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September 2024





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# President's Piece

## Celebrating the Success of the 87th Annual GTG!

*Brothers and Sisters,*

I'm always excited to write my September article in *the Journal* as it's always fun to report on our Annual Get-Together.

The 87th Annual Get-Together began on Friday, August 2, in Nashville, Tennessee. This year was a little different as far as how we set things up. As opposed to a local lodge or district hosting the event, we at the Home Office oversaw the setup. I'd like to acknowledge Kelly Deegan, Julie Souza, Anna Trush, and Molly May, who all were instrumental in the successful GTG. With that said, this was a team effort, and our entire staff should be acknowledged as well, since everyone stepped up when the committee members were pulled away with GTG planning and set up.

Back to the event...

As members arrived in town on Friday afternoon, everyone met in the hospitality area to say hello to other GTG attendees. That evening, after a line dancing class was held, since Nashville is a place that you want to get out and about, most attendees checked out Broadway Street, which

is the main area for Nashville nightlife.

On Saturday morning, the GTG attendees gathered to conduct our Service Project. Later, many members attended a lunch cruise on the "General Jackson." From all accounts, it was a wonderful trip and a pleasant afternoon.

In addition to dinner and live music on Saturday night, of course, the excitement of the evening was the announcing of our Fraternalist of the Year, and our Miss National CSA.

Congratulations to Chuck Michalek, who was named our Fraternalist of the Year, a much-deserved award for Chuck, who is a lifelong member of CSA from the Chicago area.

And congratulations to Delaney Schretter of Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield, who was named Miss National CSA for 2024-2025. I know Delaney will represent CSA very well in the year ahead.

The events of the weekend wrapped up on Sunday morning with a brunch and a presentation from our outgoing Miss National CSA Jessica

Decker.

We look forward to the 88th Annual Get-Together next year in Cleveland, where District Council No. 10 will be hosting us all. It'll be fun as always.

Until next month...

*Fraternally,*

*John J. Kielczewski, CLU, FLMI*

*President/CEO*

*CSA Fraternal Life*



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

## **United Moravian Societies 85th Moravian Day Weekend Festivities**

Featuring live music by Dechová hu dba Dolněmčanka visiting from the Czech Republic

Welcoming Dance featuring Dolněmčanka and Jana Vox

Lithuanian World Center: 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Doors open at 7 p.m.

\$15 donation at door | Students free

Cocktail attire

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

## **Moravian Day Festival**

Featuring Dolněmčanka and traditional Czech/ Moravian/Slovak dance performances

Lithuanian World Center: 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Holy Mass at 10 a.m.

Main program at 2 p.m.

\$15 donation at door | Students free

Semi formal attire

**October 15, 2024**

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

Email names to [csajournaleditor@gmail.com](mailto:csajournaleditor@gmail.com).

**October 19 & 20, 2024**

## **Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament**

The Meadows Casino/Bowling Lanes, Pittsburgh Area

See page 16 for registration information.

**December 8, 2024**

## **Deadline for CSA Serves Matching Funds requests**

**January 31, 2025**

## **Deadline for 2024 Lodge Recognition Program submissions**

*Save the date*

*August 1st, 2nd, 3rd 2025*



*Come Rock On in Cleveland, Ohio*

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# Today's Fraternal

## Congratulations!

*Greetings Brothers and Sisters,*

Wow! What an exhilarating, fun-filled, and bittersweet Get-Together it was. The sight of everything falling into place after meticulous planning was advantageous. We hope everyone had a great time. This event celebrated our 170th anniversary, and we paid our respects to Helen Gaydusek with a moment of silence. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Board members, lodge members, and kids who selflessly offered their assistance whenever we needed it. Your support and involvement are what make our community events a success.

We were thrilled to have three courageous contestants making their debut this year. These young ladies: Delaney Schretter of Lodge CH Harrison/Jan Hus/Garfield No. 378, Karly Ledvina of Lodge Karel Jonas No. 279, and Cassidy Payor of Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, brought their unique charm to the competition. We want to acknowledge and celebrate your efforts, as they were commendable. A special congratulations to Delaney for winning the titles of Miss National CSA and Miss Congeniality.

Karly and Cassidy, your contributions to the event were invaluable, and we hope to see you retake the stage next year. It was a pleasure spending the weekend with you and your families, and we look forward to your future participation in our Get-Togethers.

Jessica Decker did a fantastic job with the Miss National CSA 2023-2024 title. She showed up and enjoyed every task given throughout the year. She was an absolute joy to travel and spend time with. I enjoyed seeing her sincere smile at every event we attended. Thank you for the fascinating presenta-



tion closing the Get-Together on Sunday morning. I hope to see you at future events. Keep in touch. Another thank you to Aubrey Suttelle for being the MC for the Miss CSA Contest. As usual, you did an excellent job, and I look forward to seeing your smiling face at future events.

Congratulations to Chuck Michalek of Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 077, our Fraternalist of the Year for 2024. We had four nominees this year; all would have been good choices for the award. We appreciate all of your activity in CSA.

We can't forget the Papuga family. Thank you for continuing to offer the Charles T. Kropik Scholarship. This scholarship was awarded to Jadalyn Hanson of Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409. Congratulations, Jada!

This year's CSA Service project, which involved collecting non-perish-

able food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, was a resounding success. We're proud to announce that we collected 1,050 pounds of food and also donated an additional \$300 that we received in check form. The food bank was genuinely grateful for our contributions, and we couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you to everyone who donated.

*Fraternally,  
Kelly Deegan*

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

### **Journal Themes for 2024**

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

#### **Please send lodge articles to:**

csajournal@csalife.com  
by the 12th of the month prior.  
(You will receive a confirmation email.)

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# Board Report

August 1, 2024

The August meeting of the CSA Board of Directors was held in Nashville, Tennessee prior to the Get-Together. All members were present.

The Board would like to thank John Kielczewski, Nick Kosmas, Kelly Deegan, Anna Trush, Julie Souza, and Molly May for all their efforts in organizing a wonderful time for all who attended. Congratulations to Delaney Schretter, our new Miss CSA. Thanks to Karly Ledvina and Cassidy Payer for participating. We hope you consider competing again next year in Cleveland.

Trevor Rupe and Bryce Bevill from Parkway Advisors attended the Get-Together and were able to meet with the Board in person. The second quarter of 2024 carried familiar trends: inflation surprises, rising yields, volatility, and focus on the Federal Reserve. They remain focused on strong credit quality, improving net investment income, and structuring cash flows that are sufficient to meet the needs of the Society.

Sales Manager Julie Souza reported that

we are on track to exceed our goal for Whole Life sales with an average age of 40 for the new members.

Kelly Deegan, Fraternal Programs Manager, reported that the lodges have been posting on Facebook and submitting articles and pictures to *the Journal*. There have been steady donations to the Scholarship Fund, both from individuals and lodges. Remember that these donations from the lodges count toward the Lodge Recognition Program.

Secretary-Treasurer Nick Kosmas explained the various considerations for updating the computer system. He also informed us on Marketsphere, which is the reporting company that searches for the Limited Social Security Death Master File for unknown deaths to CSA so that we can update our records and pay the beneficiaries.

President John Kielczewski reported that the State of Illinois has completed the audit they perform every five years.

He also discussed the options offered by

AFA to have continuing education for Board members through either Zoom meetings or video programs. He is also in contact with our various vendors to keep them apprised and to keep us apprised of any financial trends.

The Board would like to express condolences to the family of Helen Gaydusek. As many of you know, Helen was a pillar at CSA and a fount of information on the Society. Unfortunately, she passed away on July 31. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Her complete obituary is featured on page 31 of this issue.

The next meeting of the Board will be November 1, 2024, at the Home Office. Please be sure to contact your director with your concerns.

*Fraternally,*  
*Irma Drahota Farrell*  
*Chair*

## CSA Fraternal Life 2024-2025 Fraternal Calendar

2024	September	2	Home Office closed for Labor Day
	October	14 <b>15</b>	Home Office closed for Indigenous Peoples' (Columbus) Day <b>Deadline - Veterans Names/Articles for November Journal</b>
	November	23,24	Home Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
	December	<b>2</b> 25	<b>Deadline - CSA Serves Matching Funds Requests</b> Home Office closed for Christmas Holiday
2025	January	1 <b>31</b>	Home Office closed for New Year's Day <b>Deadline - 2024 Lodge Recognition Program submissions</b>
	February	<b>1</b>	<b>Deadline - 2024 President's Report forms due in Home Office</b>

\*\*\* Deadline for Journal articles - 13th of every PRIOR month \*\*\*  
(for example: your article for February should be submitted by January 13, etc.)

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

## FUN TIME AT THE 2024 GET-TOGETHER

*Greetings brothers and sisters,*

June and August were busy travel months. On June 22, Lisa and I were invited to DC No. 10's Pin Party / Picnic at DTJ. We had a great time! Miss CSA 2023 Jessica Decker and her family also attended. We got to meet a bunch of CSA members. DTJ is an amazing place with lots of history. We would like to thank all the members we met for their hospitality.

This was the first time Lisa and I had visited Nashville. We both had a great time at the Get-Together! A big thank you to Kelly Deegan, Julie Souza, Anna Trush, and Molly May for all their hard work and planning. Also, thanks to Stephen Carico, who helped get things ready for us to take to Nashville. My trunk and back seat were fully loaded.

Friday evening, we had lots of fun on Broadway, except when we got rained on a few minutes after we got off the bus! Great music was playing out of every bar and restaurant.

For the Saturday morning service project, we collected and donated 1,050 pounds of food to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Pictures of the service project are on Facebook.

Speaking pictures, Cynthia (CSA *Journal* Editor) did a great job photographing our Get-Together. You can see these pictures on Facebook. The post has a link to the CSA Flickr account.

It was great seeing old friends from previous Get-Togethers and making new friends. It was nice to see the folks from Ohio who we met a few weeks earlier at the DC No. 10 Pin Party / Picnic.

We watched an entertaining show on the General Jackson Boat. Saturday

evening, we had three wonderful young women competing for Miss National CSA (Delaney Schretter of Lodge No. 378, Cassidy Payer of Lodge No. 432, and Karly Ledvina of Lodge No. 279). The judges must have had a hard time picking the winner. Congratulations to Delaney Schretter!

Congratulations to this year's Fraternalist of the Year, Chuck Michalek. Lisa and I first met Chuck at Join Hands Day at BNC. After we were done with the clean-up, Chuck showed us around BNC. He explained its rich history, showed key graves site, and told about the tree trunk monuments.

At the Sunday brunch, Jessica Decker had a wonderful presentation on migration and immigration. Thank you, Jessica, for a great year representing CSA!

We are looking forward to next year's Get-Together in Cleveland.

On August 11, Lisa and I attended the Obzinky Harvest Festival at DTJ. The food was great, the beer was cold, and the kolackies were tasty! I got to ride the CSA golf cart in the parade with David and Chelsea DiBianca. We had a fun time



passing out candy to the kids (young and old) on the parade route. Lisa and I are looking forward to the festival next year.

This year has gone by so fast, I can't believe summer is almost over! The temperature is finally cooling off.

Until next month,

*Fraternally,  
Nick V. Kosmas  
Secretary / Treasurer*



# Miss National CSA

## So Honored to be Crowned Miss National CSA

*Greetings brothers and sisters,*

A few weeks ago, I was in Nashville for the 2024 Get-Together. I had the pleasure of talking to so many of you, getting to know the girls I competed with, Cassidy and Karly, and being crowned Miss National CSA for 2024-2025!

My trip started early, with my family arriving in Nashville on Wednesday night. After a meal and a power nap, we all went down to the lobby and played a card game to kick off our trip. If you were at the hotel (or within a 20 mile radius), you probably heard us laughing. On Thursday, we explored the city. We headed down to Broadway, where we

found some souvenirs and hole-in-the-wall bars with live music and kiddie cocktails. What more could you ask for? We also went to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, and while I had a great time, Gwen and Jo, my sisters, were beyond creeped out by the statues.

Once Friday rolled around, I was in full-on pageant mode. I was able to mingle before beginning registration, and I had some lovely conversations, which continued through check-in and helped to reduce my nerves regarding the contest itself. Everyone was so supportive and enthusiastic about the competition and their energy was infectious!

On Friday evening, we learned line dances. I saw the video of us on Facebook, which might have been embarrassing if I didn't have so much fun.

Saturday was the big day... After the boat ride, where, coincidentally, I saw another member of CSA separate from the Get-Together who just happened to be there at the same time we were (Hello, if you're reading this!), it was time for the main event. Dinner was delicious and conversing with the judges and other girls was a fun way to start the night. Towards the end of the meal, my nerves started to kick in. Before I knew it, I was being escorted to the stage by my dad, who whispered, "I love you, good luck," as he dropped me off by the stairs. It took being up there and speaking to a crowded room to make me realize how much I miss public speaking. Throughout high school, I was on the speech team, which meant I was addressing a crowd at least six times every Saturday. Since I have been at college, I haven't done any public speaking aside from small presentations, so this was such an incredible opportunity to get back into one of my favorite hobbies.

I feel so honored that I was chosen to be Miss National CSA for the coming year. I do not envy the judges having to make that decision. Cassidy and Karly were amazing, and I hope to see them at future events. I am so grateful to my lodge for the support and to CSA as a whole for this experience. I have many adventures ahead of me during the next year, both within the CSA and personally, and I can't wait to share my stories with my brothers and sisters!

I am moving to Michigan for school and I could not be more excited. Go Broncos!

I'm sure I'll have plenty to tell you about by next month.

*Until then!  
Fraternally,*

*Delaney Schretter*

*Miss National CSA 2024-2025*











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# Fraternalist of the Year



**Chuck Michalek**  
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 077  
Fraternalist of the Year

Nominees:

**Maryann Toncar**  
Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372

**Agnes Zaicek Zabik**  
Lodge Laurel No. 452

**Jan Russell**  
Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219

Having been a member for over 60 years, Chuck Michalek is no stranger to CSA. He attends our monthly meetings and serves as an auditor. He also represents our lodge as a delegate to the Bohemian National Cemetery. Chuck always brings his enthusiasm and shares interesting topics for discussion during and after meetings when we socialize. His affiliation with numerous Czech organizations and knowledge of local Czech history have afforded him the opportunity to speak at our lodge and other Central District lodges on such topics as the Bohemian National Cemetery, its ongoing restoration projects, and the significance of keeping the cemetery, CSA Fraternal Life, Sokol, and T.G. Masaryk Czech School, with their rich history and whose beginnings were so closely intertwined by the Czech community, alive and active for future generations. Chuck has written articles for *the Journal* and helped organize a large group of our young members to participate in the Junior Bowl-o-Rama as evidenced on the cover of the June *Journal*.

Chuck is a board member and trustee of Bohemian National Cemetery and logs volunteer hours there weekly doing cleanup, tree trimming, and whatever needs to be done. He is a member of Sokol Chicagoland and also Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery. Chuck is the director of special projects, which



Frank Michalek accepted the Fraternalist of the Year award for Chuck Michalek at the 87th Annual Get-Together in Nashville, Tennessee.

includes directing grant applications to the Czech Republic to support maintenance and heritage preservation projects including Columbarium restoration and, most recently, the rebuilding of the World War I & II monument. Chuck detailed the work at its rededication during this year's Memorial Day program.

Chuck has hosted recent visitors from the Czech Republic, providing tours of BNC to their Senate Parliament

members in conjunction with T.G. Masaryk's anniversary celebration.

Chuck is a current board member of Chicago Friends of Haiti (501c3) and sponsors several Haitian orphans in the U.S. He helps facilitate medical visits for a Haitian youth who receives treatment at Chicago's Rush Hospital. This young man has been a guest at our meetings.



# Fraternalist of the Year Nominees



**Jan Russell** is the Secretary of Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219. She attends District Council No. 10 meetings. She was at the 2023 Get-Together in Colorado as well as the 2024 Get-Together in Nashville, Tennessee. She compiles and submits the application and required documentation for the Lodge Recognition Program on behalf of our lodge.

Jan has always lived a life of service to both CSA and the Cleveland community. She has been such a positive influence in our lodge with her knowledge, spirit, and energy.



**Maryann Toncar** is the President of Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372. She runs the meetings efficiently and discusses business in an orderly fashion. She attends the District Council meetings and provides valuable input and suggestions. She takes photos at every event for the Lodge Recognition Program or to give out or use as historical documentation.

Maryann is always willing to help anyone in any way she can. She always has a smile on her face and a giving, loving heart.



**Agnes Zaicek Zabik** has been a member of CSA since December of 1959 when her mother, Amalia, bought her a policy as an infant. She is an active member of Lodge Laurel No. 452 and regularly attends the lodge's meetings and events. Currently, Agnes serves as an Auditor. Agnes served as a delegate in 2022 at the Convention in Illinois and also attended the Get-Together in Oak Brook.

One time at a lodge meeting this year, Agnes shared a book, *Slovak Settlers*, by Palovic and Bereghazyova, in which her family's journey to America is highlighted. Agnes provided the information for this chapter in the book. In doing so, this amazing heritage story is not lost. It is important for her to share our local heritage with the lodge, especially the youth.

## Congratulations!

# District Council

## Huge Round of Applause to the GTG Committee



**District Council No. 10, Northern Ohio** – Six members from Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372 and four members from Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219 attended the 87th Get-Together in Nashville. A huge round of applause to the committee who planned the event. Everything was awesome. The rooms were spacious and comfortable. The registration process went smoothly, and the fanny packs and contents were a hit. Those who ventured out to Broadway in the evening all had a fantastic night, even with the downpour.

Saturday morning's service project was successful, filling many boxes with much-needed food items for the pantry. The boat ride with entertainment was a great time. Saturday evening's Miss CSA Contest was the hit of the weekend. The three young ladies did a wonderful job. Congratulations to Delaney Schretter, who was crowned Miss CSA 2024-2025.

Thank you to Jessica Decker, 2023 Miss CSA, who represented us well this past year. Jessica presented at the closing of the Get-Together.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for next year's Get-Together on August 1 – 3, 2025. Come "Rock on in Cleveland." The committee already started working on plans. We can only hope to do as well as this year's committee. Don't forget to bring your keychains to be entered into a drawing. Stay tuned for more information in future *Journal* articles.

*Fraternally,  
Diane DiBianca*





**63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament Entry Form**  
 Sponsored under Moral Support USBC Sanction  
 (With High Score Protection)  
 Entries close October 1, 2024

**Tournament Competition (NOT practice bowling) starts at times printed on entry form!**      **October 19-October 20, 2024**  
 Saturday start: 12 PM - Sunday start: 10 AM  
 Meadows Race Track, Casino, & Bowling  
 210 Racetrack Road  
 Washington, PA 15301  
 (724) 503-1550

**Entry fees**  
 Per person per event: \$19.00  
 All Event fee: \$2.00

PLEASE READ ALL RULES APPEARING ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND COMPLETE BLANKS ACCORDINGLY: ATTACH A CHECK TO COVER ALL BOWLERS HEREON. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CSA LODGE GROVETON #4.** (NO CASH ACCEPTED/NO REFUNDS). TOTAL INCLUDED: \$

**Event #1 Doubles Contest** If you DO NOT bowl in a league leave the average field BLANK

	Full name of bowler	CSA Cert No.	Lodge No.	High League Ave.	Handicap Leave blank	All Events? Y/N
1						
2						
1						
2						

**Event #2 Singles Contest** If you DO NOT bowl in a league leave the average field BLANK

	Full name of bowler	CSA Cert No.	Lodge No.	High League Ave.	Handicap leave blank
1					
2					
1					
2					

**Event #3 Team Contest**      **Name of team:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_      **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Full name of bowler	CSA Cert No.	Lodge No.	High League Ave.	Handicap leave blank
1					
2					
1					
2					

**Team Captain Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ST and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry form accompanied by entry fees by **October 1, 2024**

**Terry Placek**  
**1327 Lexington Dr.**  
**Lawrence, PA 15055**  
**(724) 272-8397**  
**Email: [tfplacek@verizon.net](mailto:tfplacek@verizon.net)**

PRIZE RATIO: Not less than 1 for 3 in each event approximately. All prize fees will be returned 100%. USBC rule 319a-3 on reporting incorrect averages applies to all bowlers and will be strictly enforced. USBC rule 319c applies to all bowlers.

**TOURNAMENT FEES:**

4 PERSON PRIZE FEE...\$26.00  
 BOWLING FEE... 48.00  
 TOURNAMENT EXPENSE...2.00  
**TOTAL PER FOUR PERSON TEAM...\$76.00**

2 PERSON TEAM PRIZE FEE...\$13.00  
 BOWLING FEE... 24.00  
 TOURNAMENT EXPENSE...1.00  
**TOTAL PER TWO PERSON TEAM...\$38.00**

INDIVIDUAL PRIZE FEE... \$6.50  
 BOWLING FEE...12.00  
 TOURNAMENT EXPENSE...0.50  
**TOTAL PER INDIVIDUAL...\$19.00**

ALL EVENTS (OPTIONAL) \$2.00

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any member and non-member of CSA Fraternal Life, 16 years of age or older, whose certificate was in effect prior to January 1, 2024 shall be eligible, if applicable premiums are paid in full up to the month of March preceding the Tournament. Under 18 years of age, bowlers must have Parental Consent in accordance with USBC rules. Also up to two non member guests per team will be allowed.

A member shall forfeit any prize money won if it shall be determined subsequent to the conclusion of the Tournament that the premiums were not paid in accordance with the foregoing provision. Team and doubles partner are also affected.

Any combination of members of several or various lodges, whether or not bowling in regularly constituted CSA leagues, are eligible to bowl in the Team Event, provided that teams so entered not in regularly constituted CSA League or Leagues, shall have a team average not exceeding 920

In the Doubles Event any combinations of members are eligible whether or not they are members of the same lodge. There will be no limit as to their combined average.

There will be no limits in the Singles Event or for All Events.

**HANDICAP:** All CSA Bowling Tournaments shall be conducted only on the handicap basis in all events with handicaps to be designated as follows:

TEAM EVENT: 90% of the difference between the sum of the averages of the individual bowlers of each team and 920.

DOUBLES EVENT: 90% of the difference between the sum of the averages of the individual bowlers of each team and 460.

SINGLES EVENT: 90% of the difference between the individual bowler's average and 230

All handicaps are to be computed on a per game basis.

**OFFICIAL AVERAGES:**

1. Averages to be used shall be the individual's highest average for the last season (2022-2023), provided at least twenty-one (21) games have been bowled.

2. If the bowler has no established average for last season, use the highest average compiled for the previous season (2021-2022), provided that not less than twenty-one (21) games were bowled.

3. If a bowler has bowled in the last three (3) Ohio/Penn CSA Tournaments with no established league average, the cumulative average of those tournaments will be used.

4. If a bowler meets none of the criteria stipulated above, men will use an average of 160, and women will use an average of 130.

**LANES:** The Tournament Committee shall assign all lanes, with care taken to avoid duplication of lanes bowled upon for any individual or team.

**TARDY PLAYERS:** Tardy players shall start in the frame being bowled when they are ready to commence bowling, with zeroes being given for each frame missed.

**ENTRY FEE:**

TEAM EVENT: \$26.00 plus bowling and tournament expense fees.

DOUBLES EVENT: \$13.00 plus bowling and tournament expense fees.

SINGLES EVENT: \$6.50 plus bowling and tournament expense fees.

ALL EVENTS: \$2.00 per person only

**BOWLING AND EXPENSE FEES:** The Tournament Committee shall designate the bowling fee and the Tournament expense fee for each three-game series to be paid by each bowler, which fees are to accompany the entry fees stated above when submitting entry blank. The amount of bowling and Tournament expense fees shall be clearly stated on the front side of the entry blank for each event in the same manner as the entry fees are shown above. **NO REFUNDS.**

**MORAL SUPPORT SANCTION:** All CSA bowling tournaments shall be sponsored under Moral Support Sanction of the USBC for high score protection. USBC and non-USBC members may participate in a Moral Support sanctioned tournament with high score recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-league or non-sanction bowlers can qualify for high score recognition at their option by payment for a card for which USBC will issue an unattached membership card.

**ENTRY BLANKS:** A check to cover the entire entry fees of all bowlers listed on any one entry blank is to accompany each entry. **NO REFUNDS.**

**PRIZE LIST:** The Tournament Committee shall, when entries have been closed, prepare a prize list of cash prizes and trophies to be awarded, which shall be mailed to each participating team captain with the schedule of bowling. Care shall be taken that not less than one (1) prize in each event to be paid for each three (3) participating bowlers.

**PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT PRIZE WINNERS:** A bowler desiring participation in the Tournament, who has qualified for a prize of \$300.00 or more in any tournament within the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding this tournament, must report their actual score, position and amount won when submitting entry for this tournament for possible re-rating. Such re-rating, if applied, shall be made before the entrant bowls, and, if not accepted, their entry fee shall be refunded. Failure to comply with this provision shall be cause to forfeit tournament entry fees and prize winnings. In any such re-rating, applicable USBC rules or regulations shall apply.

**WRITTEN CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** All grade school and high school students, who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years, must have the written consent of their parent or guardian in order to participate in any cash prize available in this tournament.

**TEAM CAPTAINS: PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED BELOW IS PROPERLY AND COMPLETELY REPORTED.**

**GIVE FULL AND CORRECT NAME OF BOWLER (PLEASE PRINT)**

BOWLERS	NAME OF LEAGUE IN WHICH HIGHEST AVERAGE WAS HELD
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# LODGE HAPPENINGS

## So Much to Celebrate!

**Lodge Lincoln No. 7, Berwyn, Illinois** – Lodge members have had a busy summer filled with travel, celebrations, and social gatherings.

Marv Lanzel's 80th birthday was celebrated at our cookout gathering and meeting hosted by Adam and Lauren Wilt at their home. Chef Adam grilled delicious, mouthwatering, ribeye steaks and the variety of side dishes, salads, and desserts brought by lodge members made for a fabulous meal. We celebrated and sang "Happy Birthday" to Marv, and then held our business meeting. A good time was had by all.

Penny Gruskovak celebrated her 10th birthday, and Sara and Brendan Franklin

welcomed their second son, Ryan Stanley, into the world on June 1. Big Brother Callahan is so proud to be his brother! Congratulations to all of you!

Adam, Lauren, and Vera Wilt traveled to the Czech Republic this summer to attend the International Sokol Slet. Adam and Lauren had an awesome opportunity to meet (pictured from the left in the photo) Martin Chlumsky, President of the Czech Sokol Organization, and President of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel.

While touring the Czech Republic, our member Diane Rezabek visited the hometown of former Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak. She visited Kladno, the

largest city of the Central Bohemian Region. Pictured is Diane standing next to a monument erected in honor of Anton Cermak.

For our August 25 meeting, we had a cookout at the residence of Stan and Pat Smolucha. After the business meeting, we attended an outdoor concert at Cantigny that featured the music of Simple Men and Southern Nights.

Now that summer is winding down and families are returning from their vacations, it will be time to get back into a routine. Our wish to all the teachers and students heading back to school is for a great school year ahead. Stay focused, work hard, be kind, and do your best!

*Fraternally,  
Pat Smolucha*





# LODGE HAPPENINGS

## Join Us at Our Meetings

**Lodge Century of Progress/ Bila Hora No. 231, Cicero, Illinois** – I will be reporting on two meetings – June 12 and July 10, 2024. The Minutes for both meetings were accepted but the July Treasury report was held up because of bank issues. The June meeting was held at P.J. Klems Restaurant. We invited members of Lodge Yankee Jungmann, Kathy Riha and Mary Ellen Janda, as a show of friendship, comradery, and an exchange of ideas. Activities at the Bohemian National Cemetery included remarks made by the Czechoslovak Counsel General. We also celebrated both Mother's and Father's Days.

The June meeting was abbreviated to enjoy conversation and an exchange of ideas regarding programs and other activities with our guests. We heard that the T.G. Masaryk School had been planning and preparing for the program at the Lidice Memorial on June 9, 2024. Ken Dvorsky reported on the planning of activities at the Bohemian National Cemetery related to the dedication of the World War II Monument, which



included a visit by the Czech Counsel General.

The July meeting was somewhat uneventful. However, a donation was made to the T.G. Masaryk School for the continuation of the activities of the Lidice Memorial. Lodge members attending the June 9 Lidice Memorial Program included Ed Slavik, Dolores Klejko, Nita Natkowski, and Loretta Paulus. The program was organized and presented by the staff and students of the T.G. Masaryk School. Members

attending reported that the program was lovely.

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,  
Elaine Tejcek*

## A Memorable GTG Weekend

**Lodge Harrison/Hus/Garfield No. 378, Cicero, Illinois** – The 87th Annual Get-Together was a memorable weekend for lodge members. The entire Schretter family, our cousin Mary Oskroba, and Mike, Pam, and Ken Dvorsky attended.

The lodge was honored to have Delaney as a contestant in the Miss CSA Contest, following in the footsteps of her mom and older sister, Gwen.

An interesting weekend of activities particular to Nashville kept members busy. There were trips to Broadway, the General Jackson Boat Cruise for entertainment, food, and line dancing lessons - an activity for everyone.

Saturday morning featured our service project for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, with food donated by lodges and members.

Saturday night was the highlight of this GTG. President John Kielczewski called the session to order, colors were

posted by our juvenile members, the pledge to flag was recited, and anthems were sung. CSA President Kieczewski welcomed all and gave a state of CSA address. Then, we had dinner.

After dinner, Jessica Decker, Miss CSA 2023-2024, gave her farewell presentation to the delegates.

Next, was the Miss CSA Contest featuring three amazing young ladies: Karly Ledvina, Delaney Schretter, and Cassidy Payer. The three judges deserve a hearty thank you for excellent interaction with the contestants.

After the contest, the judges retired to tabulate their scores.

The Kropik Scholarship was presented by Candy Papuga. The Fraternalist of Year was presented to Chuck Michalek of Lodge Yankee Jungman, which was accepted on his behalf by Frank Michalek. I was the presenter.

Finally, it was time for the naming of Miss CSA 2024-2025. The award of

Miss Congeniality was presented to Delaney. Then it was time for the announcement of Miss CSA for 2024-2025 - Delaney Schretter. Our lodge is proud of Delaney and wish her a very successful year representing CSA.

Sunday morning, we enjoyed a very interesting presentation on human and animal migration by Jessica Decker.

I send a personal thank you to the committee for a well-organized GTG.

*Fraternally,  
Ken Dvorsky*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Spending the Summer Eating Out

**Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs No. 432, Lakewood, Colorado** – The July Lodge Mile-Hi Czechs meeting was held at the Red Robin Restaurant in Arvada, Colorado. A small business meeting was held before lunch was served. A few

motions were passed to help with the CSA Get-Together. We had two members attending, President Irma Farrell and Janet Farrar. Janet is making her trip as an advance. She will be stopping and camping out along the way to and from. She has several other trips planned for 2024. You to go, girl.

I do not have anything new or interesting. I wish I had something juicy, but nope.

Our next lodge meeting will be at Garramone's Pizza and Italian Restaurant. We are spending the summer eating out, better than cooking in our 90 degree weather. We are all checking our gardens for burnt and bug eaten plants.

*Fraternally,  
Maryellen Hruska Vialpando*



Mary Campe, Janet Farrar, George Vialpando, Maryellen Vialpando, Irma Farrell, and John Farrell met at the Red Robin restaurant for the July meeting.

## Rock On Cleveland 2025

**Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372, Maple Heights, Ohio** — Our meeting was held at the DTJ in Taborville, Ohio on July 25 with members Maryann Toncar, Kris and Bruce Marek, Diane DiBianca, Donna Stepka, Johnny Weiss, and me in attendance.

The Bus Trip to the Rivers Casino on July 10 was a great success. Everybody had a good time and wants to come back next year. The popular Horse Race had everybody rooting for their favorites. The number 4 horse was off to a slow start, and then was delayed by a Jello Shot! It never caught up to the rest of the pack. Number 6 won by four seats; it was the same number that won last year. Hmmmm....

Congrats to the 50/50, \$1 bag, \$5 bag, and Horse Race winners on the bus, and to those who came back with some of the casino's money!

Marsha Gorman from Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219 delivered a "Thank a Driver" gift card for us to the bus driver, Steve. He was excellent, and he wants to be the driver next year, too! Johnny and Maryann thanked everyone

who helped with the trip. A special thank you went to Diane for setting it up and getting beverages; Maryann for all the delicious bakery, candy, etc; Maria, Chelsea, and Annette for organizing the games; and Julie Souza and John Kielczewski, from the Home Office, for the gift bags with either a sunflower or lavender plant kit, candy, and Fireball.

Maryann made lottery baskets for the 90th Obzinky Festival (August 11) and Night at the Races (October 12) at the DTJ. They also have Chicken and/or Duck Dinners on October 6. The DTJ Annual Clam Bakes are on September 15 and November 3. Come out and support these events, you are sure to have fun. For more information, call Bruce or Kris Marek at 440-543-8494.

Diane updated us on our LRP progress. We are ahead of schedule and on the way to the Platinum Award.

Diane brought "Rock on Cleveland 2025" keychains to give away at this year's Get-Together.

Thank you, Diane, Julie, and Molly for manning the CSA table at Cesky Den on July 14.

A reminder: The Ohio/Penn Bowling Tournament will be October 19 and 20, 2024, at the Meadows Casino. Lodges and Districts should have received an information packet from Terry Placek.

Congratulations to the 50/50 winners: Diane and Johnny, who again won twice!

Our next meetings for 2024 will be: September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19. Come to a meeting, have a tasty snack, and reconnect with friends. We would love to see you!

*Fraternally,  
Annette Reichman*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Junior Bowl-o-Rama, Lodge Annual Picnic, Future Activities, NEFA Scholarships, Fraternalist and Family of the Year

**Lodge Laurel No. 452, Ashford, Connecticut** – Two of our youth members did their bowling with their families for the Junior Bowl-o-Rama. Ryan Goodwin bowled with his family at Ducks on the Ave in Hartford and Mason Varga bowled with his family at Spare Time in Vernon. They look all focused on the task at hand (pictured). Ryan is all excited for the ball he just rolled and Mason is focusing on getting a good roll.

We changed up our days a bit and on

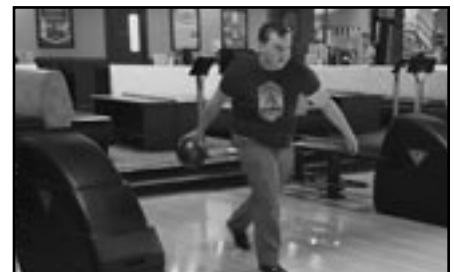
Saturday, June 29, we held our Annual Lodge Picnic at the home of Brother Bob and Sister Gail Zaicek. Bob and Gail have a great barn (garage) which is perfect for such an event. We can be inside and out at the same time. What tasty and delicious food we had with smoked pork, the usual hotdogs, kielbasa, hamburgers, great salads, and all the trimmings. We held a short meeting, followed by dessert, which was birthday cake with ice cream for the hostess and other goodies brought by members. No

one went away hungry. We had a wonderful afternoon of fun and camaraderie.

We are looking forward to our Fall events and activities: possibly joining virtually with another lodge; our Annual Memorial Service; our annual competition; attending the 100th Anniversary Banquet of the New England Fraternal Alliance, where several of our members will be entertaining by singing Czech and Slovak songs; our Annual Meeting; and our Annual Christmas/Holiday party.

We hope many of you will be able to join us for these events! Mark your calendars!

*Fraternally,  
Marion Varga*



## Answer Key to Crossword Puzzle on Page 35.

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## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Great Outing



**Lodge Cermak No. 99, Brookfield, Illinois** – We had a fun filled outing to Geneva, Illinois to watch the Kane County Cougars defeat the Gary Railcats. The weather and camaraderie were beautiful as proven by smiles on Lodge Cermak’s members in attendance.

*Chuck Courtney  
Scribe*

### Annual Fall Festival



**Lodge Brookfield No. 475, Brookfield, Illinois** – Lodge Brookfield is conducting its Annual Fall Festival on Tuesday, October 8 at CSA’s Home Office in Lombard, Illinois. This exciting event will begin at noon. Refreshments, fun, games, and prizes will be provided. Members of all other

lodges are invited to attend but please let Barbara Deig at the Home Office know that you are coming. We hope to see you there!

*Fraternally,  
Kimberly Silhan*

### *Fraternal Well Wishes*

**Judy Genco**  
Lodge Cleveland No. 219

**Dolores Clark**  
Lodge Cleveland No. 219

### Fostering Kids Through Child Advocacy



**Lodge Independence - Liberty Bell No. 408, St. Louis, Michigan** – Hi, brothers and sisters. We hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We sure have been. This month, we have fostered a 10 year old and a 13 year old through a local program, Child Advocacy. This was called “fostering learning.” We supplied clothes and other supplies they needed. We had a great time finding the things they wanted.

*Fraternally,  
Teresa Butcher*

## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Raising Funds for New Tabor Brethren Church



**Lodge Svetlo No. 277, Caldwell, Texas** – Svetlo members joined with other organizations in our area to help raise funds for New Tabor Brethren Church whose 75 year old sanctuary and Sunday school building was destroyed in a devastating fire on January 10, 2024. Besides the church and our lodge building, there isn't much left in the little Czech community we call New Tabor (Novy Tabor).

As the organizer of the fundraiser, I enlisted the help of several Czech organizations in our little community. SPJST Lodge #17 hosted the event with the help of members from CSA Lodge Svetlo, Lodge 9 RVOS, and, of course, the members of New Tabor Brethren Church, who prepared the delicious burgers.

Our CSA lodge donated one of the raffle prizes and members helped sell meal tickets and raffle tickets, donated items for the auction, and served the meal. Our initial goal was to sell 400 meal tickets for the event. We had an overwhelming response and had to stop selling when we reached 700, due to the size of our venue and capacity to prepare for that many people. Our live and silent auctions were a huge success as were our gift card raffle, gun raffle, and Consuela purse raffle.

The Chase Kimey Band donated their time and provided live music for our dancing and listening pleasure. Chase went to Nashville a few weeks later and won first place at The Sound of Small Town America Music competition held at the Grand Old Opry. If you want to hear some real Texas country music, look him up on his Facebook Page, Chase Kimey Music. The Burleson County Fair Association donated the use of their building for our event since our Lodge Hall can only accommodate 150 people.

We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community and we were able to raise over \$110,000 to donate to the church. Our event was featured on KBTX Channel 3 news at both the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts. I was so busy making sure everything went smoothly, I totally forgot to take pictures but found these on various Facebook pages.

*Fraternally,  
Susan Skrabanek*



Susan Skrabanek presenting a check to Albert Surovik, Jr., Church Elder, Board President, and CSA member.



CSA members Betty Suehs, Shirley Vavra, and Patsy Story getting hamburger plates together for the fundraiser.



CSA member and Fundraiser Organizer Susan Skrabanek helps with the live auction.



# LODGE HAPPENINGS

## Thank You to the GTG Committee

**Lodge Groveton No. 4, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania** – Howdy, Brothers and Sisters! Lodge Groveton had great representation at the 87th Get-Together with 11 members and two guests in attendance. Members were able to see the Country Music Hall of Fame, Music City Walk of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, Belle Meade Plantation, the Parthenon at Centennial Park, the Johnny Cash Museum, and, of course, we spent time on Broadway!

Get-Together events kicked off on Friday with registration and the hospitality suite. Of course, numerous members braved a shot of Slivovitz or Becherovka for their Sunky pin! On Saturday, we helped organize food for Second Harvest Food Bank. Our lodge

was able to donate \$75 to this cause.

Saturday's banquet was action packed with announcing the winners of the Kropik Scholarship, Fraternalist of the Year, and the Miss CSA Contest! Congratulations to our 2024 Kropik Scholarship and Fraternalist of the Year winners! Sherri and Larry Placek provided the entertainment, so all in attendance were able to listen and dance to some polka music!

A big congratulations to our new Miss National CSA, Delaney Schretter of Lodge No. 378! We know you will be a wonderful queen and represent CSA well! Lodge Groveton would like to send best wishes to Karly Ledvina of

Lodge No. 279 and Cassidy Payer of Lodge No. 432. Both of you did a fantastic job, and we hope to see you two compete again! We also send our best wishes to outgoing Miss CSA, Jessica Decker of Lodge No. 219.

Sunday's brunch concluded our Get-Together.

Lastly, thank you to the GTG Committee for all your hard work and congratulations on a successful Get-Together! Our lodge members loved visiting Nashville. It was a wonderful weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Cleveland, Ohio!

We also hope to see members at the Ohio-Penn Bowling Tournament on October 19 and 20 at the Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Washington, Pennsylvania! Have you submitted your bowling registration yet?

*Fraternally,  
Sis. Hunter Rae Yurkovich*



# LODGE HAPPENINGS

## Here We Go Again!

**Lodge Kruh Osvojenych Zen a Panu No. 121, Dillonvale, Ohio** – Greetings, CSA brothers and sisters! It's hard to believe, but another summer has once again come and gone. I'll keep it brief for this time since this teacher needs to get back to her classroom to prepare for the new school year.

We met at the Dockside Bar and Grill on Tappan Lake in July and at Giovanni's Restaurant in August. Our usual group was in attendance for both meetings, and we had the pleasure of the company of

our director, Terry Placek, along with his wife, Kathy, and mother, Jean in August.

Terry gave us some highlights of the Get-Together. We enjoyed hearing all about Nashville. Kathy also gave us added details about some of the food she enjoyed there - including alligator! We would like to congratulate the big winners at this year's GTG—especially our newly crowned Miss CSA, Delaney Schretter! We send our best wishes to Delaney as she begins her reign as our queen.

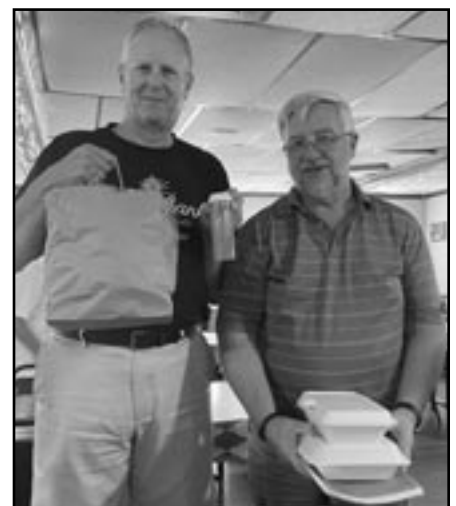
We were excited to hear that next year's GTG will be in Cleveland! That's about a two- and one-half hour road trip for us. We are hopeful that some of our members will be able to attend the event.

Our recent monetary donations included the Dillonvale Emergency Medical Squad and the Dillonvale Volunteer Fire Department. We gave medicine bottles and pop tabs to Brother Placek, which will be turned in at the Home Office. Gently used "Panther" apparel was donated to be given out to the newly hired employees at Buckeye Local High School. Clothing and household items were also sent to our local Salvation Army and Goodwill. We continue to volunteer hours at our local churches and transport each other to meetings as well as community and church activities.

Lodge No. 121 usually meets at 1:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month at various restaurants or the Dillonvale Presbyterian Church Social Hall. Please call Wendy Lovell at 740-769-7511 or Mariann Ebright at 740-733-8158 to verify details. CSA members and their guests are always welcome! We hope to see you at a future meeting.

In closing, we would like to wish our students and school staff members a great school year! Before we know it, we'll be on Christmas break! The years are going faster and faster friends. Remember to check on someone you love today.

*Fondly,  
Sister Wendy Kurtz Lovell*



# Scholarship Recipients



**Jacob Balitewicz**  
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann  
No. 077



**Trenton Berry**  
Lodge Svelto  
No. 277



**Jonah Albert Chailou**  
Lodge Groveton  
No. 004



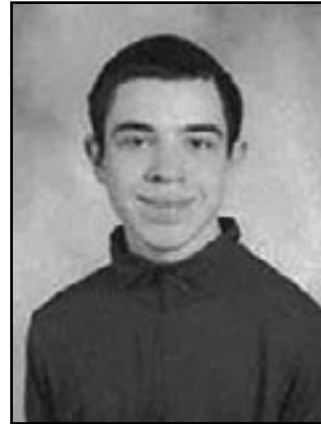
**Alexia Chevalier**  
Lodge Belmont  
No. 251



**Kendra Conley**  
Lodge Pingree  
No. 366



**Skylar Ebright**  
Lodge Kruh Osvojenych  
Zen A Panu No. 121



**Troy Graven**  
Lodge Yankee-Jungmann  
No. 077



**Jadalyn Hanson**  
Lodge DuPage Pioneers/  
Edison No. 409



**Elyse Kinscher**  
Lodge Cleveland Chapter  
No. 219



**Ian Nikolas Krasnodebski**  
Lodge Dupage Pioneers/  
Edison No. 409



**Katie Mauer**  
Lodge Nebraska  
No. 295



**Ellie Reasbeck**  
Lodge Belmont  
No. 251

# Scholarship Recipients



**Jack Schissel**  
Lodge Prokop Velky  
No. 137



**Brooklyn Souza**  
Lodge Brookfield  
No. 475



**Eva Tokar**  
Lodge Groveton  
No. 004



**Marina Wilson**  
Lodge Paramount/Southgate  
No. 372



**Victoria Yaklin**  
Lodge Central Star  
No. 411

# Kropik Scholarship Recipient



The Charles T. Kropik Scholarship was awarded to member **Jadalyn Hanson, Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409**. Jada is active in Business Professionals of America; the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; and Key Club. Her volunteerism with CSA includes placing flags at the cemetery for veterans on Memorial Day, serving breakfast at a fundraiser to help a fire station that was lost to a fire, and preparing lunch at a senior center.

Jada credits her grandmother as having the most significant influence throughout her life. She has demonstrated what it means to be a strong, hard-working woman and has achieved every career goal imaginable, all while taking care of her family.

Jada intends to attend the Idaho State University and pursue a degree in social work with a specialization in mental health and substance abuse.

# Scholarship Fund Report

June 10 - August 10, 2024

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

Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372  
Charles Courtney  
Lodge Brookfield No. 475

**IN MEMORY OF HELEN GAYDUSEK**

**IN MEMORY OF EDWARD AND LOUISE LISKA,  
LODGE CLEVELAND CHAPTER NO. 219**

Karen Liska Kapioltas

**IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

Lodge Paramount/Southgate No. 372

**IN MEMORY OF BRADFORD (BUNZIE) KURTZ  
OF LODGE NO. 121**

Aunt Mariann and Uncle Chuck Ebright and Family  
Jessie and Jim Peltz (Friends)

**Total Donations**

**\$865**

## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Catching Up

**Lodge Yankee-Jungmann No. 77, Lombard, Illinois** – Lodge Century of Progress/Bila Hora invited my sister Kathleen Riha and me to their meeting at P.J. Klems. Mary Ann Jimenez, our cousin, was in town from Puerto Rico



for a month. It was fun catching up with what is going on in her life. The lodge also treated us to lunch. Thank you, Lodge Century of Progress, for a great time.

Our lodge had its meeting at the McCook Bohemian Restaurant. Twelve members and six guests were present. Anne Calek gave a presentation on her visits to Prague and family ties to Tasov, a small Moravian village. She has made many visits to these places since 1987, while backpacking across Europe. How wonderful that she can trace her ancestry to a little village like Tasov. Some of her relatives have come to visit her here in the United States as well.

Also at our meeting, we had fun discussing what we were going to be doing over the summer and now it's already September. Summer flew by quick, however fall is my favorite season of the year.

Good news from Ronald McDonald House! Our lodge has contributed 74 more pounds of pop tabs going towards our second million of tabs. Thanks to all the people and lodges for your continued donations!

*Fraternally,  
Mary Ellen Janda*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Weekend of Fun and Fraternal Good Works

**Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, Lombard, Illinois** – Lodge President and Vice President Linda and Dale Burton and Fraternal Manager Kelly Deegan traveled to Nashville to join members from around the country for a weekend of fun, fraternal good works, and companionship at CSA's 87th Annual Get-Together. The Burtons enjoyed a wonderful showboat cruise on the General Jackson featuring the regional music of Tennessee, and later walked the famed streets of Broadway. Linda, Dale, and Kelly participated in the service project and Linda served as a judge in the Miss CSA Contest on Saturday night. (See photo.)

Congratulations to Delaney Schretter on her win, member Jada Hanson on receiving the Kropik Scholarship, and



Chuck Michalek on becoming Fraternalist of the Year. Thanks to outgoing Miss CSA Jessica Decker on the wonderful talk on Migration Similarities Between Animals and People. I'm sure all in attendance were surprised how people and animals can behave in similar ways.

We can't forget the contributions of Sis. Kelly Deegan for all her hard work and our inexhaustible *Journal* Editor, Cynthia Hall, for her wonderful photos and dedication.

*Fraternally,*  
Gerri Romanelli

## Good Ol' Summertime Falling Away

**Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377, Brookfield, Illinois** – Before autumn sets in, we're reflecting on the season that's just passing. Has yours been the "lazy, hazy days of summer?" Well, not so for some of our members!

Joan Cervenka took to the road again this year, biking The Heroes Ride for Highground. She, with a group of other riders, cycled 140 miles over three days to help in raising funds to support Highground Veterans Memorial Park. Joan has participated in this ride for

over 30 years, supporting the park, recognized as "Wisconsin's Vietnam Veteran Memorial." Our lodge is so proud to support her – and Highground – for a number of years already.

Chris Laukant has been working a lot of overtime with Big Sky Fire Department (Montana), including traveling to other locations in response to the numerous wildfires out west. As for all of our emergency and first responders, we keep them in our thoughts with wishes for their safety; you might guess

that I have a special reason for this! Kudos to Chris for the very important (and a bit scary, at least to his mom!) work you do. Stay safe!

Several lodge members traveled to Nashville for the Get-Together, participating in the service project and exploring the sights of the region. We hear they had great fun!

*Fraternally,*  
Jean Hemzácěk Laukant  
hemzacek.j@gmail.com



## *In Memoriam*

<b>Claim</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Age</b>
55700	Janosik, Martha	001	ST. LOUIS, MO	07/11/2024	92
55710	Linek, William H.	001	ST. LOUIS, MO	07/08/2024	95
55679	Boughman, Oliver R.	002	MASSILLON, OH	06/26/2024	87
55689	Phipps, Mary	013	CHILTON, WI	03/05/2024	84
55702	Richa, Shawn T.	030	ST. LOUIS, MO	02/28/2024	37
55703	Meyer, Rachel A.	030	ST. LOUIS, MO	02/28/2024	32
55704	Richa, Nancy J.	030	ST. LOUIS, MO	10/05/2023	95
55706	Richa, Nancy J.	030	IMPERIAL, MO	10/05/2023	95
55668	Zezulak, Robert F.	066	LYONS, IL	05/20/2024	78
55658	Kos, Richard J.	077	RIVERSIDE, IL	11/01/2021	79
55694	Kizskan, Zdenka L.	099	HOLTON, MI	02/27/2024	98
55660	Horesovsky, Robert R.	151	LAKE CITY, FL	06/17/2024	84
55701	Gillison, Anthony	155	BRONX, NY	06/24/2024	68
55656	Dibuono, Dominick	211	LITTLE FERRY, NJ	06/02/2024	97
55672	Vecchi, Mark A.	231	WHEELER, IN	06/15/2024	60
55712	Dill, Sandra L.	366	BROWN CITY, MI	06/07/2024	80
55662	Brady, Emily M.	372	TOLEDO, OH	10/07/2012	93
55664	Kilroy, John P.	372	AVON LAKE, OH	05/11/2024	71
55708	Raha Govern, Inge E.	374	OCKLAWAHA, FL	05/07/2024	92
55653	Showalter, Jeanette A.	377	PALM COAST, FL	12/02/2022	79
55666	Meissner, Darlene M.	378	LAS VEGAS, NV	09/21/2022	78
55707	Zeljeznjak, Peggy M.	378	VALPARAISO, IN	12/25/2023	70
55657	Nielsen, Larry C.	388	ANAMOSA, IA	03/14/2024	77
55690	Cotton, Rodney F.	388	DAVENPORT, IA	07/04/2024	68
55685	Rutherford, Lorelei S.	408	ST. LOUIS, MI	07/06/2024	85
55686	Dubay, Dorothy R.	411	HOWELL, MI	05/24/2024	96
55692	James, Julius W.	422	BRONX, NY	01/05/2021	71
55711	Sullin, William	422	MIAMI, FL	05/15/2024	84
55671	Gosnell, Donna R.	428	REISTERSTOWN, MD	07/14/2023	81
55687	Estes, Donald J.	429	N. BENNINGTON, VT	06/02/2024	89
55698	Green, Vera Mae	448	ROCHESTER, NY	07/15/2024	83
55655	Simmons, Mae J.	450	ROCHESTER, NY	12/07/2023	76
55659	Koncak, Mary S.	450	APEX, NC	06/09/2024	97
55713	Koplik, Joseph P.	450	ENDWELL, NY	05/31/2024	83
55680	Clinkscales, Shirley F.	452	BRIDGEPORT, CT	06/27/2024	64
55696	Hora, Randall J.	452	BRIDGEWATER, CT	05/14/2024	70
55678	Pesek, Robert	458	LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ	11/23/2019	76
55697	Critton, Beatrix M.	458	ROLLING HILLS ESTATE, CA	09/11/2023	82
55699	Zumer, Ernest	458	LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ	12/08/2023	87
55654	Rodgers, Dana	463	HOMOSASSA, FL	05/27/2024	78
55663	Kimplen, Paula S.	463	PORT CHARLOTTE, FL	05/26/2015	70
55684	Koncak, Mary S.	463	APEX, NC	06/09/2024	97
55695	Lebel, John P.	463	BOCA RATON, FL	07/11/2024	85
55675	Burns Sr., Clinton	469	NEWBURGH, NY	05/17/2024	83
55688	Montgomery, Bettie	475	STARKVILLE, MS	06/05/2024	80
55661	Simeral, Earl L.	479	N. HUNTINGDON, PA	10/19/2022	87
55669	Hayson, Brian E.	479	FINLEYVILLE, PA	06/26/2024	65
55676	Smith, Alvin B.	481	WEST ORANGE, NJ	05/14/2024	83
55677	Najera, Sandra J.	481	WEST ORANGE, NJ	05/14/2024	82
55665	Lovett, Joseph L.	484	PHILADELPHIA, PA	02/21/2024	86

## *In Memoriam*

**Helenka E. Gaydusek**, nee Prager, age 82 of Bolingbrook, formerly of Brookfield, passed away in August. She was the beloved wife of the late Jerome M. Gaydusek; fond mother of Karole (Phil Arnone) Gaydusek and James (Sandra) Gaydusek; step-grandmother of Jackie Hanson, Philip (Adrienne) Arnone III, and Ryan Arnone; Babi of Jadalyn Dawn Hanson, Giovanna Rae Arnone, Philip Joseph Arnone IV, and Leona Everett Arnone; sister in law of John (the late Eleanor) Gaydusek and Judy (Walter) Cudecki; aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Helen was a long time member of CSA for over 75 years, including

Secretary - Treasurer of CSA as well as an Officer to Lodge DuPage Pioneers/Edison No. 409, as well as an Officer to Cultural Division of District Council No. 12, and delegate of District Council No. 12.

She was a volunteer board member of Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery. Her dedication to this organization and her heritage was undeniable. Her willingness to help and consult, even from her hospital bed, showed how much she loved what she did. She was a mother figure to all who crossed her path.

Memorials appreciated to Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery, 5255 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago IL 60630-1701..



Sadly, **Lodge No. 409** members had to say goodbye to our wonderful sister, Helenka Gaydusek. To say the least, we are filled with grief and sadness on this incredible loss of our friend, our lodge member, and CSA sister. Helen was the heart of our lodge for so many years, keeping us on track for activities and events, pushing to make our lodge better, and being the “memory” we depended upon for her vast and decades-long membership and service to CSA. Helen always made time for our lodge and the Society.

She worked in the insurance end of CSA for many years, and later became an officer, Secretary/Treasurer, before she retired. Helen and her late husband, Jerry, brought their children into the Society, participated in the Cultural Division during its hay day, traveled with their children, Karole and Jim, who were CSA band members, and were



always there if chaperones or volunteers were needed. Their generous contributions to the Bohemian National Cemetery, whether monetary or maintenance of the Columbarium, cemetery grounds, or participation in tours and Mother’s Day events, will not be forgotten. Helen served as Secretary of Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery, our lodge as Treasurer, and Delegate of District Council No. 12. Helen’s contributions to the administration of the Quadrennial Conventions cannot be minimized. Due to her input and knowledge of events necessary to comply with the Society’s constitution and State regulations, CSA continues to thrive as a Fraternal Benefit Society.

Lodge No. 409 and CSA members

across the country have much to be thankful for that Helen served us so faithfully.

Dear Helenka, we will miss you so much!

*Fraternally,  
Gerri Romanelli*

Members of **Lodge Woodrow Wilson No. 377** all are thinking of our dear friend and CSA colleague, Helen Gaydusek, and remembering her with love. Over the years, she became part of our own personal CSA family, not only through her dedication, but more so through her friendship and caring for all of us. She will be so deeply missed.

*Fraternally,  
Jean Hemzacek Laukant*



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## In Memoriam



**Martha Janosik**, lifelong member of Lodge Missouri No. 1, passed away on July 11, 2024. She is predeceased by husband Miroslav Janosik and survived by children Mark (Debbie) Janosik, and Marla (Don) Breidenbach. She was a loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

Martha participated in all lodge and District Council activities throughout her lifetime. Many will remember the many celebrations where she sang the National Anthem solo with her beautiful voice. She was active for many years as a kolacky baker and dumpling maker for the American-Czech Education Center and was the last surviving member of the ACEC Quilters Club.

## LODGE HAPPENINGS

### Busy Start to the Summer



**Lodge Sokol Pilsen No. 434, Oak Brook, Illinois** – We met on May 19. On May 17, Michael Bultas graduated from pre-school. It was a nice event held at Foss School in Elmwood Park, Illinois.

On May 18, Diane Yochem, who is a member of Moose Lodge #2350 Lombard, Illinois' Woman's Division, participated in Bikes for Mooseheart. Diane prepared the meal that was sold to raise money for Mooseheart. Diane

served over 125 meals. After everyone ate, 80 bikes left for Mooseheart and Diane rode on the back of one. Diane said that approximately 800 bikes participated. They raised a good amount of money for Mooseheart.

May ended with Memorial Day at Bohemian National Cemetery. There was a rededication of the World War I and II flagpole, which was just restored thanks to Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery. Present at the dedication was an honor guard consisting of three military men. After the service at the flagpole, everyone went to the Columbarium where the regular Memorial Day program was conducted. The students from T.G. Masaryk Czech School led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and the recited poems pertaining to Memorial Day. The Czech Consul spoke and then all branches of the armed forces were acknowledged. It was a wonderful program.

On June 1, Lodge Sokol Pilsen No.

434 held a meeting Morreti's Restaurant in Rosemont, Illinois. After the meeting, we all celebrated our Vice President's grandson's graduation from high school. Mark was congratulated by all and wished well in attending the University of Illinois.

On June 9, President Andrew Bultas attended the Memorial to Lidice, the town in Bohemia that the Nazis destroyed - killing the majority of the men, women, and children of the town. The memorial was held in Crest Hill, Illinois, where a monument stands in remembrance and rose garden in honor of the town of Lidice is featured. Some alumni of T.G. Masaryk Czech School read poetry regarding the destruction of the town. Speeches were given by the Deputy Consul of Chicago, the President of the Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, an alderman, and the Mayor of Crest Hill. The Moravian Singers performed and the Vice President of T.G. Masaryk Czech School also spoke. This was a solemn affair, one that remembered the destruction of Lidice and the murder of their people.

All and all, the months of May and June were full of many activities.

*Fraternally,  
Andrew Bultas*



## LODGE HAPPENINGS

# Announcing Next Year's GTG in Cleveland!

**Lodge Cleveland Chapter No. 219, Cleveland, Ohio** – Our July meeting had 12 members attending. Elsy Kinscher received a \$2500 scholarship from the CSA Scholarship Fund. Congratulations, Elsy!

We received the application for the Bowling Tournament in October in Pennsylvania and it will be handed out to those interested. It is held at the Meadows Casino and Bowling Facility and is always a good time.

We also made two raffle baskets for events at the DTJ Facility.

We sent a check for the Get-Together in Nashville, for supplies for their Service Project. Our members assembled two large raffle baskets for the GTG. A big thank you to all our members who donated the baskets and the items that went in them.

We also sent a donation to the DTJ facility, as one of our charities.

We discussed our Pin Party that was held on June 22 at the DTJ facility. It was a lovely venue, air conditioned! Our 2023 Miss CSA, Jessica Decker, was present along with her family. Nick Kosmas, Secretary/ Treasurer from the Home Office, and his wife were also there. Two of our members received their pins, Karen Buzek and Sue Garofalo. It was a very nice day with

food, drinks, gifts, and a \$2 side board. Jan Russell provided a beautiful cake for the occasion. We discussed what to do for future Pin Parties. We may not have one every year since there was a low turnout this year.

Jan Russell's birthday was in June. At our meeting, we sang "Happy Birthday" to our July birthday members - Judy, Elmer, Joanie, and Carole. Our 50/50 raffle was won by Kathy and Judy.

We also had a fun-filled bus trip to the Rivers Casino on July 10, hosted by Lodge Paramount/Southgate. Thank you to Diane D., Mary Ann T., and Annette R. for all their hard work. President John K. and Julie, from the Home Office, went on the bus trip and attended our District meeting.

All of our "Thank a Driver" gift cards were handed out by Jan Russell, June Karecki, and Marsha Gorman. Thank you, ladies!

At our August meeting, Tony Genco, Karen Buzek, and Jan Russell (Judy Genco attended the GTG, but didn't attend the Chapter meeting) recounted their fun-filled weekend at the Annual Get-Together in Nashville. Highlights included our own Jessica Decker's (2023 Miss CSA) presentation comparing migration in animals and humans. That was very interesting. We all enjoyed the paddle boat ride on the General Jackson, complete with deli-

cious lunch and live entertainment. Visiting Broadway Street, working on the service project together, and, of course, the Annual Miss CSA Contest, were additional highlights.

We were also very excited to announce that next year's GTG will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, from August 1-3, 2025! Keychain reminders were distributed at the GTG and should be saved and brought to Ohio for a chance to win a prize! We will need lots of help from all our area lodges, so please volunteer.

Also at the August meeting, we assembled raffle baskets for upcoming events at DTJ - the Annual Clam Bake and Night at the Races. Thanks to Freddie for donating the supplies!

Additionally, in August, members brought in school supplies, clothing, paper products, food items, and other necessities, totaling nearly \$600, for Providence House, a crisis nursery that serves families in the Cleveland area.

Looking ahead to September, we are hosting a speaker from the Journey Center for Safety and Healing, which is an organization that supports those experiencing domestic violence, child abuse, and trauma in Cleveland, and one of our charitable organizations for 2024. Our brothers and sisters from local lodges have also been invited to participate, and pizza, salad, and dessert will be shared with all who attend our September meeting.

Happy August birthday wishes were sung to Marsha and Dolores Clark (not able to attend). Highlighting the meeting was the 50/50 raffle which was won by Carole and Marsha.

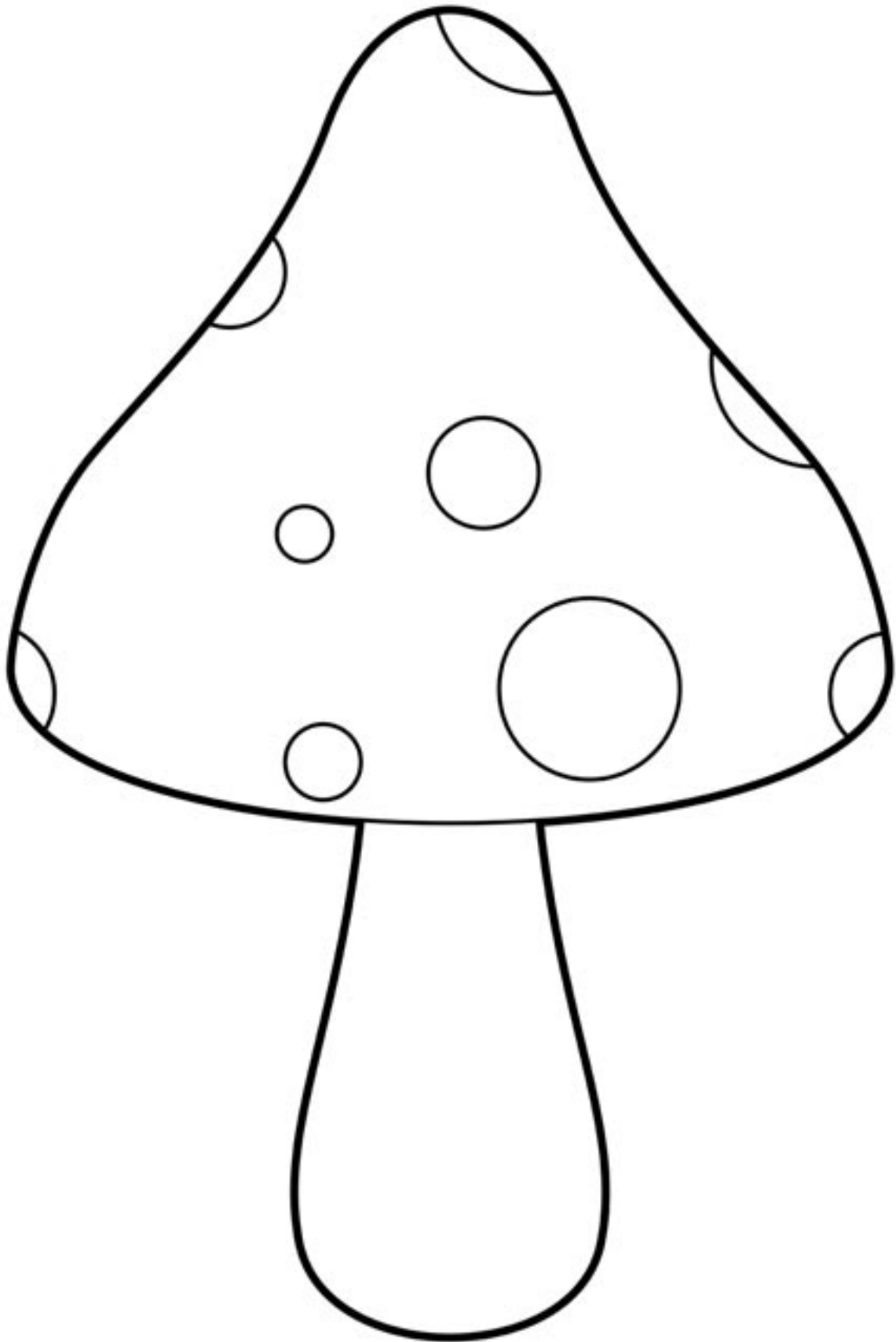
Enjoy what is left of summer and bring on the beautiful fall colors and weather to the CLE!

*Fraternally,  
Jan Russell*



**LODGE NO. 219 DIRECTORY UPDATE** - Meeting place Cuyahoga County Public Libraries (varies), Treasurer, Tony Genco; President, Freddie Shima. Call 216-287-3489 to verify the meeting place.





# Czech to English

Září.....September (Zá-ří)  
 87th setkání bylo minulý měsíc.....87th Get-Together  
 was last month (86th set-ká-ní by-lo min-u-lý mě-síc)  
 Léto skončilo.....summer is over (lé-to skon-či-lo)  
 Školní rok začal.....school year has begun  
 (škol-ní rok za-čal)

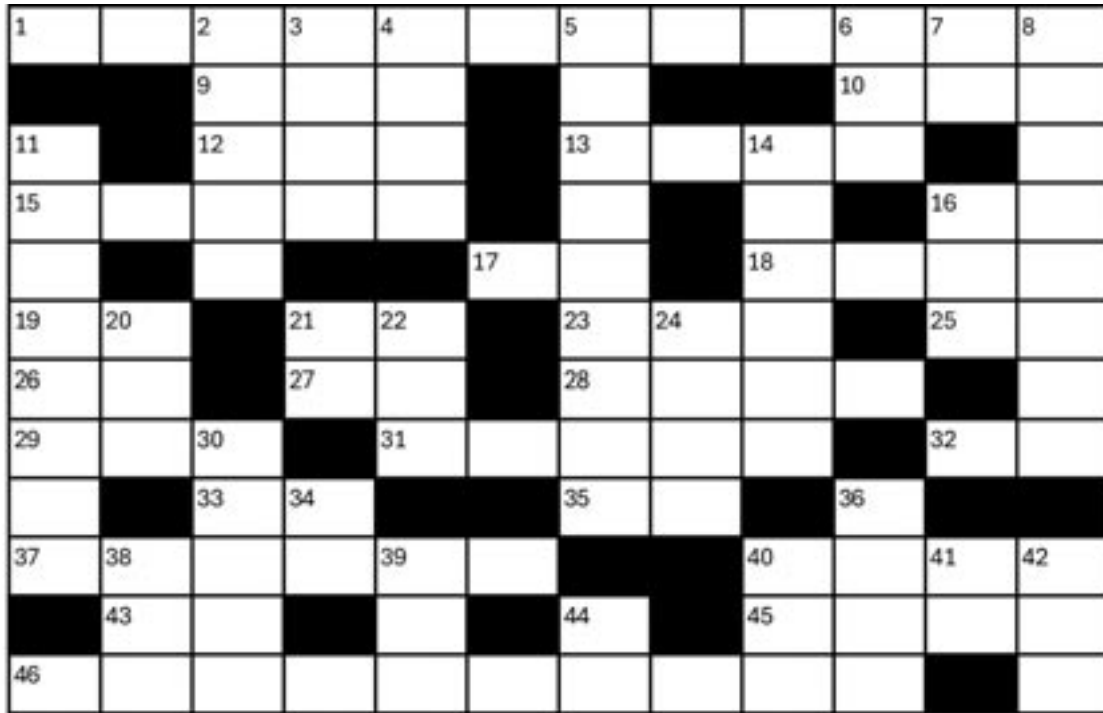
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Email to: CSAJournalEditor@gmail.com



## ACROSS

- 1 Annual student tradition this month
- 9 Where to see animals
- 10 A cry of surprise or discovery
- 12 A very long time period
- 13 Neither the present nor the future
- 15 Fortunate
- 16 A green light means \_\_
- 17 \_\_, him, his
- 18 A windswept, rugged landscape
- 19 A driver's lic. is a form of this
- 21 Montana (abbrev.)
- 23 She is celebrated in May
- 25 6 points in football (abbrev.)
- 26 Opposite of "yes"
- 27 Common battery size
- 28 Born and \_\_\_\_ in America
- 29 \_\_ wing and a prayer

## Across (continued)

- 31 Christmas is a time of good \_\_\_\_
- 32 Kentucky (abbrev.)
- 33 Texting abbrev. for "last name"
- 35 Q - T connector letters
- 37 A native of Bratislava
- 40 Musical group
- 43 Doctor request: Open your mouth and say " \_\_"
- 46 This publication

## DOWN

- 2 A native of Prague
- 3 Oddball
- 4 Award given for theater performance
- 5 The ninth month
- 6 A cereal grain
- 7 Ohio (abbrev.)

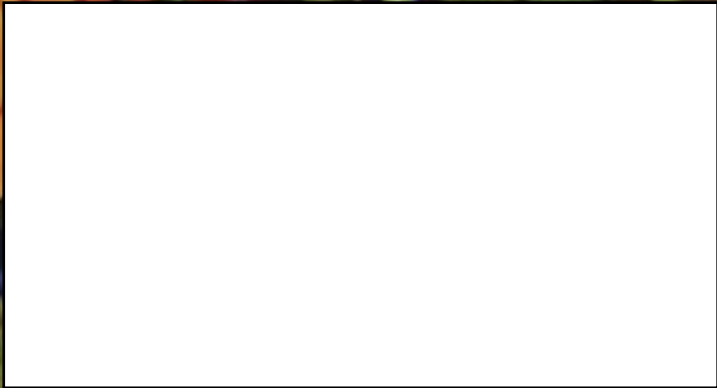
## Down (continued)

- 8 September holiday
- 11 Home state of CSA
- 14 Season that ends in September
- 16 Obtained
- 20 To wear, put on
- 21 Another name for 23 Across
- 22 Tic, \_\_, Toe
- 24 Mine products
- 30 Hawaiian greeting
- 34 Nevada (abbrev.)
- 36 Season that starts in September
- 38 \_\_ Vegas
- 39 In the past
- 40 Sheep sound
- 41 "On" spelled backward
- 42 Where a bear sleep
- 44 "Either" counterpart

Crossword puzzle created by:

**Brian Drozd  
 Lodge Yankee-Jungman  
 No. 77.**

See page 21 for answer key.



Miss National CSA  
Contest

