



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

I hope you all are enjoying the summer. The lazy, hazy days are nearing the end and it's time to update you on what we have done since our 25th anniversary celebration in May.

The summer board meetings were suspended so we could catch up administratively and begin working on the strategic plan that was approved by the Board of Directors in November 2018.

During the summer we have:

- Reviewed our By-Laws and recommended changes that will be discussed and voted on by the BOD in the fall of 2019.
- Conducted an online survey. A phone survey will also be conducted and a report of the results will be used as a tool to make improvements and to better serve our membership.
- Continued to renovate our Cultural and Educational Center. Hopefully, when you come to visit in the spring, you will see the progress we've made.
- We have begun indexing the John Schweich Collection and will be posting the list as we continue working on it.

Over the years, John began to witness the closure of many of the 600 Carpatho-Rusyn churches and the loss of their records and rich history. He set out to recover those histories and to preserve them. These chronicles, published by a largely anonymous corps of amateur historians, provide rare glimpses of the images and historical vignettes of early immigrant life. They can be discovered in parish anniversary books, yearbooks, calendars and icon holy cards.

Over a 30-year period, John accumulated a collection of histories that numbers more than 1,800 and is very likely the largest library of its kind. This immense and unique collection contains photographic and historical details now exclusive to the C-RS. John described his record compilation as an "overlooked genealogical resource," and encouraged C-RS members to help expand this resource.

Please join us on Saturday, October 12, 2019 for the 7th Annual Rusyn Genealogy and Conference at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. For more information please click on: [7th Annual Rusyn Genealogy & Heritage Conference & 10th Anniversary Celebration](#). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
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## Welcome Newest C-RS Members!

Welcome newest C-RS members. The following list of names reflects new members who have joined since August 15, 2019. Please review the list - you just might find someone you know.

Susan Barone, Allen TX  
Jo Ann Barsda, Baltimore MD  
Timoty Bunn, Marcellus NY  
Ryan Graudons, Greenville NY  
Clayton Kleevic, St Clairsville OH  
Desiree Komar McDonald, Glendale AZ

Gerald Kushmerick, Stamford CT  
Patricia Roberts, Clairton PA  
Patricia Rosen, Ossining NY  
Madelyn Spirnack, Washington DC  
Barbara Terris, Newton MA  
Judith Ann Zimomra, Sanibel Island FL

Again, we welcome these new members and look forward to a lasting relationship. We hope they become involved by bringing their talents and skills to the C-RS.

## C-RS Chapter Event Highlights

The Youngstown Chapter held its 7th annual Vatra on Saturday, September 7 in Boardman, Ohio.

Pictured from left to right are: Chapter Secretary Mike Vasilcheck, Chapter Food Chairman and C-RS National Vice President Bettianne Diles, Chapter President Jim Basista, C-RS National President Mary Ann Sivak and Chapter Vice President Robert Democko.



It was a great gathering of Rusyns in the Youngstown area with the best Rusnak food this side of the Atlantic. Dean Poloka and the group played traditional music all day. The day was capped with a bacon roast and bonfire. It was a simply fun day and great time for all our Rusyn members and friends!

## Save the Dates

### Tuesday, September 24, Richardson, TX

The Dallas Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society invites you to a "Meet & Greet" from 6 - 8 pm at La Madeleine Bakery and Cafe, 1320 W. Campbell Road, Richardson TX, 75080. Join us to talk "all things Carpatho-Rusyn", and make some new friends!



### Friday, October 11, Wilkes-Barre, PA

The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the C-RS will be sponsoring the free showing of the documentary film "The Resurrection of a Nation" from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at King's College Burke Auditorium, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.



This is a special free showing of the new documentary co-produced by Maria Sylvestri and John Righetti which tells the story of the Carpatho-Rusyns within the context of the 1989 Revolution and the emergence of the Carpatho-Rusyn movement. It is of importance to Czechs, Slovaks, and the broader public. The public is welcome. Lodging information for the weekend is provided in Saturday's conference description below.

### Saturday, October 12, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Join the Eastern PA Chapter for *The 7th Annual Rusyn Genealogy & Heritage Conference and Celebrating the Anniversary of 10 years of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society Eastern PA Chapter* from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 119 Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, 3rd floor, King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA 18711.



This thought provoking, day-long conference will feature noted presenters John Righetti, Tom and Kathryn Peters, and Bill Tarkulich. Opening comments will be made by Maryann Sivak. There will truly be something for everyone including presentations on genealogy, Rusyn artists, the battle of the Dukla Pass and personal stories of summer studies at the Studium in Slovakia. Also enjoy a European market, a basket raffle, Rusyn displays and music. Enjoy the day socializing and telling your Rusyn stories to those around you!

Parking: adjacent and in back of Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center building. For directions, visit: <https://www.kings.edu/aboutings/resources/directions>.

Lodging: Rooms have been reserved at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 77 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. To make a reservation please call the Front Desk at 570-823-6152 and ask for the King's College Rate (\$89.00) to make a pay-on-own reservation.

Rusyn conference guests will be able to keep their cars in the parking lot until the evening of check-out date.

Point of Contact: Sharon Jarrow, [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com), 610-759-2628.



### Sunday, October 13, Boardman, OH

The Youngstown-Warren-Sharon chapter in conjunction with Polish Youngstown are sponsoring a documentary file screening "The Gorals - Highlanders of Carpathia" with a reception following the screening at Boardman Movies 8, 469 Boardman Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH 44512. Film details can be found [here](#).

### Saturday, October 26, Munhall, PA

The C-RS will be participating in "Rollin' Around the 'Burgh with Nutz N'at at 10 am at our Cultural Center, 915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA 15120. This nut roll competition is hosted by "Our Roots" Program of the Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Inc., whose goal is to preserve and promote the cultural identities of our immigrant ancestors.



There will be two divisions: Junior - under 15 and Senior - 16 years to adult. Retail/dining establishments may not enter. Nuts are a MUST: walnuts, pecans, hazelnuts, almonds, etc. All food items must be homemade, fully baked and ready to serve.

For contest details and to register, visit the [Facebook event page](#). A \$5.00 non-refundable entry fee must accompany the completed entry form. Enter more than once with different nut roll recipes. Each entry requires a separate \$5 non-refundable fee and completed entry form. Checks must be made payable to Pittsburgh Folk Festival, Inc.

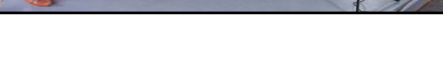
### Saturday, November 2, Plano, TX

Join the C-RS Dallas for "Texans Touring the Carpatho-Rusyn Homeland" from 2 - 4:30 pm at the Environmental Education Center, 116 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano, Texas 75093. Six members of our chapter (from all over Texas) will discuss their recent tour of Slovakia, Poland, and Ukraine. Come and see their photos of Rusyn landmarks, and of their personal ancestral villages! Free admission.



### Sunday, November 3, Little Falls, New Jersey

The New Jersey Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society cordially invites you to their Annual Heritage Celebration Dinner from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm at Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey. Dinner will be served at 1pm.



The John Mihalasky Award will be presented to Honoree Luba Czerhoniak Fedash. Luba was born in the Lemko village of Lishchyn, in the Carpathian Mountains in Poland. As a child, she experienced the horrors of the Nazi occupation of her homeland, followed by the forced resettlement policy of Operation Vistula (Akcja Wisla). She is the author of two books, Blossoms on a Rooftop and Those Fleeting Years.



Other highlights include "Kontakty," a musical duo featuring Joseph Juras and Maria Juras for your listening and dancing pleasure, historical/genealogical exhibits by Kathryn & Tom Peters, basket raffle, 50-50 and various delicious ethnic foods.



Directions: Route 46 to Route 23 S., left at third light (Bradford), Russian Hall on the corner of Bradford and Woodhull. Public transportation - Bus #195.

For additional information, please visit [c-rs.org/events](http://c-rs.org/events) or call Jim Huratiak at 267-421-3210.