



Welcome



Dear Friends,

Father's Day is a day honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

Happy Father's Day to all men who are working diligently to be good fathers, whether they are biological fathers, stepfathers or spiritual fathers. As Sigmund Freud said, "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." Or as Mark Twain humorously wrote, "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

Fathers are unsung heroes. Despite their relentlessly negative portrayal in today's media, where they are treated as buffoons, inherently evil, or irrelevant, most fathers set an example of how to tackle the problems in our lives and provide strength for the whole family. Father's Day is an excellent time to show them that they are indeed special.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President
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2018 National Board Election Update

To all C-RS members, this is to inform you that the 2018 election of board members for the 2019-2021 term scheduled for the October-November timeframe (exact date to be determined) balloting will be done online by email for a majority of the membership.

Members with an email address will receive an email containing voting instructions and a link to an online ballot. Instruction will walk them through opening the ballot by clicking on the embedded link, voting for the candidates of their choice and when done submitting their vote by clicking on the submit button. This will complete voting and the process is simple and straight forward.

For the minority of members who do not have email, they will still receive a paper ballot as in the past. Note: All votes will remain confidential.

Yours in Rusyn Unity
 The Election Committee

The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship

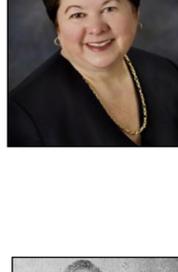
The deadline for submission of an application for the Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship has been extended to July 30, 2018.

The scholarship will be offered once again to an outstanding Rusyn student attending Penn State College. Through the generosity of Dr. Paula Donson in memory of her grandmother, Anna Donson, this scholarship is possible. The recipient of the first scholarship last year was Madelyn Charnego, whose qualifications were outstanding. The purpose of this \$1000 scholarship is to recognize and provide financial assistance to an outstanding student attending The Pennsylvania State University as a candidate for a degree in the College of Education or any of the Colleges of Science or Engineering. Students can attend any of the Branch Campus locations or designated sites that offer courses for credit at Pennsylvania State University or its World Campus.

The aim of the scholarship is to assist students from the Carpatho-Rusyn community who are affiliated with the Carpatho-Rusyn Society or who have family members in the C-RS. The scholarship wishes to encourage the excellent contributions that our people can make to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and beyond. The scholarship also intends to accelerate the advancement of our young Carpatho-Rusyn population, expand the development of our Carpatho-Rusyn citizens through higher education, and bring new levels of learning to our community and our people.

Members of the committee awaiting applications are Dr. Paula Donson, Margaret Garmon, Pamela Hemzik, Sarah Latanyshyn, Paul Lohin, and Sharon Jarrow. Each application will be carefully reviewed and \$1000 awarded to the recipient.

For further information, please contact Sharon Jarrow at shangp@rcn.com or by calling 610-759-2628. The scholarship application and criteria are available online at the Carpatho-Rusyn Society membership website.



C-RS Chapter Event Highlights

Pittsburgh Chapter

On Sunday, June 10, C-RS President Emeritus John Righetti presented "Being Carpatho-Rusyn - It's Complicated" at the National Cultural Center. John helped the group untangle the web that is Carpatho-Rusyn history and explained why our people have so many names, faiths and stories. And yet, they became one of the three founding peoples of Czechoslovakia exactly 100 years ago.

A few topics that John covered were the origins of the Rusyn people dating back to the 7th and 8th centuries, the adaptability of Rusyn people to our various rulers, migration to the Lemko Region with the resulting ethnographic divisions, and Rusyn immigration to the United States including their assimilation into American culture.

John's well-attended presentation served as a trial run for the C-RS' new videoconferencing capabilities. Members will now be able to remotely participate in upcoming presentations at the Cultural Center!



C-RS Southeastern Branch

May brought C-RS members together in Savannah, Georgia. We learned about our Rusyn identity and had a great time sharing stories. Thanks to our Rusyn friends, Greg and Gary Butch, restaurant owners of Elizabeth on 37th for accommodating us in their lovely circa 1900 southern mansion for a gathering. If there is a group of five or more in the southeastern states who would like to get together to meet, learn and socialize, contact Bonnie at bb@c-rs.org.



Editor Position Available for New Rusyn Times

The term of the current New Rusyn Times editor will expire on December 31, 2018. Since, due to other obligations he cannot continue in the position, we are searching for a successor. Ideally those interested in becoming editor should have a good command of written English. They should also be familiar with Microsoft Word and Adobe Photoshop or another photo manipulation software and have access to a scanner.

For additional information, applicants can contact Maryann Sivak at pres@c-rs.org or Jon Coulter at editor@c-rs.org.

C-RS Washington DC Area Seeking Chapter Leaders

The C-RS National Capital Chapter (Greater Washington DC area) is looking for members interested in serving on their Board beginning this Fall. Please contact Christy Slifkey at: christy.slifkey@gmail.com or 703.968.8192.

Save the Dates

Saturday, June 16, Youngstown, OH

"Simply Slavic", the festival created specifically to celebrate Youngstown's Slavic community will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2017 from Noon to Midnight on Federal Plaza East in Downtown Youngstown. The C-RS Youngstown/Warren/Sharon will be participating with a food booth featuring the best Rusyn food this side of the Atlantic. The event will include live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, workshops, and ethnic vendors. A full day of entertainment and education is planned. Admission is \$4.00. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.simplyslavic.org/>.



Sunday, June 24, 2018, Parma, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents "The Differences and Similarities Between Rusyns and Slovaks" from 2-4 pm at the Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH.

John Righetti, President Emeritus and one of the founding members of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will give an informative and lively presentation about these two wonderful cultures. Do you have any questions about your ethnicity? Has intermarriage clouded knowing the true source of your origins? John is very knowledgeable about all things Rusyn and will answer any questions you might have. Light refreshments will be served. Free to all - bring a friend or two. Perhaps they only thought they were Slovak!



Thursday, July 12, Parma, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents "Persecutions Suffered by Rusyns in Slovakia During and After World War II" from 6-8:45pm at the Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH.

Father Peter Borza, a member of the Faculty of Arts at Pavol-Jozef Safarik University in Kosice will share his knowledge of Soviet oppression during and after World War II in Slovakia. He is especially knowledgeable about the three Greek Catholic Bishops - Gojdich, Hopko and Romzha. Father Borza has letters written by Bishop Gojdich while in prison and is hoping to have them published. Bishop Gojdich is listed in Yad Vashem, the memorial to Jews and gentiles who died in the Holocaust. Come to hear these interesting events as recounted by Father Borza.



Saturday, October 13, Wilkes Barre, PA

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 6th Annual Genealogy and Heritage Conference presented by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter at King's College, 133 North River St, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Watch for details. Questions? Contact Sharon Jarrow at shangp@rcn.com or 610-759-2628.



October 26-28, Cleveland, OH

The Cleveland chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society is joining in with various Czech and Slovak cultural and fraternal groups such as Ceska Sin Sokol, Cleveland Bratislava Sister Cities, and Sokol Greater Cleveland to celebrate the founding of the country of Czechoslovakia in 1918. On Saturday there will be a free open house from 11 am to 5pm with various displays, children's activities such as a mushroom hunt, puppet shows, folk dance performances and children's dance lessons. Luncheon foods will be for sale. There will be a wreath in the Czech, Rusyn and Slovak cultural gardens on Sunday followed by a banquet at 3 pm. Ticket information about reserving a meal will be forthcoming. Come bring your family and expose them to some Eastern European culture this weekend. All activities will take place at the Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio except for the wreath laying in the gardens.



For more information and the schedule, call (440) 725-8676 or (440) 331-3856.

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