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Family Matters...

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Picasso (Age 5-7)  
1st Place • Zachary Martini



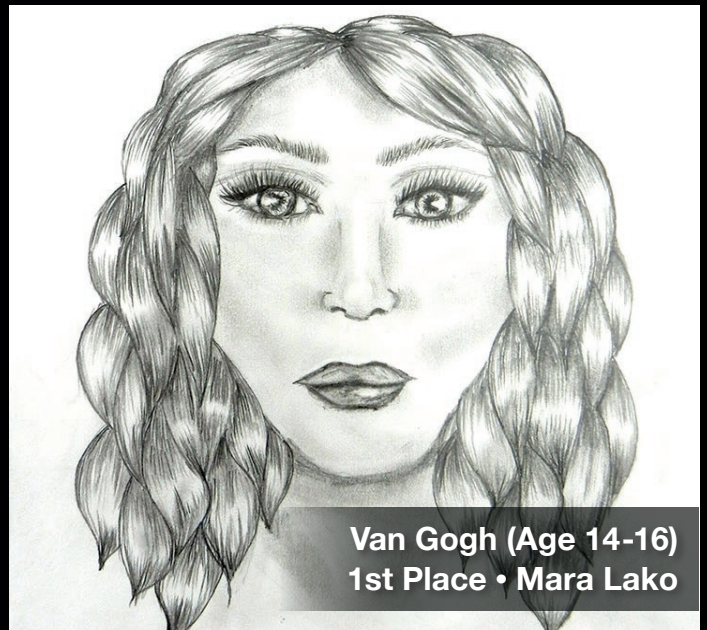
Rembrandt (Age 8-10)  
1st Place • Alexa Woods

## 2017 ART CONTEST WINNERS

See Pages 6-7 For More Pictures • Youth Poetry Contest Deadline: August 15, 2017



Michelangelo (Age 11-13)  
1st Place • Lydia Herbster



Van Gogh (Age 14-16)  
1st Place • Mara Lako

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### Correction

In the July Issue on page 4, I  
accidentally typed our veteran,  
Mr. Gimiliano's first name wrong.  
His first name is Dan!!

## Activities At A Glance

<p><b>REGION 2</b></p> <p>August 6 August 20 October 22</p>	<p><b>Assemblies L075, 0617</b></p> <p>Assembly L075, Picnic, Mercateli-Segelia Park, Moosic, PA Assembly L075, Bingo/Pizza Party, Wilkes Barre, V A at 2:00 pm Assembly L075, Meeting, Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 5</b></p> <p><b>August 20 - UPDATE</b> September 10 September 18 September 23 November 6 December 3</p>	<p><b>Assemblies P38A, 0039, 0100, L105, 0108, 0123, L161, 0377, 0434, 0441, 0588, 0737, 0774</b></p> <p><b>Region 5, Picnic, Cedar Creek Park, Activities Center/Pavilion 19, Noon - 6:00 pm</b> Assembly 0039, Meeting, (Stuffers Club-9/11 Dinner) Eat'n Park, Uniontown, PA at 6:00 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Time/place to be announced 6th Annual Septemberfest 2017, Home Office, McMurray, PA, 11 am - 4 pm Assembly 0588, Meeting, Time/place to be announced Assembly 0039, Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus Hall, Uniontown, PA at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 8</b></p> <p>September 9</p>	<p><b>Assemblies 0004, 0070, 0160, 0432, 0595</b></p> <p>Assembly 0070, Pot Luck Dinner, Dr. Martin Luther Church, 5:00 pm</p>
<p><b>REGION 14</b></p> <p>August 13 October 1</p>	<p><b>Assemblies R059, L102</b></p> <p>Assembly L102/Assembly R059, Summer picnic, Wesnak's residence, 2:00 pm Assembly R059, Meeting/Fundraiser, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, following Divine Liturgy</p>
<p><b>REGION 15</b></p>	<p><b>Assemblies L002, 0028</b></p> <p>No activities at this time</p>
<p><b>AT LARGE</b></p> <p>August 11 August 13 August 13 August 20 August 30 September 3 September 17 September 17 October 8 October 11 November 5 November 5 November 5 December 16 December 24</p>	<p><b>Assemblies R019, L040, 0110, 0236, 0267, 0381, 0554, 0568, 0586, 0705, 0731, 0800, 0813</b></p> <p>Assembly 0731, Picnic, Guilford Lake State Park, Lisbon, OH at Noon Assembly 0586, Summer Outing, Joliet Ballpark Assembly 0813, Members Social Event, Adventure Golf Assembly R019, Meeting, (Location to be announced) at 11:45 am Assembly 0731, Mahoning County Canfield Fair, Fox's Campsite Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0110, Meeting, Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 3:00 pm Assembly 0731, Hayride, Countryside Farm, Lowellville, OH at 4:00 pm Assembly 0731, Meeting/Lunch, Kravitz Cafe, Mill Creek Park Fellows Riverside Garden-1pm Assembly 0110, Christmas Luncheon, (Time/place to be announced) Assembly 0705, Meeting, Buck residence, Seelyville, IN at 1:00 pm Assembly 0554, Meeting, Jim Stricek's residence, DuBois, PA at 2:00 pm Assembly 0731, Christmas Party, Elton Beard Cabin, Boardman, OH at 1:00 pm Assembly 0705, Christmas Eve Party at Butwin Residence at 6:00 pm Assembly 0586, Meeting, Location, date and time to be announced (Letter to member)</p>

### Birthday Greetings to President Blazek-

Dave will be celebrating another year on August 3rd. We would like to wish him good health, happiness and prosperity throughout the year.

Home Office Staff and Members

## From The President's Desk...



David G. Blazek, FIC  
President & CEO

Greetings from the Desk of the President of the NSS. This month is the last summer month before all the children head back to school. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their summer vacation and are ready to get back to the task of learning again.

In looking over the NSS calendar, we see that there are a lot of activities planned; picnics are being held by L075 on the 6th, 0731 on the 11th, L102 and R059 on the 13th, 0586 on the 13th, and Region 5 on the 20th. Assembly 0813 will hold a social event at Adventure Golf on the 13th, L075 will hold a Bingo/Pizza party on the 20th at the V.A. and 0731 will be attending the Mahoning County Canfield Fair on the 30th. Get out and join in the fun in your area.

### A Little Trivia

I am sure you have all heard the term "God willing and the Creek don't rise", but do you really know where the saying came from? Most think the Creek has to do with water and flooding, but one interpretation of the saying is this; Benjamin Hawkins who was an American planter, statesman and U. S. Indian agent, was requested to return to Washington D. C. by then President Thomas Jefferson. Upon reading the request Hawkins sent a reply that read he would return immediately "God willing and the Creek don't rise". The Creek he refers to in his response is the Creek Indian tribe and the rising has to do whether the Creek Indians were planning to rise and fight or not. So now you know the rest of the story. I love to share this story.

### News of Narodniars

Best wishes to Bucky Wesnak for his speedy return to good health. Happy Birthday wishes go out this month to Home Office employee Ryan Strom, for-

mer staff member Jodi Onder, Jim Amorose, Carol Godor, Chelsey Eubank, Andrew Blazek, Pam Tabone, Jan Amick, Bella Grace Bernardo, Jeremiah Moore, and grandsons Logan Kearney, Hudson Lavin, and Brady Kearney. A very busy birthday month in the Blazek family. Happy wedding Anniversary to Lori and Kevin Crowley, and Danielle and Jeff Lavin, and to all others celebrating this month.

## The Worst Type of Airline Passengers

I found the following study on the internet that Expedia compiles each year and thought it might be interesting for our members whether you travel a little or a lot by air.

**1. The Rear Seat Kicker:** Crowned as the number one most annoying type of passenger for the third year in a row, rear seat kickers can quickly derail a normal flight and reduce it to a flight from hell. Nothing is worse than trying to catch some shut-eye and continually getting jostled by an inconsiderate passenger behind you. Scathing looks and muttered comments have no effect on this selfish flier. With that said, when you board your next flight, be considerate of others; keep your feet firmly planted on the floor and avoid hitting the seat in front of you if you'd like to avoid the hatred of the passenger in front of you.

**2. Chatty Cathy:** Some people love making connections with fellow passengers and cite it as one of the reasons they love to travel. And then there are others who wish to talk as little as possible to complete strangers. If you're one who likes to chat, that's fine if you find a fellow conversationalist. But learn to read the room. If a person has their headphones on and is facing the other direction, take a hint and keep the small talk to a minimum.

**3. The Aromatic Passenger:** Anyone who frequently travels using mass transit dreads this type of passenger. People who have pungent body odor or are too heavy-handed with their perfume or cologne, make for terrible flying sardine can mates. People who are sensitive to smell may get sick or get a migraine when cooped up with someone smelly in a tight space. Do others a favor and skip the cologne, but not the shower or deodorant, on the day of your flight.

**4. Pungent Foodies:** Offensive food odors have no place in small airplane cabins! It's pretty nauseating enough for some to fly, add in a whiff of tuna and it's all over. If you must eat while in the air, avoid bringing very smelly foods like ethnic dishes, fish or anything made with an overpowering amount of garlic.

**5. The Armrest Hog:** We all understand that passengers would like to be as comfortable as possible during flights, but not when it's at the expense of someone else's comfort. If

you've ever had to fight someone for the armrest on a flight, then you completely understand why 34% of people polled detest the dreaded "Armrest hog." If you have a middle seat that does not entitle you to both armrests that flank you. Be thoughtful of others and don't take up more space than your seat and one armrest.

**6. Inattentive Parents:** As the second most hated passenger, inattentive parents annoy over 57% of poll respondents and for good reason. No one wants to deal with other people's children when they're already stressed from the hassle of flying. It's understandable that children will sometimes cry, but when kids are being obnoxiously loud or rude to other passengers or running amuck, that's inexcusable. If you are traveling with your children, make sure to reign them in if they're getting out of hand and always keep an eye on them.

**7. The Audio Insensitive:** Being loud always equates to people disliking you when you're trapped in a tiny space together. We get that you love your music, but other fliers probably don't. Nor do they want to hear your loud conversations. A lot of people like to sleep or get work done while they're flying so keep your music to a decent volume and your talking to a minimum to avoid disturbing others.

**8. The Boozer:** Excessively drunk people aren't fun in any situation let alone on a cramped flight. Between the obnoxious behavior and the stench that emanates from inebriated people, it's not surprising that they wound up on the list of terrible passengers. Having a few drinks to take the edge off isn't frowned upon, but try not to cross the line from nicely buzzed to blackout drunk.

**9. Seat-Back Guy:** Although we all want to be comfortable, there's something irritating about the person who reclines their seat as soon as the flight takes off. If you must recline your seat, be courteous and ask if the person behind you minds, or only do it halfway.

**10. The Mad Bladder:** This guy has a bladder the size of a pea, but yet booked a window seat. So, naturally, you have to be disturbed every 25 minutes so he can run to the john. If you know you have bladder problems, book an aisle seat with a convenient location to the restrooms. Hopefully these tips will help us all be better passengers and more considerate of our fellow travelers.

### Punography Of The Month:

*I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.*

## A Page From My Notebook...

Linda M. Strom, Secretary/Treasurer, CFO

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## US Ambassador To Slovakia Adam Sterling

The Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association and NSS were honored to co-sponsor an event held in Pittsburgh to meet the US Ambassador to Slovakia Adam Sterling. Those in attendance were greeted by the Ambassador and listened intently while he presented information about current Slovakia successes and struggles. At the end of his presentation the floor was open for questions, and many were asked, along with a photo session for those wanting a picture with the Ambassador. Of course, Director Sue Ondrejco and I jumped right in being as photogenic as we are! My personal thanks go to Honorary Slovak Consul Joseph Senko for arranging this fraternal evening and to Ambassador Sterling for taking the time out of his extremely busy schedule to stop by and meet with us.

## Happy Birthday

At 7:07 am on August 1, 1986 God decided that I really needed something to keep me busy so he blessed me with a cute little 7lb 7oz baby boy. Thirty-One (31) years later I'm still not that busy (God, don't even think about it) but each day I see what an amazing gift I was given. **Happy Birthday, Ryan!**

## A Very Happy Birthday Wish

I'd like to take this time to wish our **President & CEO David Blazek** a very, **Happy August 3rd Birthday!**

## Mark Your Calendars For Another “Sweet” Convention in 2018



The 37th Quadrennial Convention of the National Slovak Society will be held June 24-28, 2018 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Plans are underway at the Home Office. At the 2017 Spring Board Meeting, held June 3-4, 2017, the Board of Directors appointed David G Blazek, NSS President & CEO, as Chairman of the Convention. Now it's your turn. Start to think about your delegate(s) that will represent the members of your assembly or region at the convention. More information is to come so check your newsletter each month.

## Attention Region 5 Members— August 20th Annual Picnic Update



Due to a system change in the offices of Cedar Creek Park where NSS Region 5 holds its annual picnic, we were notified by the park that the pavilion for our August 20th picnic is not available. **They have however, given us the Cedar Creek Activities Center which has an indoor kitchen, Pavilion #19 right next to the Activities Center and lots of parking.**

A Map to the Activities Center site will be sent to the officers of each assembly in Region 5 and also to all who have attended in the past. Since we have a new picnic site let's try and bring some new friends and family members along! If you plan on attending, call me and let me know. We want to make sure that we have enough food for everyone. AND, feel free to bring your own specialty dessert that you would like to share with everyone along with the recipe.

## Fraternal Matters...

By: Pam Blum  
Fraternal Activities Coordinator  
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## PVR Scholarship Recipients

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 56 1st year PVR Scholarship recipients, all applicants have been approved!! Their photos will appear in the September issue of the National News. The checks for 2017 grants will be mailed from the Home Office the first week in August.

## Reminders....

The deadline for submitting transcripts for renewal of the PVR Scholarship is **July 15th**.

The deadline for submissions to this year's Poetry Contest is **August 15th**.

## Region 5 Picnic - Pavillion Changed

The Region 5 Picnic is Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Cedar Creek Park, Pavilion #19 at 12:00 noon. Once again this year's picnic will be catered and therefore we need to know how many people to plan for so that we may order the right amount of food. Please call Pam at the home office 724-731-0094 or email me at pblum@nsslife.org by Wednesday, August 16th if you are planning to attend. Please bring a dessert to share.

## Upcoming Contests

The deadline for the Poetry Contest is August 15th so get your entries in. This fall will be the Photo Contest. The Photo entries are due by October 1st. We will end 2017 with the Ornament Contest with a deadline of December 1st.

## What are the Dog Days of Summer?

The "Dog Days" are based in astronomy. The Old Farmer's Almanac lists the traditional timing of the Dog Days: the 40 days beginning July 3rd and ending August 11th, coinciding with the heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.

The rising of Sirius does not actually affect the weather (some of our hottest and most humid days occur after August 11th), but for the ancient Egyptians, Sirius appeared just before the season of the Nile's flooding, so they used the star as a "watchdog" for that event.

Since its rising also coincided with a time of extreme heat, the connection with hot, sultry weather was made for all time:

*Dog Days bright and clear  
Indicate a happy year.  
But when accompanied by rain,  
For better times our hopes are vain.*

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## 2017 Art Contest Winners



Zachary Martini - Assembly C731  
1st Place Picasso Level



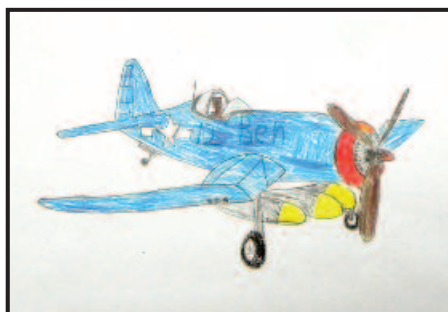
Jack Gaither - Assembly C731  
2nd Place Picasso Level



Carson Bernardo - Assembly C588  
3rd Place Picasso Level



Alexa Woods - Assembly C434  
1st Place Rembrandt Level



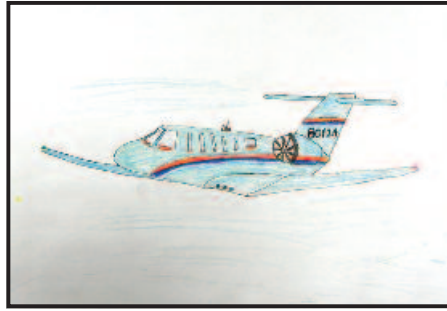
Jacob Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
2nd Place Rembrandt Level



Abigail Herbster - Assembly C434  
3rd Place Rembrandt Level



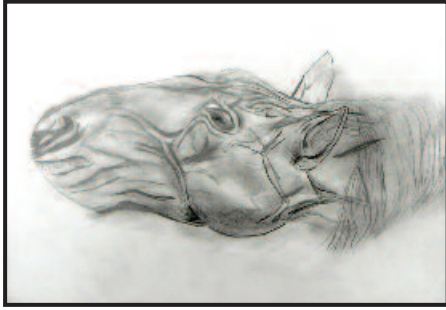
Lydia Herbster - Assembly C434  
1st Place Michelangelo Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
2nd Place Michelangelo Level



Mara Lako - Assembly C039  
1st Place Van Gogh Level



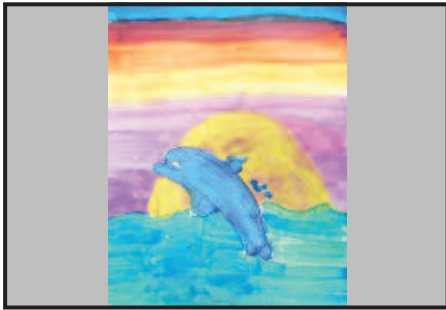
Casey Lako - Assembly C039  
2nd Place Van Gogh Level



Elizabeth Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
3rd Place Van Gogh Level



Zachary Martini - Assembly C731  
Poster Picasso Level



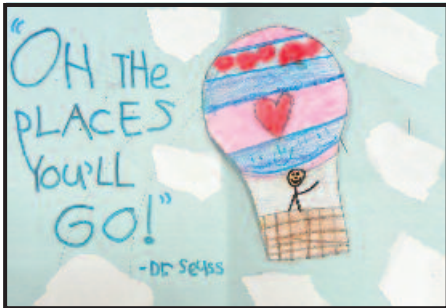
Alexa Woods - Assembly C434  
Poster Rembrandt Level



Benjamin Ostrowski - Assembly C617  
Poster Michelangelo Level



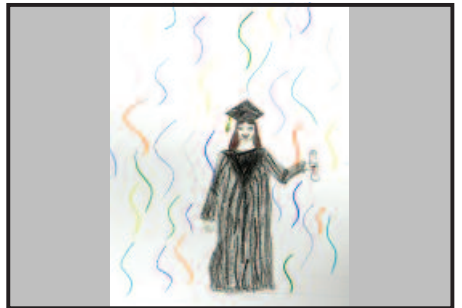
Jerzey Coble - Assembly C554  
Poster Van Gogh Level



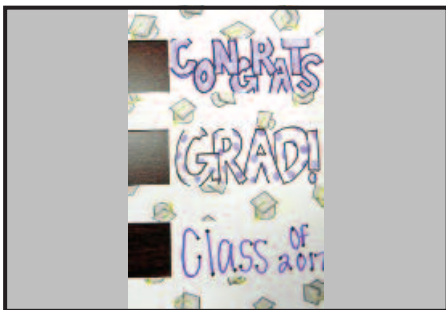
Cooper Lavin - Assembly C434  
Greeting Card Picasso Level



Addison Draa - Assembly C731  
Greeting Card Rembrandt Level



Lydia Herbster - Assembly C434  
Greeting Card Michelangelo Level



Logan Hering - Assembly C554  
Greeting Card Van Gogh Level



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## From the Sales Department... A Parent or About to Become One

By Greg Felton, CLU, ChFC  
Sales Director



Raising a child is one of the most rewarding things a person can do in life. But it's also one of the most expensive. If you died tomorrow, would your spouse have the wherewithal to provide your children with the opportunities you always dreamed they'd have? From diapers to diplomas, would there be enough income to pay for daycare, a college education and everything in between? Even parents who don't work outside the home need life insurance because they provide services that would be expensive to replace, such as childcare, transportation and managing the household. And what about single parents? They need life insurance more than anyone because their children rely on them for everything.



## Insuring The Times Of Your Life

If someone depends on you financially, you probably need life insurance. Here are some examples of specific life stages or life events that might trigger the need for life insurance.

### Married or Getting Married



Many families depend on two incomes to make ends meet. If you died suddenly, would your spouse have enough money

to cover funeral costs, credit card balances, outstanding loans and daily living expenses?

### A Homeowner

If you're like most people, your home is your most significant financial asset. Life insurance can be used to pay down or retire the mortgage, sparing your family from moving to a less expensive place to live. Plus, it can provide the funds needed to help family members maintain the lifestyle to which they're accustomed.

## Changing Jobs

If you've recently been promoted or changed jobs, it's a good time to re-evaluate your life insurance coverage. Why? You may not realize it, but when your income rises, your spending tends to rise, too. Updating your life insurance coverage can help ensure that your family would be able to maintain its new and improved lifestyle if something were to happen to you.



## Retired or Planning for Retirement

If your children are on their own and your mortgage is paid off, you might feel your need for life insurance has passed. But if you died today, your spouse could outlive you by 10, 20 or 30 years. Would your spouse have to make drastic lifestyle adjustments to make ends meet? Adequate life insurance coverage

can help widows and widowers avoid financial struggles in retirement.

## Single

Most single people don't have a pressing need for life insurance because no one depends on them financially. But there are exceptions. If you're providing financial support for aging parents or siblings, or if you're carrying significant debt you wouldn't want passed on to family members, you should consider life insurance.



## 2017 Second Quarter Leaders

Our **TOP PREMIUM** producer is Rick Miller of Arcadia, California. Rick started in financial planning by accident in 1981 when a fraternity brother talked him into getting his life insurance license. Since that time, he has built a retirement planning practice specializing in safe strategies for retirees and seniors in Southern California. Rick and his wife, Laura have two boys, Greyson and Ethan. Greyson is a sophomore in college studying electrical engineering, and Ethan, will head off to college next year majoring in graphic communications. Rick and Laura love to take hikes together, exercise, watch movies, read books and travel.

Our top **NEW MEMBER** producer is Xay Yang, for the 2nd quarter of 2017. Xay has been with NSS since 2013 and in the business since 1998. Xay believes strongly in the benefits and advantages of life insurance. She specializes in the family market and providing affordable solutions for her clients. Xay is in Atwater, CA and can be reached by phone at 916-834-2448 or email [life123@yahoo.com](mailto:life123@yahoo.com)

## Henri O. Albert 1933-2017



Brother Henri O. Albert passed away on June 6, 2017 at Trinity Medical Center West, Steubenville, Ohio. He was born in Lodi

California on October 15, 1933 to the late Henri J. And Mollie E. Albert. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Betty and his wife of 42 years, Margaret E. (Peggy) Albert, the mother of his three sons.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley A. (Byers) Albert; his sons, Brian A. (Patricia) Albert, Brad A. (Amy) Albert and Bruce A. Albert, two granddaughters, Megan Albert and Susan Albert; step-daughter, Patricia (Glenn) Barlow; step-son, James Kopras; four step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Mildred (Robert) Schmidt, Carole (Michael) Malone and Arthurine (William) Rank, plus many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his faithful sheltie, Ginger.

Henri retired from Weirton Steel in 1994 as manager, administration in the strip steel department. He accumulated 42 years at Weirton Steel. In 1995, he accepted the position of Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at the Steubenville Masonic Temple and retired from that position in 2008. He also retired as a Senior Chief Storekeeper from the U. S. Naval Reserve after 23 years of service.

Henri served for many years as President of the Presbyterian Beneficial Union before the merger with National Slovak Society in 1997; and was an Honorary Officer of our society since 1998. He was also a member of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors and the Elks Lodge 1801 in Weirton, WV.

Our deepest Condolences go out to Shirley and the entire Albert family on Henri's passing. May his soul rest in peace.

## OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS May, 2017

Name	City and State	Date of Death	Assembly
Aurand, Mabel	Northampton, PA	04/25/2017	0617
Balas Jr., William	Jefferson Hills, PA	06/10/2017	0123
Bosko, Sophia	Lakeland, FL	04/18/2017	L105
Boyd, John	Pinellas Park, FL	04/28/2017	0813
Carter, Wayne	Pittsburgh, PA	06/21/2017	L161
Chiodo, Catherine	McKees Rocks, PA	05/21/2017	0123
Craig, Gerry	Connellsville, PA	05/11/2017	0039
Demma, Lenore	Orland Park, IL	01/31/2017	0586
Durr, Marlene	High Point, NC	04/26/2017	0774
Ebel, Evelyn	Stevens Point, WI	03/31/2017	0774
Estu, Bertha	Pittsburgh, PA	05/11/2017	L161
Farley, Donald	Springfield, MA	05/12/2017	0028
Goss, Nancy	Hillsdale, PA	04/17/2017	0554
Hanyo, Hilda	Pittsburgh, PA	04/15/2017	0737
Heil, Susan F	Parma, OH	06/13/2017	0004
Higgins, Margaret	Struthers, OH	04/14/2017	0731
Jellick, Dorothy	Amsterdam, OH	04/21/2017	0039
Joos, Elizabeth	Pittsburgh, PA	06/23/2017	0100
Keteles, Helen	Canal Fulton, OH	06/21/2017	0004
Kopf, Marlene	Napa, CA	11/03/2016	0434
Lake, Allen	Clermont, FL	05/11/2017	0813
Lane, Betty	Spencer, WV	05/02/2017	0774
Liggett, Rhonda	California, PA	04/27/2017	0377
Lineberry, J. D.	Liberty, NC	03/07/2017	0774
Lohr, Charlotte	Acme, PA	04/14/2017	0737
Mariani, Arthur	Southington, CT	04/26/2017	0774
Martin, John	Pittsburgh, PA	05/04/2017	0434
Martindale, Wallace	Pittsburgh, PA	01/08/2017	L161
Matthews, Marie	Pittsburgh, PA	06/06/2017	0434
McClaren, John	Munhall, PA	05/30/2017	0441
McClenathan, Frank	Prosperity, PA	05/12/2017	0588
McKinney, Earl	Natrona Heights, PA	03/18/2017	L105
Mills, Momoko Hayase	Pittsburgh, PA	01/31/2017	0434
Murawski, Helen	Swansboro, NC	05/12/2017	0100
Oelschlager, Helen	Bridgeville, PA	05/25/2017	0434
O'Neil, Eric	Chesapeake, VA	05/12/2017	0123
O'Neill, Guillermo	Newark, NJ	05/20/2017	0774
Panzo, Emil	Belle Vernon, PA	06/18/2017	0377
Pitek, Bernadette	Baldwin, PA	05/12/2017	0100
Purvis, Dorothy	Mars, PA	02/27/2017	0100
Reynolds, Lielo	Largo, FL	05/10/2017	0813
Roach, Agnes	Bridgeport, CT	05/26/2017	L002
Rose, Julian	Spring Arbor, MI	05/09/2017	0381
Rose, Mary Ann	Beaver, PA	01/05/2017	0123
Roycroft, Clarence	Oakdale, PA	05/27/2017	0123
Rupp, George	Bloomfield, NJ	05/10/2017	0110
Ryder, Nancy	Beckley, WV	05/03/2017	0774
Scala, James	Beaver Falls, PA	06/09/2017	0123
Schmelzer, William J	Pinconning, MI	04/04/2017	0381
Schulz, Louise	Kissimmee, FL	04/05/2017	0813
Schwartzlow, Lucille	Brodhead, WI	05/18/2017	0774
Shultz, Patricia	Danville, PA	04/12/2017	0617
Smith, Glenn	West Newton, PA	02/14/2017	0737
Swisher, Howard T	Crawfordsville, IN	05/28/2017	0705
Tarhanich, Donald	Plymouth, MI	04/05/2017	0381
Thomas, Adele	Charlotte, NC	04/15/2017	0774
Thomas, Catherine	Mullens, WV	05/03/2017	0774
Tillia, Clara	Ellwood City, PA	05/13/2017	0731
Vukic, Mildred	Irwin, PA	04/12/2017	0737
Wasiecko, Katherine	Pittsburgh, PA	06/01/2017	0100
Zuccaro, Stephen	Mercer, PA	05/27/2017	0731

## Alfred R. Gomb Assembly 617

Alfred R. Gomb, Assembly 617 member and Region 2 Financial Secretary passed away at his home in Montoursville, PA on June 21, 2017 surrounded by his family. Al was 80 years old and served in the U.S. Navy until his honorable discharge in 1962. While still in the Navy Reserves, he entered the Pennsylvania State Police and was assigned to serve in Montoursville, Emporium and Coudersport before retiring in 1991. Al continued to work this time for the U.S. Marshals Service as a court security officer in Williamsport, retiring in 1997.

Al is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean (Krupa) Gomb, and his daughters: Judy Poe and Amy Gomb, both of Colorado, Mary (Andrew) Kintzi, Harrisburg, and Melisa Gomb, Asheville, N. C.; and a sister Geraldine Dirner, Wilkes-Barre.

Al enjoyed participating in the NSS Assembly and Region activities and meetings and being a delegate at our conventions. He especially enjoyed the Fraternal Day at Knoebels Amusement Park. He will be missed at the park this year, but we will remember him as we share stories about our good times together at all the society functions. May you rest in peace, Al.

**Rose Mary Strish**  
President 617 & Sister-In-Law



*Fall & Winter will be here soon! Enjoy a vacation in August.*



## PVR Scholarship Fund Donations

In Memory of <b>Paul J Godor:</b>	
Assembly 0617	150.00
Raymond A Sistik	50.00
Rudy and Sue Ondrejco	50.00
Assembly 0070	25.00
In Memory of <b>Leona Diesing:</b>	
Assembly 123	20.00
In Memory of <b>James Yurko:</b>	
Assembly 123	20.00
In Memory of <b>James Vlach &amp; Richard Earnest:</b>	
Assembly 0070	20.00
Donations:	
NSS Board Members	300.00
NSS Board Members	150.00
Judy Rausch	10.00
Assembly L161	150.00
Matching Funds- A-L161	150.00
NSS Board Members	50.00



## DONATE TO THE PVR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here are four good reasons why making a donation makes sense...

- Every penny donated goes directly into the PVR Scholarship Fund.
- Your contribution will help our young members achieve their academic goals.
- Your donation may benefit your own son, daughter, niece or nephew.
- Every year, requests for grants increase, making more demands on the PVR Scholarship Fund.

YES, I want to help our young members attain their academic goals. Here is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please issue your check to:  
**NSS PVR Scholarship Fund**  
And send to:  
National Slovak Society  
351 Valley Brook Road  
McMurray, PA 15317

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIOR MEMBERS A Fraternal Program

### PURPOSE ~

To encourage our older members to continue their education and to make fuller use of their leisure time.

### MEMBER ELIGIBILITY ~

Any life insurance or annuity member, fifty-five (55) years or older, who has enrolled and successfully completed a continuing education or adult education course. Members may submit up to two (2) applications in one calendar year.

### COURSE ELIGIBILITY ~

Vocational schools, community colleges and universities offer a variety of short-term courses which may include areas like computer training, cake decorating, photography, landscaping, small engine repair, ballroom dancing, etc. This program does not cover courses that assist you to maintain your current full or part-time job. (Example: We will not reimburse life insurance or real estate agents who take continuing education credits to maintain their licenses.)

### PROCEDURE ~

Members should enroll and pay for the course of their choice. Once the member has finished the class, they must submit an application, along with verification that the class was successfully completed, to the Home Office for approval by a National Officer. If the scholarship application is approved, the NSS will reimburse one-half (1/2) of the tuition for the course up to, but not to exceed, one hundred dollars.

### INFORMATION & APPLICATION ~

For an application or additional information on this NSS Scholarship for Seniors Fraternal Program, contact Pam Blum at pblum@nsslife.org or call the office at 724-731-0094, ext. 1010. The National Officers are the sole authority in any decisions regarding this scholarship program. Their decision is final in all cases.

## ASSEMBLY R019

### Buffalo, NY

A meeting will be held on **August 20th, 2017** at 11:45 am. Location to be announced.

**Irine Zinter**  
Secretary

*Club*". You will receive a free NSS Life pedometer and a mileage chart to help you track our progress. Call today.

Something to think about: Be an assembly delegate to the 2018 NSS Quadrennial Convention June 24th-28th in Hershey, PA.

Have you checked your policy beneficiaries lately?

**John Payerchin**  
President

We will host a bingo and pizza party for the veterans at the Wilkes Barre V A 2nd floor recreation room on **August 20th, 2017** at 2:00 pm.

Our final meeting of the year will be on **October 22nd, 2017** at the Grande's Restaurant, Moosic, PA at 1:00 pm.

**Lehrae Ann Edwards**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 039

### Uniontown, PA

A beautiful day greeted the golfers as they came out to the annual "Tony Bartock Golf Outing" in support of Special Olympics of Fayette County, Easter Seals and the local Women's Resource Center at the Springdale Golf Club. We "Joined Hands" with the Uniontown Council of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to those that came out to help with registration and play.

It was announced by the home office that our assembly had achieved the "Platinum Level" in the NSS Fraternal Allowance Program. This award allots funds to our assembly to help with our yearly programming. Your support of our national projects and attendance at our meetings and social gatherings helped us to attain this award. Great job!

Youth, begin to get your poetry skills together for the "NSS Poetry Contest". The deadline is August 15th. Rules and regulations are on *page 19* or on the NSS website: *nsslife.org*.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 23rd** to attend the 6th Annual "Septemberfest 2017" at the NSS Heritage Museum in the home office. The day includes Slovak cooking and craft demonstrations, Slovak dance performers, Slovak food, vendors and much, much more.

Festivities start at 11:00 am and continue till 4:00 pm. Also, featured will be the largest animated wood carving in the United States!

Our next meeting is **Sunday, September 10th** in the Community Room of the Eat n' Park Restaurant at 6:00 pm. We will be remembering the tragedy of 9/11 in a memorial service. Come and enjoy a free meal and join our "Stuffers Club"!

Fitness matters to the NSS! Contact Pam Blum at 724-731-0094 to sign up for the NSS "Life Fitness Matters Walking

## ASSEMBLY R059/RC59

### Whitehall, PA

**October 1, 2017** - Hot Dog Fundraiser to benefit the Allentown Rescue Mission at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church following Divine Liturgy.

Call Nancy Sabol at 610-266-7346 for directions and/or additional information. Members are urged to attend.

**Elizabeth Sabol**  
Treasurer

## ASSEMBLY 0110

### New York, NY

A meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 17, 2017** at the Bohemian Hall, Astoria, NY at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars for **November 5th, 2017** for our Christmas luncheon, place and time to be determined.

**Richard DeSanctis**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 070/C070

### Brooklyn, OH

A Pot Luck Dinner and meeting will be held on Saturday, **September 9, 2017** at Dr. Martin Luther Church, 4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio at 5:00 p.m. Side dishes would be appreciated. Please call John or Mary Ann Karkosiak at 216-741-6990 if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

**Mary Ann Karkosiak**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 123

### Coraopolis, PA

What an honor for our assembly to have one of our own, Jill Grover, selected as Fraternalist of the year. I hope many of you got to read the write up on Jill in last month's issue. She is truly a worthy honoree and someone we are so proud to have in our assembly. The work she does for our veterans is truly praiseworthy. Congratulations Jill!!!

The Region 5 picnic is Saturday August 20th from noon to 6 pm at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver. This year the picnic will be at a new location in the Park, Pavilion 19 on the banks of the lovely scenic Youghiogheny River. All of our assembly members are welcome to attend. You are sure to enjoy the food. You are just asked to bring a dessert to share.

Mary Maniecki (412-264-3546) is busy finalizing our September outing to the City Theater to see "Late Night Catechism". At this writing we don't have an exact date but if you are interested in going please call Mary and she'll put you on the list and get back to you with date, time and details.

## ASSEMBLY L075

### Duryea, PA

Our fraternal summer picnic will be held on Sunday, **August 6th, 2017** at the Mercateli-Segelia Park, Moosic, PA. Members will bring a covered dish and items for the Chinese auction, conducted by Marlin Petro Wesnak Region 2 President. Fraternal Director Bill Wesnak and President Gary Edwards will cook up hamburgers and hotdogs for the members. The Margaret Piloni Scholarship winner will be announced and bingo will be played for prizes. Any questions, please call Lehrae Edwards at 570-457-8402.

We are filling up fast for our boat ride on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. We are working on a date in October, hopefully a Saturday or Sunday. Seating is limited so if you have an interest, once again, call Mary. Tickets will be free but you will be asked to make a donation for the Food Bank.

We will also be scheduling our semi-annual volunteering at World Vision sometime in October. I have been a little disappointed in our number of volunteers the last two visits. We can do better. I know we have a lot of great people in our assembly, people like Jill Grover and our last Fraternalist of the year from our assembly Bob Brown. Bob was an outstanding gentleman. He was well into his 80's and he was out working all of us, at least me, as he volunteered at World Vision. He was a legend in volunteerism. Please consider donating your time to this event in the future.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and best wishes to any of our members celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

**Bill Knoll**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 617

### Ashley, PA

#### Meeting/Luncheon

Our pre Knoebels Park Fraternal Day meeting was held on Saturday, June 17 at the Grotto Pizza, Edwardsville, PA. Knoebels Day is July 27 from 12 noon to closing. We made progress on the Raffle Baskets for our Matching Fund for El Salvador Mission which will be on display for everyone to take chances on. Our Join Hands Day will be on **August 17** at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen.

Our society will pay to Sponsor the Day and our volunteers will serve the dinner on that day. Our donations approved this meeting are: \$100 to the PVR in Memory of our past Secretary/Treasurer and friend to all of us, Paul Godor, a \$100 sponsor for the Golf tournament (PVR Scholarship), a \$25 (bronze) sponsor for the Septemberfest. Donations to Little Flower Nursing Home, Catholic Social Services, and The Catherine McAuley Center were also approved. We had a very productive meeting followed by a social with lunch.

**Rose Mary Strish**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 377

### Bentleyville, PA

Our next meeting will be held on **August 27, 2017** at 3:00 pm at Hibachi Buffet, 160 Sara Way, Belle Vernon 15012. We will hold a meeting to discuss Assembly plans. Please try to attend and call me for any questions at 411-439-2795.

**Susan Skrypak**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 617/C617

### Ashley, PA

#### Join Hands Day

Our Assembly 617/C617 will hold our Join Hands Day Event at St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, PA on **August 17, 2017**. Our assembly will be Sponsor for the Day by donating \$125 to the kitchen and then preparing and serving those in need for their evening dinner. We did the same last year and were humbled by how many people really need our help. Our members came and we had enough help last year. I hope we can get help again this year.

Please call Rose Mary if you plan on helping at 570-825-3681.

**Rose Mary Strish**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 586

### Chicago, IL

A summer outing is being planned as our next activity. Sam Tidaback, 586 member, is catching for the Joliet Jackhammers baseball team and we will organize a trip to the Joliet ballpark on **Sunday, August 13**. Hope to see many 586'ers there!

**Janet Tomaskovic**  
Secretary

## ASSEMBLY 731

### Lowellville, OH

Please mark you calendars for the following events:

#### **Friday, August 11, 2017 – Noon until**

**Sunset - Picnic, Swimming, Games, Fishing, and Pontoon Boat Ride** at Guilford Lake State Park in Lisbon, Ohio. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be cooked on site. Each family is asked to bring a side dish to share. We have rented a pavilion but there is no electricity so don't bring something that needs to be heated. If you bring something that needs to be kept cold, you must bring it in a cooler with ice. Also, each family must bring their own table settings (plates, napkins, silverware) and their own beverage (no alcohol). Please RSVP to Laurie Fox 330-536-8850 by August 5th.

#### **Wednesday, August 30 – Monday, September 4, 2017**

Make plans to meet at the Fox Campsite during Mahoning County's Canfield Fair for refreshments and a break from walking around the Fairgrounds. We'll have a Scavenger Hunt ready for each day during the Fair to give everyone an opportunity to participate on a day they are able to attend the Fair.

#### **Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 4:00 -6:00 pm**

Halloween Hayride, Corn Maze, Pumpkin Decorating, Refreshments, Games at Countryside Farm, Lowellville, Ohio. This activity is free for NSS members. There will be an \$8.00 charge for non-members. Please RSVP to Laurie Fox 330-536-8850 by October 5th.

#### **Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 1:00 pm –**

Business meeting and lunch at Kravitz Cafe located in the Davis Education & Visitor Center at Mill Creek Park Fellows Riverside Garden. We will be finalizing plans for the Christmas Party and preparing for 2018 activities. Following the meeting we will have an opportunity to tour the Gardens and enjoy the fall flowers.

#### **Saturday, December 16, 2017 – 1:00 pm –**

**3:00 pm - Christmas Party** at the Elton Beard Cabin in Boardman Park near Kids' Town, Boardman, Ohio. Santa will be at the party with a gift for each youth in attendance – please RSVP to Laurie Fox by December 5th. Additional details about the Christmas Party will be announced in the Fall.

**Laurie Fox**  
President

## ASSEMBLY 737

### North Huntingdon, PA

Our next meeting will be held on **August 20, 2017** at Noon preceding the District 5 picnic at Cedar Creek Park. **NOTICE: This year it will be at the Activity Center and Pavilion 19.**

All assembly business will be discussed at this time. Come to the meeting and enjoy the picnic afterward.

**Carol J Godor**  
Treasurer

## Assembly 813

A social event for members will be on **August 13th** at Adventure Golf. Please try to attend. Fun and food will be available for all. Please call Mary Jo Holker at 941-473-0559 for more information on any of these events and projects.

**Mary Jo Holker**, Secretary

## Assembly 0039 Stamp-Out-Hunger



L-R: Member, Ted Gera; Assembly President, John Payerchin; Secretary, Paul Payerchin; and members, Barb Gera and Connie Horka

Members of Assembly 0039, in Uniontown PA joined with USPS letter carriers from across the country to help "Stamp Out Hunger" in May. Food items collected were given to the Fayette County Food Bank. Thanks to all those that helped by donating food to the drive.

## Assembly 813 News



Following a tour of the Cable Car Museum, Assembly 813 officers enjoyed ice cream at Gabrielli. L-R: Dan Farrell, Kerry Farrell, Caly Farrell and Blaze Farrell.



## Assembly 123 Grand Tour



Members of Assembly 123 after their tour of the Hartwood Mansion.

Sometimes I forget some of the things I've done. I recently recalled that after Watergate I went away by myself to Tahiti for a month, moving from island to island. That was a point in my life where I didn't know what was next.

**Diane Sawyer**

## Home Office Staff



The NSS Office Staff participated in the Red Nose Day in America on May 25, 2017. Red Nose Day is a charity that benefits children and young people in the US and some of the poorest communities around the world.

## Treasured Moments



Assembly 554 member Dian Willert "Grammie" spending time with her grandson Nathan Cooper camping at Cook's Forest.

## Spotlight On Ginny McMurdy Receptionist



Hello, my name is Ginny McMurdy. I am the receptionist at NSS Life and have enjoyed my part-time position (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) since February, 2014. In addition to directing your phone call, some of my other duties include sorting the daily mail, setting up new applications for processing and scanning data into electronic files. I take my position as the person who provides the first impression to the public and/or our clients as an important aspect of my job and always try to provide a positive experience. If you visit NSS Life

I will provide you an inspirational message on the marquee or a piece of candy!

I have been married for almost 34 years to my husband Rick who is retired. We are empty-nesters enjoying five grandsons from our children, Colby, Madison, Greta and Ricky. We also love when our granddog Theo visits. (We are really "jonesing" for a granddaughter and have offered a reward to the first son or daughter that delivers one.)

When I'm not in the office, you can find me lounging poolside in my backyard, baking, cheering on any Pittsburgh sports team and cross-stitching. Rick and I also enjoy traveling and since his retirement have probably over-exercised that activity.

Mark  
your calendar!!



# SEPTEMBERFEST 2017

## Saturday, September 23, 2017

Presented by the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum

11 AM—4 PM \*\*\*\* FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This has been a very successful event over the last 5 years. This year will mark our 6th annual event at the museum. We would like to have as many of our Assemblies and Regions be involved in helping to make this year's event another successful experience.

We are looking for volunteers to help in various ways throughout the day. Here are some ways you and/or your Assembly can help:

**Donate homemade baked goods \*\* Volunteer an hour or two \*\*  
Publicize the event at your meetings or local papers**

**Be a Sponsor** —help defray cost of demonstration supplies, entertainment, paper products etc..

**\$100 ...Gold \$50....Silver \$25.....Bronze**

Send your donation to: NSSHM

351 Valley Brook Rd

McMurray, PA 15317

Vendor spaces are available although limited.

For more information please contact Sue Ondrejco at (412) 421-1204.

**Slovak cooking & craft demonstrations**

**Slovak Dance Performances**

**Slovak food, vendors and more!**

**Also featuring the largest animated wood carving in the United States!**

## This Month in National Slovak Society History

Joseph Stefka, Jr. Chairman of the Board

### August, 1973

Ján P. Mravec, Supreme Trustee died on August 9, 1973. Based on the By-laws enacted by the delegates of the 25th Quadrennial Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, Edward Havir was appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy.

### August, 1977

The National Slovak Society National Golf Tournament held at Treasure Lake Golf Course in Dubois, Pennsylvania, was the first National Golf Tournament in which two Supreme Officers competed. Supreme President Thomas G. Gmiter and Supreme Second Vice-President Paul J. Godor participated.

### August, 1986

The delegates of the 29th Quadrennial Convention made changes to the By-laws including changing "Supreme" to "National" in the titles of the officers of the Society and changing "Trustee" to "Director" in regard to members of the elected board.

### August, 1988

The delegates of the 32nd Quadrennial Convention voted to make Slovak Ambassador Branislav Lichardus and his wife Eva Kellekova Honorary Members of the National Slovak Society. A plaque commemorating the honorary membership was presented to the ambassador and his wife at the Convention Banquet.

## MARY JO LESTINI



Mary Jo Lestini first became involved with the business of football as an office manager and executive assistant for a private satellite developer, a director/cinematographer and the NFL Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Steeler Jack Ham. Her responsibilities assisting Jack Ham with his promotional

appearances and contributing with the development of satellite networks for college football, commercials, etc. She also free lanced as Assistant to the Producer and then Associate Producer for the Penn State Football Story, a weekly syndicated football highlights program.

Mary Jo is the wife of our NSS agent John Lestini and are both members of Assembly 123. Prior to moving to Pittsburgh, Mary Jo obtained her television experience at the PTL Television Network in the Music/Television Department. There she assisted in the creation, production and management of nationally televised broadcasts, concerts and Broadway-like productions. Over the past 24 years as Executive Administrator and Camp Coordinator for Lestini Group Professional Certified Sports Management, Mary Jo has joined her husband, John, in scouting and assisting CFL, AFL, AF2 and semi-pro coaches and teams with their free agents camps. Her responsibilities have included scheduling and securing contracts for to assisting in the consulting for new start up football leagues in America and Europe.

In 2001 in the midst of their decision to consider retiring, the Lestinis were asked to hold a national free agent tryout camp in Mobile, AL on the first weekend of the Senior Bowl and they agreed. This coming year (January 2017), marks the Sixteenth Annual National Lestini Group Free Agent Football Tryouts held at the University of South Alabama, in Mobile. CFL, AFL, arena and semi-pro leagues coaches, scouts and team personnel attend.

Mary Jo developed an athlete profile and scouting evaluation worksheet booklet given to the coaches and scouts at the beginning of the camp. A report with the athlete's timings (40's, shuttles, long jump) is then distributed to the coaches/scouts during the one-on-one and position drills. A process and report that coaches and scouts have rated as one of the finest.

Through 2015, the Lestinis provided funding and volunteered their time and expertise to the National Steroid Research Center and Other Drugs of Abuse in Sports, a non-profit organization founded by John in 1988. The Center provided education, awareness and a 1-800-STEROID help line.

In 2011, Mary Jo was inducted into the American Football News Hall of Fame for Professional Scouting Director. Congratulations Mary Jo.



L-R: President Blazek, Fran Blazek, and Greg Felton at the 109th Western PA Funeral Director's Convention in Erie, PA. This annual meeting brings together funeral directors for education, workshops and ideas. As a sponsor and exhibitor, NSS Pre-need showcased our industry best life Insurance and annuity products. For more information on how we can help you – please call us at the Home Office 724-731-0094.



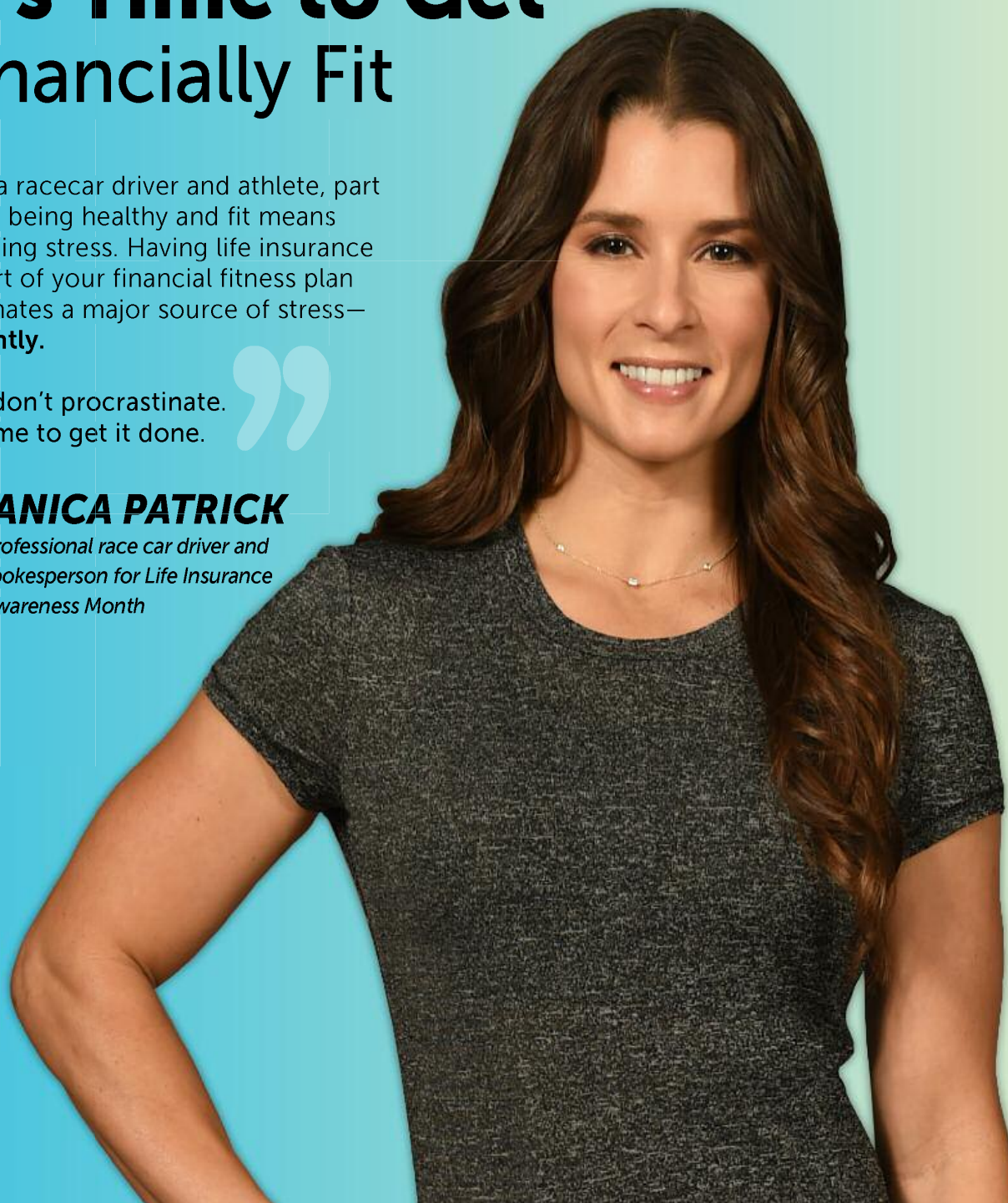
# It's Time to Get Financially Fit

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—**DANICA PATRICK**

*professional race car driver and  
spokesperson for Life Insurance  
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# August

August je mesiacom zrelého obilia, žltých slnečníc a končiacich prázdnin.



## Poznačte si vaše Kalendáre

Ako vieme, že na budúci rok 2018 naša organizácia NSS—pripraví 37 Konvenciu. Dátum je 24 do 28 Júna, v Hershey, Pennsylvania.

## Pittsburský Region 5—výročity výlet

Pozývame našich členov Regionu 5 na výročity výlet (piknik) na 20 augusta. Výlet-piknik bude v cedar creek park pavilion č 19 začiatkom od obeda.

Prosíme ohláste sa do hlavného úradu že koľky prídete aby sa organizujúca skupina mohla dobre pripraviť.



## Štipendium—NSS



Sme hrdý že naša organizácia NSS ponúka štipendium pre vysokoškolákov členov NSS. Tohto roku máme až 163 ktorým finančne pomáhame. Všetkým prajeme veľa úspechov pri štúdiach.

## Gratulujeme:

Jill Grover ktorú vybrali za Fraternalistku roka NSS je členkou z Assembly 123.

Z našich mladých na (youth achievement) vybrali Josie Applegarth ktorá je členkou z Assembly 731. Za prácu ktorú vykonávajú nielen pre NSS ale všeobecne v publiku.

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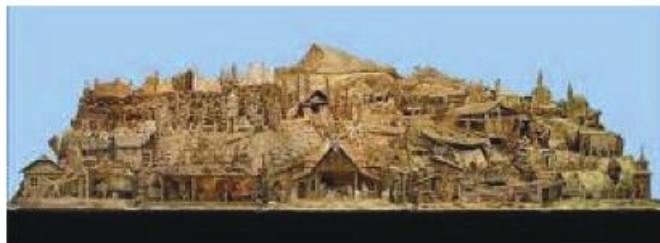
## “Septemberfest 2017” v Našom NSS Múzeu

Viete, že naša organizácia NSS—otvorila svoje Národné múzeum v čom máme krásne kroje úkážky zručnosti nášho pracovitého ľudu, knihy, časopisy, a tiež i hystóriu našej organizácie—počiatkom myšlienky zakladateľov Narodného Spolku (rovnoprávnosť a samosprávu nášmu Slovenskému národu) a celý pokrok za vyše 125 rokov existencie ba aj splnenie cieľa zakladateľov. Veríme, že i vy sa prídete pozrieť do nášho múzea a možno prinesiete ideu ale aj vzácnu slovensku vec na displej pre múzeum.

A čo viac pozývame Vás na septembroví festival čo bude na 23 septembra tu v našou múzeu. V múzeu sa budete môcť pokochať aj “**krásnemu rezbárskemu dielu**” ktoré má vyše 80 mechanických pohybov. Ozaj krása, a hrdosť nášmu múzeu.

Počas septembrového festivalu sa bude podávať i jedlo ako haluški, palačinky, gulaš atď. Tiež pre prítomných bude i zábava slovenským folklórom—tancem a spevom, a možno poniektorý z Vás si zakúpiu i suveníri. **Vstupné zdarma.**

Rezervujte si dátum a dovidenia na 23 septembra.



## Golf

V minulý mesiac naša organizácia NSS obdržala golfový turnaj v ktorom hrálo vyše 35 členov.

## Marián Hossa vynechá budúcu sezónu. Nemôžem hrať, tvrdí



Trencin: Slovenský hokejista Marián Hossa má zdravotné problémy, pre ktoré vynechá celú nasledujúcu sezónu 2017/2018.

Už skôr web NHL zverejnil informácie, že Hossa má alergiu na hokejový výstroj.

Tento problém môže podľa webu spôsobiť ukončenie Hossovej hráčskej kariéry.



# Youth Circle Page

Youth Circle of National Slovak Society • 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, PA 15317

## Attention

Would you please attach this form to the BACK of your photograph.

**Entry Deadline – October 1st, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Shirt Size:

- Youth Small
- Youth Medium
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large



## Junior Pittsburgh Slovakians

*We'd like you to become a part of our performing ensemble!*

- \* Learn to sing, dance and/or play the violin.
- \* No experience necessary, we'll show you!
- \* Meet new friends
- \* Learn about your Slovak Heritage!
- \* Perform at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Slovak Day, Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt as well as other events!

We are now accepting new members and would like to invite you to come and find out what we are all about! For more information, call **Sue Ondrejco at 412-421-1204** or e-mail: [sue.ondrejco@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ondrejco@gmail.com)

## 2017 NSS Photo Contest

### Contest Eligibility:

The NSS Annual Photography Contest is open to all members regardless of age. The photos, however, have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).

### Deadline:

**October 1st** of each year is the deadline for all entries to be received.

Judging is done by an outside professional. Please mail to:

National Slovak Society  
Fraternal Activities Coordinator  
351 Valley Brook Road  
McMurray, PA 15317-3337

### Contest Rules:

- .....Must be a member before October 1st
- .....One entry per category
- .....Any size photo up to 8 x 10, unmounted in black and white or color (No touch-up or computer enhanced photos permitted)

Name and address should be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, along with information where the photo was taken.

**DO NOT WRITE ON YOUR PHOTO!**

### FOUR CATEGORIES

Scenic	Human Interest
Animals	NSS Activity

### PRIZE LIST

1st Place - \$50.00	2nd Place - \$25.00
3rd Place - \$15.00	Best Overall - \$75.00

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### Recommender

As a proud member of NSS Life, there is no better time than now to share your experience with family and friends. Best of all, you will receive a cash reward for recommending someone that we issue a policy to. You will receive a \$25 recommender fee (\$10 on the youth term product) for each person that becomes a member.

### Recommender Information:

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prospect Information:

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send form to Joe Elliott at the Home Office.



## Change of Address

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly No. \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Former Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

### DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

Please be advised that all articles, notices, etc., MUST BE received by the Home Office no later than the 5th of the month. Every effort will be made to publish the article and photos in a timely manner and space permitting. Also, all articles should be typewritten in regular type.