projects and programs are the chief goals of Europe Day, which was celebrated at Bratislava's main square on May 9.

At the same time, Europe Day is a symbolic celebration of the EU's birthday and of a common holiday for Europeans.

"May 9 is Europe Day. We remember that integration in Europe began on this day in 1950. It started with Robert Schuman's declaration, calling on the European countries to untie themselves and to cooperate, thus avoiding war in Europe," the head of the European Commission's Representation in Slovakia, Dusan Chrenek said on the occasion of the celebration. This day reminds us of the fact that in addition to a Slovak identity, we also have a European identity and a European citizenship, he added.

Chrenek said that the EU has brought new rights and opportunities to Slovakia, including the free movement of persons, programs for supporting students and education, scientists, towns and villages, and small and medium-sized businesses. He also stressed the role of the common European currency, the euro and the European funds.

The director of the European Parliament's Information Office in Slovakia Robert Hajšel also highlighted the EU's contributions. Despite all its current problems, Hajšel believes that this project is an inspiration for all countries and nations of Europe that want to live in peace and prosperity.

As Europe is chiefly about cooperation, an event held jointly with 40 partners is being held in the Slovak capital on this occasion. Several European and Slovak institutions are being promoted, as well as representatives of various European programs, the Slovak Cabinet Office, ministries and embassies. The Austrian Embassy's stand for example offered information not only about the Austrian capital, Vienna, but also about individual Austrian regions, such as Salzburg and Innsbruck. "The Austrian embassy is planning plenty of events and concerts in connection with the anniversary of Maria Theresa's birthday," Erika Rozkova of the embassy told

TASR. She noted that Slovaks have a very good awareness of Vienna. "It's definitely better than vice versa," she added.

Europe Day's celebrations at the Main Square also included quizzes, contests and musical performances.

### Slovakia promotes itself at Europe Day celebrations in Washington

Embassies of European countries in Washington, D.C. opened their doors to the public to mark Europe Day on May 13, presenting the culture, traditions and travel and business opportunities of the Old Continent.

Slovakia showcased itself with a "fujara" (shepherd's pipe), "strapacky" (a traditional Slovak dish of dumplings and stewed sauerkraut), a variety of imported Slovak wines, works of art, folk dances, songs and innovations. According to Ambassador Peter Kmec, between two and three thousand people visited the Slovak Embassy.

Those visiting the stand with promotional materials on Slovakia were very curious about Bratislava, Kosice, and the High Tatra mountains. They were also interested in the best way to get to Slovakia, the options for organized trips and whether it's possible to communicate in English in Slovakia.

Traditional decorated Easter eggs and a demonstration of lace making also attracted attention.

Performances by children's folk ensembles included Limboracik from New York and Sokol from Washington, dancing and singing in traditional folk dress.

Bob Rychlik also earned praise for playing the fujara. He's been teaching Americans how to play this instrument near Washington for five years. "I was very surprised. People immediately stopped by, asking what's this? I told them that it's a Slovak 'fujara', a unique instrument that doesn't exist anywhere else in the world," said Rychlik.

Visitors enjoyed Slovak culinary specialties prepared by the embassy staff, sampled Slovak vodka, beer and wines. In addition to culture, cuisine and drinks, the Slovak flying car, the AeroMobile caught the attention of the American media.

"Many people came this year again despite the not very favorable weather conditions, so we had a chance to promote our culture, traditions and culinary specialties. Naturally, the flying car was the most interesting for visitors, attesting to Slovakia's innovation potential. So, we presented not only traditions but also Slovakia's huge potential," said Ambassador Kmec when evaluating the Open Day.

### Launch of first Slovak satellite to space scheduled for June

The first Slovak satellite SkCUBE should take off for space in early June, representatives of the Slovak Organization for Space Activities (SOSA), which is in charge of the project's implementation, told a news conference in Bratislava on May 18.

Its launch has been repeatedly postponed due to problems with the American Falcon 9 rocket. This time it is planned from the Indian Sriharikota cosmodrome.

"We were offered to fly on the Indian PSLV-XL rocket with C38 being the number of the flight. We decided to make use of this offer, as SOSA has been working on this project with its partners since 2011 and it has been waiting to launch to space for more than a year," said skCUBE project leader and SOSA vice-chairman Jakub Kapus. He said that the Indian space agency ISRO recently became

known thanks to its previous flight, C37, which concurrently ejected 104 satellites into the Earth's orbit in February.

Kapus described skCUBE as a small satellite in the shape of a cube. Its dimension is ten centimeters cubed and its weight is up to one kilogram (two pounds). This is the first piece of such equipment that has been completely designed, constructed and controlled from the territory of Slovakia. Its working orbit will be about 500 kilometers (220 miles) above the earth's surface.

It will carry on board a small camera, as well as a chief experiment for the reception of ultra-long radio waves coming from the depths of the universe and the upper layers of the atmosphere. "These are hundreds of measurements that the satellite will send to Earth," said Kapus. If everything goes smoothly, it might function two to four years in the Earth's orbit and then burn up in the atmosphere.

With the support of the Education, Science, Research and Sport Ministry, a ground radio station network has been established to collect signals from skCUBE, as well as other satel-

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One of the most scenic and historic cities in eastern Slovakia is that of Michalovce. The city, with a population of 42,000, is the second largest city in the Kosice Region and seat of the Michalovce District. It is located on the shore of Lake Sirava about 224 miles from Bratislava and immediately adjacent to the border with Ukraine. The city is named for St. Michael the Archangel. The Slavs arrived in the area in the fifth century, first being a part of the empire of the Avars. The area was part of the Great Moravian empire in the ninth century. Beginning in the 10th century, it became part of Hungary. The first written record of the city dates from 1244. Following the Austro-Hungarian Ausgleich of 1867, it achieved the status of a large community and shortly afterward became the seat of one of the districts of Zemplin County. In 1918, it became a part of Czechoslovakia. Since 1993, with the breakup of Czechoslovakia, Michalovce has been part of Slovakia. Most of the population is Catholic, many of the Byzantine Rite as well as Orthodox.

Selected stories are provided by TASR-Slovakia, the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.

## 94th Pittsburgh Slovak Day set for July 20 at Kennywood Park

Those of Slovak ancestry in western Pennsylvania will gather once again on Thursday, July 20, as generations have before them, at Kennywood Park to celebrate heritage and tradition at this year's 94th annual American Slovak Day. The Pittsburgh Slovak Day is the oldest such gathering of its kind in the United States. Slovak Day observances were the result of the early generation of Slovak immigrants wanting to demonstrate their American patriotism while sharing the heritage and traditions of their ancestral homeland of Slovakia with the American public. In communities across the northeast and midwest, Slovak Day observances became a popular summer gathering. The Pittsburgh Slovak Day was the first. From their earliest years, Slovak Day celebrations were supported and sustained by our Slovak fraternal societies.

This year's American Slovak Day, like the first one in 1923, will be held at the popular Kennywood Park in West Mifflin. The day's activities begin with children's games and treats at 12:30 p.m. The Slovak kitchen featuring Slovak culinary delights will open at 12:30 p.m. providing refreshments throughout the day. At 2 p.m., the presentation of children's folk dancing will feature the talent and artistry of the Junior Pittsburgh Slovaks as well as the Junior PAS - Pittsburgh Area

Slovak Folk Ensemble. The brief speakers program featuring special guests will take place at the Main Pavilion at 3 p.m. Throughout the day, special exhibits and displays will feature the history of the Pittsburgh area Slovak community as well as traditional folk arts and kroj from the various regions of Slovakia. These exhibits are held at Pavilion #3 and Pavilion #5.

A highlight of the day will be a concelebrated Mass in Slovak at the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" at 4 p.m. The Eucharistic liturgy will be celebrated by Catholic priests of Slovak ancestry from the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Altoona-Johnstown.

Immediately following the Mass, the vibrant repertoire of traditional Slovak music, song and dance will be presented by the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble - PAS.

Everyone age 3 and older must have a ticket to enter the park. Tickets may be used on any other weekday beside July 20 with no extra charge. Super Senior (age 70 and older) tickets will also be available from the committee. For additional information on this year's Slovak Day, contact the cochairman and our Sokolka of Wreath 22, Sue Ondrejco at tel.412 421-1204 or at sue.ondrejco@gmail.com.

## 87th Annual Milwaukee Slovak Day set for July 30 at the Croatian Park

The Milwaukee area will host its traditional American Slovak Day observance on Sunday, July 30 at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th Street in Franklin, Wis. Hosted by the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee, this year's event marks its 87th anniversary, ranking then as one of the oldest Slovak Day observances in the country.

Continuing its long-standing tradition, Slovak Day begins with an outdoor Mass celebrated at 12 noon in the scenic and spacious park. Celebrant of the liturgy will be the Rev. John J. Jamnický, pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Old Mill Creek, Ill. This parish which borders Wisconsin is the most northerly parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Jamnický is a popular and well-known priest in the area's Slovak community.

The cultural program begins at 2:30 p.m. and features an array of entertainment for every member of the family. The program will feature our Group 4 Sokol drillers from Milwaukee's Wreath 93 and the Tatra Slovak Dancers who

will present the music, song and dance traditions of the various regions of Slovakia. Live music for dancing and listening pleasure will be enjoyed until 6 p.m. Children's games and activities will be available throughout the afternoon.

Traditional Slovak culinary specialties along with popular American picnic favorites will be available throughout the day. Homemade Slovak pastries as well as imported beer from Slovakia will be featured. Imported handmade ornaments, jewelry and crafts from Slovakia and the Czech Republic will be available for sale. There is free admission and plenty of parking available. Complimentary golf cart transportation is available at the park for the "Young at Heart." For additional information on this year's American Slovak Day Picnic, call our Wreath 93 Sokolka, Betty Valent at tel. 414 425-6137. We hope that many Group 4 members will celebrate our rich heritage at this year's American Slovak Day. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

## Parking Payola - Plenty

Parking meters first appeared in 1935 in downtown Oklahoma City as an experimental way to increase turnover in parking spaces. It was termed the "snitching post."

## Caffeine, Anyone?

Caffeine is a naturally-occurring substance found in the leaves, seeds or fruits of more than 60 plants. Note the following history of some popular caffeine-containing beverages:

Tea dates from 2735 B.C. when evergreen leaves accidentally fell into boiling water at an emperor's party, creating a heavenly smelling drink.

Coffee beans were used as money and consumed as food in 575 A.D.

Soft drinks with caffeine were created in 1884.

## Why Go To Meetings

People make all kinds of excuses for not attending meetings of organizations with which they are affiliated. Here are some of them:

\* I might have to make a report to my associates about current problems and possible solutions. That takes time and work.

\* I'm doing okay running things as they are. It's good enough. Why mess with new ideas and procedures? I say if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

\* I'm too busy. After all, I'm one very important person. And who could teach me anything anyhow?

\* I'll only hear the same old stuff I heard at the last meeting. And it takes too much effort to change things. Who needs it?

\* I know there are some great people present at those meetings, and though I might learn something from them, it would probably cost too much to start up something new at my place.

\* I happen to be a professional, and that means I know it all. Nobody can tell me nothing' I don't already know.

Good excuses? You be the judge.

Yes, there are many more good reasons why you should attend professional meetings. The most important: You might learn something beneficial to both you and your organization.

## By the People....

Up until 1913, U.S. Senators were elected by the state legislatures. However, the late 19th and early 20th centuries saw a number of senatorial scandals.

Hence, the 17th Amendment, ratified on April 8, 1913. It mandates direct election of senators by the people with two senators from each state, six-year terms and one vote each.

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lites. It will help foreign teams, too. SOSA has also launched the so-called cosmic incubators, for example at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics (FEI) of the Bratislava-based Slovak Technical University. They are aimed at education and passing on experience in developing cosmic technologies to students of Slovak universities.

"This project is a great contribution for Slovak science, since we will get to space in a short time. Now it's only about meeting these scientific experiments. This is a challenge for another group of people," said Peter Ballo of FEI's Nuclear and Physical Engineering Institute.

An exemplar of the first satellite developed and built by Slovak engineers and scientists was presented on January 7, 2016 in Bratislava. The satellite's launch had been scheduled for May of 2016, but was later shifted for June, then July, and the last deadline was set for the fall of 2016. Slovakia is the last from its region of countries that has not as yet sent its own satellite into Earth's orbit

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- \* Provide basic information about yourself. ...
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- \* Click "Create my account."
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## Obituaries...

### Sister Maria Isidore Tomascak, SS.C.M., 89, noted horticulturist, laid to rest in Danville, Pa.

Sister Maria Isidore passed away peacefully on May 9 at Emmanuel Center in Danville, Pa. She was 89. Born Agnes Tomascak on April 17, 1928 in New Milford, Conn., she was the daughter of Andrew Tomascak and the former Veronica Piskura, and was the eldest of their 14 children.

Her elementary school education was completed in Brookfield, Conn. public schools. Later she attended SS. Cyril and Methodius Commercial School in Bridgeport, Conn. and in 1947 graduated from St. Cyril Academy, Danville, Pa.

On February 1, 1948, Sister entered the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, was received as a novice on August 11 of that year and made her first profession of vows on August 10, 1950.

During her entire religious life, Sister Maria Isidore lived on the Motherhouse complex in Danville, Pa. and was involved in horticulture. From 1950 until recently, she engaged in the cultivation of vegetables and flowers, and cared for the vineyard and the fruit trees, pruning the apple, peach, plum and pear trees in early spring and gathering the ripe fruit in the fall. Sister Isidore spent a lifetime loving the earth, its plants, its creatures, and its possibilities. Under her watchful care, Villa Sacred Heart gardens produced an abundance of flowers, vegetables and fruit. (Throughout her 69 years of consecrated life, Sister beautifully mirrored her patron, St. Isidore the Farmer. Anyone blessed to encounter Sister Isidore during a visit to the spacious grounds of Villa Sacred Heart saw in her the beauty of her childlike kindness and spirituality. She will be missed. - editor's note)

Sister Maria Isidore was preceded in death by her parents and two



**Sister Maria Isidore Tomascak  
1928 - 2017, R.I.P.**

brothers, William and Methodius. She is survived by her brothers, Andrew, Southbury, Conn.; Albert, New Milford, Conn.; Cyril, Bradenton, Fla.; and sisters, Margaret DeLuca, Boynton, Fla.; Barbara Carmignini, Danbury, Conn.; Marion White, Bristol, Conn.; Cecelia Hungerford, New Milford, Conn.; Christina Richards, Woodbury, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Transferral and recitation of the Rosary took place on May 17 at Maria Hall in Danville followed by a Wake Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maria Hall by Maria Hall Chaplain, Rev. Gerard Heintzelman. Concelebrating was the Rev. Adam Keltos, O.F.M., Conv., a cousin of Sister Isidore. Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sister Isidore can be made to the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.

May our dear Sister Maria Isidore who beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage through her life, now rest in peace.

### Sokol Calendar

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zens Club; for information contact Butch Hvozdovic at 570 825-3584 or Nancy Fedor 570 826-0752.

#### JULY 12-16

■ 48th International Slet at the State University of New York at Brockport, N.Y.

#### THURS. JULY 20

■ 94th annual American Slovak Day of Western Pennsylvania at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pa. beginning at 12:30 p.m. with children's games and treats; Mass at 4 p.m.; Slovak folk entertainment at 5 p.m.; for information contact Sue Ondrejco at sue.ndrejco@gmail.com or tel. 412 421-1204.

#### SUN. JULY 30

■ 87th annual Milwaukee Slovak American Day at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th St., Franklin, Wis. beginning with Mass at 12 noon; cultural program at 2:30 p.m. featuring our Group 4 Slovak Catholic Sokol drillers and the Tatra Slovak

Dancers; traditional Slovak culinary favorites along with American picnic favorites; homemade bakery; for information call Betty Valent at 414 425-6137.

#### SUN. AUG. 13

■ Annual Marian Slovak Day Pilgrimage hosted by New York-New Jersey area Slovak societies at the Salesian Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Filors Lane, West Haverstraw, N.Y., confessions at 10 a.m., concelebrated Slovak liturgy at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon and Marian devotions beginning at 2:30 p.m.

#### AUG. 25-27

■ 27th annual Slovak Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish, 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, Mich. 48314, Friday: 6-11 p.m., Saturday: 12 noon - 11 p.m., Sunday: 12 noon - 9 p.m. for additional information call 586 726-6911 or www.adoremylord.com.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

### MARCH 2017

Assembly/Wreath	Member	Age	Date of Death
Assembly 6	Rita Durkin, Benwood, WV	91	February 27, 2017
Assembly 11	Mary Beth Stull, Chicago, IL	67	May 21, 2015
Assembly 11	Anna Gizowski, Chicago, IL	93	March 11, 2017
Assembly 36	Mildred Schueuern, Detroit, MI	98	January 30, 2017
Assembly 36	Laura M. Merrick, Detroit, MI	55	February 16, 2017
Assembly 59	Ronald Hinz, Wilkes-Barre, PA	67	March 28, 2017
Assembly 79	Edward J. Podrasky, Lilly, PA	93	December 26, 2016
Assembly 108	Anthony A. Leskavansky, Youngstown, OH	81	November 15, 2016
Assembly 162	Joseph Aldo Lotito, Clifton, NJ	36	February 2, 2017
Assembly 180	Dorothy Cromi, Canton, OH	89	January 7, 2017
Assembly 185	Margaret Hrnecik, Binghamton, NY	94	March 28, 2017
Assembly 219	Sophia A. Gogola, Yonkers, NY	99	February 15, 2017
Assembly 219	Tara Ann Turner, Yonkers, NY	50	March 9, 2017
Assembly 257	Virgie Ann Eggers, Chicago, IL	89	March 28, 2017
Assembly 261	Bernard W. Miller, Reading, PA	86	March 9, 2017
Assembly 312	June Glavis, Passaic, NJ	87	June 28, 2017
Assembly 312	Elizabeth A. Howell, Passaic, NJ	90	March 20, 2017
Assembly 312	Joseph J. Woytas, Passaic, NJ	80	July 7, 2010
Wreath 14	John S. Gaydos, Johnstown, PA	68	February 21, 2017
Wreath 18	Katherine G. Mayotte, East Douglas, MA	99	December 17, 2016
Wreath 22	Aldine L. Snyder, Pittsburgh, PA	91	March 27, 2017
Wreath 54	Carol Ann Morris, Youngstown, OH	74	March 7, 2017
Wreath 81	Irene Kusbel, Whiting, IN	92	March 10, 2017
Wreath 81	Monica A. Mores, Whiting, IN	84	March 26, 2017
Wreath 85	Leo Sabatini, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	91	March 8, 2017
Wreath 85	Dorothy E. Cain, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	89	May 3, 2017
Wreath 86	Helen Komay, Torrington, CT	93	February 16, 2017
Wreath 86	Lillian E. Trivella, Torrington, CT	94	December 18, 2016
Wreath 147	Emri Anthony Voytek, Larksville, PA	88	January 29, 2017

### Bernadette R. Pitek, 90, laid to rest in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bernadette Rose Piontek of the Baldwin section of Pittsburgh passed away peacefully on May 12 at the age of 90. She was the wife of our late Supreme President John F. Pitek who passed away on June 4, 1985.



A native of Pittsburgh, Bernadette was born there

July 22, 1926, daughter of the late Michael Piontek and the former Caroline Palk. She was educated locally and was employed for many years at Bell Telephone before her retirement. Over the years, she devoted countless hours volunteering at Southside Hospital. On July 25, 1944, she was united in marriage at the Church of St. Josaphat to John F. Pitek. He passed away in 1985. Bernadette worked alongside her late husband in promoting the activities of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in the Pittsburgh area. She was a long-time member of Wreath 22 and represented her lodge at several national conventions. She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish, Southside, Pittsburgh.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Sister Pitek at the John F. Slater Funeral Home in Brentwood. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on May 18 at the Church of St. Adalbert, South Side, a component of Prince of Peace Parish. Local interment followed.

Sister Pitek is survived by a daughter, Bernadette(Ray) Michenzi; sons, Francis(Mary Ann) Pitek and John(Charlene)Pitek;

seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sisters, Rose(Mel) Karaica, Josephine(Regis) Hennessy and the late Mary(Edward) Szymkowiak, Theresa(Carl) Sluganski and Antoinette(Andrew) Pavlick. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

May our Sister Bernadette, who so beautifully mirrored our Sokol way of life, now rest in peace. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and fraternal sister to many. Our sympathy goes out to the Pitek family.



### Announcing the Memorial Scholarship Fund!!!

*In Memory of...*

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

<http://slovakcatholicssokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm> or simply send your donation to:

Dennis J. Zifcak  
SCS Museum Treasurer  
33 Pinecrest Rd.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

- 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 \$1,000 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.

## Sokol Birthdays

### JUNE 9

**Lauren Harney**, Mahopac, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Martha Volosin**, Lower Burrell, Pa., a member of Assembly 313, Winter Park, Fla.

### JUNE 10

**Marjorie K. Mischik**, Bridgeport, Conn., a member of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

**Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Stanichar**, V.F., Seattle, Wash., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

### JUNE 11

**Frances M. Moore**, Indiana, Pa., a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

### JUNE 12

**Irene M. Sinanis**, Trumbull, Conn., President of Wreath 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

**Marsha Smith**, Valparaiso, Ind., a member of Assembly 127, Monessen, Pa.

### JUNE 13

**Donald J. Koval**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### JUNE 14

**David J. Antoniuk**, Phoenixville, Pa., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Matthew R. Kubej**, Renton, Wash., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

**Devin Patrick O'Sullivan**, Pelham Manor, N.Y., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Emely Pogorelec**, Wayne, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J., belated wishes.

### JUNE 16

**C. J. Fogle**, Webster, N.Y., a member of Assembly 96 in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**David Kelly**, Moosic, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**Cheryl Kopchak**, Park Ridge, N.J., a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

**Lisa Petruska**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### JUNE 17

**Ronald F. Duska, Jr.**, Villa-nova,

Pa., a member of Assembly 64, Erie, Pa.

**Moira Kathleen Honohan**, Fairfield, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Michelle S. Kolodziej**, Lansing, Ill., a member of Assembly 11, Chicago, Ill.

**Thomas J. Krack**, Garfield, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

**Mark Malshefski**, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

### JUNE 18

**Elizabeth Kowatch**, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Olivia Pizzella**, Plains, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**Brooke Ansley Macurak**, Kennewaw, Ga., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Albert O. Neudeck, III**, Bridgeport, Conn., Group 2 Physical Director and Financial Secretary of Wreath 39, Bridgeport, Conn.

**Jason P. Pogorelec**, Chesnut Hill, Ma., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

### JUNE 19

**James Thomas Maron**, Fairfield, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Robert Alexander Maron**, Fairfield, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

**Andrew J. Palchanis**, Plymouth, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

### JUNE 20

**Robert A. Kopco**, Johnstown, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

### JUNE 21

**Elaine Babusik Roditis**, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Wreath 13, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Kerrian Amara Dorans**, Branchville, N.J., a member of Wreath 2, Passaic, N.J.

**Mary Ruth Romagnoli**, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

## Blood Circulation Known B.C.

The circulation of the blood in the body, pumped by the heart, was already a basic tenet of Chinese medicine about 2,000 years before William Harvey published his "discovery" in 1628.

Circulation rhythms, or biological clocks," controlled in part by the body's hormonal secretions, were noticed by the Chinese in the second century B.C., and became important in acupuncture, which has been practiced since 1500 B.C.

## Bald Eagle: National Bird

The Continental Congress chose the bald eagle for the Great Seal of the United States in 1782. Then, it nested and flew all over the country.



Now, it is threatened or endangered. The relatively few eagles remaining have a better chance of survival thanks to restrictions on harmful pesticides, laws making it illegal to shoot them and research to learn more about them.

It is known that bald eagles are fish-eating or "sea" eagles. They can grow to 3 1/2 feet in length, weigh up to 14 pounds and have a wingspan of eight feet. Their nests or aeries are built in tall trees near lakes and rivers. Made of large sticks and lined with grass, these aeries can weigh hundreds of pounds.

Actually, bald eagles are not bald. "Bald" comes from the Old English balde meaning white, for the white head and tail that occur in their fourth year. They have lived as long as 50 years in captivity.

These majestic birds live on in the wild as fitting national symbols. May it always be so.

## Americans in better shape

American adults still have "some nasty habits to break," but they're trying to take care of themselves, according to a recent survey of 8,000 adults by the National Center for Health Statistics.

The survey found the number of smokers has declined, while a good number of adults are in the process of trimming down and getting their weight under control. Forty-two percent said they exercise or play sports regularly.

## How Rich Are You?

Poverty is just that: the lack of money or material possessions. Still some who have little but the clothes they own live fully. Indeed, richly.

Yes, there is that which money and material possessions cannot buy: the joy of a best friend, the calm of a plant on the windowsill, the appreciation of music, the gift of health.

So many considered poor are rich. And so many considered rich are far below the poverty line, for their values remain in banked dollars rather than in life's worth.

## Preparing for our 48th Slet

by Nancy Kropolinsky

Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

In 1905, a group of Slovak immigrants formed our beloved organization in order to preserve their religious and athletic traditions in America. The Slets were organized as a way to demonstrate gymnastics and calisthenics, both central activities promoting the



Sokol physical culture. While Slets were first held on the local Group level in our organization's early years, the first national Slet took place in the summer of 1912. When our Canadian brothers and sisters became a part of our organization, our first International Slet took place. This year, July 12 - July 16 marks the dates for our 48th International Slet to be held at the State University of New York at Brockport, N.Y. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board has been busy making all the necessary preparations to insure a successful Slet. Group Physical Directors and Directresses are in the process of registering teams, holding practices and ordering the necessary uniforms.

A focal point of the weeklong event is the calisthenic competition. "Calisthenic" comes from the ancient Greek word "Kalos" which means beauty - to emphasize the aesthetic pleasure that causes perfection of the human body. The team drill competition recognizes group efforts in synchronicity, precision and executing the commands uniformly. On the other hand, the individual drill competition is the opportunity for athletes to accentuate aspects of the drill unique to other competitors. The first round of judging can be very intimidating for some. There is no second chance to make a good first impression so here are some tips to consider before walking into the competition:

- 1) Know the routine - practice makes perfect. Practice the routine in front of a mirror and facing different directions.
- 2) Determine which aspects of the routine you perform best and accentuate them.
- 3) Execute the drill with poise, precision and awareness - know where your body is at all times.
- 4) Stay grounded and balanced to execute moves in a clean, crisp manner.
- 5) Know the purpose of the dance. Does it have a fast and upbeat pace, strong and crisp or soft flow to the tempo?

Remember, the individual drill is just that - Individual. Put your name on it and make it yours. If selected as a finalist, there is no prouder moment than performing individually in front of a crowd. While winning any athletic event in track and/or gymnastics is a proud accomplishment, being selected as a finalist for the Individual Drill Competition is an honor. It is recognition of what our Slovak heritage symbolizes, a tradition the immigrants set out to accomplish back in 1905.

Continue practicing and perfecting those routines. I anticipate watching the competition with excitement, reverence and a bit of nostalgia. I look forward to seeing you at our 48th Slet in Rockport, N.Y. and Zdar Boh!

*(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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## 12th Annual Consular Tour to Slovakia

(Continued from page 4) including tour of Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mine.

The total price for this complete tour is just \$3,798 per person based on double occupancy. The tour includes airfare from Pittsburgh or Newark, two delicious meals daily, four-star hotels, air conditioned bus with English speaking professional guides and more. For a copy of a detailed itinerary, con-

tact Joseph Senko at [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com) or tel. 412 956-6000. Make one of your new year's resolutions plans to visit the historic and scenic land of your ancestors. Today Slovakia, located in the very heart of Europe, offers so much history, art, culture and scenic beauty. Join veteran travelers and Slovak fraternal activists, Joe and Albina Senko for this once in a lifetime tour.

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## Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius Welcome New Associates

On Sunday, May 7, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius welcomed 11 new SSCM Associates from the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. Associate members share the faith, prayer, and in various ways, the Congregational spirituality, charism and mission of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The new Associates serve in many capacities with the Sisters missioned in Bluffton, S.C. and Saint Helena Island, S.C. All of the new Associates are active in a variety of volunteer ministries at St. Gregory the Great Church and/or School, and many also volunteer at the St. Francis Center at St. Helena Island and are involved in other charitable activities in the civic community.

Since the beginning of the SSCM Associate program in 1987 in Harrisburg, Pa., Christian women and men continue to enter into this covenant relationship with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in many ways.

Founded in 1909 by the Rev. Matthew Jankola, the second supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius are engaged



**Sister Michael Ann Orlik, S.S.C.M., General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, signs the covenant agreement with new Associate Darlene Polk.**

in the works of education, evangelization, elder care and ecumenism. Sharing in this mission are SSCM Associates. We congratulate the newest Associates in the Diocese of Charleston where the Sisters have been ministering since 1946.



**Newest SSCM Associates in the Diocese of Charleston are shown above and include, front, l-r: Patricia Vacchi, Lidia Marques, Judy Moleski, Gladys Servat, Linder Walker; back row, l-r: Kathy Campbell, Judy Tesier, Betty Haddad, Nancy Kuykendall, Darlene Polk. Absent from photo: Pat Lifritz.**

## Assembly 59 Golf Tournament set for July 9 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Continuing in a fine fraternal sporting tradition spanning many years now, Assembly 59 of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. will again host its annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 9. This year's competition will be staged at the scenic Hollenback Golf Course, located at North Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre beginning at 9 a.m. Assembly 59 Sokols and Sokolky are cordially invited to join us for an enjoyable golf outing.

Captain and Crew are \$40 per person. Refreshments will follow the action on the greens at the North End Slovak Citizens Club located on North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre. Deadline for entry

is Sunday, July 2. For reservations and additional information contact our Honorary Supreme Officer Andrew J. "Butch" Hvozdic at tel. 570 825-3584 or Nancy Fedor at 570 826-0752. Come join us for an enjoyable fraternal afternoon of Sokol fellowship and good sportsmanship.

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



## Annual picnic set for June 11 in Alexandria, Va.

The Slovak American Society of Washington, D.C. (SASW) will host its annual Slovak Day Picnic on Sunday, June 11 at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Va. Fort Hunt is a national park located just off the George Washington Memorial Highway. This Slovak-style picnic with food and drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) begins at 12 noon and will continue until 5 p.m. Members and guests are welcome to attend. To celebrate a very successful 2016, the SASW has reduced the cost of attendance.

Cost for members is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family, non-members pay \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Reservations are required by June 5 by sending a check to: SAWS, P.O. Box 2502, Springfield, VA 22152-2502.

Directions from Alexandria, take the GW Memorial Parkway for about 12 miles, turn right onto Fort Hunt Park and continue to the park. The picnic pavilion is C-002. Area Sokol members are cordially invited to spend an enjoyable afternoon of Slovak fellowship at this year's picnic.

## Youngstown Sister Cities to host Slovak mayor

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Youngstown, Ohio - Spisska Nova Ves Sister Cities, the mayor of Nova Ves in Slovakia, Dr. Jan Volny, will be the guest of the Youngstown Sister Cities on his visit to Youngstown, June 15-22.

During his stay, there will be a presentation to Youngstown Mayor John McNally of two handcarved wooden plaques to be hung in City Hall. They have been carved by an artisan in Slovakia and represent the crest of the city of Nova Ves and the seal of the Youngstown city skyline.

On Saturday, June 17, Mayor Volny will be in the entertainment tent at this year's Simply Slavic Fest, scheduled for downtown Youngstown from noon to closing. He will be available to meet and visit with people attending this year's fest.

The itinerary has been set for the Board of the Youngstown Sister Cities to escort him to area sites of interest. Mayor Volny will be visiting the offices of our Cleveland Slovak fraternal societies. Since its founding in 1991, the Slovak fraternal societies, including the Slovak Catholic Sokol, have been the principal source of funding for the Youngstown Sister Cities. Our Slovak fraternal publications publish events of the Youngstown Sister Cities and help us keep Slovak heritage and traditions alive as well as provide a wonderful cultural bridge between the United States and Slovakia. We commend all those who support the work of the Youngstown Sister Cities, especially its hardworking secretary, Slovak fraternal activist and our Sokolka, Bernie Demechko.

## Alex S. Kromkowski of Rochester, Ind. is our newest Eagle Scout

On June 11, 2016 Alexander Stefan Kromkowski of Rochester, Indiana received his Eagle Scout Rank designation in the Boy Scouts. Alex began his scouting activities in first grade as a Tiger Scout and worked his way up through the ranks. For his Eagle Scout Project, he worked with the Knights of Columbus on their sweet corn booth that they use for the annual Trail of Courage Rendezvous in Rochester. This is the Knights of Columbus biggest fundraiser for the year. The work included fixing up the fire pit and corn crib, installing a new hand washing station, replacing the fence, and removing a stump that was in the middle of the work area. His efforts will enable the local Knights of Columbus council to use the facility in its various charity fundraising efforts.

Alex is the son of Christopher and Marianne Kromkowski of Rochester, Ind. He graduates from Tippecanoe Valley High School in June 2017. He is our Sokol mem-



ber of Wreath 14 in Johnstown, Pa. where his family has its roots. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Alex on his most recent achievement, attaining the high rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations as well on your high school graduation. Happy future and Zdar Boh!

## Pa. Fraternal Alliance Fraternalist of the Year

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance, which represents members of fraternal organizations in the Keystone State, will again accept nominations for its 2017 Fraternalist of the Year program. Nominations for the award are due by September 1, 2017.

Any member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol residing in Pennsylvania may be nominated for the award. An individual member, who through his or her example and accomplishments provides volunteer

service may be considered for the award. The individual selected for the award will be honored during the 2017 annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance scheduled for October 22-24 at Seven Springs Resort. The recipient will receive two complimentary luncheon tickets for Oct. 23rd and \$250 to help defray the cost of travel. A nomination form is available by contacting Editor Daniel F. Tanzone at the home office at tel. 800 886-7656.

## Riana Hoeck Promotes Our Organization



**Riana S. Hoeck**, a second grader at Pewaukee Lake Elementary School, completed a school assignment recently where she had to create a poster on something that has influenced her life. Riana chose the Slovak Catholic Sokol. She created a poster including what the SCS is, how she became involved and how it influenced her life. "Sokols has taught me about my faith, community service, making friends, my family history, how to be a leader and if you try hard, you can succeed." She presented her poster to many parents and the principal on an open house night the school offered. Pewaukee Lake Elementary School is the only elementary school in the district, offering classes K-3rd grade with over 1,000 children in the school. Riana is our Sokolka of Wreath 93 in Milwaukee, Wis. She is preparing for her first Slet experience in July and cannot wait to meet new friends and finally to participate - she has been attending the Slet as a spectator since she was six months old with her grandma, Nancy Hoeck. Riana is the daughter of well-known Group 4 Sokol activists, Brad and Lisa Hoeck of Pewaukee, Wis.

## 110. výročie Slovenskej ligy v Amerike

Slovenská liga v Amerike sa dožila 30. mája 110. výročia svojej existencie. Založená bola 30. mája 1907 na desaťtisícovom zhromaždení v Clevelande. Jej hlavným cieľom v tom čase bol boj proti maďarizácii Slovenska, za uznanie slovenskej národnosti a za samosprávu.

Nasledovali desaťročia zápasov a bojov nielen za oslobodenie Slovenska spod maďarskej nadvlády, ale neskôr aj za autonómiu, konfederatívne spoložitie s Čechmi a v konečnom štádiu za samostatnosť. Slovenská liga a jej zakladajúce a členské organizácie finančne aj politicky podporovali tento dlhý zápas a na jeho financovanie viedli mnohé zbierky, ktoré vynesli milióny dolárov. Ďalšie milióny boli vyzbierané na podporu katolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku a na založenie Slovenského ústavu v Ríme.

Nepreháňame, keď povieme, že v dlhom boji o samostatnosť Slovenska Slovenská liga pomáhala stvárňovať novodobé dejiny slovenského národa.

Tento boj sa skončil 1. januára 1993, keď sa Slovensko definitívne dostalo na mapu Európy ako samostatný štát. Čelní predstavitelia Slovenskej ligy a viacerých významných americkoslovenských organizácií boli prítomní na slávnostnom vyhlásení samostatnosti na

Hlavnom námestí v Bratislave v 1. minúte roka 1993, ako aj na slávnostných bohoslužbách v historickom Dóme sv. Martina a na slávnostnom zasadnutí slovenského parlamentu.

Boli to slávnostné dni, ale aj dni piety, dni vďaky a úcty padlým bojovníkom a mnohým státisícom národovcov, ktorí trpeli a obetovali sa v boji za samostatnosť slovenského národa.

V tento deň, 1. januára 1993 aj Slovenská liga v Amerike dosiahla svoje historické poslanie. Samostatnosť slovenského národa bola už pri jej vzniku jej vyhláseným cieľom, jej nádejou a jej programom.

Pri tejto príležitosti vyslovujeme veľkú vďaku a úctu našim pracovníkom v Slovenskej lige počas celých 110 rokov jej existencie. Rovnako ďakujeme a vzdávame poctu organizáciám a združeniam, ktorí nás v dlhom boji podporovali finančne i morálne. A vzdávame vďaku a úctu tisícom funkcionárov a spolupracovníkom, ktorí pomáhali pri zbierkach a pri organizovaní národných programov a podujatí.

Vo vzájomnej spolupráci s národom vo vlasti a sme aj my v Amerike pod vedením Slovenskej ligy dobojovali víťazný boj a dožili sme sa vytúženého cieľa.

- Ján Holý

### Niekoľko trikov do vašej kuchyne

Ak chcete, aby bolo jedlo z mletého mäsa šťavnaté, pridajte cibuľu a surové zemiaky v pomere 1:1.

Dokonale prepečené mäso dosiahnete ak ho vložíte do sklenenej formy a budete ho piecť v rúre na najnižšej mriežke. Mäso pri pečení párkrát otočte.

Do vody, v ktorej budete variť zemiaky, pridajte lyžičku octu, pár strúčikov cesnaku a bobkový list.

Ak chcete mať chrumkavú rybu použite pri vyprážíaní maslo.

Ak nechcete, aby bol pach z rýb cítiť po celej vašej kuchyni, do panvice po vyprážíaní dajte pár kúskov zemiakov a maslo.

Zeleninu a čerstvé bylinky umyte v slanej vode. Zbavíte sa tak všetkých baktérií a zeleninu dokonale umyjete.

Ak ste presolili polievku, pridajte do nej celý surový zemiak alebo ryžu.

Čistý voňavý mäsový vývar dosiahnete tak, že pri varení do hrnca pridáte umyté vaječné škrupiny, ktoré pred podávaním vyberiete.

## Americký veľvyslanec v SR udelil ceny

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ia na Slovensku. Fenestra, ktorá vznikla v roku 1998, je prvou mimovládnu organizáciou na Slovensku na pomoc obetiam domáceho násilia.

„Tešíme sa na pokračovanie spolupráce veľvyslanectva s občianskou spoločnosťou a slovenskou vládou v úsilí presadzovania práv menších, podpory reforiem nasmerovaných k posilňovaniu právneho štátu a zvyšovaniu transparentnosti. Spolupráca medzi vládami a občianskou spoločnosťou je kľúčová k dosiahnutiu zmysluplného pokroku pri ochrane ľudských práv,“ uviedol na slávnostnom odovzdávaní ocenení americký veľvyslanec.

### ACH, TÁ NAŠA SLOVENČINA!

...lifestylové médiá začali húfnie označovať...? - *diva.sk*

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Spoluprácu ocenia najmä európski cestujúci, ktorým **low-costová** spoločnosť ponúka... - *trend.sk*

### Kútič humoru

- *Prečo držíš tú sliepku tak dlho za krk?*

- *Varím podľa kuchárskej knihy. Tam je napísané: sliepku pol hodiny mierne dusíme.*

- *Jano, čo robíš? - pýta sa stavbyvedúci.*

- *Nič.*

- *A ty, Dežo?*

- *Ja mu pomáham.*

- *Čo je absolútna smola?*

- *Nájsť prázdnu peňaženku a zistiť, že je moja.*

Časník sa pýta hosta:

„Máte prázdny pohárik, mám vám priniesť ďalší?“

„A čo budem robiť s dvoma prázdnyimi pohármi?“

## V Bratislave začala výstavba projektu Sky Park



Zdroj: Vizualizácia - Penta Investments

Poklepaním základného kameňa sa 19. mája začala výstavba projektu Sky Park, na rohu ulíc Čulenová a Továrnska v bratislavskej mestskej časti Staré Mesto, ktorú navrhla svetoznáma architektka Zaha Hadid. Stavebné a prípravné práce sa začali na pozemku spomínaných ulíc už začiatkom roka, pričom prvú etapu projektu by mali dokončiť koncom roka 2019.

Tá zahŕňa výstavbu troch rezidenčných veží s viac ako sedemsto bytmi a 1 100 parkovacími miestami.

Súčasťou projektu Sky Park bude tiež nový mestský park

s rozlohou viac ako 20-tisíc štvorcových metrov a zároveň v prvej etape výstavby plánuje investor zrekonštruovať fasádu historickej budovy teplárne od architekta Dušana Jurkoviča ktorá je národnou kultúrnou pamiatkou.

V druhej etape výstavby počítá investor s dvoma administratívnymi budovami.

Zaha Hadid bola jednou z najznámejších svetových architektiek a držiteľkou množstva medzinárodných ocenení. Autorský sa podpísala pod uznávané, ako aj kontroverzné stavby. Zomrela vo veku 65 rokov 31. marca 2016.

## Slovensko podľa štatistikov starne

Slovenská populácia starne, stúpol počet sobášov, klesla rozvodovosť a pribudlo viac ako 9000 ľudí. Taký bol demografický vývoj na Slovensku v roku 2016. Informoval o ňom predseda Štatistického úradu SR Alexander Ballek.

Priemerný vek obyvateľov je druhý rok po sebe nad hodnotu 40 rokov, v roku 2016 dosiahol hodnotu 40,4. Polovica populácie Slovenska je už staršia ako 39,8 roka a na 1000 detí pripadá 97 osôb vo veku 65 rokov a starších.

“Vývoj vekovej štruktúry nie je pozitívny a jednoznačne ukazuje na starnutie,” povedal Ballek. Svoj podiel na starnutí populácie má podľa štatistikov aj nárast strednej dĺžky života. Populačné starnutie je podľa Balleka jednou z najväčších aktuálnych demografických výziev.

Na konci minulého roka malo Slovensko 5 435 343 obyvateľov, v priebehu roka pribudlo viac ako 9000 obyvateľov. Z celkového

počtu obyvateľov bolo 2 783 659 žien.

Narodilo sa 57 557 živých detí, čo bolo o 1955 viac ako v roku 2015. Zomrelo 52 351 ľudí, teda o 1 475 menej ako v roku 2015. Naďalej podľa štatistiky pretrvávajú nadumrtnosť mužov.

Zvýšil sa aj počet sobášov, naopak, rozvodov bolo menej. Uzavretých bolo 29 897 manželstiev a rozviedlo sa 9286 manželských dvojíc. V porovnaní s rokom 2015 bol počet sobášov vyšší o 1122 a počet rozvodov nižší o 500. Na 100 uzavretých manželstiev pripadlo 31 rozvodov.

Prirodzený prírastok dosiahol vlni hodnotu 5206 osôb a bol tak o 3430 osôb vyšší než rok predtým. Zahranicnou migráciou získalo Slovensko 3885 osôb, teda o 758 viac ako v roku 2015.

Celkový prírastok obyvateľstva dosiahol v roku 2016 hodnotu 9091 osôb, čo je o 4188 viac ako rok predtým.

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### Americký veľvyslanec v SR udelil ceny za ľudské práva a transparentnosť

Dodržiavanie ľudských práv na celom svete je jednou z najvyšších priorít vlády Spojených štátov, uviedol 23. mája americký veľvyslanec na Slovensku Adam Sterling pri príležitosti šiesteho ročníka udeľovania Ceny za ochranu ľudských práv a slobôd.

Americký veľvyslanec udelil ocenenia v troch kategóriách: Cena obhajcu ľudských práv, Cena za transparentnosť a Cena Odvážne ženy.

Cenu obhajcu ľudských práv získala občianska iniciatíva Zabudnuté Slovensko. Americký veľvyslanec vyslovil iniciatívu uznanie na zvyšovanie povedomia verejnosti o nebezpečenstvách extrémizmu a tiež za poskytovanie priestoru pre obyvateľov v rôznych oblastiach Slovenska, aby sa podelili o svoje názory na túto tému.

“Našou snahou je vyjadriť sa proti všetkým formám nenávisťi, neznašanlivosti, xenofóbie a extrémizmu. Chceme podporiť všetkých ľudskoprávných aktivistov v rámci Slovenska,” povedal zakladateľ iniciatívy

Michal Karako.

Dodal, že úlohou združenia je organizovať koncerty a verejné diskusie na tému extrémizmu v regiónoch, na ktoré podľa neho politici zabúdajú. Ide o oblasti s vysokou mierou nezamestnanosti a vysokou podporou radikálnych myšlienok a politických strán.

Žilinské občianske združenie Proti korupcii dostalo ocenenie v kategórii Cena za transparentnosť. Združenie podľa amerického veľvyslancu dohliada na inštitúcie verejnej samosprávy s cieľom obmedziť priestor pre nezákonné konanie a nehospodárne výdavky.

Medzi najzaujímavejšie aktivity združenia patrí protikorupčný festival, ktorý organizuje od roku 2014, ako aj diskusie o korupcii pre študentov i širokú verejnosť.

Rodovo podmienené násilie

Nezisková organizácia Fenestra získala ocenenie Odvážne ženy ako uznanie ich 20-ročného úsilia a práce v oblasti a prevenciu rodovo podmieneného násil-

(Pokračovanie na str. 15)

### Na Mount Evereste zahynul slovenský horolezec

Slovák Vladimír Štrba zahynul na najvyššej hore sveta. Pri výstupe na vrchol utrpel ťažké omrzliny a jeho stav bol veľmi vážny. Svoj boj o život prehrál. Pre zlé poveternostné podmienky musel zmeniť trasu výstupu.

Horolezec sa rozhodol vo výške 6 400 metrov zmeniť trasu výstupu pre husté sneženie. Navyše zbytočne riskoval, keď sa rozhodol podniknúť výstup bez kyslíka po klasickej výstupovej trase z roku 1953. V takýchto nadmorských výškach panujú extrémne náročné podmienky.

Vo výške takmer 8 kilometrov v tzv. zóne smrti zistil, že mu zmizol pripravený stan a zástoby, použil stan inej expedície. Na vrchol Everestu sa nakoniec nedostal a vo výške približne 8 700 metrov sa rozhodol vrátiť späť. Pri zostupe utrpel ťažké omrzliny a jeho stav bol veľmi kritický. Jeho návrat do tábora museli odložiť a nosiči čakali na zlepšenie jeho stavu. Zomrel 21. mája poďvečer nepálskeho času vo štvrtom výškovom tábore pod Mount Everestom.

### Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti na Slovensku dosiahla ku koncu apríla tohto roka 7,74 percenta. Oproti marcu sa miera evidovanej nezamestnanosti znížila o 0,30 percentuálneho bodu. Medziročne bola miera nezamestnanosti minulý mesiac nižšia o 1,90 percentuálneho bodu. Vyplýva to z údajov Ústredia práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR.

□ Úrady práce evidovali na konci minulého mesiaca 211 104 disponibilných uchádzačov o zamestnanie. Oproti marcu ide o pokles o 8 045 ľudí. Medziročne počet uchádzačov, ktorí mohli okamžite nastúpiť do práce, klesol o 50 810 osôb.

□ Ku koncu apríla tohto roka pracovalo na Slovensku 40 200 cudzincov. V porovnaní s koncom apríla minulého roka ide o nárast o 11 800 osôb. Najpočetnejšie zastúpenie na slovenskom pracovnom trhu majú občania Rumunska. Tých ku koncu minulého mesiaca na Slovensku pracovalo 8 tisíc, čo je medziročne viac o 1,1 tisíce osôb. Vyplýva to z údajov, ktoré zverejnilo Ústredie práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny SR.

□ Na druhej priečke sú občania Srbska, ktorých prišlo za prácou na Slovensko 6,2 tisíce. Medziročne tak počet občanov Srbska pracujúcich na Slovensku stúpol o 4,2 tisíce. Nasleduje Česká republika, ktorá zaznamenala na konci minulého mesiaca 4,4 tisíce svojich občanov pracujúcich na Slovensku, čo je medziročne viac o 804 ľudí.

□ Na slávnostnom nástupe na Základní výcviku a mobilizačného doplnovania v Martine sa 12. mája rozlúčili s 34 príslušníkmi Ozbrojených síl, ktorí odchádzajú plniť úlohy do operácie Resolute Support v Afganistane. Zároveň privítali 13 spojovacích špecialistov, ktorí sa začiatkom mája vrátili z operácie Resolute Support a ocenili

ich medailami ministra obrany a medailami vojnových veteránov.

□ Vojaci budú v operácii Resolute Support pôsobiť šesť mesiacov v poradenských a výcvikových tímoch afganských špeciálnych síl, v polnom chirurgickom tíme v zdravotníckom zabezpečení a na veliteľstve Resolute Support, kde budú plniť rôzne úlohy. V operácii Resolute Support pôsobia slovenskí vojaci od 1. januára 2015.

□ Nízkonákladové aerolínie Ryanair uzavreli nové partnerstvo so španielskou leteckou spoločnosťou Air Europa. Spoluprácu ocenia najmä európski cestujúci, ktorým spoločnosť ponúka a sprostredkuje nové letecké trasy z Madridu do Severnej, Strednej aj Južnej Ameriky vrátane Bostonu, Miami a New Yorku – JFK.

□ Prieťah mračen spojená s krupobitím 24. mája spôsobila v obci Kvakovce vo Vranovskom okrese viaceré škody, ktoré odhadujú až na 30 000 eur. V obci vyhlásili 3. stupeň povodňovej aktivity. Prívalová vlna brala niektoré miestne komunikácie, sú poškodené chodníky, narušené mostíky cez miestny potok. Zničená je časť koryta potoka a niekoľko domov bolo vytopených.

□ V piatok 26. mája sa v Bratislave začal 12. ročník medzinárodnej bezpečnostnej konferencie GLOBSEC 2017, ktorej sa zúčastnilo takmer 1300 hostí zo 70 krajín sveta. Medzi nimi boli štyria prezidenti, traja premiéri, 12 ministri zahraničných vecí. Hlavnou témou konferencie bola adaptácia na budúcnosť.

□ Traja študenti z Gymnázia sv. Mikuláša v Prešove získali v konkurencii 72 krajín a 1800 súťažiacich za svoj výskum týkajúci sa prevencie pred kliešťami druhé miesto na najprestížnejšej projektovej súťaži Intel ISEF v Los Angeles, USA.



Staviteľ polyfunkčného komplexu Eurovea 2 J&T Real Estate pokračuje v príprave projektu, ktorý priniesie prvý mrakodrap v Bratislave, teda podľa oficiálnych kritérií budovu s výškou nad 150 metrov. Celkovo bude rozšírenie nábrežného komplexu tvoriť šesť stavieb. Hlavnú časť polyfunkčného projektu bude tvoriť rozšírenie nákupného centra, podzemná garáž, bytový dom na nábreží, dve administratívne budovy a obytná veža. Rozloha nákupného centra narastie na 84-tisíc štvorcových metrov, pribudne šesť kínosál, 487 bytov, 40 300 štvorcových metrov kancelárskej plochy a vyše 2 200 parkovacích miest. Celý komplex sa rozšíri na 8,5 hektára, park sa zväčší na 15-tisíc štvorcových metrov, nábrežná promenáda narastie na 2,3 hektára, pribudnú aj tri detské ihriská. Na snímke je Eurovea 2 - pohľad z Mosta Apollo. - Zdroj: J&T Real Estate