

PÁS Livens Up Kent

by Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

Fresh from its sparkling performances, the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PÁS) provided the featured entertainment at the Kent/Dudince Sister Cities' Association Anniversary Banquet on May 16, 2010. The venue was the Kent Elks' Lodge Hall in Kent, Ohio.

The event also included the music of the Johnny Pastirik Band featuring orchestra members Johnny Pastirik, Len Jacko and Ken Javor; and the vocal stylings of the Slovenské Mamičky (The Slovak Moms) of Greater Cleveland Vocal Ensemble featuring Milka Anderko, Maria Cvicela and Monica Smid.

The event commenced with a welcome from Rudy Bachna, the president of the Kent/Dudince Sister Cities' Association. The Sister Cities Treasurer W. Roak Zeller also served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, introducing speakers and honored guests such as the Mayor of Kent Gerry Fiala, Andrew Hudak, Director of the Slovak Institute, and FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec. Dinner and entertainment followed.

Rudy helped found the organization in 2003, in order to promote the learning and understanding of Slovak culture. The Sister Cities program organizes cultural exchanges and programs with Slovak music and dance. The choir from Kent's Theodore Roosevelt High School performed in Dudince in 2004 and groups from Kent visited Dudince in 2006 and 2008.

Dudince is a small town of about 1,500 residents in southern Slovakia, a region known for its mixed Slovak-Magyar population; census data listed 95% of its residents as Slovaks. In Hungarian (Magyar) it is known as Gyúgy, and in German, Dudintze. Dudince lies at the foothills of the Krupina Plain, in the Štiavnica River Valley.

Rudy noted that the town is straight north of Budapest, about 107 km (66.5 miles) from Budapest, the capital of Hungary. The closest Slovak city is Šahy, which is 15 miles to the south of Dudince, on the Hungarian border.

Here is a link to the town's official website, which features photos of its well know spa: <http://www.dudince-mesto.sk/>

The banquet and entertainment proved to be a great success and credit goes to Rudy Bachna and all who assisted him in organizing the event.

For more information about the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, visit the group's website at www.pasfolkensemble.com or contact them via regular mail at PÁS Folk Ensemble, 1254 Old Concord Road, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146. You may also call (412) 373-3873.



Music for listening and dancing pleasure was provided by the Johnny Pastirik Band featuring orchestra members (L – R) Len Jacko, Johnny Pastirik, and Ken Javor shown here with the Slovenské Mamičky.



The PÁS Folk Ensemble of Pittsburgh, PA provided an entertaining Slovak Cultural program



L – R, PÁS Performer-Milena Melanie Feighner, Mike Kopanic, FCSU National President Andrew M. Rajec, and Mrs. Rajec

FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Insurance Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we have been running a year-long presidential campaign from August 1, 2009 to the presidential banquet in August 2010.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every two (2) new insurance policies signed, the proposer would receive a certificate which would state that he/she has signed two (2) new insurance policies and the duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the Presidential Campaign. The drawing for \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Prize money will be paid when the insurance premium is paid. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each proposer can sign as many members as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each two (2) new insurance policies signed. Example: Two (2) insurance policies, one (1) certificate. Four (4) insurance policies, two (2) certificates.

Term as well as reserve policies are eligible for these grand prizes.

Our insurance products are very competitive. Let's get everybody involved in sales during this “Presidential Campaign”. Your Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership and Marketing Committee wishes you the best of luck in your endeavor to secure new membership.

First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Annuity Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we will also have the same prizes for annuity procurements as we are having for new membership.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's brought in during the period August 1, 2009 to the August 2010 convention, the recommender will receive a certificate which will state that he/she brought in \$10,000.00. The duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the presidential campaign. The drawing for the \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each annuity proposer can bring in as much money as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's. Example: Bring in \$10,000.00 one (1) certificate, bring in \$20,000.00 two (2) certificates, and bring in \$30,000.00 three (3) certificates.

So take this opportunity to earn some great prizes and get people to invest in our Annuity/IRA's. Remember... our high paying Annuity/IRA rates are second to none.

Good Luck and God Bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman