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## Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

March is a busy month for our Society. Many meetings are planned on a National, Group and Assembly level.



The Society's 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting is planned for Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Scranton Hilton, in Scranton, PA, the site of our 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention, August 5-8, 2023. At this meeting the Board will review the Society's 2022 business and set in motion its plans for 2023.

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board continue to make plans for the upcoming 2023 Fraternal events, the 77<sup>th</sup> International Bowling, May 19-20, 2023 at AMF Bowling lanes, Buffalo, NY, the 68<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament August 18-20, 2023, at the Kensington Golf Club, in Canfield, OH, and the 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet, July 12-16, 2023, at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA. All Groups must submit to the Fitness Board their participation numbers for the Board to organize a fantastic 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet to ensure everyone will have great time.

All Assemblies were sent in January the 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention forms which are due back at the Home Office by March 25, 2023.

It is every Assembly's responsibility to hold a meeting to elect their delegates as outlined in the Society's By-Laws.

Members interested in applying for one of the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2023 Scholarships can read the scholarship rules in the Falcon or go on the Society's website to fill out an application. All applications have to be received at the Home Office by March 31, 2023 with all the documentation asked for on the application.

As we see there are deadline for everything planned, and it is necessary for all members, Groups and Assemblies to adhere to them.

We are at the beginning of our Lenten journey; I hope all will follow their path to Easter improving their Faith and doing what they can who need our help.

On March 17<sup>th</sup> everyone will become Irish as it is St. Patrick's Day and will celebrate everything Irish and since it is on Friday the celebration will be enthusiastic at best. Then on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day of Spring, we celebrate St Joseph's Day to honor the patron Saint of Workers and the Family while enjoying Polish and Italian cuisines. All we have to do is enjoy and remember it's Lent.

With God's Blessings to All!  
Stay safe and healthy!  
Zdar Boh!

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY  
SCOTT T. POGORELEC, F.I.C.  
SPRING IS ON THE WAY**



Greetings from the Home Office! There have been no complaints regarding the weather this winter in New Jersey. Other than a few cold weekends, this has been one of the tamest winters in my memory. Spending time outdoors during the winter is a treat and gets us ready for our Sokol Spring/Summer calendar!



As we observed Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, the second week of Lent is upon us. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. The forty days of Lent commemorate the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert where he encountered temptation from the Devil. Lent is a time where we reflect and strengthen our relationship with the Lord I urge all our members to use this valuable time of reflection and be thankful for all that you have.

We kick off our Spring Sokol calendar with the first Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors, which will be held at the site of our 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention, the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. Our Board, which is the highest governing body of our organization between Conventions, will be making the important decisions to ensure our successful future. We will get a chance to hear from our hired professionals who will report on our 2022 results and 2023 projections. The year has been challenging as we deal with the post-Covid financial climate and the rise of inflation, but we remain diligent in our focus of strengthening our Society. In the coming issues, you will have the opportunity to read the reports our Directors, as well as the Official Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting. I recommend that you take the time to read each report to acknowledge the time and effort put in by each of our Officers.

As we enjoy the beginning of the

new spring season, the date April 18<sup>th</sup> is also drawing near. That of course is the deadline to file your tax return. I hope that most of our members will be enjoying a nice refund. If in fact a refund is in order, have you thought what you would do with the extra cash? This year, why not do something that would allow you to secure your future for yourself and your family and make it easier for you to purchase those items down the road. This year, why not invest in a Sokol Annuity?

Our Vantage Collection of annuities offers financial protection and supplies you with the same fraternal benefits as if you had a standard life insurance policy. Your investment can grow rapidly since there is no initial service, contract, or premium fees. Every dollar you pay in premium goes directly to your account's cash value and starts earning interest immediately. Another important factor is that our annuity products are tax deferred, meaning your gains are accumulated tax free and only gets taxed upon constructive receipt of the gain. This allows for the growth to be compounded on the portion of earnings and not subjected to investment taxation. As you can see, the benefits of investing in our products are plentiful. So think about using that tax return in one of the smartest ways possible in securing your future and retirement. If you have any questions, give me a call at the Home Office and we would be glad to assist you.

To all our potential Delegates for the 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention, please remember to get your delegate forms in by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Home Office. In the coming months, we will begin adding items to our Convention Menu on our website. All our necessary materials will be given via email, while also loaded on the aforementioned Convention Menu on the website.

Until next time, have a great March and we will talk soon! Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

**Sokol Calendar**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**ASSEMBLY 11 ANNUAL MEETING** at the home of Financial Secretary Therese M. Buc, 9024 Del Prado Drive, Palos Hills, Illinois, beginning at 2 p.m. Those planning to attend should call Therese at tel. (708) 598-1468.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**WREATH 54 ANNUAL MEETING** beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Quaker Steak and Lube, Rt. 224, Boardman, OH. Plans for 2023 activities and finalization of delegates for the 34<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Convention will be discussed.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

**ASSEMBLY 182 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** Slovak Mass at 10.30 a.m. at the St. John the Nepomucene Church, 411 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 66<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. Dinner to follow in the parish hall.

**SUNDAY APRIL 2**

**GROUP 6, MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** at 1:15 p.m. at The Clubhouse Grille at Cedarbrook, Belle Vernon, PA. Reservations must be made prior to April 11 by calling either Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724-736-4032.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**GROUP 5 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** will be held in conjunction with the **GROUP 5 BOWLING TOURNAMENT** at AMF bowling – Rivera Lanes 20 S Miller Rd. Fairlawn, OH. The group meeting will start at 11:15 a.m. and bowling to follow at 12:30/1:00 p.m.. All group 5 officers are encouraged to attend the meeting, whether bowling or not. Any questions please call Group 5 Secretary Sue Blosser at 770-853-7257.

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON**

**PUBLICATION DATE**

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **APRIL 1, 2023**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **MARCH 22, 2023**.

The next **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER** will be posted on our website on **FEBRUARY 15, 2023**.



Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,  
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic

**DEVOTION FOR MARCH  
ST. JOSEPH**



The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a “just man” and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Quamquam Pluries (On the Devotion to St Joseph) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

“Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life’s companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men.

Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties.

...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.”

**DAILY MORNING PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary  
Be with us this day.  
You defended the Virgin  
loving the Child Jesus as your son,  
you rescued Him from danger of death.  
Defend the Church, the household of God,  
purchased by the blood of Christ.  
Guardian of the Holy Family,  
be with us in our trials,  
may your prayers obtain for us  
the grace to flee from error  
and wrestle with the powers of corruption,  
so that in life we may grow in holiness  
and in death rejoice in the Crown of Victory.  
Amen

**44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APPEAL OF  
SAINTS CYRIL & METHIDIUS  
SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

As National President of the Slovak Catholic Federation I want to thank the Supreme Board of Directors and those Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths listed below for making a donation to last years Annual Appeal. This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Appeal, and I am appealing to each Group, Assembly and Wreath, as funds are available, to support this year’s Appeal.

The question may arise, why should we contribute to support a college in Europe, shouldn’t we be supporting those in America. The answer is simple. Sixty years ago, the late Cardinal Tomko, then a priest in Rome, traveled to the United States asking for assistance from the Slovak American Catholic community to help build a Seminary for students from Slovakia in Rome. Not only did each Slovak Catholic Fraternal Society answer this call, but many Slovak Americans under the leadership of the Slovak Catholic Federation. Thus the reason for this appeal, it is solely up to the Slovak Catholic Federation to conduct this Appeal, since we built it 60 years ago.

Please know that any donation is appreciated and helps with the day to day running of the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Rome, Italy. Since the fall of communism the college became the residence of the priest of the Dioceses of Slovakia sent to Rome to further their studies.

Information concerning how you can support this year’s appeal can be found in this issue of Falcon in another article on page 6.

The following supported the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Appeal  
SCS Home Office (Board of Directors)

Assemblies: 11, 23, 24, 34, 48, 59, 78, 82, 86, 162, 180, and 219

Groups: 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, and 18

Wreaths: 1, 14, and 147

Zdar Boh!

**Fr. Andrew S. Hvozdovic**  
*SCS Supreme Chaplain*  
*SCF National President*

**UNITED SLOVAK SOCIETIES OFFER  
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS IN LORAIN, OH**

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Ohio will again make available non-renewable, \$1,000.00 scholarship awards, to eligible high school seniors who will graduate in 2023. Applicants must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better and enjoy membership of at least 5 years in any of the local Slovak Fraternal Lodges in Lorain.

The lodges include Wreath 111 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, First Catholic Slovak Union, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, and the National Slovak Society. To obtain rules and an application, please visit [www.americanslovakclub.com](http://www.americanslovakclub.com) or contact the scholarship coordinator, Sue Naelitz, at [snaelitz@hotmail.com](mailto:snaelitz@hotmail.com). Deadline for applications is May 30, 2023.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETIG OF GROUP 17 HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Group 17 began their annual meeting with President Jim Jerek calling the meeting to order and offering a welcome. Coffee and donuts were served. Sister Loretta Smith provided the opening prayer followed by Brother Glen Kramer leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jerek called on sister Nancy Kropolinsky for the Roll Call. Present were the following Group 17 Officers: President Jim Jerek, Vice President Glen Kramer, Secretary Nancy Kropolinsky, Treasurer Tom Shirilla, Auditors Mike Ekoniak and Mary Olexa, Physical Fitness Board Virginia Bartos and Loretta Smith. Additional member present include Doug Pusateric, Monica Shirilla and Carol Gonda.

President Jerek then asked for the acceptance for the minutes of the last Annual Meeting held October 20, 2019 and published in the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Sister Loretta Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Falcon and seconded by Sister Mary Olexa.

President Jerek then call on the activity reports of the Officers. President Jerek called on Brother Kramer to take the President's chair to call on President Jerek for his report. Brother Jerek reported the COVID pandemic put somewhat of a halt on local activities for the past three years, however, he stated most of his time was spent representing SCS on the national level as the Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, attending Board of Director meetings. Brother Jerek added that in support of organizing events at a local level, he did chair a Fraternal Golf Outing held in Youngstown, Ohio in the Fall of 2022. Several Group 17 members attended as well as a great representation from Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Brother Kramer made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Brother Eloniak.

President Jerek called upon brother Kramer for his report as Vice President. Brother Kramer reported that he fulfilled his duties per by-laws and conducted activities when asked. Involvement with Our Lady of Sorrows and supporting Slovak festivals, such as the Villija Dinner have been the majority of his time spent the past three years. Brother Pusateric made a motion to accept the report, Sister Bartos seconded the motion.

President Jerek called upon sister Kropolinsky for her report as Secretary. Sister Nancy reported that all of the reports and documents were transferred from previous secretary. She added that the majority of her time was spent fulfilling her duties on the national level as the Supreme Assistant Physical Directress. Sister Gonda made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Sister Smith.

President Jerek called upon Brother Shirilla for his report as Treasurer. Brother Shirilla reported he fulfilled his duties per the by-laws, including writing checks, making deposits, and balancing the books. Brother Shirilla provided spread sheets of Group 17 expenditures and assets and explained itemized deductions. Sister Olexa made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Sister Shirilla.

President Jerek called upon the Auditors for their report. Sister Olexa reported duties of the Auditors were fulfilled per the by-laws. She and Brother Ekoniak reported the Treasurer books were reviewed and found to be in order. Sister Bartos made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Brother Pusateric.

President Jerek then called upon Sister Smith for the

activity report of the Physical Fitness Board. Sister Smith reported attendance at the following events since the last Annual Meeting:

December 2019- Supported and sold raffle tickets at the Group 17 Annual Children's Christmas Party. Attended the Annual Vilija Dinner.

January 2020- Attended Group 17 Hockey Night at the Youngstown Phantoms vs. Green Hockey. Attended Wreath 54 annual meeting.

August 2020- Attended and volunteered at the Slovak Fest at St. Matthias Church. Attended and golfed at Seven Oaks Country Club in support of Sokol International Golf Week.

July 2021- Golfed at Seven Oaks Country Club during the Sokol Family Fest and attended and supported the Slovak Fest BBQ at SNPJ.

August 2021- Participated in the 66<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake. Attended and volunteered at Slovak Fest held at St. Matthias Church

December 2021- Supported the Vilija Dinner at St. Christine Parish

June 2022- Attended Simply Slavic Downtown Youngstown

August 2022- Participated in the 67<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake. Attended Slovak Fest at St. Matthias.

October 2022- Participated in the Group 17 Golf Tournament at Mahoning Country Club.

December 2022- Supported the Vilija Dinner at St. Christine Parish

Sister Olexa made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Sister Gonda.

President Jerek then reported on old business. The Family Fest held at SNPJ was well attended by Group 17 members and he thanked all that were able to support this new endeavor. He also congratulated those that attended the Phantoms Hockey Night and encouraged the Physical Fitness Board to continue organizing local events.

President Jerek reported on New Business. He encouraged all to remain involved at the Wreath and Assembly level and hopes for good representation at the Quadrennial Convention to be held this August. President Jerek asked for one final attempt to encourage youth and adults to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet as well as the Bowling and Golf Tournaments. He added that the Gold Tournament will be held in Youngstown this year and is hoping for a great local turnout. He asked for ideas for Join Hands Day. Sister Kropolinsky informed the group that she has scheduled additional activities for the Walking Program, including join Hands Day and would like Group 17 members to participate. All agreed to schedule dates and locations of group walks.

With no further items to discuss, Brother Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sister Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Nancy Kropolinsky**  
Group 17 Secretary

## 2022 WALKING PROGRAM UPDATE

The totals are in, and prizes are being organized!! Congratulations to Group 4 for having the most participants submit miles for the 2022 year. 20 members have been seen walking in Wisconsin and Michigan!! Second place Group totals goes to Group 14 with 13 participants turning in miles for the year.



Individual winners are as follows: Third place award goes to Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member, Dusan Dorich, and Second and First accolades go out to wife and husband, Cindy and Rich Walkowiak!! Cindy walked a total of 2857 miles, while Rich forged ahead with 3264. 14 Groups have been represented in the walking program with an accumulated total of 40977.04 walking miles!! That is one and a half times around the Earth and almost 5 trips back and forth from Passaic, NJ, to Bratislava, Slovakia!!

Special recognition goes out to Dolly Yonkoski from Group 9 who is the most experienced walker among the participants who submitted miles for the 2022 year. And finally, a special spotlight shout out to John R. Benyak, Jr. from Group 6. He just turned 89 years old and has walked all over his community, entering in 10K and 5 K walk/runs in the past. In his younger days, he was the Commander for Group 6 and participated in Track and Field and Calisthenics. He has participated in the walking program since the inception and has accumulated a total of 39, 561.00 miles over the years. The Walking Program no longer accumulates individual totals from year to year.

Last year, I submitted an article about the benefits of walking and how walking promotes a healthy mind and body. Strategies for walking were provided, but the ideas presented a solitary journey to mindfulness. Reflecting on the past year, with its many ups and downs and twists and turns, I've decided to add a new segment to the walking program by including others in your walk for a healthier mind.

Humans are social beings. We are wired inherently to connect with each other and depend on each other to thrive. COVID has reminded us of this. Without the support of each other, suffering is inevitable. Sporting activities through the Slovak Catholic Sokol build the sense of community and its benefits are evident during any event. The Walking Program can be a way to achieve the sense of community in a daily, weekly, or monthly, close-to-home event. In addition to submitting individual miles, I challenge groups to plan walks together. Earn group, wreath or assembly rewards each month by sending a photo and summary capturing monthly themes. Include the type of organization (Group, Wreath or Assembly), contact person and address, and a photo. See monthly contest descriptions in another section of this publication. Send pictures and the summary to Nancy Kropolinsky 1853 Wingate Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44514 or post on Face Book to be eligible for monthly prizes.

I hope you have a happy and healthy year and hope to see you at this year's events!  
Zdar Boh!  
**Nancy Kropolinsky**  
*Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*

## SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

A direct mailing for the 2023 Appeal has been sent to local district and branch leaders from the four Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, and previous donors. Your support is needed each year because money collected in the Appeal goes to help pay for the operating costs of the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence of priests from Slovakia selected by their bishops to undertake graduate studies.

As of February 20, 2023, \$4,719 from 73 donors has already been received for the 2023 Appeal.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2023 Appeal but did not receive a letter asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2023 will be credited toward the 2024 Appeal. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

*The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harvey's Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.*



### 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to **Slovak Catholic Federation** and mail to: Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National First Vice President, Slovak Catholic Federation, Our Lady of Grace Church, 225 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047-4052*



## GROUP 14/ASSEMBLY 16/ WREATH 22 NEWS

Jen Flynn Oldenburg, a former four-year standout for the Buckeyes, returned to Columbus as the head coach of The Ohio State Women's Volleyball program on January 17, 2020. Oldenburg is the sixth head coach of the Buckeyes in the 48-year history of the program.



Besides being named Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2020, Oldenburg led the program to its second-consecutive NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in the fall of 2021 after hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in Columbus for the first time since 2015 and the first time ever in the Covelli Center. This was the 18th regional appearance in program history.

The Buckeyes concluded the season with a 27-6 record and a 15-5 mark in Big Ten matches, earning five ranked wins and concluding the regular season on a seven-match win streak. Ohio State spent 14-consecutive weeks in the AVCA top-10, which is a program record with the previous record being 10-straight weeks in the top-10 in 2004.

Ohio State had plenty of postseason awards and honors to show for a successful fall 2021 season. Rylee Rader was named AVCA All-American Second Team, while Mac Podraza made the third team and Emily Londot received an honorable mention. For the second-consecutive season, the Buckeyes had the AVCA Regional Freshman of the Year, while Londot, Podraza and Rader were all on the AVCA All-Region list and Kylie Murr was an honorable mention. Murr and Podraza also were selected to the 2022 Women's Collegiate National Team. The Buckeyes had two on the All-Big Ten First Team, one on the second team and one on the freshmen team. On the academic side, 15 student-athletes were named Ohio State Scholar Athletes and 13 were named Academic All-Big Ten following the 2021-22 school year.

The 2022 Volleyball Season proved to be one more challenging to Oldenburg, who set this team's sights early on with a tough preseason schedule. Up against higher ranked opponents from the Big Ten, SEC, ACC programs, at home and away, getting the team ready to move on past the first two years of being in the NCAA Sweet 16 tournament, the Buckeyes DID earn their first regional semifinal win and the program's first regional final appearance (NCAA Elite 8) since 2004. Further, under the leadership and coaching of Oldenburg, Ohio State Women's Volleyball program produced two Big Ten Players of the Year Defensive Specialist Kylie Murr and Big Ten Setter of the Year Mac Podraza and many other

player and team recognitions throughout their 15-5 conference and overall 22-10 season. Oldenburg's many interviews and comments stem from day one when she got the job that this was a Team that wanted more and wanted the Program to be put back on the map. In the course of the last few years, gaining the experience we did in postseason – "not the results we wanted, of course, but that experience, the leadership and just the drive of the upper classmen to do a little bit more" – she credits this as the reason they succeeded and were able to set their eyes on the higher prize. Oldenburg also recognizes the importance of their fan base holding court to record-breaking sell-out crowds at home at the Covelli Center.

Jen Flynn Oldenburg is now preparing for the upcoming 2023 Volleyball Season (losing 5 senior players) but being able to recruit top players from around the nation with two of the 5 recruits being named 2022 Gatorade Players of the Year, one player from her hometown of Pittsburgh, PA - Mia Tuman and Ohio native - Eloise Brandewie.

Amid her coaching responsibilities, in June 2020, Oldenburg was selected to join the Big Ten's Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition as one of eight Ohio State representatives. The goal of the Coalition is to seek tangible ways to actively and constructively combat racism and hate around the world while also empowering student-athletes to express their rights to free speech and peaceful protest.

Jen also holds many mini-camps at The Ohio State Campus for upcoming female volleyball players of all age groups. Her program is also set to travel to Greece and Italy this coming June in order to immerse her student-athletes in the culture and high level of volleyball overseas.

Congratulations and continued success, Jen Flynn Oldenburg.



SAVE THE DATE

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

34<sup>th</sup> QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

AT THE

HILTON SCRANTON &  
CONFERENCE CENTER

Scranton, PA

## 50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SLET UPDATES

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is extremely excited to celebrate the 50th International Slet this July.



The board has been working diligently to succeed in making this an event one to remember. At the 90th Anniversary of our organization, our treasured past Supreme Secretary, Steven M. Pogorelec said, “The strength and vitality of our organization over the years rested on the interest and participation of our members.” These words still ring true. It is so important that we keep our traditions alive for us and for the future of our children. No bad memory

ever started with, “this one time at the Slet...” Sokols live in our hearts and we need to keep that fire burning.

If you have not heard from a leader in your group to participate in this year’s International Slet, please reach out to your Group President or to me and I will get you connected. If your Group does not have a leader for the International Slet, please consider leading. I promise, being a leader and creating memories that will last into the future will be fun.

The International Slet is being held at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA, July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The event will start with a day outing at Dorney Park. We will have a pavilion to meet under and enjoy fraternalism. Our official opening ceremonies will start at our track and field competition on Friday, July 14, 2023. We will have a fierce drill competition Friday evening. The drill competition will consist of each team providing a Male and Female team. Each team will compete in three drill categories. The first drill is the traditional Slovak drill, followed by a modern drill and ending with a MashUp drill consisting of music from past drills. We will be having a grand celebration on Saturday after closing ceremonies. We will honor our great leaders who have lead us to where we are today. More details to follow. We look forward to seeing new faces and some faces from the past.

Listed below are important dates for leaders to please follow. These dates will help the Supreme Physical Fitness Board to plan and be prepared for this momentous event.

**April 1**– Names, Birthday and Sokol Policy numbers are due to the SPFB of all Slet Participants. Information will be sent to each Director and Directress for what information needs to be gathered for participants 18 and over. This is a very important deadline. We will need names and information for the participants to be registered for the background checks.

**May 15**– All registration forms are due with events selected.

**May 15**– All Shirt sizes, individual drill partners as well as rooming lists are due.

If you have any questions or have any issues, please contact me.

We can’t wait to see you all this summer.

Zdar Boh!

**Katie Swift**

*Supreme Directress*

## GROUP 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Group 7 can now be contacted at

[sokolgroup7@gmail.com](mailto:sokolgroup7@gmail.com)

and on our Facebook page at

[Group 7 Slovak Catholic Sokol](#)

Please contact us if you are interested in participating in the 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet in Kutztown, PA, July 12-16.

Group 7 will be hosting a Night on the Ice at the Wilkes-Barre /Scranton Penguins at the Mohegan Sun Arena on Saturday, April 1st at 6:05 p.m. There are 50 seats available at the Ice Level Lounge.

Group 7 members 15 years and younger are free.

Group 7 Members 16 years and older are \$25/ticket.

Non-Members are \$35/ticket.

Tickets include: high-top tables along the glass, seats behind the opposing team’s attack zone, unlimited chicken tenders, hot dogs, soft drinks and water. RSVP by March 25. We hope you can join us for a fun night out on the Ice!!!

Our next Group 7 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at the North End Slovak Citizens Club...we hope you can join us!! – **Amy Blasko**

## ASSEMBLY 182 TO NOTE CENTENNIAL IN NEW YORK

Assembly 182 will note its Centennial on Sunday, March 19 at St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City.

The program begins with Mass celebrated in Slovak at 10:30 a.m. in the church located at the corner of First Avenue and East 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Following the liturgy dinner will be served in the parish hall.

The Assembly has been active in the area Slovak community for many years. The lodge was found in 1923 under the patronage of St. Joseph.



Assembly 182 celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 19, 1947. Shown with the Sokols and Sokolky was the late Msgr. Stephen J. Krasula, P.A., then pastor of the well-known Slovak parish.



## S.C.S. 2022 BOWLING TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the AMF Airport Lanes, Buffalo, New York. The GCU Fraternal Society, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the National Slovak Society will be joining us again this year. The bowling application is also posted on our web site and the submission deadline is April 17, 2023.



AMF Airport Lanes, 3754 Genesee Street  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

The lodging for bowlers and guests will be at the Buffalo Airport Hotel in Cheektowaga, 4600 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225; tel.:716-634-6969.

The guaranteed rate is \$109.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy on Friday and Saturday night.

Team events will be held on Friday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The Friday evening hospitality including food and refreshments will be served at 5:00 PM at the bowling lanes. Doubles and Singles events will be bowled on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

The cost for the 77<sup>th</sup> International Bowling Tournament: \$23.00 per event, \$5 for all-events and \$31.00 for the banquet on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The total for each bowler participating in team, doubles, singles, all-events and the banquet is \$105.00. If you have any questions, please send me an email, [jmatlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:jmatlon@slovakcatholicsokol.org), text or call me, cell phone number: 973-647-8551.

Stay safe and I will see you in Buffalo, New York. – **James C. Matlon**, *Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics*



St. Cyril Academy Preschool & Kindergarten in Danville, PA recently held their annual “Pay- for- Play” charity event. This year’s local choice was The Good Samaritan Mission in Danville. Parents and friends of the students donated \$2,500.00 to help Good Samaritan Mission serve local needy families. Over the years, the children have raised thousands of dollars to aid local organizations such as Danville SPCA, EOS Therapeutic Riding Center, Montour Preserve (MARC), Danville Playground, GMC Miracle Network, and national organizations including St. Jude’s Hospital, Covenant House, and Heifer International. The school’s motto is, “Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve” and students are encouraged to help those in need.

## SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN PA TO HOST ACTIVITIES



Pictured are the recently elected board members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania with their Chaplain Rev. John Albosta. Seated (l-r): Robert Zavada, Constance Plewniak, Bernadette Yencha, Helen Bacumpas and Michael Strefanski. Absent was board member Dorothy Sullivan.

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania held their 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Café Route 315 in Plains Township, PA. Election of board members took place and activities planned for the year were announced.

The traditional Slovak Stations of the Cross and Lenten Hymn Sing sponsored by the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be held on Sunday, March 26 at St. Ignatius Loyla Church, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA. The church is handicapped accessible via elevator. The services will begin at 2:00 p.m. with congregational singing of Lenten Hymns. The words and translations of its rich hymnology will be provided. The Stations of the Cross led by members of the Society will follow. Booklets will be available for full participation in the service. The service will conclude with Benediction with Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F. presiding. Refreshments will be served followed by fellowship. The public is invited to participate free of charge. A free - will offering will be accepted. For further information call Anna Hudock at 570-822-1926.

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC FALCON

At the group presidents’ meeting, all group presidents were tasked with three goals. One is to gather emails for people who may not be getting the electronic Falcon or other correspondence. If you are not receiving the monthly Falcon or Newsletter and you are not receiving emails regarding upcoming events, reach out to your group president. If your “older” parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles do not have email, call 1-800- 886-7656 and ask to have the information mailed to them.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Slet is coming up. It is going to be a big year for Sokols! You don’t want to miss the important information.

– **Kathleen Shoberg Watkins**

No applications will be accepted after April 17, 2023

ENTRY BLANK—77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**A JOINT TOURNAMENT OF SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, FCSU, NSS & GCU**  
 “USBC MORAL SUPPORT CERTIFIED”  
 AMF Airport Lanes ⇄ Cheektowaga, NY  
 Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20, 2023

No applications will be accepted after April 17, 2023

Please note: Bowling Fees must accompany this application for the bowlers to be registered in the tournament.

BOWLER INFORMATION (LIST CAPTAIN FIRST)	SCS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION
Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ CERT/POLICY# _____ E-mail: _____	Highest Avg. 2021-22 _____ USBC No. _____ Wreath/Assm No. _____ Team: _____ Please Check Tournament Events Bowler at Left Is Submitting Payment for on this Application: <input type="checkbox"/> Team or <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Team <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles or <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Doubles <input type="checkbox"/> Singles <input type="checkbox"/> All Events
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Please check one:  Men's Events  Women's Events  Mixed Events

DOUBLE & SINGLES EVENTS—SATURDAY, MAY 20  
 Bowling begins at 10 AM for all bowlers.

TEAM EVENT—FRIDAY, MAY 19

Hospitality Meal Served 5 PM at Airport Lanes Bowling Begins at 6:30 PM All Teams

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please place team bowlers in the order they will be bowling.)*

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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Make Entry Fee payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account

Mail to: James Matlon, 6 Academy Drive East, Whippany, NJ 07981.

BOWLING FEE AS WELL AS ENTRY MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THIS BLANK.

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO TEAM CAPTAIN AND MUST BE RESUBMITTED.

Financial Totals for this Application	
Entry Fee for Each Event	
Prize Fee-\$10. <sup>00</sup> + Bowling Fee-\$8. <sup>25</sup> + Tournament Fee-\$4. <sup>75</sup> = \$23. <sup>00</sup>	
Optional Events	Banquet + Bowling Entry
All Events-\$5. <sup>00</sup> Banquet-\$31. <sup>00</sup>	\$105. <sup>00</sup> per person
___ Singles Event ..... @ \$23 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Doubles Event ..... @ \$23 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Team Event ..... @ \$23 ea. = \$ _____	
___ All Events ..... @ \$5 ea. = \$ _____	
___ Banquet ..... @ \$31 ea. = \$ _____	
Total Enclosed \$ _____	

## **Important to All Tournament Entrants Read Carefully Information Given Below Rules and Regulations of Annual Slovak Catholic Sokol Bowling Tournament**

The purpose and aim of our organization in sponsoring annual bowling championships is to promote good sportsmanship, fraternalism and national interest in the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

As you know, each year the Supreme Assembly, recognizing the great importance of bowling in our organization, donates \$60.00 to the prize fund for each team entry entered in the International Tournament. This financial contribution on the part of our organization is added to the regular prize fee collected by the bowlers. All prize fees collected will be refunded 100% in prizes.

In order to successfully operate our tournaments, we must have cooperation and exact adherence to all entry rules and regulations which govern teams and individuals.

Please read these rules carefully. Do not overlook any detail. Comply with all requests at time entry blank is being filled out and when sending it in with the proper money order, certified check or check. Be sure you have the bowlers affidavits as of all sanctioned league averages for 21 games or more in accordance with our rules governing averages. This will speed up the mailing of prizes after results have been checked. Remember that false information will result in forfeiture of all rights to prizes.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Championship Tournament is open to all members of our organization, both male and female (no juniors) who are in good standing and have been members for at least (3) three months SPL or (1) one year for all other policies, prior to the date of tournament with a minimum of \$3,000.00 coverage. Policy Holders - no Social Members. As mandated by the 2007 Convention, all new members enrolled after January 1, 2008 will require a new minimum of \$5,000.00 of insurance coverage to participate in the programs after January 1, 2020.

2a. All members of the competing teams must be members of the same Assembly or Wreath. There is no limit to the number of teams from each Assembly or Wreath.

2b. An Assembly or Wreath not having enough bowlers to make up a team may combine with another Assembly or Wreath to make up a team.

3. Doubles teams may be from any Assembly or Wreath for both Men and Women Divisions.

4. All participants must be certified by the respective Assembly or Wreath Financial Secretary and may enter only once for each division.

5. High Score recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible nonmembers can qualify for high score recognition at their option by paying a \$5.00 participation fee. Affiliated membership is \$21.00.

6. There will be at least one prize for each (10) ten entries in each event, and each (20) twenty entries for All-Events for Men and Women.

7. All-Events (optional), shall be handicap. This prize fund is a separate entry (\$5.00) and no tournament expense fee is assessed for this. Only those entrants paying this fee are eligible. Please indicate All-Events entries by placing an "X" before names in Team Entry space on Entry Form side.

8. Prize fee will be \$10.00 per bowler per event. Cost of bowling and tournament expenses \$13.00 per bowler per event. Total = \$23.00 per event.

9. No entry money will be returned for any reason.

10. The United States Bowling Congress rules and regulations apply to all bowlers.

11. The Championship in both Men's and Women's Divisions will receive individual championship shirts. In the event of a tie for championship, lowest team handicap will receive shirts, cash prizes will be divided equally.

12a. Handicap (Men) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 240 and last season's 2021-2022 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2023. A male bowler whose current average of 21 games or more at time of entry is (10) pins or more higher than the previous season's average must use his current average. Male bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 175 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history of Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. If none of the above apply, the average of 175 for men will be used. Male bowlers with an average over 240 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

12b. All participants will be governed by rating requirements of USBC Rule 319e. Average to be adjusted accordingly. Failure to use the current average shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than correct average thereby resulting in a lower classification of more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher. However corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game of a series.

12c. Handicap (Women) allowed will be 85% of the difference between 200 and last season's 2021-2022 highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games. Bowlers who have no established average will use their highest sanctioned league average of at least 21 games as of January 1, 2023. A female bowler whose current average of 21 games or more at time of entry is (10) pins or more higher than the previous season's average must use her current average. Female bowlers who have no established average for this year or last year will be listed as 150 average and will be handicapped accordingly. If the bowler does not have a sanctioned average over the last two years, but has competed in the Joint Fraternal Tournament, the most recent 5 year history of Joint Fraternal Tournaments will be used. If none of the above apply, the average of 150 for women will be used. Female bowlers with an average over 200 will receive no handicap and will bowl scratch in the tournament.

13. Bowlers may choose to bowl in their respective gender team and doubles event or on a mixed team or mixed doubles team but cannot participate in both divisions. Singles and All Events are gender specific. Mixed team and mixed doubles scores will be used to calculate All Events specific to the gender of the bowler. Must have 6 teams and 10 doubles teams to hold the mixed events.

14. Teams wishing to bowl all nine games as Team, Double and Singles in one day or a specific day or time must submit that request at time of entry. (Only if necessary)

15. List team names in order of lineup to bowl. The USBC substitute rule will be used in the event it is necessary. Average certification must accompany entry form.

16. All teams must bowl according to the published schedule. In order to ensure your choice of schedule time, send entries in early.

17. Bowlers have 48 hours from completion of tournament to notify manager of error in score.

18. Every consideration will be granted to request date/time preferences for out-of-town teams and individual bowlers. The success of the tournament depends upon all participants.

19. Bowlers need not report information as required by USBC (Rule 319d provision) for tournament prize winnings.

**ENTRIES CLOSE  
MIDNIGHT, April 17, 2023**



## \$63,000 IN S.C.S. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS IN 2023

We are pleased to announce that the Slovak Catholic Sokol will make available a total of \$63,000 in scholarship grants to eligible members in 2023. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2023 grant; however, per Convention mandate - a student may receive a maximum of two (2) Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grant awards and a maximum of one (1) in each of the other categories.

A total of 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol college grants of \$1,000 each, two Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,000 each, two Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,000 each, one The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, one Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, one Yencha Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and four Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

**With one application you may apply for all college scholarship grants for which you are eligible. (Strongly recommended that you apply for numerous). Note that only one grant per applicant will be awarded.**

### College scholarship eligibility requirements:

**Slovak Catholic Sokol (a total of 30, \$1,000 grants will be awarded)**

- Must have a minimum of \$3,000 permanent Life Insurance Coverage
- Must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for at least five years.
- Must have completed one semester of undergraduate studies as a FULL TIME student at an accredited college, university or professional school, or be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program.
- Must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better
- One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member
- Essay- "How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol influenced my life?"

**Theodore and Mary Jane Rich (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship  
AND
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in medical curriculum

**Emil Slavik (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship  
AND
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol

- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical or business curriculum.

**The Doctors' Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship  
AND
- Majoring in Nursing or Medical curriculum
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry

**Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship  
AND
- Majoring in curriculum with a focus in computer graphics, design or layout

**Yencha Scholarship (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship  
AND
- Majoring in Liberal Arts Curriculum

**Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship (4 grants in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)**

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship
- Essay- "Describe the one volunteer experience that made the biggest personal impact on you- how/why".

The process of applying for any of the above college level scholarships is completely on-line. Applications and instructions are **ONLY** available on our website @ [www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org)

Questions regarding the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Program may be directed to:

Edward D. Moeller  
Supreme Vice-President  
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee  
[vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org)  
(412)881-3506

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
IS MARCH 31, 2023**

In addition to our college grant program, we make available 18 Catholic High School Grants in the amount of \$500 each as well as 36 Catholic Grade School Grants in the amount of \$250 each. Please find these scholarship applications and directives in each of the next issues of the Falcon.

## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – TIPS FOR SUCCESS

I just wanted to take a moment to highlight the recent changes made to the Slovak Catholic College Scholarship Program. We will continue to use a completely on-line process



as we have had few issues with the process over the past several seasons. With the help of our technical webmaster, we have redesigned the application process and you should find it to be much more user friendly. You will find the on-line application on our website at [www.slovakcatholiclicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholiclicsokol.org) beginning December 1, 2022.

To be best prepared for this process a successful applicant should:

- Review the application on-line for required content and gather prior to beginning to complete the form
- Be prepared to attach both your essay (in PDF or Word format) and a color head and shoulders picture of yourself (in .jpeg format).

Please note, you may want to print a copy for your records prior to submitting. All applicants will receive automatic confirmation that their e-mail has been received.

It really isn't that difficult to qualify for one of our many college scholarships. With now numerous years of the new College Scholarship Application process behind us, there are a few ways to assure that your application will be reviewed.

### 1. Answer all questions on the application.

For example- if something does not apply to you- say N/A. If you are fully independent from your parents- as in, you are not claimed by them on their tax return, you should indicate that in the space asking for total parent income. Leaving this blank does not tell the whole story.

### 2. Include all requirements for the application- i.e. photo; transcript; essay

Start the process for requesting your transcript NOW. I have found that sometimes this is the hold up for some applicants.

- Transcripts- please note that "official transcript" means that you have requested it from your University or College and that it has been sent directly to me in a sealed envelope. We have not been as strict in the past on this issue but began holding each applicant to this requirement last several seasons and will continue to do so moving forward.

### 3. Submit all required elements prior to the deadline.

The application is clear, and I just want to prevent a waste of your time and energy.

Failure to include/complete any of the above items will result in the application being disqualified. To be honest, it is not easy for our committee when we need to disqualify applicants for simple yet important missing requirements.

Lastly, apply for all college scholarships for which you qualify to give yourself the best chance at receiving something. There were several applicants who limited themselves to a particular scholarship. Competition was fierce for the larger \$ scholarships, but there seems to be more opportunity with the

## WALKING PROGRAM

1. The purpose of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Walking Program is to promote a heart-healthy lifestyle. By exercising, each Walker will reach milestones to be eligible for awards. The pursuit of reaching the milestones leads to a healthier way of life.

2. To be eligible for participation, a Walker of any age, must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

3. A member can start the program at any time during the year. The final Tally Sheet for that year must be submitted no later than January 31 of the following year.

4. Miles walked can be sent to the coordinator monthly, quarterly or at the end of the year. Information should include total miles walked and location/setting.

5. Mileage from each year will determine the prize awarded. Every Walker will receive an award.

6. Awards will be given for each milestone achieved by the 100's and will be determined by the coordinator.

7. Awards will be given in March of the following year.

8. Coordinator contact information: Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress, 1853 Wingate Rd. Youngstown, Ohio 44514; [kropolinskynancy@gmail.com](mailto:kropolinskynancy@gmail.com); 330-727-2487.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALKING PROGRAM!

Earn rewards each month by sending a photo and summary capturing the following monthly themes:

**MARCH** - In honor of the first day of Spring and St. Patrick's Day, either walk in a green area or wear green while walking.

**APRIL** - In observance of Easter, walk near or in a field of flowers.

**MAY** - Mother- Daughter walk AND Group Join Hands Day Walk (more details to follow).

**JUNE** - Father- Son walk

**JULY** - To overcome National anti-Boredom Month, walk on a trail you never traveled before.

**AUGUST** - To celebrate July- Family Fun Month, walk with your family members.

**SEPTEMBER** - Celebrate any of the following on your walk-Talk like a Pirate Day, Hug your hound Day, Happy Cat Month, or Grandparent's Day.

**OCTOBER** - To Celebrate positive energy during the month of October, Walk to "Do something nice", walk on October 7 for "World Smile Day", or walk on October 14 with a loved one for "National I Love you Day".

**NOVEMBER** - Walk with gratitude and thankful intentions.

**DECEMBER** - Take a Wintry Walk.

Send pictures and the summary to Nancy Kropolinsky 1853 Wingate Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44514 or post on Face Book to be eligible for monthly prizes.

other scholarship offerings.

Not every applicant receives a scholarship every time they apply. If you have not received one in the past, I encourage you to apply again this year. Before submitting your application- take some time to review the bullet points above to assure that your application will be included for consideration.

Good luck and Zdar Boh!

**Edward D. Moeller**

*Supreme Vice President*

*Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee*

# SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 19 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

### ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than \$3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic High School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

### APPLICATION

**ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION** you must submit a typed or written essay **DOUBLE SPACED** in 100 to 200 words on the following topic:

***"WHAT DOES THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEAN TO ME?"*** This essay must be submitted along with the application.

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2023** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @

[www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org)

### DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

### RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes/no)

If yes, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year? \_\_\_\_\_

High School verification (to be completed by High School Principal)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Principal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the 2022-2023 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2023. Return completed application to:  
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055**



# SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANTS

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$250.00 Grants to our young Sokols and Sokolky in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. Two grants each per Group are available to any qualified Sokol member entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2 through 8).

### ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than \$3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic Grade School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

### APPLICATION

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2023** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @ [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org)

### DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

### RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes/no)

If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Principal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the 2022-2023 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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# DRIVE TO 50 SALES CAMPAIGN

## CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SLET

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will be reaching a significant milestone within the SOKOL World – We will be hosting and presenting our 50<sup>th</sup> International Slet (Gymnastic and Track and Field Meet).

To help celebrate this Golden Occasion we have created the DRIVE TO 50 Sales CAMPAIGN. This campaign is designed to benefit and reward our membership, our groups, and recommenders.

## BENEFITING MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

For more than 116 years our society has provided our members with sound financial protection and outstanding fraternal benefits. As proud members of the SOKOL it is quite easy to expound upon and share the qualities of membership. This is an excellent opportunity to share our excellent offerings with friends and family and get rewarded for it.

Not everyone is born a salesman or comfortable selling life insurance or annuities. Today, we have qualified life insurance and annuity representatives that can assist our existing and potential members in selecting the financial protection to help protect their future.

A supply of SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards will be available to all Group/Assembly/Wreath Officers for distribution. Officers are asked to distribute SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards to existing Members who want to recommend someone to become an insured Benefit Member. SOKOL “DRIVE to 50” Lead Cards are also available for completion and submitting on the SOKOL Web Site [www.scslife.org](http://www.scslife.org). Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol  
P.O.Box 899  
205 Madison Street  
Passaic, NJ 07055

## DRIVE TO 50 DETAILS

### RECOMMENDER REWARDS

- \$10 Referral Fee for each recommendation that results in a sale.
- Qualifies for a semi-annual drawing for an opportunity to win a \$50 gift card.
- Qualify for a \$250 grand prize drawing at the end of the campaign.

### GROUP REWARDS

Awards to qualifying Groups based on the following levels resulting from sales of new life insurance and annuity certificates issued:

- 10 New Certificates (policies):  
\$250 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 25 New Certificates (policies):  
\$500 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses
- 50 New Certificates (policies):  
\$1,000 Credit towards Fraternal Expenses



## DRIVE TO 50 CAMPAIGN – Member Referral Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female  Age \_\_\_\_\_  Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION Assembly/Wreath \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Interest:  
 Life Insurance  
 Annuity



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

### LEGACY LIFE INSURANCE PLANS

#### PERMANENT PLANS

WHOLE LIFE ● SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE ● 20 PAYMENT LIFE

#### TERM PLANS

TERM to AGE 30 ● 10 YEAR TERM ● 20 YEAR TERM

### VANTAGE COLLECTION of ANNUITY PRODUCTS

1 YEAR ● 2 YEAR ● 3 YEAR ● 5 YEAR ● 7 YEAR





# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - March 2023

**My 40 days of Lent**

**START**

Triduum  
Three Holy Days

Holy Week begins here!

Hosanna!

The Israelites traveled with Moses for 40 years in the desert.

Happy Easter!

Hey Morning Star Kids. Whenever you see me it is time to abstain from meat! Remember to fast on Ash Wed. and on Good Friday!

Led by the Spirit, Jesus fasted for 40 days + 40 nights

Noah and his family were in the ark for 40 days + 40 nights.

Congratulations! You are half-way there!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

Colin Baker 3/17  
Hunter Pyo 3/17  
Annalise Romine 3/19

**WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is a holy season celebrated by the Christian church. Lent is 40 days and 40 nights before Easter. We use this time to grow closer to Jesus. We must prepare ourselves for the beginning of the Lenten season!



## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - March 2023



### Fun Facts About Leprechauns

1. Leprechauns are a type of fairy
2. Leprechauns are very sneaky
3. The word leprechaun means "small body"
4. Legend has it that they dance the Irish jig so much they wear out their shoes
5. They hide their gold at the end of the rainbow
6. There are leprechaun sightings back to the 13th century
7. They are the bankers & shoemakers of the fairy world
8. They originally wore all red
9. There are no girl leprechauns
10. If you catch a leprechaun they grant you 3 wishes in exchange for their freedom







## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - March 2023

### St. Patrick's Day Word Search

J	S	Q	W	J	H	G	L	W	I	I	N	X	H	W	V	F
L	L	T	E	G	O	T	T	R	R	E	U	X	Z	T	A	I
E	I	V	K	V	L	R	J	P	E	T	W	V	V	I	D	N
P	J	G	I	B	I	A	L	R	O	P	A	D	Z	L	X	H
R	P	X	L	T	D	I	G	M	A	R	C	H	O	Z	N	P
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I	Y	E	G	Q	S	A	N	D	K	Q	D	U	G	O	M	N



- Pot Of Gold
- Leprechaun
- Shamrock
- Holiday
- Rainbow
- Clover
- Parade
- Green
- Green
- Irish
- March
- Pinch
- Kilt
- Luck





## OBITUARIE

### MARY A. LANDOR 1920 - 2011

Mary A. Landor, 90, formerly of Benham Lane, Torrington, CT passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Jan. 9, 2011.

Mary was born to Andrew & Caroline (Bacinsky) Yurcak on Feb. 28, 1920 in Southington, and married Andrew Slachtosky in April 1942 and, after Andrew's death, married Joseph G. Landor in June 1952 at Sacred Heart Church in Torrington. She remained in Torrington as a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and worked at Woolworths for 30 years. She moved to Santa Paula, CA in 2005.

Mary was predeceased by both her husband Andrew Slachtosky and husband Joseph Landor, her brothers Andrew Yurcak Jr, Stephen Yurcak and sister Madeline Yurcak. Mary is survived by three brothers, George and Marion Yurcak of Cape Coral, FL, Joseph and Lorraine Yurcak of Plantsville, CT and John and Betty Yurcak of Nashua NH, sister Margaret Gernat of Santa Paula, Calif., two sister-in-laws Tony Landor of Torrington, Helen Landor of Torrington, and numerous nieces and nephews who knew her best as "Auntie Mimi".

Services will take place in Torrington in June.

Mary Beyer has been a active member of Slovak Catholic Sokol all of her life, beginning as a youngster in gymnastic program and later became the instructor. Even after, she continued to support her team by attending the Slets as a spectator cheering them on from the stands.

She still kept up with Sokol activities on the Group 2 and Wreath 86 levels. On the Group level she attended all the events such as St. Martin's Day Dinners, bowling tournaments, picnics and other affairs.

She rose to the position of Vice President of Wreath 86, a position she held until just few years ago. As a officer, besides the monthly meetings, she with the other officers started a weekly bingo for a period of time, funding the Children's Christmas Party.

To sum it all up, Mary valued her Slovak heritage and fraternal membership in the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

She will be greatly missed. – **Antoinette Landor**, *President of Wreath 86*

## IN MEMORIAM

### JANUARY 2023

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 6	Patricia Vannatter, Loving, NM	91	December 14, 2022
Assembly 9	Gregory Galya, Woodbridge, CT	60	January 1, 2023
Assembly 11	Jessica Lynn Brown, Merrifield, MN	37	December 14, 2022
Assembly 11	Andrzej Milon, Orland Park, IL	76	January 13, 2023
Assembly 16	Gary Rio, Du Bois, PA	69	December 11, 2022
Assembly 16	Paul Bukoskey, Jr., Fair Oaks, PA	94	December 31, 2022
Assembly 16	Frank Prelich, Pittsburgh, PA	88	February 27, 2022
Assembly 25	Jerome P. Chasko, Webster, NY	81	December 9, 2022
Assembly 25	Robert Rebish, Smithton, PA	71	January 12, 2023
Assembly 34	Lee Lor, St. Paul, MN	55	January 11, 2023
Assembly 36	Mary Jane Smith, Southfield, MI	89	January 23, 2023
Assembly 59	Charles T. Butler, Wilkes-Barre, PA	79	January 23, 2023
Assembly 78	Jeffrey D. Landsberger, Slatington, PA	57	November 2, 2022
Assembly 78	Vincent Seaman, Bethlehem, PA	84	December 21, 2022
Assembly 85	Ludmilla Vojtaskovic, E. Vandergrift, PA	96	November 15, 2022
Assembly 108	Joseph P. Hvizdak, Youngstown, OH	92	January 9, 2021
Assembly 108	Frank Sofranko, Youngstown, OH	63	January 6, 2023
Assembly 162	Harold F. Calabrese, Greenwich, NJ	71	January 19, 2023
Assembly 180	Paul Stranan, Canton, OH	103	October, 30, 2022
Assembly 180	Alice M. Perl, Massillon, OH	93	December 31, 2022
Assembly 224	Dino Favetta, Cedar Knolls, NJ	64	January 10, 2023
Assembly 312	Dezider Folenta, Lincoln Park, NJ	88	December 18, 2022
Wreath 1	Martha Sayles, Rio Rancho, NM	74	December 3, 2022
Wreath 13	Joan Babusik, Philadelphia, PA	70	December 20, 2022
Wreath 15	Emeryetta Timms, Hiller, PA	79	December 20, 2022
Wreath 15	Frances Cicconi, Smock, PA	89	January 4, 2023
Wreath 22	Cecelia M. Wyland, Pittsburgh, PA	89	January 27, 2023
Wreath 54	Mary A. Dravecky, Youngstown, OH	86	November 29, 2022
Wreath 54	Margaret A. Hudak, Youngstown, OH	87	August 23, 2022
Wreath 54	Retha Ann Tirpack, Enon, OH	80	December 25, 2022
Wreath 81	Elaine Aeschliman, Cement City, MI	75	December 27, 2022
Wreath 81	Frank E. Moricz, East Chicago, IN	99	December 27, 2022
Wreath 85	Joanne Kropf, Ambridge, PA	67	November 25, 2022
Wreath 155	Shirley A. Field, Leesport, PA	88	January 7, 2023
Wreath 168	Caroline Marrone, Douglaston, NY	89	January 26, 2022
Wreath 168	Alyce Hnetinka, Lancaster, NY	99	December 6, 2022

### YOUR BENEFICIARIES



When was the last time you looked at your designated beneficiaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy? How important is it? Just think about how much your life has changed. Have you married, divorced, had children,

maybe you lost a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.

## REZORT ZAHRAŇIČNÝCH VEČÍ CHCE ZVÝŠIŤ POČET SLOVÁKOV V INŠTITÚCIÁCH EÚ

Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí (MZVEZ) SR sa vlni zameralo na prípravu koncepcie pre zvýšenie počtu Slovákov v inštitúciách Európskej únie. Výsledkom bolo zriadenie pracovnej skupiny. Vyplýva to z výročnej správy o členstve SR v EÚ, ktorú rezort predložil do medzirezortného pripomienkového konania.

Rezort už v roku 2021 poukázal na to, že existuje priestor na posilnenie personálneho zastúpenia Slovenska v štruktúrach Únie. "Opatrenia prijaté na strane SR sa zamerali na prípravu koncepcie pre zvýšenie zastúpenia občanov SR v inštitúciách EÚ, na zlepšenie informovanosti odbornej aj laickej verejnosti o kariére v inštitúciách EÚ a v neposlednom rade aj na aktívnu a systematickú podporu občanov SR s cieľom zvýšiť ich úspešnosť vo výberových konaniach do inštitúcií EÚ," uvádza rezort v minuloročnej správe.

V júni 2022 MZVEZ schválilo Informáciu o zastúpení a spolupráci s Európskou službou pre vonkajšiu činnosť - aktuálny stav a odporúčania, ktorej výsledkom bolo zriadenie pracovnej skupiny pre zvýšenie zastúpenia Slovenska v štruktúrach Únie. "Pre SR ako členský štát EÚ je žiaduce, aby v štruktúrach inštitúcií EÚ mala zamestnaných čo najviac svojich občanov, keďže prispievajú k posilneniu pozície SR v rámci EÚ," ozrejnilo ministerstvo.

Vlni pracovalo v štruktúrach EÚ 768 občanov SR. V Európskej komisii 446 občanov, v Európskom parlamente 198, v Generálnom sekretariáte Rady EÚ, vo výbore regiónov 16, v Európskom hospodárskom a sociálnom výbore 19 a v rámci Európskej služby pre vonkajšiu činnosť 33.

Rezort poukázal na pretrvávajúce zhoršenie zastúpenia na juniorských pozíciách, ale aj na úrovni najvyššieho manažmentu. "Výhľadovo je situácia negatívna, keďže súčasné pozície zastávajú pracovníci v pred dôchodkovom veku. Malo by byť cieľom SR udržanie zastúpenia občanov SR na úrovni najvyššieho manažmentu a zvýšenie zastúpenia na úrovni stredného manažmentu v rámci štruktúry EK," skonštatovalo ministerstvo. Naopak, zlepšilo sa zastúpenie na seniornejších pozíciách v Európskej komisii.

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## PRVÁ STAROSTKA V ŠTÁTE INDIANA V HISTÓRII BOLA SLOVENSKEHO PÔVODU MARY JANCOSEK BERCIK – (1914 - 1996)

V roku 1960 sa Mary Bercik stala prvou ženou, ktorá bola zvolená do úradu starostu v štáte Indiana.

Aj napriek tomu, že mala 8 detí bola aktívna v miestnych občianskych aj rekreačných skupinách.

Manžel William Bercik vyhral v roku 1955 voľby na post starostu. Čelil veľkej výzve udržať pracovné miesta ale aj ľudí v meste. V roku 1957 zomrel nečakane na infarkt pri rybolove.

Mestská rada požiadala Mary Bercik, aby dokončila zostávajúce 2 roky práce, ktoré ostávali jej manželovi v úrade. Po ukončení funkčného obdobia jej manžela zvíťazila v nasledujúcich voľbách a post starostky zastávala ďalšie štyri roky.

Jeden z jej synov, Robert, pokračoval v šľapajách svojich rodičov v miestnej politike keď ako starosta pôsobil v rokoch 1988 až 2003.

Jej otec sa narodil v obci Zborov, okr. Bardejov.



## KÚTIK HUMORU



*Policajné hliadka zastaví auto. Príslušník príde k autu a hovorí vodičovi:*

*"Budeme musieť vykonať alkoholový test."*

*"Výborne a v ktorej krčme začneme?"*

*Policajt zastavuje vodiča a hovorí mu: "Pán vodič, už siedmykrát vás zastavujem a hovorím vám, že strácate náklad."*

*"A ja vám už po siedmykrát hovorím," odpovedá vodič, "že je námraza a ja pošypam cestu."*

*Nová učiteľka sa na žiakoch snaží využiť svoje kurzy psychológie. Začala vyučovanie tým, že hovorí "Každý, kto si myslí, že sú hlúpy, nech vstane!" Po niekoľkých sekundách, sa postavil malý Janko.*

*Učiteľka povie: "Myslíš, že si hlúpy?"*

*"Nie, pani učiteľka, ale nepáčilo sa mi, že stojíte sama."*

*Manžel prišiel domov z krčmy, pošmykol sa, spadol a rozbil vázu. Pozrel sa do zrkadla a videl, že mu krváca tvár. Ošetril si rany a zalepil náplastou. Ráno mu manželka hovorí: "Že si prišiel v noci opitý, to viem. Že si mi rozbil vázu v predsieni, to tiež viem. Ale jedno nepochopím, prečo si celé zrkadlo polepil náplastou?"*



## ACH, TÁ NAŠA SLOVENČINA!



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## PREZIDENTKA ČAPUTOVÁ PRIJALA BÝVALÝCH PREZIDENTOV SR



Na snímke zľava Andrej Kiska, Rudolf Schuster, prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová a Ivan Gašparovič.

Foto: TASR - Pavel Neubauer

Prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová v stredu 15. februara privítala na tradičnom novoročnom obede svojich predchodcov vo funkcii hlavy štátu Rudolfa Schustera, Ivana Gašparoviča a Andreja Kisku. Ako skonštatovala, stretnutiu dominovali témy vnútornej politiky.

Čaputová ocenila, že po dvojročnej prestávke z dôvodu pandémie sa stretnutie uskutočnilo. „Mať osobitnú príležitosť sa porozprávať je celkom vzácné. Som rada, že som mohla nadviazať na tradíciu mojich predchodcov,“ uviedla. Ako doplnila, s bývalými prezidentmi je v kontakte aj počas roka na rôznych podujatiach. So Schusterom sa stretla napríklad počas svojho týždňa v Košiciach.

Podľa Schustera má Čaputová ako hlava štátu najťažšie obdobie. Poukázal na energetickú krízu, vojnu či odvolanú vládu. „Je toho veľa naraz. Treba ju podporiť,“ skonštatoval. Dodal, že počas jeho pôsobenia sa bojovalo o vstup do NATO či EÚ. Teraz nastalo podľa neho obdobie, keď sa začínajú tieto organizácie aj kritizovať. Prezidentka sa zaujímala aj o jeho zdravotný stav a čo robí mimo politiky. Komentoval, že politiku sleduje, ale nikto ho nepočúva.

Gašparovič súhlasil, že Slovensko prežíva najťažšie chvíle. „Nemá to teda ľahké ani prezidentka, ale musíme to riešiť všetci,“ poznamenal.

Kisku príjemne prekvapilo, že jeho nástupkyňa sa zaujímala aj o neziskovú organizáciu Dobrý anjel a situáciu rodín, ktorej člen má onkologické ochorenie. „Vysvetlil som jej, že, žiaľ, situácia je nepriaznivá, že keď dieťa ochorie na rakovinu, stále vyše 80 percent rodín sa zadlží, a teraz, keď je inflácia vyše 15-percentná, sa situácia najchudobnejších ešte viacej zhoršuje,“ načrtol.

Kiska potvrdil, že stretnutie prebiehalo v priateľskom duchu. „Bodaj by to na Slovensku fungovalo ako medzi nami prezidentmi. Aj keď máme rozdielne názory na veci, aspoň pri obede u prezidentky musíme byť slušní a sa dohodnúť,“ doplnil Schuster.

## KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Volkswagen (VW) začal v Bratislave s predsériovou výrobou Passatu a Superbu. Po otestovaní nových technológií a celého výrobného procesu by sa sériová výroba Passatu a Superbu mohla začať koncom tohto roku. Koncern VW plánoval vyrábať novú generáciu Passatu a Superbu od roku 2022 vo svojom novom produkčnom závode v Turecku. Volkswagen však tento zámer prehodnotil kvôli komplikovaným vzťahom Turecka so zvyškom Európskej únie (EÚ) a taktiež so Sýriou, na ktorú Turci opakovane útočia prakticky až do súčasnosti.

Slovenské školy navštevuje 10 127 žiakov z Ukrajiny. Vyplýva to z údajov o počte odídencom z Ukrajiny k 31. decembru 2022, ktoré zverejnilo Ministerstvo školstva, vedy, výskumu a športu (MŠVVaŠ) SR na svojom webe. Najviac žiakov podľa údajov navštevuje základné školy, je ich cez 6870. Do základných škôl chodí najviac žiakov z Ukrajiny v Bratislavskom kraji (2218), v ostatných krajoch základné školy navštevuje pod 1000 žiakov. Najmenej žiakov v základných školách (433) je v Banskobystrickom kraji. Do materských škôl chodí 1682 žiakov. Najviac ukrajinských detí je v materských školách v Bratislavskom kraji (484). Naopak, najmenej ich je v Banskobystrickom kraji, 128. Gymnázia navštevuje do 500 žiakov z Ukrajiny. Opäť najviac ich je v Bratislavskom kraji (153), najmenej v Trnavskom kraji (27). Na stredné odborné školy chodí 839 Ukrajincov. V Bratislavskom kraji, kde je ich najviac, dosiahol ku koncu roka 2022 ich počet 266. Najmenej študentov navštevuje stredné odborné školy v Banskobystrickom kraji (44).

V Nitre vznikne integračné centrum Blue Dot. Jeho hlavným poslaním je vytvoriť bezpečné miesto na oddych a načerpanie nových síl, ale aj odbornú psychologickú, pedagogickú, sociálnu a zdravotnícku pomoc pre všetkých, ktorí sú na úteku pred vojnou a patria do značne znevýhodnených či ohrozených skupín. Integračné centrá budujú po celom svete Detský fond Spojených národov (UNICEF) a Úrad vysokého komisára OSN pre utečencov (UNHCR). Na Slovensku sú takéto miesta zriadené v Bratislave, Košiciach a Michalovciach. Nitra je po Bratislave druhým slovenským miestom s najvyšším počtom ľudí, ktorí utekajú pred vojnovým konfliktom na Ukrajinu. Od mája minulého roka do decembra 2022 získalo v Nitrianskom kraji status odídenca viac ako 10.000 Ukrajincov. Polovica z tohto počtu prešla Komunitným centrom pre pracovnú a vedomostnú mobilitu v Nitre COMIN. Podpísanie memoranda o spolupráci medzi UNICEF a mestom Nitra schválilo mestské zastupiteľstvo na poslednom minuloročnom zastupiteľstve..

Individuálne dovozy vozidiel zo zahraničia na Slovensko sa v roku 2022 znížili. Vlni sa individuálne doviezlo celkom 81.828 vozidiel, z toho bolo 61.016 osobných. V roku 2021 sa individuálne importovalo 83.582 vozidiel, z toho 61.195 osobných. Vyplýva to zo štatistik Ministerstva vnútra SR. V januári 2023 sa podľa MV doviezlo do SR 6103 vozidiel, z čoho bolo 4687 osobných vozidiel. V januári 2022 sa doviezlo do SR 5256 vozidiel, z toho 4129 bolo osobných.





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