

# Journal

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## On the Cover

Youth members from Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77 participated in the Junior Bowl-O-Rama at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. Pictured left to right: Chase Michalek, Conner Michalek (back), Gavin Gray, Dean Michalek, James Michalek (back), Tommy Michalek, and Emily Michalek. See article on page 29.

**All Bowl-O-Rama scores will be printed in the July/August issue.**

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# President's Piece

## Hoping to See You at an Upcoming Event

*Brothers and Sisters,*

Hello to all, and welcome to summer! As June begins, we're only two months away from our 87th CSA Fraternal Life Annual Get-Together. You probably know by now that the GTG will be in Nashville this year from August 2-4.

Over the last few months, the Get-Together organizing committee, along with our Fraternal Programs Manager Kelly Deegan, have been hard at work preparing for the event. With this year's GTG being at a "destination" city, our guests will be able to get out and about to see the lights and hear the music. And, of course, we'll have a meal or two together along with crowning our National Miss CSA, as well as introducing our Fraternalist of the Year.

From a "work" standpoint, many of us

from the Home Office will be out and about traveling across the CSA landscape in the weeks ahead. Look for our Secretary/Treasurer Nick Kosmas, our Sales Manager Julie Souza, our Fraternal Programs Manager Kelly Deegan, our Marketing Coordinator Molly May, along with me at events throughout the summer. We all look forward to seeing you at an event.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to us if anything arises. We're happy to hear from you.

I look forward to continuing to pass along the news of CSA in the months ahead and hope to see you at the Get-Together!

Until next month...

*Fraternally,*  
*John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI*  
*President/CEO*  
*CSA Fraternal Life*



**John J. Kielczewski**  
**President**

**Happy  
Father's Day**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1, 2024**

**Miss CSA Application Deadline**

Visit [www.csalife.com](http://www.csalife.com) for application form and details.

**June 9, 2024**

**Lidice Commemoration**

Program at 11 a.m.

Lidice Park, Crest Hill, Illinois

**June 28, 2024**

**Fraternalist of the Year Application Deadline**

See page 6.

Visit [www.csalife.com](http://www.csalife.com) for application form and details.

**August 2 - 4, 2024**

**CSA Get-Together**

Nashville, Tennessee

See page 9.

**October 15, 2024**

**Deadline for Veteran's names to be submitted to the Journal.**

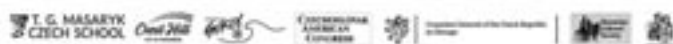
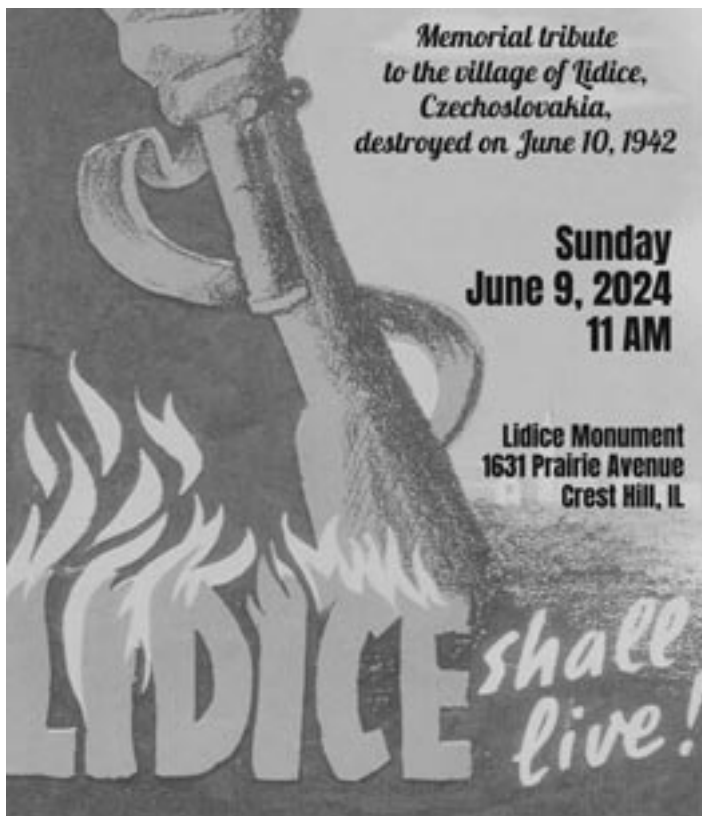
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**December 8, 2024**

**Deadline for CSA Serves Matching Funds requests**

**January 31, 2025**

**Deadline for 2024 Lodge Recognition Program submissions**



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### CSA MISSION STATEMENT

*CSA Fraternal Life is a fraternal benefit Society that provides families with financial security while promoting community involvement with volunteerism.*

### *CSA Leadership*

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# Today's Fraternal

## Many Successful Events in the First Half Year

*Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,*

Can you believe we are halfway through the year? It has been a busy six months. I want to thank everyone for continuing to be so eager to participate in the programs this far.

We had:



**17 scholarship applications**



**300 photo contest entries (almost)**



**45 bowlers (approximately)**

I would say those are some successful events. We enjoy getting pictures of lodge events and sharing them to social media. We appreciate all the invites to your lodge events and come to as many as we can.

In just a couple months we will be attending our Annual Get-Together and hope to see everyone there for the 170th anniversary. The committee has been working hard to make this an exciting, fun-filled event. We are looking forward to it.

Don't forget to submit your entries for Fraternalist of the Year nominees. Also, the Kropik Scholarship will be announced so encourage your students to apply.

We will update the fraternal calendar with changes as they occur.

Please keep sending all of your lodge summer fun pictures.

Wishing all the fathers a very happy Father's Day!

*Fraternally,  
Kelly Deegan*

*Fraternal Programs Manager  
Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409*



**Kelly Deegan**  
**Fraternal Programs Manager**

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### Journal Themes for 2024

July/August - Jan Hus Day  
September - Recap of Annual Get-Together  
October - Independent Czech State Day  
November - Honoring Those Who Have Served  
December - Lodge Recognition Program  
January 2025 - Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic

# BOARD REPORT

## MAY 9, 2024

The Board of Directors of CSA Fraternal Life met on Thursday, May 9, 2024. All Directors were present along with President John Kielczewski and Secretary/Treasurer Nick Kosmas.

Molly May, who divides her time between Fraternal, Sales, and Marketing, reported that our presence on Facebook and Instagram has increased. This helps promote CSA, so be sure to send lodge happenings and pictures for Facebook or Instagram and “like” and “share” these postings.

We had a Zoom meeting with representatives of Data Guard, our cybersecurity partner. They explained that the company focuses on managed detection. The dark web has changed tactics and doesn’t want to shut down your computer, they want to stay on and mine your data. Data Guard detects those entities trying to enter our system through phishing attempts. Due to Brother Kosmas’ vigilance, we have a clean environment. In fact, they said our company is boring. We appreciate Brother Kosmas’ efforts in keeping our data secure. A webinar is scheduled at our November meeting to update us on various scams.

Brother Kosmas has also been investigating hardware and software systems since ours is at the point of needing updating. Unfortunately, this is not an inexpensive expenditure, but he will be reporting back to us either before or at the August meeting.

Brother Kielczewski told us that the State of Illinois audit is complete, and he will be receiving the final report in the days ahead.

There was a Zoom meeting scheduled with our auditor

Steven Niedenberger from the Hosack Group on our year end audit. In their letter to the Directors, they reported that there were no issues and we were given the highest rating. There were no weaknesses in our internal controls and there were no disagreements with the officers concerning financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matters. They also reported that last year was a difficult year for many fraternalists because of the changes in reserving requirements. Due to the Federal Reserve keeping interest rates high, insurance companies are required to reserve more to cover any eventuality that might occur.

When filling out forms for the Home Office – for the Photo Contest, CSA Serves, Bowling Contest, etc. – be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and lodge information. This should also be included with the information sent for the “In Memoriam” section.

There will be a Halloween and a Christmas contest again this year at the Home Office. It is early but we wanted to give you a heads-up to start making the decorations, so they are all ready when the holiday rolls around. Prizes are awarded.

Fun times are planned for the Get-Together in Nashville this August. There will be an opportunity to visit many of the famous places and country music locations. So, grab your cowboy boots and hats and join us. Thanks to everyone at the Home Office for your efforts in putting this together.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be August 1, prior to the Get-Together. Please let your Director know of any concerns.

*Irma Drahota Farrell*  
Chair

## Fraternalist of the Year Nominations Due 6/11

It’s not too late to nominate your Fraternalist of the Year.

Each year since this program’s inception in 1985, we have honored one CSA member who has gone above and beyond to exhibit equality, harmony, and fraternity.

Who do you think is the one person in your lodge who has given the most of their time, talent, and skill to make your lodge activities – CSA SERVES, Join Hands Day, and social affairs – a great success?

Who is that one member you can always count on to go the distance and never lets you down?

You know that person, and that’s the one you should be nominating!

If one of your members has been nominated in the past but has not won, don’t hesitate to nominate them again!

The application – including a recent photo of the nominee – should be submitted to the Home Office and postmarked no later than June 11. If in attendance, this award will be presented to the winner at this year’s Get-Together at the Saturday evening banquet.

Our Fraternalist of the Year receives a plaque and is given the opportunity to have CSA make a \$100.00 donation in their

name to their favorite charitable organization! In addition, the winner’s Get-Together accommodations (two night stay) and Saturday night banquet ticket will be paid for by CSA!

To honor our nominees, their accomplishments will be summarized in *the Journal*, and each will be recognized with a certificate and letter.

So, please put on your thinking caps and nominate the most deserving person from your lodge. Don’t be modest; we want to hear some boasting about this member’s accomplishments. To repeat, a past nominee (who did not win) can be nominated again. An officer of the lodge should fill out the application. What a great surprise it will be for the winner.

Remember, each lodge can only submit one Fraternalist of the Year nomination.

Thank you, and best of luck to your deserving members.

*Fraternally,*  
*Kelly Deegan*  
Fraternal Programs Manager

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

## SUMMER IS HERE!

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

As I write this article, we are about to celebrate Memorial Day. As a kid it meant something different than it does now. I remember as a kid it meant school was almost over, and summer had unofficially started. This year Memorial Day was on May 27th, which is our 34th wedding anniversary.

The weather is getting warmer and more predictable in Lombard and surrounding areas!

School is almost done for the year, vacations are being planned, gardens are planted, pools are opening, and Father's Day is coming. The Nashville Get-Together is almost here!

What are the origins of Father's Day? On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah. But it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread.

In 1972, in the middle of a presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday.

This year, Father's Day is bittersweet for my family. This will be the first year

that my dad will not be with us on Father's Day and his birthday (he passed this past January and would have turned 95 on June 12th).

As fathers, we want to teach and protect our children. The best way to do that is by actions, not just words, setting good examples for them. Lisa and I have two sons, now 31 and 29. We are proud of the fine young men they have become.

June is also Men's Health Month. Set a good example by getting your annual physical, to get advice or get early treatment for any illness or disease.

It's also important that we protect our family's financial health by reviewing our insurance needs. Your agent or the Home Office can assist with this "check-up".

During the past month, I have attended several lodge and DC events. It's always fun to see familiar faces, share stories, and eat some yummy treats!

Several members of the Home Office



**Nick Kosmas**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

attended the AFA (American Fraternal Alliance) Spring Symposium in Oak Brook. It was an informative event that will make our Society better.

I hope all the dads have a great Father's Day with their families.

*Fraternally,*  
*Nick V. Kosmas*  
*Secretary / Treasurer*



## Happy Start to Summer

*Greetings everyone,*

My Junior year of college is finally complete! Finals went really well, and I'm all set in terms of housing and classes for the upcoming fall semester. Until then, I'm back in Minnesota with the Forest Service. I just completed my first week back, and it was celebrated by a massive solar storm and incredible northern lights. I've seen them multiple times before, but this time was particularly spectacular. My mom and sister could even see them from our driveway back home in Detroit!

In terms of on-the-job activities, this week involved a mixture of working at

the front desk issuing entry permits for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and going out into the field and flagging the boundaries for timber sale units. I have the same room in the employee bunkhouse I had last summer, which is nice because it faces a pond that is visited daily by deer, foxes, turtles, and many bird species. This year we're working on a project to introduce a greater variety of native marsh species to the pond. Unfortunately, that means hacking out large sections of cattails to expose some soil. It doesn't sound that bad at first, but my allergies have been kicking me in the butt after inhaling all the cattail fluff that flies around as I'm

chopping them down.

A more fun, and less allergy-provoking, trip I got to take during the week was driving to a local school with a few of my coworkers and giving a presentation to the students on white pine trees and how to plant them. Our silviculture department was even able to donate enough seedlings for all of the students to take one home to plant themselves. Next week, I'll be able to take another educational trip to Duluth to attend an event dedicated to educating the public on the importance of rivers and how watersheds contribute to the overall quality of water in Minnesota and everywhere else.

In addition to work, I also started volunteering again at the Cook Country Connection Farm, which is a petting farm open to the public during the summer. One of their goats had quadruplets last week, and I spent a lot of time cuddling the babies. One of them, May, is itty bitty now and was only 1.6 pounds at birth. She fell asleep on my lap for a good while. It made me especially happy considering how much I miss my pets back home.

Another one of the momma goats is about ready to have her kids as well, and the farm owner, Lois, is nice enough where she said she'll text me when the laboring process begins. That way I might have the chance to help with the birth! While that may not sound appealing to a lot of folks, I think it would be a really cool opportunity.

Looking forward through the next month, I'm hoping for minimal bug bites, maximum sunshine, and lots more baby animals! I'll be sure to update you all on how my wishes are (or are not) fulfilled.

Until then, happy start to summer!

*Fraternally,  
Jessica Decker*







# 2024 CSA FRATERNAL LIFE GET-TOGETHER REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND POSTMARK BY JUNE 1ST, 2024 TO:**

CSA Get-Together  
c/o Kelly Deegan  
2050 Finley Road, Suite 70  
Lombard, IL 60148

**PHONE:** 800-543-3272 ext. 4314

**EMAIL:** [kdeegan@csalife.com](mailto:kdeegan@csalife.com)

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

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**PLEASE PRINT BELOW:**

\*One form per guest

NAME (legal): \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CSA GET-TOGETHER?: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

MEMBER (\$175): \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST (\$175): \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH MEMBER OR GUEST UNDER 18 (\$140): \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL JACKSON DAY TRIP (\$85): \_\_\_\_\_ AGES 4-11 (\$50): \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (\$):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK OR ONLINE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

HANDICAPPED: **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ DIETARY NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY DINNER: **CHICKEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **BEEF** \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION: **DRIVING** \_\_\_\_\_ **FLYING** \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK IN DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHTS STAYING: \_\_\_\_\_

# LODGE LISTING

## CALIFORNIA

**Golden Gate No. 252** – Meets first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at homes of members. Pres.: Pat Mastalir, 1260 Swordfish St., Foster City, CA 94404. Sec'y.: Shelle Jones, 4112 Arezzo Pointe Ln., San Jose, CA 95120. Treas.: James Martinek, 5829 Corumba Ct., San Jose, CA 95120. Agent: Home Office

**Los Angeles No. 458** – Holding lodge. Agent: Home Office

## COLORADO

**Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432** – Meets first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church, 7240 W. 12th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215. Sec'y.: Maryellen Vialpando, 6352 Marshall Ct., Arvada, CO 80003. Treas.: Maryellen Vialpando, 6352 Marshall Ct., Arvada, CO 80003. Agent: Home Office

## CONNECTICUT

**Laurel No. 452** – Meets third or fourth Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. at members' homes; e-mail each month for information: Laure1452@msn.com. Sec'y.: Marion Varga, 699 Wormwood Hill Rd., Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268. Treas.: Stephen Varga, 6 Kodiak Dr., Windham, CT 06280. Agent: Home Office

## FLORIDA

**Slunce No. 374** – Meets the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Lake in the Forest Resort & Google Hang Out, 19115 SE 44th St., Ocklawaha, FL 32179. Sec'y.: Bernadette Bleiker. Treas.: Inge Raha Govern. Same addresses where the meetings are held. Agent: Bernadette Bleiker

**St. Petersburg No. 463** – Pres.: Gary Stupka. Secretary/Treasurer: Lynn Stupka. Agent: Bernadette Bleiker

## ILLINOIS

**District Council No. 12** – Meets every third Thursday or fourth Sunday, except July, Aug., Dec., at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Sec'y.: Helen E. Gaydusek, 816 Bonnie Brae Ln., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Treas.: Gerri Romanelli, 9S224 Rosehill Ln., Downers Grove, IL 60516

**Lincoln No. 007** – Meets every third Thursday or fourth Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at North Riverside Library, 2400 S. Des Plaines Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546, or virtual. Sec'y.: Vera Wilt, 8014 W. 27th St., North Riverside, IL 60546. Treas.: Stanley Smolucha, 0So718 Myrtle St., Winfield, IL 60190. Agent: Mitch Jacobson

**Friendship No. 066** – Meets second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at McCook Bohemian Restaurant, 8300 Joliet Rd., McCook, IL 60525. Sec'y. & Treas.: George Ryczek, 2505 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

**Yankee-Jungmann No. 077** – Meets second Friday of the month Sept. - June at 6:30 p.m. at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Sec'y.: Cynthia Bueneman, 2229 Ericka, Broadview, IL 60155. Treas.: Eunice Semple, 114 Windsor Dr. B308, Carol Stream, IL 60188. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

**Anton J. Cermak No. 099** – Meets second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at Tony's Restaurant, 9414 Ogden Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513. Sec'y.: Scott Cramer 1860 Castle Pine Circle, Elgin, IL 60123. Treas.: William Strejc, 1934 S. 49th Ct., Cicero, IL 60804. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

**Betsy Ross No. 151** – Meets quarterly at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Contact Pres. Nick Kosmas at [nkosmas@csalife.com](mailto:nkosmas@csalife.com) for meeting date and times. Sec'y.: Anna Trush, 2050 Finley Ave., Lombard, IL 60148. Treas.: Nancy Reagan, 436 Turner Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin Serv.

**Century of Progress/Bila Hora No. 231** – Meets second Wednesday of every month at noon at T. G. Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, IL 60804. Sec'y.: Edward R. Slavik, 8517 S. Le Claire Ave., Burbank, IL 60459. Treas.: Roberta Kulik, 242 Southcote Rd., Riverside, IL 60546. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin. Serv.

**Woodrow Wilson No. 377** – Meets first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd., Lombard, IL 60148. Sec'y.: Jean Laukant, 531 S. Monterey, Villa Park, IL 60181. Treas.: Anna Ramirez, 1201 Quail Run Ave., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

**C. H. Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378** – Meets first Monday at noon at T. G. Masaryk School, 5701 W. 22nd Pl., Cicero, IL 60804. Sec'y.: Norma Kmet, 1525 71st St., Darien, IL 60561. Treas.: Kenneth Dvorsky, 7709 W. 45th Pl., Lyons, IL 60534. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin. Serv.

**Young America No. 392** – Holding lodge. Agent: Joel Wordlaw, d/b/a Just Ins. & Fin. Serv.

**Estlian No. 404** – Meets March, June, Sept., and Dec., at 12 p.m. at various restaurants named in *Journal*. Sec'y. & Treas.: Elizabeth Rich, 24 Lindenleaf Ln., Belleville, IL 62223. Agent: Masterly Mutual Ins. Service

**DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409** – Meets second Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd. Ste. #70, Lombard, IL 60148. Sec'y.: Geraldine Romanelli, 9S224 Rosehill Ln., Downers Grove, IL 60516. Treas.: Helen E. Gaydusek, 816 Bonnie Brae Ln., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Agent: Mitch Jacobson

# LODGE LISTING

## ILLINOIS - Continued

**Sokol Pilsen No. 434** – Meets Sunday, as available, at 1:00 p.m. at the Malusa home, 7944 W. Gregory St., Norwood Park Twp., IL 60650. To verify the meeting location for the month, call Pres. Andrew Bultas at 708-508-2350. Sec'y.: Candy Papuga, 8116 Laborie Lane, Wellington, FL 33414. Treas.: Stanley Papuga 8116 Laborie Lane, Wellington, FL 33414. Agent: Mitchell Jacobson.

**Brookfield No. 475** – Meets second Tuesday of the month at noon at CSA Home Office, 2050 Finley Rd. Ste. #70, Lombard, IL, 60148. Sec'y.: Jerry Silhan, 510 E. Harding Ave., La Grange Park, IL 60525. Treas.: Dolores Chiappetta, 2411 S. Grove Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402. Agent: Mitch Jacobson

## INDIANA

**Wayne Star No. 419** – Holding lodge. Agent: Helen Y. Smith

## IOWA

**District Council No. 14** – Meets first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, 1224 5th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. Sec'y. & Treas.: Sue Mihal, 2520 Shawn Ct., NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

**Prokop Velky No. 137** – Meets first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church, 1224 5th St. SE., Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. No August meeting. Sec'y.: Rai Ann Stratton, 2512 Vicksburg St., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Treas.: Philip Nejd, 1545 305th St., Brandon, IA 52210. Agent: Shelby Williams

**Karel Jonas No. 279** – Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., CSA Hall, 206 Main St., Vining, IA 52348. Sec'y. & Treas.: Janice Ledvina, 2940 "U" Ave., Elberon, IA 52225. Agent: Shelby Williams Woods.

**Jr. American Czechs No. 388** – Holding lodge. Agent: Shelby Williams

## KANSAS

**Vesmir Lodge No. 273** – Holding lodge. All inquiries to Home Office. Agent: Home Office

## MARYLAND

**Freestate-Maryland No. 428** – Address all inquiries to Home Office. Agent: Home Office

## MICHIGAN

**District Council No. 11** – Meeting time and date TBD.

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Contact Sec'y.: Dorothy Trgina, 419 S. Main St., St. Louis, MI 48888, or call 989-681-5123 for meeting time and location. Treas.: Jeff Teichman, 7295 Frumin Ct., Westland, MI 48185

**Saginaw Valley No. 214** – Meets first Thursday of the month at noon at Riverside Family Restaurant, 8295 Midland Rd., Freeland, MI 48623. Sec'y. & Treas.: Patricia Holubik, 3145 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603. Agent: Home Office

**Pingree No. 366** – Meets third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Sokol Detroit Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Sec'y.: Marie Palmer, 4428 Vassar St., Dearborn Heights, MI. Treas.: Jeffrey Teichman, 7295 W. Frumin Ct., Westland, MI 48185. Agent: Bernadette Bleiker

**Independence-Liberty Bell No. 408** – Meets Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., CSA Hall, 1404 Michigan Ave., St. Louis, MI 48880. Sec'y.: Dawn Giles, 611 Allen Alma, MI 48801. Treas.: Teresa Butcher, 1496 Midland Grakot County Line, Breckenridge, MI 48615. Agent: Timothy Schafer

**Central Star No. 411** – Meets varying dates at 1:00 p.m. at the Junction Restaurant, 4136 Peet Rd. (M-52), Chesaning, MI 48616. Sec'y.: Loeta Hersch, 2240 E. North Ridge Rd., Chesaning, MI 48616. Treas.: Joan Yaklin, 7887 N. Vernon, New Lothrop, MI 48460. Agent: Home Office

**Swartz Creek No. 459** – Meets on a Sunday determined monthly at various locations or held at the home of the President, 6310 E. M-21, Corunna, MI 48817. Sec'y. & Treas.: Shirley A. Vasicek, 6310 E. M-21, Corunna, MI 48817. Agent: Timothy M. Schafer

## MINNESOTA

**Minnesota No. 210** – Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Pizza Ranch Meeting Rm., Broadway St., Owatonna, MN 55060. Sec'y.: Carol Rypka, 2944 Rose St., Owatonna, MN 55060. Treas.: Barb Demars, 6325 SW 62nd Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060. Agent: Home Office

## MISSOURI

**District Council No. 13** – Meets fourth Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m. at American-Czech Educational Center, 4690 Lansdowne, St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec'y. : Connie Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Treas.: Marla Breidenbach, 4937 Trailside Ct., St. Louis, MO 63128.

**Missouri No. 001** – Meets first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m., American-Czech Educational Center, 4690 Lansdowne Ave., St. Louis, MO 63116. Sec'y.: Connie Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Treas.: Michael Wolf, 10343 Jade Forest Dr., St. Louis, MO 63123. Agent: Masterly Mutual Ins. Service

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**Omaha/Holding Lodge No. 295** – All inquiries to Home Office. Agent: Home Office

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**Bratri Od Sazavy No. 211** – Meets first Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at Little Ferry Public Library, 239 Liberty St., Little Ferry, NJ 07643. Sec'y.: Dolores Choteborsky, 347 Highland Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011. Treas.: John W. Sadvary, 23 Coppa Rd., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. Agent: Paul Otis

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**District Council No. 2** – Meets first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, 72-01 43rd Ave., Woodside, NY 11377. Sec'y. & Treas.: John Kustka, 66-07 51 Road, Woodside, NY 11377.

**America No. 155** – Meets third Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at the home of John Pastore, 47-08 162nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Sec'y.: Linda Pastore, 47-08 162nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Treas.: John Pastore, 47-08 162nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Agent: Joseph J. Montalbano

**Mt. Pleasant No. 316** – Holding lodge. Agent: Joseph J. Montalbano

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Elmira, NY 14903. Treas.: Lee Vavrsek, 98 Mary Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845. Agent: Joseph J. Montalbano

**Endicott No. 450** – Holding lodge. Agent: Martin Senzon.

**Nassau No. 469** – Meets quarterly at rotating locations in Garden City, NY 11530. Sec'y. & Treas.: Gary Stuber, 26 Briarcliff Dr., Merrick, NY 11566. Agent: Joseph Montalbano

## OHIO

**District Council No. 9** – November meeting at United Pres. Church at 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday. In February, May, and August at Pizza Hut, St. Clairsville. Contact Sec'y. for current meeting information. Sec'y.: Mariann Ebright, 2674 S. Rt. 152, Dillonvale, OH 43917. Treas.: James Belanus, 72077 Treadway Rd., Martins Ferry, OH 43935.

**District Council No. 10** – Meets first Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Garfield Heights Library in April and Sept., located at 5409 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125, and the Parma Snow Library in June and in December, located at 2121 Snow Rd. Sec'y.: Annette Reichman, 241 May Ave., Northfield, OH 44067. Treas.: John Weiss, 55 Privet Ln., Northfield, OH 44067

**Benjamin Franklin No. 002** – Meets third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Inn Between Bar & Grill, 8684 Ridge Rd., No. Royalton, OH 44138. Sec'y.: Victoria Zidlicky, 7670 Cherrywood Ln., Seven Hills, OH 44131. Treas.: Ken Burdzinski, 1711 Cherry Ln., Seven Hills, OH 44131. Agent: Robert Hope

**Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121** – Meets second Sunday of the month at Dillonvale Presbyterian, 52 Liberty St., Dillonvale, OH 43917. Sec'y.: Mariann Ebright, 2674 St. Rt. 152, Dillonvale, OH 43917. Treas.: Gary Lovell, 96 County Rd. 152A, Dillonvale, OH 43917. \*\*Call to verify time and place 740-769-7511. Agent: Richard G. Simpson

**Cleveland Chapter No. 219** – Meets second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Ceska Sin Sokol Hall, 4314 Clark Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102. Sec'y.: Caroline Cirillo, 315 AE. Legend Ct., Highland Heights, OH 44143. Treas.: June Karecki, 5717 Gateway Ln., Brook Park, OH 44142. Agent: Robert P. Hope

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## OHIO - Continued

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## PENNSYLVANIA

**Groveton No. 004** – Meets first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Robinson Twp. VFC #3, 4596 Hayes Ave., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Sec'y.: Patty Yurkovich, 125 Old Ridge Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Treas.: Terry Placek, 1327 Lexington Dr., Lawrence, PA 15055. Agent: Jean J. Placek

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**Christa No. 479** – Meets second Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the McFeely's home, 2003 Gay Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. Sec'y.: Morgan Alcorn, 2003 Gay Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. Treas.: Stephanie Micklow, 10990 Old Trail Rd., No. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Agent: Paul Otis

**Blue Crystal No. 484** – Holding lodge. Agent: Paul Otis.

## TEXAS

**Svetlo No. 277** – Meets first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at New Tabor Hall, SPJST/CSA Hall, 2674 CR 258, Caldwell, TX, 77836. Sec'y.: Susan Skrabanek, 2657 FM 166, Caldwell, TX 77836. Treas.: Carolyn J. Doonan, 5060 CR 225, Caldwell, TX 77836. Agent: Home Office

## VIRGINIA

**Virginia No. 230** – Meets second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Colonial Heights Public Library, 1000 Yacht Basin Dr., Colonial Hts., VA 23834. Sec'y. & Treas.: Dorothy Michalek, 608 Old Town Dr., Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Agent: Home Office

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**SE Wisconsin No. 013** – Meets designated Saturday in odd months at 10 a.m. at Oak Creek Public Library, 8620 S. Howell, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Sec'y.: Gary Friedrich, PO Box 510394, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Treas.: Mary Anne Duffy, 813 Augusta St., Racine, WI 53402. Agent: Mitchell A. Jacobson

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## CSA Fraternal Life 2024 Fraternal Calendar

	June	11	<b>Deadline - Miss CSA Application and Photos</b>
		11	<b>Deadline - Fraternalist of the Year Nomination Application</b>
	July	2	<b>Deadline - Kropik Scholarship Application</b>
		2	<b>Deadline - Recipient Information Form for CSA Scholarship</b>
		4/5	Home Office closed for 4th of July
	August	2-4	87th Annual Get-Together in Nashville TN
	September	2	Home Office closed for Labor Day
	October	14	Home Office closed for Indigenous Peoples' (Columbus) Day
		15	<b>Deadline - Veterans Names/Articles for November Journal</b>
	November	23,24	Home Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
December	2	<b>Deadline - CSA Serves Matching Funds Requests</b>	
	25	Home Office closed for Christmas Holiday	
2025	January	1	Home Office closed for New Year's Day
		31	<b>Deadline - 2024 Lodge Recognition Program submissions</b>
	February	1	<b>Deadline - 2024 President's Report forms due in Home Office</b>

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(for example: your article for February should be submitted by January 13, etc.)

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John Weiss, Lodge No. 372

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Ronald Faltynek, Lodge No. 377  
Nancy Hamrin, Lodge No. 377  
Beth Hemzacek, Lodge No. 377  
Jean Hemzacek, Lodge No. 377  
Anna Ramirez, Lodge No. 377

Renee Capponi, Lodge No. 378  
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Michael Dvorsky, Lodge No. 378  
Pam Dvorsky, Lodge No. 378  
Janet M. Fricano, Lodge No. 378

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Jenny Kassly, Lodge No. 404  
Peter Kassly, Lodge No. 404  
Elizabeth (Libby) Rich,  
Lodge No. 404  
Scott Rich, Lodge No. 404

Teresa Butcher, Lodge No. 408

Alexis Antos, Lodge No. 409  
Ann Marie Antos, Lodge No. 409  
Kellie Ferg, Lodge No. 409

Francesca Mahmoud, Lodge No. 409  
Sofia Mahmoud, Lodge No. 409  
Michele Murray, Lodge No. 409  
Sebastian Salkaukas, Lodge No. 409

Michael Albrecht, Lodge No. 422  
Leanne Martin, Lodge No. 422  
Joanne Murnane, Lodge No. 422  
Georgiana Rebhahn, Lodge No. 422  
Johanna Vonachen, Lodge No. 422

Jennifer Daberkow, Lodge No. 432  
Beth Egan, Lodge No. 432  
Irma Farrell, Lodge No. 432  
Janet Farrar, Lodge No. 432  
Maryellen Vialpando, Lodge No. 432

Marcia Bjorvand, Lodge No. 448  
Janet M. Hansen, Lodge No. 448  
Dean Vavrsek, Lodge No. 448  
Lee Vavrsek, Lodge No. 448  
Paul Vavrsek, Lodge No. 448

Jill Goodwin, Lodge No. 452  
Margaret Varga, Lodge No. 452  
Agnes Zabik, Lodge No. 452

Melody Kwan, Lodge No. 459

Elaine Donoghue, Lodge No. 469

Joyce Nemec, Lodge No. 475  
Mary Spano, Lodge No. 475

## Editor's Note:

*CSA Fraternal Life regrets to inform members that not all names of all Photo Contest Entrants were published in the print version of the May issue as expected. We apologize for the error and include this entire list of entrants in the June Journal so that all members who participated can be duly recognized and appreciated.*

*Thank you for your understanding and continued support.*

## PHOTO CONTEST ENTRANTS 2024

# District Council

## CSA District #10 75/50 Year Picnic/Pin Party

Dear CSA Member,

You are to be congratulated on becoming eligible to receive a 75 or 50 year Membership Pin for either 2023 or 2024. This has been confirmed by CSA Fraternal Life Headquarters in Lombard, Illinois.

In conjunction with the Pin Party, we will also have the District Council #10 Picnic. The officers and members of your lodge invite you to be their guest at the picnic to be held at DTJ 9850 North Boulevard Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, on Saturday June 22, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

Because you are a guest of your lodge, there is **NO COST** However, other members or guests will be charged \$25. Reservations are necessary, you must respond as soon as possible, but no later then June 15, 2024: whether you plan to attend or not. Kindly fill out the form below and include payment for any additional members or guests: Checks should be made out to CSA DISTRICT COUNCIL #10. Dress will be comfy/casual.

It will be a pleasure to offer you our personal congratulation on this memorable occasion.

Fraternally, *Mary Anne Tanager*  
Lodge President

RETURN TO: Annette Reichman

DC No. 10

241 May Ave

Northfield, OH 44067



\_\_\_\_ Yes I will attend \_\_\_\_ No, I will not attend \_\_\_\_ Mail my pin to me  
\_\_\_\_ 75 year pin \_\_\_\_ 50 year pin

Additional Tickets \$25.00 each \_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_

(Pick up tickets at the door)



# District Council

## Officers Sworn In

**District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio** – Our meeting was held on a wonderful, sunshiny day at the Garfield Heights Library. We had 12 members present. Mary Ann Toncar swore in the Officers: President/Vice President/Scribe Diane DiBianca and Treasurer/Secretary Annette Reichman.

Diane congratulated Freddie Shima on receiving first place in the animal category in the CSA Photo Contest. She had a picture of the new zoo gorilla babies kissing. Second place in photographer's choice was Jan Russell with third place going to Kristen Armbruster, all from Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219. First place for photographer's choice went to David DiBianca. Second place youth was Alexandria Rosa with hon-

orable mention in nature going to David DiBianca, all from Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372.

The Picnic/Pin Party will be held on June 22, more on that in the next issue. The DTJ in Taborville, Ohio will celebrate the 101st Cesky Den on July 14 and the 90th Obzinky on August 11. Tickets are a \$5 donation for each day and bands will be playing all day.

Our next meeting will be the July 11, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the Parma/Snow Library.

*Fraternally,  
Annette Reichman*

## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Sales Rep Mitch Jacobson Celebrates 18 Years!

**Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois** – Final results for the CSA Lodge Recognition Program for 2023 were announced at the March meeting of District Council No. 12. Lodge Brookfield certainly was in good company as a total of eight local lodges attained platinum-level and one lodge was honored with a gold award. We

reflected upon all the fun things we did last year and contemplated upcoming plans for the current year.

CSA Sales Representative Mitch Jacobson was celebrated for his 18 years of service with our fine organization. Personally, we will always have fond memories of the times we volunteered to support 5K run events honoring our

national armed forces personnel. Mitch and Sales Manager Julie Souza staffed a tent dispensing a variety of sales materials highlighting numerous CSA products.

Lodge Brookfield recently hosted an outing to a live performance of the Riverside Township Radio Players. This group performs exciting old-time radio programs on stage for free at the Riverside Township Hall in Riverside, Illinois. Who can complain about that? Shows are held once per month on Friday evenings from September to June. This month we enjoyed episodes of Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar (The Doting Dowager Matter), and Boston Blackie (Star of the Nile).

Let us take this opportunity to recognize the talents of two of our youth members, namely Isabelle and Frankie May. Isabelle received third place in the Photo Contest youth division and Frank was awarded an honorable mention. We are proud of you two!

Meetings of Lodge Brookfield are held on the second Tuesday of the month at noon at CSA Home Office in Lombard, Illinois. Members and guests are always welcome.

*Fraternally,  
Kimberly Silhan*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Cooking, Culture, and Cuisine Make a Fine Human Tapestry

**Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado** – While gifting each member with a long stemmed rose (It's a manita thing...), Dr. Renee Fajardo, winner of the Rex Morgan award for Community Service, joined Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs and their guests for a heart-warming and tummy-warming session about preserving food and food stories. As the lodge members chewed on crusty pizza, Dr. Renee asked each member to relate stories about eating from their childhoods. She emphasized that as cultures change, and as cooks change, cuisine evolves as well. Renee herself is a mix of heritages from Southern Colorado, and elsewhere, known as manita. She gave us our job: to tell a story, then "pop like corn," to pick another person at the table to share their story.

Chief kernel among us, Irma Farrell began with the 100 percent Czech story of her Nebraska youth which has guided our lodge forward to many a fine repast. With both sets of grandparents of Czech extraction (James Anton and Molaceck Drahotka, paternal and Mary Shimerka Roh, maternal), Irma told tales of bread dumplings and potato dumplings, roast pork, sauerkraut, and kolaches. For one family reunion, she did, indeed, compile a cookbook.

Guest Amy Doe-Torres popped to the warm remembrance of the cooking of her beloved nanny, Mrs. King, or "Kingy," as her mother-cook was a professional woman away at work. She mentioned the heavy Bohemian emphasis of her grandparents (Gerald S. Maresh, M.D. and Ethel Maresh) and was "shocked" to find, in later life, that her maternal grandmother (Ethel Nelson) was of Swedish/German heritage. Her husband's grandmother (Alice Gallegos) was of Hispanic heritage, however, and at Amy's request, Alice gifted her the recipe for green chili and tortillas. Now, said Amy, no Thanksgiving is complete without

turkey, gravy, and green chili. Dr. Renee celebrated the evolution of foods and food culture. She presented a story in which one mother-cook made "home-made" T.V. dinners, complete with aluminum trays! She called Amy a manita since the Torres family comes from the land-grant Spaniards of Southern Colorado/Northern New Mexico.

Amy called on her uncle Ed Maresh, (son of Gerald and Ethel), to pop-up some stories of food and growing up. He confirmed his vegetarianism, but remembered fondly his trips in the 70s to Czechoslovakia. Since he spoke a little German, he ordered the family food from the menu, but no matter what he ordered, the only dish served was roast pork, dumplings, and gravy!

Sandra Doe remembered the family enthusiasm of "short baloneys from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and pivo (beer)." Mary Camp, of Slovak descent, swirled around in the oil of "American food," and she only learned of her heritage from her mother's (Pat Kenning) joining of Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs. Still she recalled a fondness for sauerkraut, preferably roasted with spareribs and brown sugar on top.

Maryellen Vialpando presented a Nebraska "all popped" finish to our stories: her own mother-cook did not like to cook and went to work instead. Still, Maryellen had both sets of grandparents (Irish Margaret and John Lane and

Czech Emma and Frank Hruska) until she was twenty-five. Both grandmas contributed to her own cooking and story prowess: she wrote *Babi's Cookbook* and put in pictures of both grandmas. She also told the story of her husband George Vialpando's uncle going to the library to "prove" his Spanish heritage, as he was challenged by his wife. And so he proved it and made a book of heritage.

Dr. Renee\* pointed out that food and food stories preserve continuity, and they touch us: "it's the ability of the soul that breaks down barriers and takes us to 'me and home and love.'" They give us joy and delight.

*Fraternally,  
Sandra Doe*

*\*Dr. Renee Fajardo is the co-author/compiler (along with Carl Ruby, Ed Winograd, and Arlette Lucero), of six multicultural children's books: *Hole Mole Guacamole & Other Tummy Tales* (1997), *Pinch A Lotta Enchiladas & Other Tummy Tales* (2002), *Chili Today, Hot Tamale & Other Tummy Tales* (2004), *Ole! Posole! & Other Tummy Tales* (2006), *Frijoles, Elotes y Chipotles, Oh My & Other Tummy Tales* (2015). Her current publication is *Primas, Manitas, and Calabacitas & Other Tummy Tales* (2022). Her work is published by JEMS Books, Arvada, Colorado.*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Successful Soup Contest

**Lodge Lincoln No. 7, Berwyn, Illinois** – Mother's Day is a special time when we remember all grandmothers, mothers, mother-in-laws, and step mothers for all the love and support that they have given to their families through the year. We hope that they were remembered in a special way by their family.

Our most recent lodge meeting was held at Sokol Spirit. Information about the up coming Get-Together was presented and we voted to place an ad in the program booklet. We also decided to make a donation to Sokol Spirit for the use of the meeting room. Following the meeting, we enjoyed a competition between four different soups submitted by our members. There was a Moroccan Chickpea Soup, a Hearty Hamburger Soup, a Carrot Soup, and a Stuffed Pepper Soup for our members to enjoy. A fresh rye bread was served with the soups in addition to oyster

crackers. For dessert, we had cookies. Vera Wilt was presented with a special trophy for her homemade Stuffed Pepper Soup, voted the favorite by the members in attendance. Pat Smolucha and Matthew Schultz placed second for their Hearty Hamburger Soup and Moroccan Chickpea Soup. A beautiful cut glass candy dish was the prize for second place. No one went home hungry!

We would like to extend our congratulations to lodge member, Robert Valenta, who won second place in the CSA Photo Contest for his entry in the animal category. Elaine Kamykowski also entered a photograph in this year's contest. We are so fortunate to have such talented members in our lodge.

Our next meeting will be a steak cookout held on Thursday, June 20, at Adam Wilt's house, 511 Longcommon, Riverside, Illinois, at 6:00 p.m. Members will bring a side dish to pass.

Father's Day is coming soon. Please remember to honor your grandfathers, fathers, father-in-laws, and step fathers. They work hard to support their families day in and day out. They deserve a special day of recognition for all that they do!

*Fraternally,*  
*Pat Smolucha*  
*s.smolucha@sbcglobal.net*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS



### Happy Retirement

**Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137, Cedar Rapids, Iowa** – Lodge Prokop Velky No. 137 held our meeting on May 1. Sister Dorothy Ditch announced her retirement as Secretary of our lodge. After many, many years of serving our lodge as secretary, she has earned it. We presented her with a rose globe and a beautiful card. Enjoy your retirement!

I will be replacing Dorothy as secretary and have some pretty big shoes to fill. I have been working with Dorothy as an interim secretary as she is showing me the ropes. I appreciate all the help and knowledge she has passed on to me.

We also had a pizza party. We enjoyed great pizza and members brought cookies for dessert. We discussed our plans for our fall trip in September and the Get-Together in Nashville. We hope to have a few representatives from our lodge in Nashville.

Spring has sprung and we hope all are enjoying the spring blooms and green grass.

*Fraternally yours,  
Rai Ann Stratton  
Secretary*

### Veterans Community Project

**Lodge Washington No. 30, St. Louis, Missouri** – Our May meeting was full of plans for the next few months. We'll be doing more volunteer work at the Veterans Community Project, heading out for a night of Bingo, taking part in

upcoming activities at the American-Czech Center, and planning for our Annual Bake Sale later in the year. Want to know more? Contact me at [dzeman54@yahoo.com](mailto:dzeman54@yahoo.com) and I'll give you some details.

Mitch Ulmer is celebrating the arrival of his new grandson, Theodore Flynn Ulmer, who was born on April 24 to Devin and Maddy Ulmer. Big brother Archer is excited about his new baby brother, and we send congratulations to the whole family.

We found another picture from our Czech Festival in April. Beverly (Rericha) Meyer and daughter Rachel Roe were among the hard-working crew at the event and are also part of a special group here in St. Louis. They both represented the lodge in the Miss National CSA Contest. Looking good, ladies! Thank you, Dana Scott, for the photo!

Gail Petelik will represent the lodge at this year's Get-Together in Nashville. Here's hoping there's a good crowd of delegates and guests for this wonderful tradition. Did you know CSA is the only fraternal benefit society that holds an event like this, and one of only two societies that crowns a "queen" each year? Just more of CSA's claims to fame!

Our meetings are on the second Friday of each month at our ACEC, starting at 7:00 p.m. We'd love to see more members in attendance!

*Fraternally,  
Deborah Zeman*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Christmas Crafting - in April!

**Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Brookfield, Illinois** – That's right: this year we started a bit early on crafting our holiday ornaments for gifting to an assisted living facility in time for Christmas. Members created 55 adorable angel ornaments, with more supplies still available. Hand-crocheted wings were pre-made by Pat Satek, and all available hands at our April meeting worked to assemble the parts into ornaments. Crafting together always brings plenty of laughs and fun for all, and we plan to continue this project at future meetings!

It was a busy evening: members also enjoyed exploring a display about Czech artist, Mikoláš Aleš, complete with biographical information and images of his paintings.

The Town of Hayward, Wisconsin, recently honored Joan Cervenka for her dedication over the past 12 years to the town Planning Commission, as well as to many other aspects of the township. To quote their tribute: "Her knowledge, expertise, energy, and passion are insurmountable and unparalleled. It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to

Joan as the Planning Commission Chair; thank you, Joan, for all you have given and continue to give to this community." We are so proud of Joan for all that she does!

We hope you already are thinking about joining us for upcoming events: our Annual Recognition Picnic will be held in August, after the CSA Get-Together (details to follow soon!); and



Joan Cervenka thanked by Town of Hayward, Wisconsin

before you know it, we'll be planning and starting our end-of-year service projects and social activities. Stay tuned here or on Facebook, or simply contact me to ask for updates via phone or email.

*Fraternally,*  
*Jean Hemzáček Laukant*  
*hemzacek.j@gmail.com*  
*630-915-9745*



Pat Satek honored for 50 years in Sokol



Cary and Amanda show off their craftsmanship



Cultural display shared with members



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Members Planning to Attend GTG in Nashville

**Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois** – We had a brief meeting and discussed lodge business, primarily the Get-Together in Nashville in August to see who could attend. So far, it is Stan and Candy Papuga and Andy Bultas. It has been a hectic March and April with the memorial we gave for Amanda Papuga and Kris Richert. Then we had the President's great-grandson Julian Tabor's first birthday party. On April 16, we celebrated Matt Bultas' birthday after the meeting with a party.

May's meeting was similar to April's meeting. We went

over the financials and we were trying to decide on who to donate to. The T.G. Masaryk Czech School in Cicero, Illinois seems like the front runner. We then discussed the Get-Together in August and we still only have three members who are going to attend.

We also wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day which was celebrated on May 12. The lodge tried to determine how many members would attend the Memorial Day celebration at Bohemian National Cemetery on May 27. There was a dedication at the flag pole, which is also a memorial to World Wars I and II.

*Fraternally,  
Andrew Bultas*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Social Outings, Join Hands Day

**Lodge Laurel No. 452, Ashford, Connecticut** – Lodge members gathered at Mansfield Middle School on the weekend of March 2 to attend “Aladdin, Jr.,” in which youth member, Grace Macht, played the character, Iago. The students all did a marvelous job. Grace was exceptional. The pictures show Grace playing Iago with Jafar at her

side, and lodge members who attended the play.

We also gathered on the evening of April 26 to attend the Windham Theatre Guild Broadway Chorus Concert. Several of our members took part in the concert, which was directed by our own, Larry Goodwin. What beautiful and marvelous music we heard, from “Oklahoma”, “People Will Say We’re in Love”, “Fathoms Below”, “Under the Sea,” to “Proud Mary,” and “The Best”, plus many more! It was an exhilarating concert to say the least! Lodge Laurel had a great representation in the audi-

ence, as you can see in the photo.

During the third week of April, we joined hands with the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp to help with refreshments for their annual work day. This year, they had several small groups donate work time to the camp. Lodge members baked or donated dessert items and the lodge purchased beverages to help with providing food for the volunteers.

Wishing everyone a colorful and pleasant Spring.

*Fraternally,  
Marion Varga*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Close but.. No Cigar

**Lodge Benjamin Franklin No. 02, Seven Hills, Ohio** – Lodge Franklin's attempt to accommodate our attending members by switching the meeting night to Mondays at our former venue didn't turn out as we had hoped. It was an atmosphere not conducive for a quorum, with a packed house that included a large dart league, pool games, loud music, as well as a lack of servers, which has been so prevalent since COVID. Alas, we seem to have found a quaint little place that is owned by the father-in-law of our own Jimmy Zidlicky. Mama Romito's Pub & Pizzeria is not only a sit down pub and restaurant, but also a carryout pizza shop. Nick Romito serves up delicious Italian and American cuisine in large portions along with a full bar and all at very reasonable prices. The new meeting location is 8611 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio. Please join us on the following meeting dates: Monday – June 17 and July 22. You won't leave hungry!

Close, but no cigar, just about sums up the 2023-24 bowling season for our keggers. This time they didn't qualify for the playoffs in the formidable Thursday Night Parma Builders League at the Seven Hills House of Thrills. On a high note, congratulations to Greg Peck for firing a perfect 300 game during the past year. Hats off to team captain Ken Burdzinski and league secretary Scott Krecow for continuing at the helm in their appointed positions. As our Cleveland sports teams say, wait 'til next year!

While in a bowling frame of mind, Denise Gillombardo seems to be cultivating a future team of champions as she welcomed grandson Noah Clifford to the team. He joins big sister Riley and cousins Vivian and Calan. Congratulations to "Baba" Denise and parents David and Valerie Hendrickson!

*Fraternal Regards,  
Jeff Zidlicky*

### Lidice Memorial Ceremonies

**Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora, No. 231, Cicero, Illinois** – Our lodge met on April 10, 2024 at the T.G. Masaryk School in Cicero, Illinois. We went through the usual formalities with members approving the minutes and Treasurer's Reports.

Members voted to send a CSA Scholarship donation honoring our deceased members. In addition, we voted to purchase a ½ page ad in the fund raiser booklet for the Annual CSA Get-Together, this year held in Nashville in August.

Lodge No. 231 representatives to District Council No. 12 attended the meeting. The discussion centered on the Get-Together. And as part of the report by the representative to the T.G. Masaryk School, Roberta Kulik, the school has been designated as the organizer of the activities during the Lidice Memorial Ceremonies on June 9. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Underdog Railroad, a shelter for dogs in foster homes, always welcomes old sheets, towels, etc. It is near and dear to Roberta Kulik's granddaughter's heart. Roberta reports that her granddaughter has two more years in college before she graduates to continue her work as an Advocate for Animal Rights.

Ken Dvorsky reported on the Bohemian National Cemetery and ceremonies to be held on Memorial Day to dedicate the WWII War Memorial.

Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at noon. We invite you, our members, to join us and welcome your input. Please join us at the T.G. Masaryk School at 5701 W. 22nd Place, Cicero, Illinois. For more information, contact Ed Slavik at 708-423-5267.

*Fraternally yours,  
Elaine Tejcek*

### Kropik Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is funded by the Papuga/Kropik family and is awarded to a CSA member who has gone above and beyond in coordination and participation in his or her lodge's charitable causes. It is given based on the student's record of volunteer work and fraternal good works within our organization, the lodge, and the local community.

The Kropik Scholarship winner will be announced during the Get-Together in Nashville on August 3. Watch the September issue for details about the scholar selected.

#### *Fraternal Well Wishes*

**Neal DeValk**

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377

**Otto Dolansky**

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377

**Dave Kus**

Lodge Benjamin Franklin No. 02

**Vlasta Stribny**

Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377

# Scholarship Fund Donation Form

With the price of higher education rapidly increasing, scholarships continue to be an important fraternal benefit. The CSA Scholarship Fund assists young adults, not only with their education, but with their professional goals. We appreciate your generous donations and your continued support!

*Fill and send this form with donation. Please make checks payable to CSA Fraternal Life Scholarship Fund.*

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Join Us for a Detroit Tigers Game and More!

**Lodge Pingree No. 366, Dearborn Heights, Michigan** – Greetings, Sisters and Brothers!

Welcome to the summer of 2024. Hopefully, all of us have survived the ups and downs of our Michigan spring!

Last year was a year of great excitement for Larry and Cate Cibulka. Not only did they welcome a daughter in law

(Kayla), after the first of year, but then son, Joe and his beautiful wife, Kayla, surprised them with their first granddaughter. Little Elsie Mae is a darling!

We are still working diligently at the Food Pantry at H.I.S. Church Anglican in Livonia, and hold our lodge meetings immediately afterwards. We are there the third Saturday of every month, 9:00

a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the meeting following. If you would like to help out, contact Marie Palmer.

I am still trying to put together a Detroit Tigers baseball game, but need members to attend to make it viable. Please contact me and let me know.

Anyone having any news, pictures or updates, please let me know by the first of the month to get it in the next month's article.

*Fraternally yours,  
Jeff Teichman*



## Scholarship Fund Report

*April 10 - May 10, 2024*

**TO CONTINUE CSA'S TRADITION OF  
ASSISTING OUR YOUNG MEMBERS  
IN PURSUING THEIR EDUCATION**

Chuck Courtney  
Lodge Anton J. Cermak No. 99

**IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

Lodge Century of Progress No. 231

**Total Donations**

**\$195**

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET MIKEL AND  
DOLORES MARES**

Lodge Betsy Ross No. 151



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Annual Hot Dog Dinner was a Hit!

**Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, Lombard, Illinois** – I started the month for our lodge by dropping off groceries and a monetary donation to the Holy Guardian Angels Parish Food Pantry. This time of year, donations slow down and they really appreciate all the food items.

Claire, the sister of one of our deceased members, Bill Hosna, dropped off 100 pill bottles. Thank you for remembering our lodge. We now have 712 bottles donated this year.

I also made a trip to the Ronald McDonald house in Hines, Illinois to donate pop tabs. We had filled six large containers and several smaller containers. Sometime this month, we will receive a letter confirming how many pounds were donated. I'll let you know the number next month. A big thank you to everyone from our lodge who collects them as well as Lodges 231, 378, and 475. So sorry if I missed anyone, but your donations are greatly appreciated.

We had several junior members attend the Bowl-O-Rama on March 31 at Suburbanite Bowling Alley. They were Connor Michalek, Chase Michalek, Emily Michalek, James Michalek, and Gavin Gray.

Our annual Bohemian Hot Dog Dinner was a lot of fun at our May meeting. Everyone enjoyed them as well as Cindy's homemade potato salad and Margaret's three bean salad. A special thanks to Ken Dvorsky for picking up the hot dogs and Prasky.

CSA Secretary/Treasurer Nick Kosmas was a special guest at our May meeting. At the end of every meeting we do a drawing for a five dollar bill for someone who attended. Nick won! We also had a raffle for the Prasky, guess who won? Nick! He is on a roll. Nick, buy a lottery ticket!

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers. We hope you can relax and enjoy some barbecue!

*Fraternally,  
Mary Ellen Janda*



Pictured left to right: Chase Michalek, Conner Michalek (back), Gavin Gray, Dean Michalek, James Michalek (back), Tommy Michalek, and Emily Michalek, participated in the Junior Bowl-O-Rama on March 31, 2024 at Suburbanite Bowling Alley.

## In Memoriam

Claim	Name	Lodge	Location	Date of Death	Age
55604	Jost, Mildred M.	001	BALLWIN, MO	02/03/2024	92
55606	Sweeney, Marie C.	001	ST. LOUIS, MO	03/17/2024	97
55615	Harper, Betty	013	EAU CLAIRE, WI	06/08/2023	92
55593	Eichorst, Herman M.	099	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	04/03/2024	92
55607	Knouff, Stephanie K.	121	BEVERLY, OH	11/05/2023	80
55603	Rabik, Stanley	137	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	04/07/2024	98
55610	Bell, Lilius S.	211	HONESDALE, PA	06/28/2023	94
55620	Zabransky, Edwin	211	MANASQUAN, NJ	04/20/2024	97
55616	Pazdernik, Clayton	219	PARMA, OH	04/19/2024	87
55618	Papp, Marie B.	219	BETHEL PARK, PA	03/16/2023	82
55597	Wido, Bessie	231	SARASOTA, FL	02/17/2024	94
55624	Schnedorf, Anna V.	231	RIVER FOREST, IL	04/15/2024	84
55596	Bowers, Connie L.	277	CALDWELL, TX	07/12/2023	73
55617	Wingard, Vivian	302	CHICAGO, IL	04/10/2024	34
55619	Jelinek, Sylvia L.	378	ENGLEWOOD, FL	12/22/2022	94
55608	Kramer, Thomas J.	388	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	02/29/2024	80
55594	Madison, Rosalie	422	NEW YORK, NY	09/06/2022	94
55614	Johnson, Maxine	422	MARTINSVILLE, VA	09/24/2023	91
55595	Kopstain, Jeanette R.	432	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	07/14/2023	78
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It is with a very heavy heart that I share the news of the sudden passing of Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121 member, **Bradford (Brad) "Bunzie" James Kurtz**, 56, of Dillonvale, Ohio, on Monday, April 29, 2024. Brad was born October 18, 1967, the only son of the late James Michael and Georgianna Joyce (Pospisil) Kurtz, former director at CSA Fraternal Life. He was my younger and only brother.

Brad was retired, formerly working at Mull Motors of Cadiz, and the Water and Sanitation Departments for the Village of Dillonvale. He was Methodist by faith, and a member of the Masons-Weyer #541 in addition to CSA Lodge No. 121.

In his younger days, my brother, called "Bunzie," enjoyed riding his Harley with friends and attending "Bike Weeks" at various destinations. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping out, and attending swap meets with the guys. He really didn't know a stranger and became a friend to all who crossed paths with him.

In his youth, Brad enjoyed participating in CSA Bowl-O-Ramas along with me and our cousins, Rusty and Chris Ebright. Later in early adulthood, he rode his motorcycle in the Apple Festival Parade in Smithfield, proudly escorting his niece (my daughter), Amanda Lovell, all dressed up in her kroj representing our lodge. A few years back, he provided the lunch for District Council No. 9 which included pulled pork, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and wedding soup. He loved

cooking for others and was especially gifted when it came to smoking meats. He was known around town for his culinary talents and enjoyed sharing meals with others. He would tell you that one of his best CSA experiences included attending the annual Get-Together in San Antonio, Texas with our parents years ago. The three of them all returned home with many stories of the fun they had—especially strolling on the River Walk.

Left to cherish Brad's memory are his loving wife, Shelly Dulesky; son, Joshua Dulesky-Wrobel; sister, Wendy (Gary) Lovell; niece, Amanda Lovell; nephew, Elijah Lovell; aunt, Mariann (Chuck) Ebright; many cousins; friends; and his fur babies, Brisket and Kacie.

I love you, my baby brother, and will miss you always. May you rest peacefully.

*Submitted by,  
Brad's sister, Wendy Kurtz Lovell  
Lodge No.121*

## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Bowling Blast!

**Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio** – Our group met back in March to hold the Annual Bowl-O-Rama for our youth. This year's contestants were cousins, Skyler and Christopher Ebright. Sadly, it was the last year the Ebright boys will be eligible to bowl. We tried hard to make the day extra special for them! The event was held at the St. Clair Bowling Alley in St. Clairsville, Ohio with the Holubeck brothers hosting us once again. We thank them for their continued hospitality through the years!

The boys bowled along with Bailey Ebright, Brad Anderson, Chris Ebright, Kelley Hanlin, Rusty Ebright, Paula Brown, and Alyssa Dailey.

Unfortunately, "Good-Time" Gary Lovell couldn't bowl this year. You'll just have to wait for another time, Gary!

The bowling cousins would like to thank the Home Office for their souvenir drinking cups and Lodge No. 121 for their gasoline gift cards. Both were greatly appreciated! We hope you enjoy viewing our pictures and a special thank you to Paula Brown for her assistance in taking many of them!

Along with all the Ebrights, a couple guests, and the Lovells – the Sniders joined us for a celebratory pizza party after the bowling was completed. We even topped off the day with a "Happy 170th Birthday CSA"

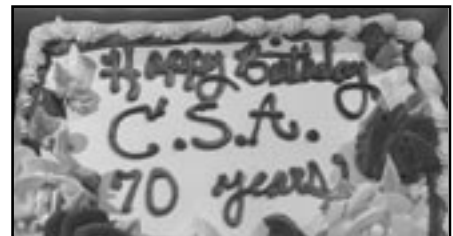
dessert cake! A good time was had by all who came out to partake in the fun!

Our most recent charitable donations included our selection of a Join Hands Day Project. We will be helping defray the costs of the Annual Memorial Day celebration in our small town of Dillonvale with donations to the American Legion Post #529 and their auxiliary unit. Our money will be used toward refreshments and the cost of a tent rental. Pictures will be shared in an upcoming issue.

We also made monetary donations to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Tiltonsville, as well as Dillonvale Presbyterian Church. We continue to complete volunteer hours in both churches.

In closing, we wish everyone a happy beginning to summer. Enjoy! Remember to check on someone you love today.

*All best wishes,  
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Pin Party/Picnic Planned

**Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio** – We had our meeting on May 14 with 13 members attending. Our secretary, Jan Russell, submitted an ad to the Get-Together booklet and will order \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets for the event. Four people from our lodge will be going to the Get-Together in Nashville.

Jan will also request “Thank a Driver” gift cards to hand out to our member’s drivers. We held a moment

of silence for a past member.

The Parmount/Southgate lodge is having a bus trip to the Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh on July 10. It is a very fun trip and 9 people from our lodge are going. It seems the bus is all booked up now.

Our Pin Party/Picnic is on June 22, doors open at noon. It is \$25.00 a ticket for non-honorees. The food will be picnic style. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided. Each lodge is to provide ten \$5.00 door prizes. Freddie will be getting those for our lodge.

At our June meeting, we will be going to the Longhorn restaurant on Rockside Road at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate Mother’s and Father’s day. A small stipend will be provided.

At our July meeting, we will be bringing in Ohio based items to put in a raffle basket for the Get-Together.

We assembled two gift baskets and two lottery frames to give to the DTJ facility for their upcoming events. Thank you, Freddie Shima, for providing the baskets, frames and supplies.

Jan Russell was nominated for Fraternalist of the Year from our lodge. Jan is a wonderful person who deserves this award.

We sang “Happy Birthday” to Karen, Sue, and Sylvia for their May birthdays. Tony and Judy Genco celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on May 1. Karen provided a very yummy cake for dessert and handed out Malley chocolate bars for treats. Thank you, Karen.

Elmer and Carole won the 50/50 raffle.

Stay safe and healthy.

*Fraternally yours,  
Judy (Sevcik) Genco*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Join Us at the Penn-Ohio Bowling Tournament

**Lodge Groveton No. 4, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania** – Hello, Brothers and Sisters! We hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of sunny, summer days! For Join Hands Day, our lodge members participated in Robinson Township's "Adopt a Street." Tammy Lewicki, Kathy Placek, Terry Placek, Terilyn Bichler, Madison Bichler, Patty Yurkovich, and Chet Yurkovich were in attendance. The group cleaned up the lower end of Forest Grove Road extension. It's very close to where we hold our lodge meetings, so if you're a member in the area, you can thank a fellow CSA member for their hard work! Great job and thank you to all who participated in helping keep our community clean!

Our last lodge meeting was held on Wednesday, May 1, at Groveton Fire Hall. There were 19 in attendance. Members discussed the GTG, photo contest, and Bowl-O-Rama. We had youth members compete in the Bowl-O-Rama, so we will hopefully have good

news to report in the upcoming *Journal*. Lastly, Cheyanne Smith went to her first prom! She looked absolutely beautiful in her navy dress!

Our lodge meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Groveton Fire Hall at 7 p.m. There will be food and refreshments so please arrive a little

early to enjoy what is available! In addition, there is an attendance raffle with a monetary prize. We hope to see you at a meeting! We also hope you consider joining us at the Penn-Ohio Bowling Tournament on October 19 and 20 at the Meadows Racetrack and Casino!

*Fraternally,  
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich*





## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Member News



**Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Westmont, Illinois**  
– Twelve members and guest DC No. 12 President Ken Dvorsky gathered in fraternal friendship and camaraderie to enjoy a lunch celebration honoring mothers and fathers at the McCook Restaurant. Traditional Czech fare of pork, dumplings, liver dumpling soup, tenderloin, sauerkraut, and beef with creamy gravy were comfort meal favorites.

A brief meeting was held with prior minutes being approved and a short list of business including reminders about the Get-Together, Lidice Memorial, and the Memorial Day event at the Bohemian National Cemetery.

Member News: Sis. Kelly Deegan welcomed a granddaughter, Josie, weighing in at 7 lbs, 19 oz. and 19" long. Congratulations on this adorable addition to your family!

Sis. Annmarie was proud to report her granddaughter Alexis had won first place in the youth category in CSA's Annual Photo Contest. Congrats, Alexis!

Other Lodge DuPage members winning photo awards were Michele Murray, second place, people, and Sebastian Salkauskas earning an honorable mention. Congrats to all of our talented photographers!

Our meeting adjourned followed by more reports on the eclipse, fabulous photos of the Northern Lights, and conversation on past and future activities and vacation plans.

*Fraternally,  
Gerri Romanelli*





# Farm Animals

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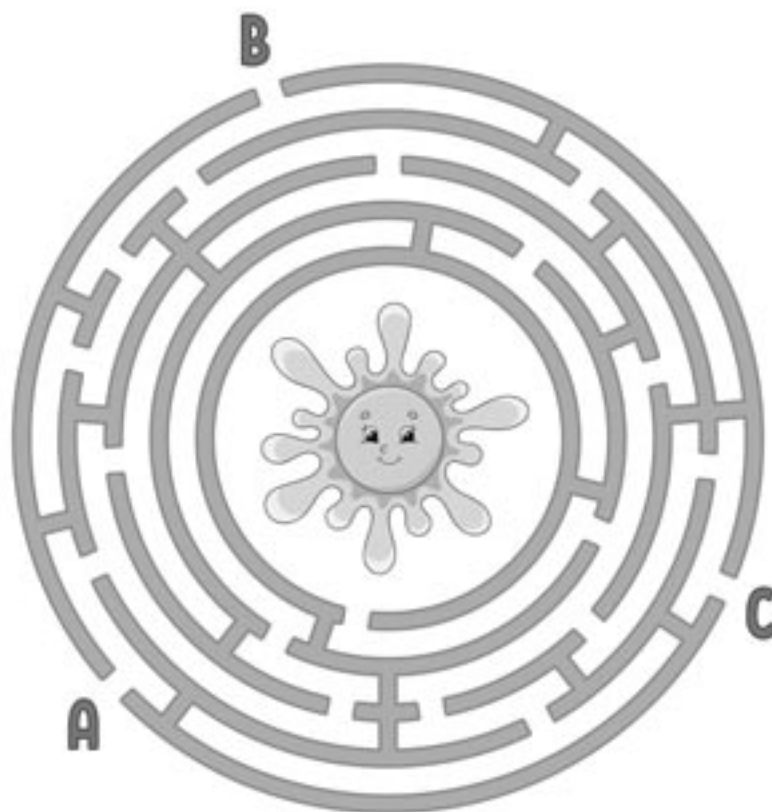
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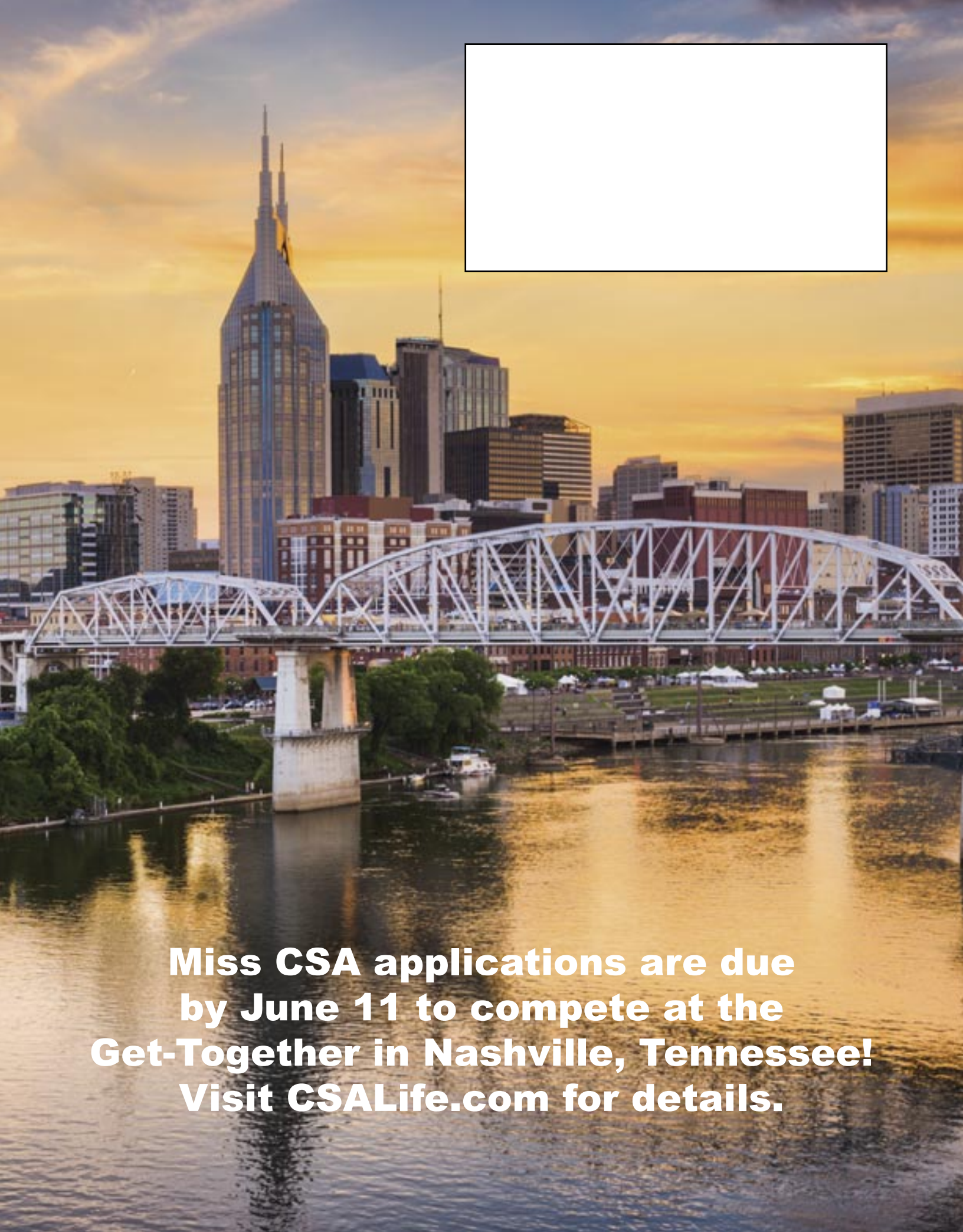
Dětská párty.....children's party (dět-ská pár-ty)

Sladkosti.....candy treats (slad-kos-ti)

Užij si léto.....enjoy the summer (u-žij si lé-to)

Bude nová Miss ČSA.....there will be a new Miss CSA  
(bu-de nov-á Miss ČSA)





**Miss CSA applications are due  
by June 11 to compete at the  
Get-Together in Nashville, Tennessee!  
Visit [CSALife.com](http://CSALife.com) for details.**