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Scenes of the First Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend Rocky Gap Resort and Casino + Flintstone, Maryland + June 2-4



All smiles from the female participants of the First ever Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion weekend. The Sokolky hailed from six participating Groups.

I can honestly say that the First Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend was a huge success. A total of 41 Sokols and Sokolky enjoyed the weekend at the scenic Rocky Gap Resort and Casino in

Flintstone, Md. After several years of discussion on how to make this dream event come true, we finally did. We were happy to see such a wide variety of ages with participants hailing from Group 4, Chicago, Ill., Group 5, Cleveland, Oh., Group 7, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Group 14, Pittsburgh, Pa., Group 17, Youngstown, Oh. and Group 18, Lansford, Pa.

The weekend began on Friday evening on the outside back patio. The resort had live music, fire pits, food and drinks. Everyone was able to mingle, catch up and share many laughs. In keeping with the slogan of our organization, "A sound mind in a sound body," the following morning, I met with a large group of participants and we enjoyed a hike around the resort lake. Representing our Sokol Walking Program with me were my husband, Nathan Swift, Cindy and Rich Walkowiak and several new members. The weather was perfect for the six-mile hike. While we were hiking, other participants enjoyed golfing, relaxing on the beach area or enjoying a massage.

On Saturday evening, we had a fun fraternal social with finger foods, chatting and games. The weekend was one which the participants will long remember. Ev-

eryone had a great time seeing old friends and meeting a few new ones. We are planning to organize future fraternal events that allow us to get together in a low stress environment to just enjoy one another's company.

After seeing the success of the First Reunion Weekend and receiving many great reviews, we hope to plan such an event next year at Rocky Gap around the same weekend. In addition, we are planning a family ski weekend with activities for the whole family. We will keep you informed of the dates and sites of the ski weekend. We look forward to continue our Sokol fraternal and sporting events and seeing the participation grow. Getting together is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Sokol fellowship and camaraderie. I hope to see you at our upcoming summer events, including the 48th International Slet in Brockport, N.Y., July 12-16 and our 62nd International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Resort in DuBois, Pa., August 18-20. Come join us as we celebrate our membership in the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Zdar Boh!
Katie Swift
*Supreme Assistant
Physical Directress*



Katie Swift, our Supreme Assistant Physical Directress is shown with Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S.Watkins.



Supreme Assistant Director Sports and Athletics, Frank M. Laury is shown flanked by Nathan Swift and Rich Walkowiak.



The Macko golfers from Group 5.



Gary Watkins and Guy DiMartino on the greens.

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Scenes of the 71st Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament and the 81st Annual Bowling Tournament of the Greek Catholic Union

Chacko's Family Bowling Lanes + Genetti's Hotel + Wilkes-Barre, Pa. + May 19-21



From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

Celebrating a Hopeful Month of July

by Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.

This, then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope. So it was in the beginning. So it shall always be, while God is willing, and we are strong enough to keep the faith. —Lyndon B. Johnson

Hope. It is surely what the Continental Congress was full of on July 2, 1776 in Philadelphia, PA as they took their final vote for independence. It is amazing to think of the thoughts going through those men's heads during this important time. While some of us agonize over decisions in our lives, many of these pale in comparison to the decision these men had to make, to form a nation or not.

Last week, we celebrated the 241st anniversary of our nation's birth and I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday with their friends and families. It is always important to look back and reflect on the history surrounding this special day. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress partook in a formal session to vote on the independence of our Nation. The rest of the day and the next were spent debating over the form and content of a declaration drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Not too different than when our Bylaw Committee presents at our Conventions! Several changes were made and the final document was adopted on July 4, 1776. As President of the Congress, John Hancock was the first to sign and on July 8th, the Declaration was first read publicly in Philadelphia. By August 2, 1776, some 50 members of Congress had signed the document and over the next several months, others followed suit. The Declaration of Independence is the most important document in our history and July 4th allows us the opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of this special document and the men who created it.

July 4th is also a special day for the Slovak Catholic Sokol. It was on that day in 1905 that 46 young Slovak immigrants gathered in Passaic, NJ and decided to form a new organization celebrating Sokol traditions. Just as our American Forefathers had, hope had to permeate through those meetings. Since they wanted to be patriotic Americans and were grateful to the United States for the opportunity to begin a new life, they selected the Fourth of July in 1905, the 129th anniversary of American independence, to enable their dreams to become reality. In addition to our Sokol traditions of good sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security to its members. This year's Fourth of July, we celebrated the 112th anniversary of our organization's founding. Many societies have been founded among various immigrant groups, but few have survived and prospered over the years. It is with great pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 112 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great society and today we are financially sound and hope for your continued support.

Being financially sound gives us the ability to promote our wonderful sports and scholarship programs. In a recent issue, we introduced over 80 young members of our organization who were recipients of our scholarship grants. Our founders would be proud of our current efforts in promoting the education of our youth. It may be cliché, but they truly are our future.

As our sports season is underway, the youngsters of our organization are currently enjoying the 48th International Slet at beautiful SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY. This event is our organization's oldest and most revered sports gathering. I hope all our young people show the great sportsmanship that our founders promoted and I hope all of them have an enjoyable and exciting Slet experience!

Until next time, I hope all our members are enjoying a pleasant and relaxing summer and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Have a wonderful July! Zdar Boh!



Celebrating Saints Cyril and Methodius in Nitra



On July 5, thousands of the faithful gathered at a traditional outdoor liturgy in Nitra, Slovakia to celebrate the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the Apostles of the Slovaks and the family of Slavic nations. The annual event takes place at the center of the Cyrilo-Methodian cult in the oldest diocese in Slovakia. Established in 880, Nitra is the oldest diocese on the territory of the western Slavs. Principal celebrant and homilist at the liturgy, was the Most Rev. David B. Tencer, O.F.M., Cap. who is Bishop of the Diocese of Reykjavik, Iceland. A native of Slovakia, Bishop Tencer who is shown above offering the homily, urged the faithful to continue to give witness to our proud Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Heading the government officials participating was the Prime Minister Robert Fico. Since 1967, the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius on the universal Church calendar is February 14. However the feast remains on July 5th in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. - photo compliments of TASR

500,000 Pilgrims at Pilgrimage in Levoca



More than 500,000 pilgrims from across Slovakia traveled to the Marian Shrine at Levoca over the July 1-2 weekend. Located in the heart of the Spis region of northeastern Slovakia Levoca honors the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. This year's pilgrimage was dedicated to three important historic milestones, namely the 770th anniversary of the first pilgrimage dating from the 13th century, the centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima and the 70th anniversary of the consecration of the Diocese of Spis to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Jan Vojtassak. Principal celebrant of the main pilgrimage liturgy on Sunday, July 2 was Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy from Rome. Cardinal Piacenza has visited Slovakia on numerous occasions in his capacity as president of the Aid to the Church in Need which supports the Church in many former communist controlled countries. Cardinal Piacenza's homily was read by the Bishop of Spis, Stefan Secka. Concelebrating with him were bishops from across Slovakia, headed by Archbishop Bernard Bober of Kosice and Byzantine Catholic Archbishop Jan Babyak, S.J. of Presov. A special guest at this year's pilgrimage was Slovakia's President Andrej Kiska, his first since assuming the office of president. President Kiska had the opportunity on Sunday to address a large group of young people who were among the pilgrims. He was most impressed with their youthful vigor, determination and strong faith. Pilgrims came from all parts of Slovakia, some on foot by tradition, to honor the Mother of God in this beautiful Slovak faith tradition. Many camped out overnight and brought along food and drink. Light rain fell on Saturday, however Sunday's weather was more acceptable with bright sunshine. The tradition of pilgrimage is a time-honored faith practice among the Slovaks. Many Marian shrines dot the landscape, however Levoca is the oldest and largest. The above photo shows some of the pilgrims assembled at the principal pilgrimage liturgy on the famous Marian Hill - Marianska hora, as far as the eye can see. - photo compliments of TASR

Sokol Calendar

SUN, JULY 16

■ Slovak Day Picnic hosted by the American Slovak Zemplin Club of Cleveland at the Slovak Sokol Camp, 2069 Royalwood Rd., Broadview Heights, Oh., noon to 8 p.m. free admission.

■ 44th annual Gary, Indiana Slovak Day at the Salvatorian Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 5755 Pennsylvania St.(Broadway), Merrillville, Ind. beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m., luncheon to follow with cul-

tural program beginning at 1 p.m.; for information call Betty Yurechko at tel.219 795-1518 or visit www.facebook.com/SlovakDayCelebration.

THURS, JULY 20

■ 94th annual American Slovak Day of Western Pennsylvania at Kenwood 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.

JULY 28-30

■ Annual Pierogi-Pirohy Fest, hosted by the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce in downtown Whiting, Ind. featuring Polish and Slovak folk ensembles, culinary specialties, games and exhibits, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. for additional information visit www.pierogifest.net or call toll free 800 659-0292.

JULY 29-30

■ 125th anniversary of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association on Saturday with Mass of Thanksgiving, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland at 4:30 p.m., dinner to fol-

low at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center; Sunday open house and rededication of the statue of St. Ann and open house at the home office in Beachwood, Oh. 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

SUN, JULY 30

■ 87th annual Milwaukee Slovak (Continued on page 5)



REFLECTOR ...

Jotings from Sokol and Slovak life

Traditional Marian pilgrimage set for August 13 in Stony Point, N.Y.

The traditional Slovak Marian pilgrimage celebrating the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is set for Sunday, August 13 at the Salesian Shrine of Our Help of Christians located at Filors Lane in Stony Point-West Haverstraw, N.Y. The annual event spanning more than four decades has been a traditional summer faith gathering for the members of the New York-New Jersey area Slovak community. This year, St. Stephen's Society, Branch 716 of the First Catholic Slovak Union in cooperation with Branch 45 of the same organization and lodges of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association will host the popular event.

The program begins with the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in Slovak and English available at 10 a.m. A concelebrated Slovak Mass will be offered at the outdoor altar at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Richard D. Baker, pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John the Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in New York City as principal celebrant. Concelebrating will be members of the New York Oratory of St. Philip Neri from Tappan, N.Y. Following the liturgy, a delicious luncheon featuring traditional Slovak culinary specialties will be enjoyed. Afternoon Marian devotions at the Rosary Walk beginning at 2:30 p.m. will conclude the pilgrimage followed by the final blessing.

A bus will depart from St. John Nepomucene Church, located at the corner of East 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan at 9 a.m. Cost of the bus along with the luncheon and bus snack is \$40.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. For bus reservations call Maria Bozekova at tel. 347 612-1934 or Lisa Calabrese at 212 734-4613.

94th Slovak Day at Kennywood Park on Thursday, July 20

The 94th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the con-celebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" at 4:00 p.m. The Main Celebrant of the Liturgy will be the "Very Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando", of Youngstown Ohio, along with several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Altoona-Johnstown Dioceses. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs and dances presented by the "Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble" (PAS) and the "Pittsburgh Slovaksians".

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy holubky (stuffed cabbage), halusky (sweet cabbage and noodles), pirohy and klobasa. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite—ceregi and Paska. Enjoy this delicious dinner or ala-carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all of the "Slovak favorites". Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the ride "Garfield's Revenge" from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3 you will be able to see an exhibit "Slovak Wood Craft Shop" prepared by the "PAS" Jr. and Maly Ensembles. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak Cultural Displays provided by the Slovak Fraternal.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat.

From 1 to 4 p.m., one can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing, grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble at the Kitchen Pavilion.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 20, 2017, Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$26 for Fun Day General Admission, \$15 for those 55 years of age and over, plus a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for \$11.00 + tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204 or Mary Lou Wagner at (412) 462-1957.

For general information about the 94th Slovak Day contact Chairwoman Mary Lou at (412) 462-1957.

12th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest set for August 13

All is in readiness for this year's exciting 12th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest set for Sunday, August 13 on the grounds of St. Matthias Church, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish at 2800 Shady Run Road in Youngstown, Oh. The event once again offers the opportunity to celebrate Slovak pride at its best.

The fest starts off with the celebration of a Slovak/English Mass by the pastor, the Rev. John J. Jerek at 11 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Avenue, across the lot from the festival and continues after the liturgy in the parking lot and school hall until 8 p.m. Outside there will be an array of traditional Slovak culinary specialties including halusky, made with real dumplings; holupky (stuffed cabbage), pirohy, klobasa, pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken and even popular American picnic favorites including, hot dogs, french fries and ice cream and of course imported Slovak beer will be available. These will be served outside. Inside the school hall, from noon until 3 p.m., we will be serving a "Taste of Slovakia" with breaded pork cutlet, klobasa, and kapusta, holubky and halusky. The platter menu may change slightly before August. In addition, there will be a great selection of homemade Slovak baked goods including nut and poppyseed kolace and kiffles, and palacinky (crepes). An array of attractive imported crystal and folk art from Slovakia will be available for sale. In the heritage corner, colorful displays will feature authentic Slovak kroj (folk dress), maps, corn husk dolls, photos, books, embroidery and informational items. Also scheduled will be a basket auction and a cash card raffle with prizes from \$\$\$\$ to \$\$\$\$.

Live music for dancing and listening pleasure throughout the day will feature the artistry and talent of Jack Vasko and Company at noon and the Del Sinchak Band beginning at 4 p.m. The music starts after Mass outside and continues until about 8:30 p.m. and includes room to dance. There will also be a wonderful performance by Alexander's Harmonica Artistry (you have to see this!) inside after the dinners are finished at 3 p.m.

If you are only attending the polka bands, not the festival, there is a \$5.00 admission charge. For additional information feel free to contact Loretta Ekoniak at tel. 330 549-3760 or email at loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com.

We hope to see many Sokols and Sokolkoy from the area at this year's Slovak Fest as we celebrate our rich Slovak heritage and traditions in northeast Ohio's historic Mahoning Valley.

16th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society conference in Pittsburgh

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society

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The Word of God...

Gospel for the Fifteenth Sunday of the Year - July 16th

Mt 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,

and when the sun rose it was scorched,

and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit,

a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday of the Year - July 23th

Mt 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said,

'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?'

Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until harvest;

then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,

'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;

but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

September 17-19

59th Slovak Catholic Federation convention set for Youngstown, Oh.

All is in readiness for the upcoming 59th national quadrennial convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation (SCF) scheduled for Sunday, September 17 thru Tuesday, September 19 in Youngstown, Oh. The opening convention liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Oh. where the rector is the Rev. Msgr. Peter M. Polando. Principal celebrant of the liturgy will be the Rt.

dovic, V.F. of Sayre, Pa. who serves as the national president of the SCF. Priests from across the country will concelebrate. Following the festive liturgy, the traditional convention reception and banquet will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady

of Mount Carmel in Youngstown. Banquet tickets are \$40.00 per person. Make check payable to Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to the secretary-treasurer, Dolores M. Evanko, 173

Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201. The convention working sessions will take place at the Holiday Inn Boardman, 7410 South Ave., Boardman, Oh. and will con-

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Sokol Calendar

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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.

AUG.12-13

■ Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage hosted by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate at their monastery in Sloatsburg, N.Y.

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.

■ 12th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on the grounds of St. Matthias Church grounds, 2800 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Oh., 12 noon to 8 p.m.; for information contact Loretta Ekoniak at tel. 330 549-3760 or loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com.

TUES.AUG.15

■ 10th anniversary Mass of the New York Congregation Oratory of St. Philip Neri at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the Archbishop of Kosice presiding, reception to follow in the church hall.

AUG.18-20

■ 62nd Slovak Catholic Sokol International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Golf Resort, DuBois, Pa., full

golf package \$285.00 includes entry fee, two nights lodging at the Fairfield Inn or the Hampton Inn, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday; hospital-ity night on Friday at the Lakeview Lodge and Saturday evening dinner at Luigi's Villa; for reservations contact Supreme Sports Director James C. Matlon at email at jmatlon@slovak-catholicsokol.org or call or text him at cell phone: 973-647-8551.

SUN.AUG.20

■ Annual Sokol Family Day Picnic hosted by Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 on the grounds of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 1315 2nd Street, N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 1 to 4 p.m.; games for children, food and refreshments for members.

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.

SUN.AUG.27

■ Summer Festival hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish on the parish grounds, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J., 1-7 p.m.

SEPT.2-3

■ 83rd annual pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Sisters of St. Basil the Great at their Motherhouse, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

SEPT.7-9

■ 131st annual meeting of the American Fraternal Alliance, the trade association of fraternal benefit societies in the U.S. and Canada, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, Ariz.

SAT. SEPT.9

■ 42nd annual Sokol Golf Open ben-

efit hosted by Assembly 28 at Blissful Meadows Golf Course, East Douglas, Mass.

SEPT.15-17

■ Group Presidents meeting in Cleveland, Oh.

SEPT.17-19

■ 59th national convention of the Slovak Catholic Federation in Youngstown, Oh. beginning with a concelebrated Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Columba followed by the convention banquet at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Lodge Jottings

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Assembly 34

Wreath 47

We are pleased to announce that our traditional Sokol Family Day Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. Our festivities will be held on the grounds of SS. Cyril and Methodius School, located at 1315 Second Street, N.E. in Minneapolis. We have planned an enjoyable day which will feature games for the children, plenty of delicious picnic style food and refreshments. An enjoyable afternoon of traditional Sokol fellowship is assured. All members of Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 are welcome, free of charge, to join us for this traditional summer fraternal event.

Ours is a proud fraternal legacy which we continue to promote. Our parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius, established in 1891 is now the oldest Slovak Catholic parish in the United States dedicated to the Apostles of the Slavs. Local Slovak fraternal lodges affiliated with this parish rank among the oldest within each of our Slovak Catholic fraternals. In the First Catholic Slovak Union, our Minneapolis lodge is Branch 3 and in the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the Minneapolis lodge is also Branch 3. In our own Slovak Catholic Sokol, our Assembly 34 and Wreath 47 date to 1909 and rank among the oldest lodges of the organization. This proud Slovak fraternal legacy is unique in that the Minneapolis Slovak community finds itself as the only one in Minnesota and is hundreds of miles from the nearest other Slovak community. Yet, we have managed to remain active.

We are pleased that our young members continue to foster the gymnastic and athletic traditions of the Sokol movement. This July, our young people will travel to the State University of New York at Brockport, N.Y. to compete at our organization's 48th International Slet. We wish them well. We have a proud past and with the continued enthusiasm of our young Sokols and Sokolky, we hope to have a confident future as well.

So, we hope to see a good turnout of our members at this year's Sokol Family Day Picnic on August 20.

Zdar Boh!

James T. Genosky

Financial Secretary, Assembly 34

Archbishop Bernard Bober expected at Clifton, N.J. Mass on August 15th

The Most Rev. Bernard Bober, metropolitan Archbishop of Kosice in eastern Slovakia, will be principal celebrant of a Slovak Mass on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius, 218 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, N.J. on Tuesday, August 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

The liturgy will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the New York Congregation Oratory of St. Philip Neri founded by the Rev. George A. Torok, C.O. its first provost or superior. Today, the New York Oratory has grown to include eleven priests, six of whom are natives of Slovakia. The Oratory staffs four parishes in the Archdiocese of New York and offers Slovak ministry at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Clifton, N.J., St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City and St. Michael's Parish in Trenton, N.J. Five of the Slovak born priests were ordained for the Archdiocese of Kosice and for this reason there has always been a close connection with its ordinary. It was on August 15, 2007 that the New York Oratory was inaugurated at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Tappan, N.Y. in the presence of the late Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Edward M. Egan and the Most Rev. Alojz Tkac, the then Archbishop of Kosice, who is now retired. The Oratorians were founded in Rome in 1575 by St. Philip Neri. The congregation includes a confederation of autonomous houses in various countries. There are currently six autonomous houses, including the New York Oratory, in the United States.

We congratulate the current provost, the Rev. Frantisek Conka, C.O. and the members of the New York Oratory on the occasion of this milestone in their ministry among us. They provide important priestly ministry within the New York-New Jersey area Slovak community. In particular, we salute the Oratory founder, Father George A. Torok for his many efforts, including his many years of fruitful work within the Catholic media. He is our Slovak Catholic Sokol member and is a former chaplain of Group 1. We pray that Almighty God will continue bless the work of Father George and the New York Oratorians and send them many vocations in the years ahead. We hope that many area Sokol members will turn out for the August 15th liturgy at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church to welcome Archbishop Bernard Bober and the members of the New York Oratory.



12th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest set for August 13

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International (CGSI) will host its 16th Cultural Conference in Pittsburgh October 17-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Pittsburgh International Airport. The theme of this year's conference is "Industry and Our Immigrant Ancestors." Presenters will include international, national and local experts. The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society is the largest organization dedicated to the ancestry of those of Czech, Slovak and Rusyn backgrounds.

Activities of the conference will include interesting presentations on the genealogy, history and ethnic heritage of our Slovak, Czech and Rusyn ancestors in the Pittsburgh areas. Lively cultural programs will include presentations by folk ensembles celebrating the music and dance traditions of Slovakia

as well as an exhibit of traditional dress (kroj) of our ancestors. Guided tours will visit historic Pittsburgh Slovak and Rusyn neighborhoods and various institutions and churches. There will be on-site access to genealogical resources from the CGSI Traveling Library. Regional round-table networking sessions will afford the opportunity to meet with fellow researchers, experts and enthusiasts from across the country. CGSI is an all-volunteer, not for profit genealogical society and publishes a quarterly magazine. For additional details regarding this exciting conference or the work of CGSI, contact PaulM-Czech@comcast.net.

The Pittsburgh area is home to the largest concentration of residents of Slovak and Rusyn ancestry in the country and this conference will celebrate that legacy.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS JULY 26TH

In keeping with our biweekly publishing schedule, the next issue of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon* will be that of Wednesday, July 26th. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Thursday, July 20th. View *e-Falcon* on our website: www.slovakcatholicssokol.org. Thanking you for your continued cooperation in this matter, I remain Zdar Boh!

- Daniel F. Tanzzone, Editor



Za Boha a Národ *For God and Nation*

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59th Slovak Catholic Federation convention set for Youngstown, Oh.

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tinue on Monday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 19 until all business has been completed. Guest rooms at the hotel are available at \$114.99 plus tax per room per night. For reservations call The Holiday Inn Boardman at tel. 330 726-1611 with the group name: Slovak Catholic Federation.

The SCF, the representative body of American and Canadian Catholics of Slovak ancestry, was founded at the former Sacred Heart Slovak Parish in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1911 by the Rev. Joseph Murgas.

In conjunction with the 59th national convention, a souvenir journal - pamatnica will be published. This attractive book always proves to be interesting and a wonderful keepsake of the convention and the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation. We can assist the Slovak Catholic Federation whose mandate is to promote and coordinate religious activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and religious communities in their effort to address themselves to the pastoral needs of Slovak Catholics in the United States and Canada.

In addition, the SCF strives to assist the Church in Slovakia through its support of the Pontifical Slovak College of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Rome and religious communities of men and women in Slovakia through its annual SS. Cyril and

Methodius appeal.

Let us add our support by becoming a patron of the souvenir book. A patron listing can include the name of the individual or couple along with their city and state, such as: John and Mary Smith, Anytown, State; or given in memory of an individual or family such as: In memory of Anna and John Doe by son, John, wife Mary and children, along with the city and state; or given in memory of the deceased members of the John Doe family, given by the individual. Local Sokol Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups should also consider purchasing a patron ad. Patrons are as follows: Platinum - \$100; Diamond - \$75.00; Gold - \$50; Silver - \$25; and Bronze - \$10. Make patron ads payable to: Slovak Catholic Federation and send same to: Theresa Kluchinski, national president; Ladies Pa. Slovak Catholic Union, 71 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Deadline for patron reservation is August 1, 2017.

We are honored that our Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic serves as the national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation. He devotes much time, effort and enthusiasm to his role as president which is in addition to his parochial duties. Let us support Father Andrew and assist him and the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation as best we can.

Here's to Bossie, July 16

Since temperatures will probably soar in mid-July, this is one celebration both refreshing and enjoyable: National Ice Cream Day or Sundae



Sunday on July 16.

Fat-free or loaded with goodies + calories, ice cream has become a national dessert. It has appeal at any age, whether one is scooping up a chocolate sundae, dripping downing a frozen fruit pop, balancing a double-dip cone, devouring a super banana split or devouring a demi-dip of lime sherbert between courses at a fine restaurant.

With thanks, then, to Nancy Johnson who invented the hand-cranked ice cream freezer, to George Washington whose love of ice cream made it more accepted throughout the colonies, to Italo Marchiony who developed the ice cream cone, and to those ingenious inventors who still haven't run out of new flavors of the month.

So lift ice cream cones high to the dairy cow, for without Bossie and the milk products she provides, there would be no National Ice Cream Day.

Vacation-itis

A vacation is that brief period of time when you trade air-conditioned comfort and all the conveniences of home for 100-degree or more heat among an army of strangers and living accommodations you wouldn't wish on your best enemy.



Really Royal

A woman, probably a snob, asked Abraham Lincoln to describe his family's coat of arms.

Lincoln replied simply: "My coat of arms is a pair of rolled up sleeves."

Can there be a more royal coat of arms....

Climb Stairs, Save Heart

Don't take the elevator! Climb the stairs. It may be the most efficient calorie-burning exercise around.

In an article in Family Circle magazine, Dr. Kelley D. Brownell of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine



Sokol Birthdays

JULY 17

Linda Cvrkel, Annandale, Va., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Robert G. Evans, Jr., Erie, Pa., a member of Assembly 25, Perropolis, Pa.

Joseph P. Urban II, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

JULY 19

Marge Kurta, Lorain, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

Mary M. Stanek, St. Clair Shores, Mich., Secretary of Group 16 and a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Lorraine Szluka, Hopatcong, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

JULY 20

Casimir B. Kromkowski, Rochester, Ind., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

Barbara Maschak, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

James Potanko, Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JULY 21

Lubomir Marsik, Old Bridge, N.J., a member of Assembly 182, New York City.

Dr. Pamela K. Maskara-Honohan, Fairfield, Conn., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 22

Roman Hrdlicka, Roslindale, Ma., a member of Assembly 314, Boston, Ma.

Michael J. Knies, Lansford, Pa., a member of Assembly 188, Lansford, Pa.

Ladislav Kolozi, New Foundland, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

Albert M. Kolesar, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JULY 23

Carol Cmar Fleming, West Mifflin, Pa., president of Assembly 295, Duquesne, Pa.

Michael J. Stroka, Clifton, N.J., a member of Assembly 1, Passaic, N.J.

JULY 24

Stephen J. Knoblock, Yonkers, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 25

Kelly Connolly, Jensen Beach, Fla., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tamara Ann Kaplan, Hopewell

Junction, N.Y., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.

JULY 26

Kim Graham, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Rev. Placid F. Pientek, O.S.B., Cleveland, Oh., a member of Assembly 303, Cleveland, Oh. Happy 99th birthday!

Roseann Rakovan, Chardon, Oh., a member of Wreath 111, Lorain, Oh.

Joseph P. Sroba, Trevese, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

JULY 27

Julia Cernak, Windsor, Me., a member of Wreath 14, Johnstown, Pa.

J. Kevin Conway, Douglas, Mass., financial secretary of Assembly 28, Douglas, Mass.

Alaina Mondik, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a member of Wreath 22, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Martha Sipka Parry, Poway, Cal., a member of Assembly 219, Yonkers, N.Y.. Happy 99th birthday!

JULY 28

Judith Ann Glogovsky, Flushing, N.Y., a member of Wreath 168, New York City.

Albert J. Suess, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., President and Financial Secretary of Assembly 16, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JULY 29

Cecilia Dulla, Ansonia, Conn., a member of Assembly 33, Ansonia, Conn.

Leonard Malshefski, Nanticoke, Pa., a member of Assembly 136, Nanticoke, Pa.

James G. Papcun, Livonia, Twp., Mich., a member of Assembly 36, Detroit, Mich.

Anna M. Rollman, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a member of Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JULY 30

Andrew G. Buck, Poland, Oh., a member of Assembly 108, Youngstown, Oh.

Pamela Ann Hess, Cedar Grove, N.J., a member of Assembly 162, Clifton, N.J.

John Janetka, Philadelphia, Pa., a member of Assembly 48, Philadelphia, Pa.

John Yonkoski, Sr., Dunlo, Pa., a member of Assembly 82, Dunlo, Pa.

JULY 31

Bradley A. Shostok, Libertyville, Ill., a member of Assembly 257, Chicago, Ill.

New Members Submitted January 1 - 31, 2017

RECOMMENDER	CITY/STATE	FACE AMOUNT	NEW MEMBERS
Dolores A. Yankoski	Dunlo, PA	\$10,000	1
J. Kevin Conway	East Douglas, MA	10,000	1
James Charles Matton	Boonton, NJ	10,000	1
Jozef Bodo	New York, NY	10,000	1
Gerald J. Fabian	Egypt, PA	5,000	1
Katie Jozwiak Swift	Pittsburgh, PA	5,000	1
Martin Underation	Barberton, OH	5,000	1
Maxine L. Mikula	Johnstown, PA	5,000	1
Roger J. Manyak	East Douglas, MA	5,000	1
ANNUITY			
Dolores A. Yankoski	Dunlo, PA	1,000	1
February 1 - 28, 2017			
John M. Benek	Lansford, PA	100,000	1
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	5,000	1
Tony L. Scuglik	Kenosha, WI	5,000	1
ANNUITY			
Dolores A. Yankoski	Dunlo, PA	5,331	1
March 1 - 31, 2017			
Roger J. Manyak	East Douglas, MA	10,000	2
April 1 - 30, 2017			
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	10,000	1
Roger J. Manyak	East Douglas, MA	7,500	1
Paul M. Macko	Barberton, OH	5,000	1
May 1 - 31, 2017			
Anna Korcak	New York, NY	20,000	2
Edward D. Moeller	Pittsburgh, PA	20,000	2
Michael T. Matras	Perryopolis, PA	5,000	1
ANNUITY			
Edward D. Moeller	Pittsburgh, PA	217,985	1
JUNE 1 - 30, 2017			
Steven M. Pogorelec	Clifton, NJ	10,000	1

Facts about July

The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44BC as July was the month of his birth.

Before that, it had been known as Quintilis (fifth) as it was the fifth month in the old calendar.

Although six months have passed, July 1 is not the mid-point of the year. The exact halfway point comes at 1 p.m. BST on July 3 in a non-leap year.



Helped raise the flag over Iwo Jima

Film commemorates Michael Strank's participation in World War II

"He was a strict commander who required discipline. But he also had a big heart, and he loved fun. If there was laughter, Michal was guaranteed to be there." This is how one of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Strank's former colleagues described him in a documentary about Strank's life. Strank was a Rusin, who emigrated to the United States with his parents at a young age. During World War II he was the Commander of a U.S. Marine Corps expedition that fought on the strategic island of Iwo Jima in the Pacific. He led a squad of six Marines who raised the American flag over Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945. A photo of this event spread around the world and ultimately won the Pulitzer Prize.

The Embassy partnered with documentary film maker Dusan Hudec to create this documentary film about Strank, which was also sponsored by Slovak National Television (RTVS). Hudec incorporated footage from final moments of the fighting in the Pacific during World War II and from three eastern towns near Michal's birthplace. And in March, he joined Embassy representatives to view and discuss the film. At screenings in Kosice and Stara Lubovna, the audience's applause was loud. Ambassador Ster-



United States Ambassador to Slovakia, the Hon. Adam Sterling is shown offering remarks following the screening of the new film on the life of Michael Strank in Kosice recently. Michael Strank, a native of Jarabina in Eastern Slovakia, and a naturalized U.S. citizen, served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

ling also delivered opening remarks at the screening in Kosice, noting the long history of personal ties between our countries and the importance of Slovakia's membership in the transatlantic community and NATO.

Audiences across Slovakia were able to watch the documentary on RTVS Channel 2 in May, when it made its world premiere.

Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. appointed Administrator of Parma Byzantine Eparchy

On June 24, Pope Francis appointed the Most Rev. Milan Lach, S.J., Auxiliary Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Archdiocese of Presov in Slovakia to serve as the Apostolic Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Oh. The Diocese or Eparchy was established in 1969 to serve Byzantine Rite Catholics residing in Ohio, excluding the counties of Trumbull, Mahoning, Ashtabula, Carroll and Columbiana; Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota. Presently, about 15,000 of the faithful belong to this traditional Greek Catholic Diocese.



A native of Kezmarok, Bishop Lach was born there November 18, 1973. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1995. He was ordained a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Kosice on July 1, 2001 by the Most Rev. Milan Chatur, CS.S.R. in the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Beginning in 2003, he was appointed head of the East-West Spirituality Center in Kosice. Following ordination, he pursued graduate work in Rome at the Pontifical Oriental Institute where he was awarded a doctorate in 2009.

On April 19, 2013, Pope Francis appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Archdiocese of Presov. He was consecrated a bishop on June 1, 2013 by Metropolitan Archbishop Jan Babjak, S.J. at the Marian Shrine in Lutina. Bishop Milan is fluent in Slovak, Italian, English and Russian. Bishop Milan's appointment is unique in that it is the first appointment of a Byzantine Catholic Bishop from Slovakia to serve the Ruthenian Metropolia in the United States since the appointment of the first Greek Catholic Bishop Basil Takach who arrived from then Czecho-Slovakia in Pittsburgh in 1924.

We welcome Bishop Milan among us and pray that his ministry be fruitful in the best traditions of our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Na mnohaja a blahaja lieta vladkyo!

In Martin, Slovakia

Matica Slovenska hosts Symposium commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Slovak League of America

Matica Slovenka, the oldest Slovak civic and cultural organization in Slovakia, hosted an historic symposium dedicated to the observance of the 110th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak League of America. The symposium was held at its headquarters in Martin, located in central Slovakia, on Wednesday, June 7. The gathering took place in the Museum dedicated to the Slovak writer, Jozef Ciger Hronsky. The seminar was opened with a warm welcome by Dr. Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska. In his welcome, he emphasized the importance of the work of the Slovak League of America, organized in Cleveland in 1907 in the plight of the liberation of the Slovaks from Austro-Hungarian rule and the promotion of Slovak culture and heritage.

Topics of the various presentations included the memorandum of the Slovak League issued in 1914 in defense of the Slovaks then living under Hungarian domination; the Cleveland Agreement signed in 1915 issuing the demands of the Slovaks and Czechs in seeking political self-determination at home and finally the important Pittsburgh Agreement signed in 1918 in the presence of Thomas G. Masaryk who would become the first president of Czecho-Slovakia. This important agreement, signed by leading representatives of the Slovaks and Czechs in America, detailed the position of the Slovaks with autonomy for Slovakia in the newly proposed Czecho-Slovak Republic which had the support of the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. Speakers also detailed the many cultural and civic activities of the Slovak League of America over its long history. In spite of the 41 year hiatus during the communist period, the Slovak League nevertheless continued to espouse cultural ties which had the support of the overwhelming majority of organized Slovaks in the United States.

W. Nina Holy, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America, addressed the participants and offered an overview of the work and accomplishments of the Slovak League over the years. She brought the greetings and best wishes of the national president of the Slovak League, Daniel F. Tanzone who was unable to attend the symposium. Nina accepted a beautiful medal presented by Matica Slovenska President Marian Tkac to commemorate the historic milestone in the life of the Slovak League of America.

Also offering greetings to the as-



Dr. Marian Tkac, president of Matica Slovenska is shown above presenting a commemorative medal to W. Nina Holy, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America at the symposium celebrating the 110th anniversary of the founding of the organization.



Dr. Marian Tkac, right, is shown greeting Dr. Mikulas Halko, national first vice president of the Slovak League of America of Mount Kisco, N.Y. during the symposium held in Martin, Slovakia on June 7. Dr. Halko offered remarks during the symposium.

sembled scholars was Dr. Mikulas Halko, national first vice president of the Slovak League of America of Mount Kisco, N.Y. Dr. Halko is a respected historical and cultural activist within the American Slovak community. He too brought the greetings and best wishes of the Slovak League president.

The symposium concluded with a wonderful luncheon hosted by Matica Slovenska. Matica Slovenska was founded in 1863 to espouse the political and cultural demands of the Slovaks, then one of the subject peoples of old Hungary.

Founded in Cleveland, Oh. in 1907, the Slovak League of America is a civic and cultural organization of Americans of Slovak ancestry. From its earliest years, the Slovak League has promoted the cause of the lib-

eration of the Slovaks and Czechs and their right to choose their own political destiny. Affiliated with the organization are the majority of organized American Slovaks, including the following Slovak fraternals which enjoy continued membership: the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the First Catholic Slovak Union, the National Slovak Society, the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. Support is given to various civic and cultural projects of the American Slovak community, provides scholarships to deserving students and publishes the scholarly annual Slovakia. Headquarters of the Slovak League is located in the home office building of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, 205 Madison Street, Passaic, N.J. 07055.



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Final Mass celebrated at Torrington, Conn.'s Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church

The final Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Torrington, Conn. on Sunday, June 25 was an opportunity to recall and reflect on the life of the Slovak faith community which has worshipped in this Spanish Mission-style edifice since 1911. The Rev. John C. Granato was principal celebrant of the 9 a.m. liturgy, filled with emotion, reflection and gratitude to God. Concelebrants included priests associated with the parish which had its beginnings in 1910. Sacred Heart has been part of an area wide-merger for the past 15 years which included Torrington's four parishes. Effective, June 25, 2017, Sacred Heart and as well as St. Mary's Polish Church are shuttered. Two parishes, that of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Peter's will now serve Torrington. The closing was part of the Archdiocese of Hartford's closing of 28 parishes.

The Slovaks first settled in Torrington in the late 1890s. Sacred Heart Parish had its beginnings in 1909 when the Rev. Matthew Jankola of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Bridgeport, Conn. began regular visitation of the faithful who

worshipped at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Father Jankola encouraged the immigrants and when their numbers increased sufficiently, they petitioned the Bishop of Hartford to establish a parish in Torrington for the Slovaks. In June 1910, permission was given by Bishop John L. Nilan to establish a parish to serve the Slovaks under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The parish numbered almost 200 families at the time. The peak membership of the parish reached about 350 families in the 1950s.

The local lodges of our Slovak Catholic fraternals gave full support for the project to build a church. These included the lodges of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, all established in the early years of the 20th century. Our Slovak Catholic Sokol Assembly 23 was founded in 1908. Following his ordination on May 30, 1910, the Rev. Gaspar J. Panik, Bishop Nilan sent him as the first pastor of the parish. The cornerstone of Sacred Heart Church was blessed by Bishop John J. Nilan on

May 30, 1911. The new church of Spanish Mission-style architecture was completed on September 1, 1911.

Father Panik served as pastor for almost six years. On May 8, 1916 the parish welcomed its new pastor in the person of the Rev. Stephen J. Panik, a cousin of Father Gaspar. The young twenty-three year old, ordained by special indult, arrived in the parish full of enthusiasm and the energy of youth. Father Panik saw the need for a parochial school to serve the youth of the parish. The cornerstone of the new school was blessed on July 4, 1922 with its dedication taking place on May 30, 1923. Sacred Heart School welcomed its first students in September 1923 under the direction of the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Danville, Pa. The first graduation took place in June 1924. Initially, the sisters resided in rooms in the school until a convent was dedicated in June 1931. The school achieved its peak enrollment of 285 in the 1929-30 academic year. The school served the parish until its closing in 1982. Many vocations to the priesthood and religious life were first nurtured in Sacred Heart School.

In February 1933, Father Panik was transferred to SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Bridgeport to succeed his cousin, Father Gaspar Panik. On February 10, 1933, the Rev. John J. Zihala was appointed pastor. Despite the depression years the parishioners fully cooperated with their new pastor. In 1935, a new bell was christened and placed in the church belfry. In 1945 the parish debt was paid and work continued to improve the parish plant. In 1958, major improvements were made to the school and in 1960 a new rectory was built. Father Zihala served the parish until his death in 1969. That year, the parish welcomed its new pastor in the person of the Rev. Stephen G. Vitka who remained until his retirement in 1990.

In 1990, the Rev. A. Leo Spodnik was welcomed as the new pastor. Father Spodnik previously served as an associate in the 1960s. It was under Father Spodnik's direction that an extensive renovation of the church took place beginning in the fall of 1993. A drive raised nearly \$254,000 for the restoration which included in addition to the painting of the whole interior and enlarging the sanctuary, included new pews, new floor covering, new altar tabernacle, baptismal font, pulpit as well as new statues and crucifix imported from Italy.

The beautifully restored church was solemnly blessed and re-dedicated on February 27, 1994 by the Most Rev. Daniel A. Cronin, the Archbishop of Hartford. Archbishop Cronin had high praise for the efforts of Father Spodnik and the faithful of Sacred Heart. Father Spodnik, who serves as chaplain of Group 2, Slovak Catholic Sokol, remained as pastor until his retirement in 1997. He was the last resident pastor of the parish. The parish then became part

Summer Safety Tips

BUG SAFETY

Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on your child.

Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens where flowers are in bloom.

If possible, eliminate stagnant water, such as in bird baths or fish ponds, in your yard. Dump any buckets or tires that may contain standing water. Check that your window screens are tightly fitted and repair any holes to keep bugs out of the house.

Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.

To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently back it out by scraping it with a credit card or your fingernail.

Combination sunscreen/insect repellent products should be avoided because the sunscreen needs to be reapplied every two hours, but insect repellent should not be reapplied that often.

Use insect repellents containing DEET when needed to prevent insect-related diseases. Ticks can transmit Lyme Disease, and mosquitoes can transmit West Nile, Zika virus, Chikungunya virus and other viruses.

The current AAP and CDC recommendation for children older than 2 months of age is to use 10% to 30% DEET. DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age.

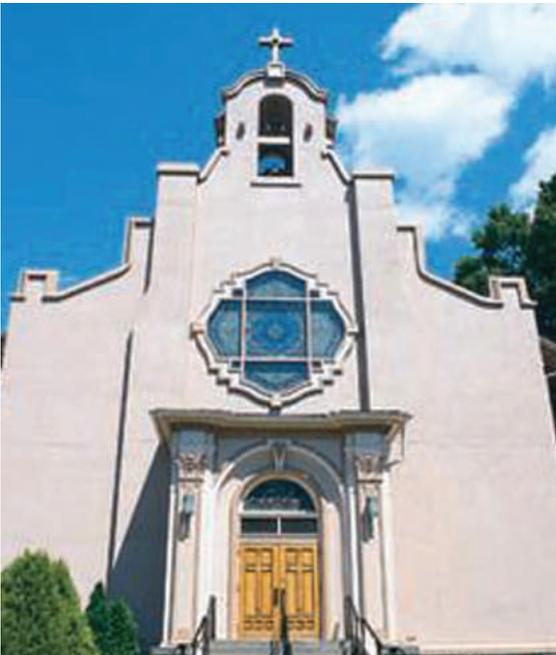
The effectiveness is similar for 10% to 30% DEET but the duration of effect varies. Ten percent DEET provides protection for about 2 hours, and 30% protects for about 5 hours. Choose the lowest concentration that will provide the required length of protection.

The concentration of DEET varies significantly from product to product, so read the label of any product you purchase. Children should wash off repellents when they return indoors.

As an alternative to DEET, picaridin has become available in the U.S. in concentrations of 5% to 10%.

When outside in the evenings or other times when there are a lot of mosquitoes present, cover up with long sleeved shirts, pants and socks to prevent bites.

Children should wear hats to protect against ticks when walking in the woods, high grasses or bushes. Check hair and skin for ticks at the end of the day.



The facade of Sacred Heart Slovak Church in Torrington, Conn. dedicated in 1911 is shown above.



The interior of the Slovak Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is shown above. Its most recent restoration under the leadership of Father A. Leo Spodnik was completed in 1994.

Follow Us On Twitter and Instagram

Many of you are already following Slovak Catholic Sokol on Facebook, but did you know we are now on Twitter and Instagram?

You can follow us for daily updates on upcoming activities and events, as well as pictures of your favorite Sokols. Feel free to forward pictures of your group activities to: kathyw323@gmail.com so that we can tweet them!

We are looking forward to gaining MANY new followers!

If you are new to Twitter and Instagram, here are some basics on how to sign up:

TWITTER

- * Upload the Twitter app on your phone or go to www.twitter.com
- * Click "Sign up for Twitter."
- * Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- * Choose your username. ...
- * Click "Create my account."
- * Search physicalfitnessboard and click follow



INSTAGRAM

- * Upload the Instagram app on your phone or go to www.instagram.com
- * Click "Sign up" and enter your e-mail
- * Create a username and password
- * Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- * Click "Create my account"
- * Search physicalfitnessboard and click follow



Zdar Boh!

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board

of the parish merger of the four Torrington parishes.

The shuttering of yet another Slovak church is certainly not an occasion for jubilation. It is an opportunity to applaud the dedication and commitment of this faith community which has served the American Church for the past 107 years. We pray that the good people of Sacred

Heart will bring their strong faith in God and appreciation for our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith wherever they worship. The members of our Wreath 86 and Assembly 23 have been an integral component of this faith community and are grateful to almighty God for all the blessings received through the intercession of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

July, 2017

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



If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 13th-August 26th keep track of the name and author of each book that you read, and have your parents verify each with a signature. If you are not reading on your own yet, it is perfectly OK to have a parent, grandparent, babysitter....etc. read to you. Try to read books that not only interest you, but challenge you as well. I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than **September 15th**. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper.

Notice that I have divided the groups based on reading ability....I did this as I anticipate the non-readers to achieve higher book totals as they may have books read to them on a more regular basis. The following is the breakdown of award levels.....keep in mind that those that reach higher levels will receive better prizes.

Non-Readers

- Level 1 16 books
- Level 2 24 books
- Level 3 32 or more books

Early Readers (sounding out most words)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books

Intermediate Readers

- (40+ pages each)
- Level 1 8 books
 - Level 2 12 books
 - Level 3 16 or more books

Advanced Readers (100+ pages each)

- Level 1 4 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books

Do me a favor and highlight your favorite books on the list!!! I love to share the titles with other children....Good luck and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Edward Moeller- 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you prefer to do it on-line...you can e-mail it to me at vp@slovakcatholicokol.org

PAPER PLATE AQUARIUM



- Color an underwater scene on the "eating" side of a paper plate.
- Glue goldfish crackers or cut-out pictures from coloring pages to the scene, a couple pieces of plastic plant for seaweed, and using glue and a little sand or soft dirt, make the sea floor.
- Using a second paper plate, cut a circle in the middle.
- Cut a circle of blue plastic wrap 1 inch in diameter larger than your hole in the plate.
- On the "eating" side of this plate, glue the blue plastic wrap so that it covers and overlaps the hole on the plate.
- Glue or staple both plates together with "eating" side toward the inside.
- Punch a hole in the top and string a piece of yarn through the hole to hang your aquarium from the ceiling.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!!!

- Jacob Wood 7/1
- Karleigh Richnavsky 7/5
- Andrew John Michel 7/8
- Michael Phillips III 7/12
- Travis Watkins 7/18
- Edye Spangler 7/20
- Ruby Korenoski 7/22
- Andrew Peterson 7/28
- Emily Olexa 7/30



Slovak Words=Slovenské slová

By Dr. Michael Kopanic

- summer = leto [le-toe]
- holidays, vacation = prázdniny [praahz-nee-nee]
- to go = ísť [east]
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News and Views from Slovakia...

Edelstein: Slovakia is one of Israel's best friends

Slovakia is one of Israel's best friends around the world, said Speaker of Israel's Knesset Yuli- Yoel Edelstein after meeting Slovak Parliamentary Chairman Andrej Danko at Bratislava Castle on June 21.

The Slovak official also recognized the level of cooperation between the two countries. "Relations between Slovaks and Jews have never been better," said Danko, before praising cooperation between the two parliaments.

He went on to express his intention to push for legislative changes concerning the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. He reiterated that he'll show zero tolerance towards displays of hatred in Parliament.

Edelstein praised the Slovak Government and other Slovak senior officials for the work that they've done to counter manifestations of anti-Semitism, as well as in youth education.

He further noted that cooperation between the two countries has been going well, but also that there is still potential for improving it further.

Lajcak: economic diplomacy proved its worth in Slovakia

Economic diplomacy has proven its worth in Slovakia, said Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak on June 21.

"What also matters is that since economic diplomats have been under the remit of the Foreign and European Affairs Ministry, a sort of 'two-wayness' has been removed. The fact that some diplomats working at one small embassy used to be managed by one particular ministry while others at the same embassy were managed by another ministry did no good," said Lajcak.

Lajcak was speaking at the Slovak Export Forum, which brings together Slovak economic diplomats.

The management model of economic diplomacy is uniform now, said Lajcak. "We try to make the system measurable so that everybody working in it leaves a trail that enables us to see their contribution to the area concerned.... We make sure that there is maximum interaction with the business sector," he added.

First Slovak satellite carried into orbit on June 23

The first Slovak satellite was launched into the Earth's orbit on Friday, June 23. The satellite was carried by an Indian rocket which blasted off from the Sriharikota cosmодrome, TASR announced on the same day.

The Slovak satellite, named skCUBE was one of 31 satellites carried by the Indian rocket. The launch was the first to take place after ten years since the first plans for skCUBE saw the light of day, five years of development, production and testing, and 18 months of waiting for the launch.

The launch went well. The skCUBE space mission began on a positive note. The Slovak satellite features a very long-wave receiver to measure various phenomena in the magnetosphere, test the effects of radiation on individual technology components and carry out experiments in radio communication. Last but not least, the satellite should also take images of the planet. Data from skCUBE will be freely available.

First two Black Hawk helicopters for Slovak Air Force arrive in Presov

The first two UH-60M Black Hawk military utility helicopters landed in Presov on June 26 to become part of the Slovak Air Force, Defense Ministry spokesperson Danko

Capakova told TASR on June 27.

The choppers were transported by ship from the United States to Bremerhaven, Germany before being transported further to Slovakia by mixed Slovak-American crews. The ceremonial delivery took place on July 6.

"Four crews have been trained for the new machines at US Air Force facilities in the USA, with the training of further crews still going on. A total of six crews will have been prepared to fly the new machines by the end of 2017," said Capakova.

"The contract also ensures a starting package of spare parts for nine helicopters for two years, as well as further equipment, control and measurement technologies and portable operating posts for specialists taking part in operating the helicopters," said Capakova.

The new American helicopters are due to replace the Russian-made Mi-17 choppers that are nearing the end of their lifetime.

Nine Black Hawks worth a total of \$261 million are set to be purchased by Slovakia as part of the Slovak Armed Forces' largest defense modernization contract ever.

Kiska: strength of Christianity to be seen among young people

The current young people in Slovakia show what the country will look like in some 20-30 years, while I've witnessed wonderful positive energy emanating from them, President Andrej Kiska said after meeting with a group of young people who participated in the country's largest Marian pilgrimage on Sunday, July 2 in Levoca.

"I called on them to show with their deeds the goodness that is in us, because we need to hear especially from the youth these days, as extremism is growing, with extremists frequently misusing God in promoting their ideas. Nevertheless, the strength of Christianity is to be seen here, among the young and in love, understanding and forgiveness. It was a powerful experience for me to meet them," said Kiska, who attended the Levoca pilgrimage for the first time while in office.

The president pointed out that the pilgrimage, celebrating the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth has been taking place for 770 years on the Marian Hill above Levoca.

"Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims didn't stop their attendance at the pilgrimage even during the Communist era. As far as I know, the only year when the pilgrimage could not take place was in 1949, however otherwise, people have been coming here for 770 years to seek strength and hope from the Mother of God," added Kiska.

Strike at Volkswagen ends; workers' salaries expected to go up

The six-day general strike at Volkswagen Slovakia came to an end on the evening of June 25 as the trade union and the company management finally settled on a new collective agreement after day-long negotiations, TASR learned from the management's statement on June 26.

An immediate end to the strike formed part of the newly signed collective agreement. Production at the plant was resumed on June 26 at 6 a.m. The new collective agreement will be valid until August 31, 2019.

Volkswagen spokesperson Lucia Kovarovic Makayova further told TASR that the new agreement features

an increase to the worker's salaries by 4.7 percent as of this month, by another 4.7 percent as of January 2018 and by yet another 4.1 percent increase between November 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019. Furthermore, the trade union and the management agreed that all workers will receive a one-time payment worth \$550 this month, a salary compensation worth 40 percent of the average salary for the first three days of work incapacity and higher contributions if participating in a voluntary blood donor program.

Last but not least, the trade union negotiated one additional vacation day for the workers in 2018 and in 2019, if meeting the set conditions.

"In this way, we have decided to contribute towards securing a long-term perspective for both our employees and the company," said Kovarovic Makayova.

Volkswagen Slovakia's Modern Trade Union(MOV) informed the employees about the end of the strike on a social network. "We ended it with very successful collective bargaining. All the points we wanted to cover were concluded. We managed to agree on gradual salary hikes of 14.12 percent in total until November 2018," said MOV chairman Zoroslav Smolinsky, thanking all those who participated in or supported the strike.



The Marian Hill in Levoca, located in the heart of the Spis region of northeastern Slovakia, is one of the country's oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites. Pilgrimages are held here throughout the year, however during the summer season attracts thousands of pilgrims on a regular basis. The principal pilgrimage is held in honor of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth around the feast observed on July 2. This year's pilgrimage was held over the July 1-2 weekend. Marian Hill or Marianska hora as it is known in Slovak, offers spectacular views over the town and countryside. Pope St. John Paul II elevated the shrine church to that of a minor basilica in 1984. He actually visited the site himself on July 3, 1995 when more than 650,000 pilgrims gathered for the occasion. A chapel has existed on the Marian Hill since the 13th century. The present basilica was built between 1906 and 1922 and houses the traditional statue of Our Lady of Levoca, carved from pear wood from the local forest. During the principal pilgrimage around July 2, the statue is taken from the basilica and carried in procession among the pilgrims over the holy hill. This great shrine was erected by the grateful faithful of Spis following the successful expulsion and defeat of the invading Turks in 1241. Today, the tradition of pilgrimage continues to be a viable and popular faith tradition among the Slovaks. Often, pilgrims from outlying villages travel for miles on foot and spend the overnight on the grass, singing, praying and enjoying fellowship in anticipation of the celebration of the principal pilgrimage morning Mass. Limited during the communist period, this tradition has enjoyed new popularity in recent years.

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. Jannicky. Father Jannicky 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. Our Sokol, Ralph Hass, president of the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee, will serve as the master of ceremonies. The program will feature our Group 4 Sokol drillers from Milwaukee's Wreath 93 under the direction of Physical Directress Tricia Radtke, Lisa Hoeck, assistant directress and Brad Hoeck, physical director. Also performing will be the popular 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 by The Ed Hause Band 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 or Ralph Hass, president of the Federated Slovak Societies at tel. 262 893-2972. We hope that many Group 4 members will celebrate our rich heritage at this year's American Slovak Day. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

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As a project for the Slovak Catholic Federation, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, of Saint Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School in Cleveland is trying to assemble an on-line guide of *Places of Slovak Interest* around the United States. Please send him information about anything connected to Slovak history or culture in your city or state (excluding Cleveland, OH) at gerard@cbhs.edu

Scenes of the First Slovak Catholic Sokol Reunion Weekend

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Julie M. Dobbs is shown with Georgene and Lou Benek.



All smiles from Valerie Abbott and Jessica Dobbs.

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Prize List: 71st International Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament 81st Bowling Tournament of the Greek Catholic Union

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Prize		
		Game	Game	Game	cap	Total	Total	Money
1. Group 7 - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Charles Tokach		227	247	214	120	808		\$500
Jeff Jacob		200	225	235	90	750		
Joseph Hvozdovic, Jr.		236	247	278	30	791		
Robert Palchanis, Jr.		156	186	158	222	722		
Totals		819	905	885	462	3,071		
2. Run Rats - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
John W. Niskach		226	236	216	51	729		\$240
Matt Basl		176	222	187	249	834		
Michael B Patak		238	234	191	102	765		
Mike LeBanik		199	254	173	99	725		
Totals		839	946	767	501	3,053		
3. Perry Sokols - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Bernie Seruga		215	166	170	105	656		\$160
Clarence Checton		191	180	287	117	775		
Craig Kordich		263	287	214	138	902		
Dave Matty		166	201	191	147	705		
Totals		835	834	862	507	3,038		
4. The Presidents Men - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Bud Miller		206	255	212	84	757		\$90
George Juba		171	133	210	237	751		
Michael W Karaffa		195	231	268	105	799		
Bob Haller		278	200	192	39	709		
Totals		850	819	882	465	3,016		
5. Prospectors - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Christopher Mathewson		189	231	226	141	787		
John L. Minarish		201	192	193	168	754		
John P. Minarish		278	186	190	141	795		
Leonard Hempel		116	120	110	273	619		
Totals		784	729	719	723	2,955		
6. GCU Dollars - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
John Hoppey		111	112	106	297	626		
John Moyer		134	159	193	231	717		
Paul Komishock		211	189	225	150	775		
Terry Linder		182	216	250	177	825		
Totals		638	676	774	855	2,943		
7. Dave's Crew - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Dave Iskra, Jr.		227	191	152	228	798		
Dave Iskra, Sr.		221	176	204	75	676		
Justin Francis		103	218	173	234	728		
Tony Rasimas		265	187	216	60	728		
Totals		816	772	745	597	2,930		
8. Pittsburgh/Munhall, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
John W. Niskach		214	236	237	51	738		\$140
Matt Basl		173	166	226	249	814		
Totals		387	402	463	300	1,552		
9. Lilly, PA - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Brian Risko		170	224	278	72	744		\$130
Gary Risko		202	258	195	120	775		
Totals		372	482	473	192	1,519		
10. Hazleton, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
John Hoppey		132	131	175	297	735		\$120
Paul J. Komishock		179	189	248	150	766		
Totals		311	320	423	447	1,501		
11. Blue Bell/Chalfort, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Thomas Hoenninger		191	246	246	75	758		\$200
Matthew Hrinjak		246	197	218	81	742		
Totals		437	443	464	156	1,500		
12. Wilkes-Barre, PA - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Dave Iskra, Jr.		185	195	158	228	766		\$100
Jeff Jacobs		177	204	246	90	717		
Totals		362	399	404	318	1,483		
13. Elizabeth/Pittsburgh, PA								
	<u>Money</u>							
Dan Kutzfara		147	119	152	252	670		\$80
George Lopata		185	162	212	240	799		
Totals		332	281	364	492	1,469		
14. Assembly 162 - Clifton, NJ - SCS								
	<u>Money</u>							
Scott Pitman		124	196	213	153	686		\$60
Robert Mosloski		233	216	225	108	782		
Totals		357	412	438	261	1,468		
15. Johnson City/Apalachin, NY - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Robert J. Bakalar		188	190	180	195	753		
Robert C. Bakalar		221	182	194	114	711		
Totals		409	372	374	309	1,464		
16. West Mifflin/Pittsburgh, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Mike Mantsch		192	188	169	144	693		
Mark Brooks		200	245	258	66	769		
Totals		392	433	427	210	1,462		
17. Pittsburgh, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Michael B. Patak		233	215	184	102	734		
Mike Lebanik		237	195	192	99	723		
Totals		470	410	376	201	1,457		

MEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Prize		
		Game	Game	Game	cap	Total	Total	Money
1st Scratch - Club Lanes - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Chad Kosko		190	224	204	618	820		\$280
James A. Asmonga		202	266	234	702			
James J. Asmonga		238	216	191	645			
Ryan Lax		194	222	184	600			
Totals		824	928	813	2,565			
1. Freeland/Ringtown, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
John Moyer		172	165	187	231	755		\$250
Terry Lindner		212	195	278	177	862		
Totals		384	360	465	408	1,617		
2. Blue Bell/Hopewell, PA - GCU								
	<u>Money</u>							
Matthew Hoenninger		212	246	227	132	817		\$150
Ryan Papuga		179	234	224	153	790		
Totals		391	480	451	285	1,607		
3. GCU Blue Bell, PA								
	<u>Money</u>							
Matthew Hoenninger		254	204	258	132	848		\$125
Thomas Hoenninger*		257	236	257	75	825		\$100
Dave Iskra, Jr.		140	245	200	228	813		\$90
George A. Romanchak		216	215	214	147	792		\$85
Marc Kudlack		194	203	163	231	791		\$80
Ryan Papuga		205	209	217	153	784		\$75
Donald Ribarchak		215	181	210	177	783		\$70
John W. Niskach		269	255	196	51	771		\$65
George Juba		203	136	192	237	768		\$60
Mike C. Matras		184	235	166	183	768		\$55
Thomas Muldoon		176	204	210	177	767		\$50
Matthew Basl		196	181	140	249	766		\$45
John L. Minarish		189	175	225	168	757		\$40
Terry Linder		225	172	181	177	755		\$35
John Shutack		205	169	230	150	754		\$30
Joseph Hvozdovic, Jr.		247	236	239	30	752		\$20
James Bart		195	196	160	195	746		

* 1st Place Scratch

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

1. Barberton Bowlers - SCS	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Carol Macko	174	169	177	144	664	\$400
Karen Bakita	184	230	175	132	721	
Nancy Cassisi	112	132	113	171	528	
Rose Bakita	100	117	151	270	638	
Totals	570	648	616	717	2,551	

2. Mixed Up - SCS/GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Christine Sofranko	167	146	167	171	651	\$150
Colleen Evans	166	132	162	180	640	
Gina Keil	111	132	146	168	557	
Marianne Nalli	119	160	154	138	571	
Totals	563	570	629	657	2,419	

3. Dad's Daughters - GCU/SCS	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Cindy Anderson	152	138	138	129	557	
Heather Horvath	122	131	119	204	576	
Laura Anderson-Messer	155	149	169	150	623	
Mary Anderson-MacGillis	134	177	211	126	648	
Totals	563	595	637	609	2,404	

4. Angry Birds - GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Irene Miller	129	146	163	153	591	
Marguerite Dietz	126	108	126	234	594	
Martha Dietz	140	157	168	153	618	
Veronica Hrinnyak	112	169	130	171	582	
Totals	507	580	587	711	2,385	

1st Scratch - Just Friends GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Barbara Rushe	127	121	121	155	524	\$180
Darlene Matestic	110	414	123	201	848	
Maria Marks	182	136	212	42	572	
Michelle Davis	194	232	164	33	623	
Totals	613	903	620	431	2,567	

WOMEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS

1. Canton & Barberton, OH - SCS	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Karen Bakita	198	202	192	132	724	\$200
Carol Macko	167	146	170	144	627	
Totals	365	348	362	276	1,351	

2. Wilkes-Barre, PA - SCS	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Amy Degnan-Blasko	158	123	148	144	573	\$150
Bernadette Jacob	215	232	166	114	727	
Totals	373	355	314	258	1,300	

3. Michigan & Ohio - SCS/GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Cindy Anderson	192	159	196	129	676	\$130
Rose Bakita	111	114	96	270	591	
Totals	303	273	292	399	1,267	

4. Fenton/Canton, MI - GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Mary Anderson-MacGil	94	189	197	126	606	\$115
Laura Anderson-Messer	209	137	157	150	653	
Totals	303	326	354	276	1,259	

5. Pittsburgh/Munhall, PA - GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Patty Niskach	161	99	135	180	575	\$90
Melanie Basl	192	223	226	36	677	
Totals	353	322	361	216	1,252	

6. West Mifflin, PA - GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Darlene Matesic	152	147	125	201	625	
Michelle Davis	199	181	209	33	622	
Totals	351	328	334	234	1,247	

7. Plymouth/Hanover Twp, PA - GCU	1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money
	Game	Game	Game	cap		
Coleen Evans	174	117	160	180	631	
Gina Keil	155	129	159	168	611	
Totals	329	246	319	348	1,242	

WOMEN'S SINGLES RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd	Handi-	Total	Prize Money	
		Game	Game	Game	cap			
1	Karen Bakita	SCS Barberton, OH	194	170	173	132	669	\$100
2	Dorothy Bakalar	GCU Johnson City, NY	172	188	163	135	658	\$80
3	Laura Anderson-Messer	GCU Fenton, MI	194	175	131	150	650	\$70
3	Carol Macko	SCS Barberton, OH	135	189	179	144	647	\$60
5	Rose Bakita	SCS Barberton, OH	119	103	144	270	636	\$50
6	Janet Kumpon	GCU Endwell, NY	143	211	125	156	635	\$40
7	Cathy Deska	Sokol USA Boonton, NJ	175	165	143	135	618	\$30
8	Barbara Rushe	GCU Whitaker, PA	120	158	143	195	616	
9	Melanie Basl*	GCU Munhall, PA	214	186	176	36	612	\$90
10	Veronica Hrinnyak	GCU High Bridge, NJ	166	153	120	171	610	
11	Judy Goetz	GCU Clinton Twp., MI	169	128	142	168	607	
12	Heather Horvath	SCS Wilkes-Barre, PA	126	154	121	204	605	

* High Scratch Series

MEN'S ALL-EVENTS RESULTS

	Team	Score	Dbls Score	Sngl Score	Handi-cap	Total	Prize Money	
								1
2	Matt Basl	GCU Munhall, PA	585	565	517	747	2,414	\$75
3	Dave Iskra, Jr.	SCS Wilkes-Barre, PA	570	538	585	684	2,377	\$65
4	Matthew Hoeningner	GCU Blue Bell, PA	569	685	716	396	2,366	\$60
5	Gary Risko	SCS Lilly, PA	688	655	589	360	2,292	\$50
6	Ryan Papuga	GCU Hopewell, PA	556	637	631	459	2,283	\$40
7	Paul J. Komishock	GCU Hazleton, PA	625	616	591	450	2,282	\$35
8	Robert W. Latschaw	SCS Perryopolis, PA	682	571	599	423	2,275	\$30
9	Brian Risko	SCS Lilly, PA	726	672	655	216	2,269	\$25
10	Donald Ribarchak	GCU Pittsburgh, PA	531	584	606	531	2,252	\$22
11	Marc Kudlack	SCS Clifton, NJ	488	502	560	693	2,243	\$18
12	John W. Niskach*	GCU Pittsburgh, PA	678	687	720	153	2,238	\$80
13	George A. Romanchak	GCU North Huntingdon, PA	555	595	645	441	2,236	\$16
14	Robert Mosloski	SCS Clifton, NJ	607	674	628	324	2,233	\$15
15	George Juba	GCU Beaver, PA	514	469	531	711	2,225	\$14
16	George Lopata	GCU Pittsburgh, PA	451	559	490	720	2,220	\$13
17	Thomas Hoeningner	GCU Blue Bell, PA	554	683	750	225	2,212	
18	Ryan Kislock	GCU Pittsburgh, PA	629	534	598	441	2,202	
19	Michael B. Patak	GCU Pittsburgh, PA	663	632	601	306	2,202	
20	Michael W. Karaffa	GCU Strongsville, OH	694	612	571	315	2,192	
21	John L. Minarish	GCU Sterling Heights, MI	586	512	589	504	2,191	
22	John P. Minarish	GCU Sterling Heights, MI	654	507	604	423	2,188	

* 1st Place Scratch All-Events

WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS RESULTS

	Team	Score	Dbls Score	Single Score	Handi-cap	Total	Prize Money	
								1
2	Carol Macko	SCS Barberton, OH	520	483	503	432	1,938	\$55
3	Laura Anderson-Messer	GCU Fenton, MI	473	503	500	450	1,926	\$50
4	Evelyn Kallenborn	GCU Munhall, PA	456	447	399	612	1,914	\$40
5	Bernadette Jacob	SCS Wilkes-Barre, PA	479	613	460	342	1,894	\$30
6	Rose Bakita	SCS Barberton, OH	368	321	366	810	1,865	\$20
7	Colleen Evans	GCU Plymouth, PA	460	451	400	540	1,851	\$15
8	Melanie Basl*	GCU Munhall, PA	524	641	576	108	1,849	\$60
9	Mary Anderson-MacGil	GCU Canton, MI	522	480	453	378	1,833	
10	Cindy Anderson	GCU Howell, MI	428	547	458	387	1,820	
11	Michelle Davis	GCU West Mifflin, PA	590	589	521	99	1,799	
12	Jean Karaffa	GCU Strongsville, OH	499	614	532	153	1,798	

* 1st Scratch All-Events

SCRATCH HIGH GAME, SERIES AND ALL-EVENTS

HIGH GAME:	SCS	Clarence Checkton	Perryopolis, PA	287	Team
	SCS	Craig Kordich	Perryopolis, PA	287	Team
	GCU	Jean Karaffa	Strongsville, OH	278	Doubles
HIGH SERIES:	SCS	Joseph Hvozdic, Jr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA	761	Team
	GCU	Melanie Basl	Munhall, PA	641	Doubles
HIGH ALL-EVENTS:	GCU	John W. Niskach	Pittsburgh, PA	2,085	
	GCU	Melanie Basl	Munhall, PA	1,741	

Slovak Catholic Sokol 62nd International Golf Tournament Entry Form

Treasure Lake Golf Resort – Dubois, PA – August 18th – 20th 2017

Golf Reservations - (814) 913-1482 (Gold Course & (814) 913-1480 (Silver Course)

U.S.G.A.

36 Holes

Men-5 Flights - Women-1 Flight

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 21st 2017

Every golfer must fill out a form and all fees must accompany this form. Make checks or money orders payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account and mail to 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981-1801

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email : _____

Certificate: _____ Assembly / Wreath: _____

Golfer Signature

I hereby certify that the name on this application is a bona-fide member of this Assembly/Wreath and has been a member in good standing for at least one (1) year or three (3) months Single Premium Life with a minimum of \$3,000.00 coverage or as a new member enrolled in the organization after January 1st 2008 with a minimum of \$5,000.00 worth of insurance coverage.

Assembly/Wreath President or Secretary

_____ I have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

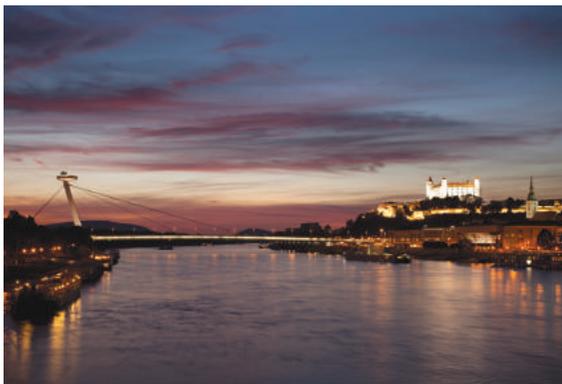
_____ I have not participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

_____ Men: I am 62 years or older and wish to enter the Senior Flight and have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments.

Tournament Start Times: 9:00 am Saturday & 9:00am Sunday

Preferred Doubles Partner: _____

All hotel reservations to be made directly through the Fairfield Inn & Suites Dubois, Pa 814-371-2260 or Hampton Inn Dubois 814-375-1000



Cieľom architektov Mosta SNP v Bratislave (na snímke vľavo) bolo šikmým pylónom a reštauráciou na jeho vrchole vytvoriť optickú protiváhu hradnej skale. Podarilo sa im to natolko, že veža šikmého pylónu je zapísaná vo World Federation of Great Towers spolu s Eiffelovou vežou v Paríži, Space Needle v Seattle či Empire State Building v New York City. Postavili ho v rokoch 1967 až 1972. Do užívania bol daný 26. augusta 1972. Atrakciou je reštaurácia na hlavici pylónu vo výške 85 m. Je spojená s vyhladkovou plošinou. Reštaurácia je považovaná za jednu z dominant mesta a vyhľadávaným cieľom domácich i zahraničných turistov, pričom ročne ho navštívi okolo 200-tisíc návštevníkov.

Doprajte si šalátovú uhorku každý deň

Uhorky patria k najhodnotnejším letným pokrmom. Šalátová uhorka má nízku energetickú hodnotu. Jeden plátek uhorky obsahuje približne 2 kalórie. Okrem toho, že uhorka je plná vody, obsahuje bielkoviny, sacharidy, vlákninu, draslík, fosfor, vápnik, mangán, železo, sodík, horčík, selen, zinok, vitamíny A, B, C a K a antioxidant luteín.

Ak si doprajete uhorkový obed, zaženiete jednoducho rannú hlad aj smäd. Okrem toho si posilíte imunitu, vyplavíte toxíny, zlepšíte trávenie, zlikvidujete ústne baktérie a spríjemníte dych, odkyslite organizmus, znížite krvný tlak a tiež cholesterol, skrášlite aj osviežite pleť...

Šupka je horšie stráviteľná, no ak s tým nemáte vážnejšie problémy, určite ju nevyhadzujte. Obsahuje vitamín K, ktorý aktivuje proteíny dôležité pre zdravú výživu kostí.

V kuchyni sa čerstvá uhorka

najčastejšie využíva v šalátoch, kombinácii s kôprom, cesnakom, cibuľou, avokádom a bielym jogurtom. Uhorku však môžete upraviť aj varením a môžete ju aj naplniť či zapiecť podobne ako cuketu.

Osviežujúca uhorková polievka

Potrebuje 1 uhorku, 1 malú cibuľu, cesnak, soľ, korenie, bobkový list, kôpor, mlieko, zeleninový vývar

Cibuľu nakrájame nadrobno, jemne ju orestujeme, pridáme ošúpanú uhorku pokrúpanú na kocky a roztláčený cesnak. 2 – 3 minúty restujeme, potom zaľejeme vývarom, pridáme soľ, korenie a bobkový list spolu s kôprom. Varíme približne 20 minút, potom prilejeme mlieko a varíme ďalších 5 minút. Polievku odstavíme z ohňa, vyberieme bobkový list, rozmixujeme ju ponorným mixérom a ak máme chuť, dochutíme ešte kyslou smotanou.

Banky v SR poskytlí informácie o účtoch zahraničných klientov

(Pokračovanie zo str. 16)

na procese prípravy slovenskej legislatívy a taktiež prešli testovaním doručovania elektronických formulárov cez portál finančnej správy.

Okrem toho členské banky asociácie oznámili Finančnému riaditeľstvu SR aj finančné informácie o účtoch klientov z USA a domácich klientov, ktorí majú z tejto krajiny príjmy. Ide o povinnosť, ktorá vyplýva z medzivládnej dohody medzi Slovenskom a USA (FATCA) a zo slovenskej legislatívy z roku 2015 a vlni sa uskutočnila prvá povinná bilaterálna výmena informácií o finančných účtoch medzi finančnými správami SR a USA. Banky na Slovensku iniciovali podpis medzivládnej zmluvy s USA. Ak by sa tak nestalo, americké banky by automaticky zrážali sankciu vo výške 30 % z príjmu prevádzaného na účty v bankách na Slovensku.

Vedeli ste že...

... najväčšími spotrebiteľmi zmrzliny sú Američania a za rok jej v priemere dokážu zjesť až 22 litrov na osobu?

... ochutnávači používajú na jedenie zlatú lyžičku, aby sa vyhli rôznym pachutiám?

... jahodová, vanilková a čokoládová zmrzlina patria medzi najobľúbenejšie?

SPOLOČENSKÉ PODUJATIA

Piknik v Cleveland, OH

Americko-slovenský klub Zemplín v Cleveland, OH usporiada v nedeľu 16. júla v Slovak Sokol Camp, 2069 Royalwood Road, Broadview Heights, OH piknik pod názvom "Slovak Day Picnic". Začiatok bude o 12.00 hodine naobed a trvať bude do 8.00 hodiny večer. Na predaj budú tradičné slovenské a americké jedlá, domáce koláče, zákusky a slovenské pivo Zlatý Bažant. Hrať bude Johnny Pastirik Band. Pre deti a dospelých budú pripravené rôzne hry. Vstupné je bezplatné. Bližšie informácie: George Carny, tel. č. 440-885-5702.

Mariánska púť do West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v New York City usporiada slovenskú púť v nedeľu 13. augusta do Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York. Spoveď bude pred slovenskou svätou omšou, ktorá bude o 11.00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed bude o 12.30 hodine. Ružencová procesia začne o 2.30 hodine. Bližšie informácie: Mária Božeková, tel. č.: 347-612-1934, Lisa Calabrese, tel. č.: 212-734-46123.

Kto má záujem na púť cestovať autobusom, ktorý bude odchádzať o 9.00 hodine ráno od kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New Yorku, má sa prihlásiť na horevedených telefónnych číslach. Autobus bude k dispozícii ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov. Poplatok za autobus a obed je \$40.00 za dospelých a \$15.00 za deti.

Festival Európske ľudové remeslo v Kežmarku

Dobytím hradnej brány odštartoval 7. júla najväčší festival venovaný ľudovej tvorbe, kultúre, umeniu, tancu a spevu v Európe – Európske ľudové remeslo (ELRO) v Kežmarku. Tento rok venovaný 430. výročiu vzniku tkáčskeho remesla.

Novinkou tohto roka bol strašidelný hrad v pivničných priestoroch hradu, pričom študenti Strednej odbornej školy Biela voda v Kežmarku boli prezlečení v dobových kostýmoch. Súčasťou ELRO boli aj vyhladkové lety balónom.



Počas kultúrneho programu vystúpili folklórne súbory z Čiech, Čiernej Hory, Gruzínska, Srbska, Poľska a Grécka, ale aj domáce folklórne súbory. Návštevníci mali možnosť vidieť aj podkúvanie koní v kováckej vyhni pred hradom.

Archeológovia v Bratislave odhalili stovky hrobov a cenných predmetov



Archeologický výskum v súvislosti s pripravovanou výstavbou bratislavského obchvatu D4/R7 priniesol v úseku budúcej diaľnice D4 v Podunajských Biskupiciach objav jedného z najrozsiahlejších archeologických nálezísk na Slovensku.

Počas päť mesiacov trvajúceho prieskumu odkryli archeológovia viac ako 460 hrobov, ktoré skrývali cenné nálezy.

Medzi najzaujímavejšie nálezy obdobia vlády franského kráľa Karola Veľkého.

Medzi najvýznamnejšie nálezy odkrytého pohrebiska patria taktiež bohaté jazdecké hroby s množstvom bronzových predmetov, kde mnohé z nich boli postriebrené. Mnoho cenných artefaktov našli archeológovia v hrobách, v ktorých boli pochovaní príslušníci vyšších vrstiev.

Po ukončení archeologických prác, ktoré v lokalitách trasy budúceho diaľničného obchvatu D4/R7 financuje koncesionár projektu, budú nálezy uložené v Slovenskom národnom múzeu - Archeologickom múzeu. Ako exponáty výstavy by mali byť neskôr sprístupnené aj verejnosti.

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63. Folklórny festival Východná



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Pod Kriváňom v hornoliptovskej obci Východná sa 29. júna začal 63. ročník najstaršieho a najväčšieho folklórneho festivalu na Slovensku. Na piatich pódiách amfiteátra pod holým nebom sa počas troch dní predstavilo viac ako 2100 účinkujúcich.

Hlavným motívom tohtoročného festivalu bol folklór v jeho tradičných i moderných podobách cez motiváciu detí k láske k tradíciám až po búranie hraníc medzi národmi, spoznávaním inej kultúry a

hľadaním toho, čo ľudí vzájomne spája.

Súčasťou festivalu bolo už tradične množstvo sprievodných podujatí – tanečné domy, ktorých bolo tento rok najviac v doterajšej histórii, koncerty a tanečné zábavy. Na jarmoku v areáli festivalu svoje remeslo predstavilo 40 výrobcov ľudovej umeleckej výroby.

Cielom organizátorov bolo ukázať najmladšej generácii krásu slovenského folklóru a tradícií a motivovať ich k ich udržiavaniu.

UNESCO žiada zastavenie ťažby v Karpatských bukových pralesoch

Výbor Svetového dedičstva UNESCO 5. júla, na svojom 41. zasadnutí v Krakove, schválil uznesenie k nedostatočnej ochrane slovenskej časti UNESCO lokality "Karpatské bukove pralesy a staré lesy Nemecka". Hlavnými nedostatkami, na ktoré upozorňuje Slovensko, sú najmä ťažba dreva, poľovanie a chýbajúci plán starostlivosti.

V prijatom uznesení sa uvádza, že "Výbor Svetového dedičstva UNESCO s najväčším znepokojením podotýka, že napriek opatreniam a dobrovoľnému záväzku niektorých osôb, že nebudú vykonávať ťažobné aktivity, len časti slovenských komponentov tejto lokality sú legálne chránené pred ťažbou." Ďalej výbor konštatuje, že pre slovenské komponenty tejto lokality nebol

pripravený žiaden integrovaný plán starostlivosti (IMP).

UNESCO opakovane pripomína svoju požiadavku voči slovenskej strane, aby zaistila, že sa v rámci hraníc tejto lokality nebudú vykonávať žiadne ťažobné aktivity. Zároveň nalieha, aby zabezpečila, že v rámci hraníc tejto lokality po prijatí tohto plánu tam nebude možná žiadna ťažba.

Od slovenskej zmluvnej strany žiada, aby "po konzultácii s ďalšími zmluvnými stranami tejto lokality do 1. februára 2018 poskytla Centru svetového dedičstva (WHC) aktualizovanú správu o stave ochrany tejto lokality a o implementovaní vyššie uvedeného, aby to Výbor Svetového dedičstva UNESCO posúdil na svojom 42. zasadnutí," uvádza sa v dokumente.

Banky v SR poskytli informácie o účtoch zahraničných klientov

Členské banky Slovenskej bankovej asociácie poskytli Finančnej správe informácie o účtoch zahraničných klientov a ich identite. Automatická výmena informácií sa tak koncom tohto júna stala realitou a týka sa aj údajov o zostatkoch na finančných účtoch daňových rezidentov iných krajín.

Výmena predpísaných informácií bude prebiehať pravidelne každý rok elektronickou formou medzi Slovenskom a ostatnými krajinami EÚ, ako aj na základe spoločného štandardu, ktorý bol vytvorený v rámci OECD. Vyplýva to z informácií, ktoré banková asociácia poskytla v tlačovej správe.

V súčasnosti sa k dodržiavaniu štandardu OECD zaviazalo už 106 krajín. "Automatická výmena informácií o finančných účtoch medzi krajinami je významným krokom nadnárodnej spolupráce pri zisťovaní nezdanených príjmov na zahraničných účtoch a k eliminovaniu daňových únikov. Vznikla ako prostriedok boja proti zahraničným daňovým podvodom a daňovým únikom – presunom aktív daňovníkov do cudzích jurisdikcií," uviedla Iveta Orbánová, odborníčka na dane a účtovníctvo Slovenskej bankovej asociácie.

Proces automatickej výmeny informácií je založený na princípe vzájomnosti. Slovensko poskytne dáta získané od finančných inštitúcií a zároveň dostane informácie o slovenských daňových rezidentoch zo zdrojov finančných inštitúcií zúčastnených krajín. Banky a iné finančné inštitúcie musia identifikovať klientov a preverovať všetky relevantné príjmy, výnosy z predaja finančných aktív a aj zostatky a finančných účtoch. Do tohto procesu boli banky zapojené už predtým, keďže sa podieľali

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Krátke správy zo Slovenska



□ Väčšina Slovákov podporuje členstvo v Európskej únii a NATO. Až 73,9 percenta opýtaných súhlasí s členstvom Slovenska v Európskej únii a 58,2 percenta súhlasia s členstvom v Severoatlantickej aliancii. Vyplýva to z reprezentatívneho výskumu Inštitútu pre verejné otázky, ktorý uskutočnila v dňoch 31.

□ Výmena predpísaných informácií bude prebiehať pravidelne každý rok elektronickou formou medzi Slovenskom a ostatnými krajinami EÚ, ako aj na základe spoločného štandardu, ktorý bol vytvorený v rámci OECD.

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sfére v prvom štvrtroku zarobili ľudia v priemere 1 090 eur, v nepodnikateľskej 908 eur.

□ Najvyššie mzdy v januári až marci tohto roka už tradične poberali zamestnanci v Bratislavskom kraji, kde sa priemer vyšplhal na 1 390 eur. Nasleduje Košický a Trnavský kraj. Naopak, najmenej za prácu dostali zamestnanci v Prešovskom kraji.

□ Mimoriadne silné búrky sa 5. júla prehnali Slovenskom. Jedna zasiahla Prešov, kde priniesla silné porovy vetra a krúpy. Na viacerých miestach v meste ostali polámané stromy, niektoré poškodili aj zaparkované autá, vietor strhol strechy z troch domov.

□ Prezidentovi SR Andrejovi Kiskovi sa 7. júla narodil syn. Je to po prvýkrát, čo sa narodilo dieťa najvyššiemu slovenskému ústavnému činiteľovi priamo počas jeho funkcie. Andrej Kiska (54) má so svojou manželkou Martinou Kiskovou (41) okrem novonarodeného Martina ešte dve deti, syna (8) a dcéru Veroniku (12). Má aj dve dospelé deti z prvého manželstva.



Arboretum Mlyňany Slovenskej akadémie vied je chránený areál v obci Tesárske Mlyňany a Vieska nad Žitavou v okrese Zlaté Moravce. Má rozlohu 67 hektárov a za chránený areál bol vyhlásený v roku 1951. V súčasnosti je arboretum vedeckým pracoviskom SAV. Je prístupné pre verejnosť od apríla do septembra. Ide o najvýznamnejšie dendrologické zariadenie Slovenska, v zbierkach ktorého sa nachádza viac ako 2300 druhov drevín zo Stredomoria, Ameriky, Afriky a Ázie.