



Welcome



Dear Friends,

Election of the C-RS Board of Directors took place in September and voting officially closed as of September 29, 2018. We will announce the incoming Board of Directors at the C-RS Annual Meeting on October 21, 2018. The new officers will assume their duties in January 2019. Thank you to all who voted!

I believe that everyone should vote because everyone has an opinion. In America, we value our ability to choose our office holders and level in the fact that we have a say as to what goes on in both the political world and organizations such as ours. Voting is a very important right in our society and I hope everyone uses these opportunities to make a difference.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Center, 915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA 15120. This year's annual meeting will also be conducted via webinar, so if you are not able to attend in person, please join us remotely! Instructions on how to join via webinar will be provided prior to the meeting.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President
president@c-rs.org

Annual Membership Meeting - Save the Date!

Our Annual National Membership Meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 21st at 1pm** at the Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural and Educational Center, 915 Dickson St, Munhall, PA 15120. Please join us!

C-RS Online Store - Status Update

Contributed by Tom Brenzovich

Back in July it was announced that the Carpatho-Rusyn Society has begun implementing its online store. Initial efforts were under way to begin setting up available items. Books were the first to be added to the store; however due to circumstances beyond our control, progress with the online store has been temporarily placed on hold.

There is a need for assistance from some member(s) in the Pittsburgh area who could help with taking digital photos of items and providing a description of those items to be posted to the online store website page. Anyone who believes they can assist please contact President Maryann at pres@c-rs.org.

Yours in Rusyn Unity,
 The Election Committee

New C-RS Online Payment Processing - Coming Soon

Contributed by Tom Brenzovich

The anticipated implementation of the WA Payment system in August was postponed due to the implementation of the new C-RS website and the election of the new Board of Directors. Efforts are now underway to implement the new pay system in October.

Just a short reminder - on 1 May 2018, the Wild Apricot Development Team launched its own version of an online payment processing feature, eliminating the need for a third party to conduct financial transactions. On 16 June 2018, the Board of Directors approved the go ahead to move forward with the implementation of the new Wild Apricot online payment feature. This notice is the first of a series of information notices to introduce the C-RS membership to the new online payment feature.

Advantages for switching to the Wild Apricot Payments feature include:

- No monthly fees charged to the C-RS
- Transaction processing fees are the same as PayPal
- Payments are transferred to a designated bank account (in this case the C-RS account) within 48 hours
- Members are not directed to another site to process their transactions, or required to log on to another site such as PayPal
- No need for members to have a third-party account (i.e. PayPal) to conduct C-RS financial transactions
- Provides a one-stop totally integrated support system for all Wild Apricot modules/features that requires a financial transaction.
- When a member clicks on the Pay online button when applying for membership, renewing membership, registering for an event, donating, or making an online store purchase, a Wild Apricot payment form page will be displayed. The form will reflect the standard credit card billing and payment information details. This will be no different than using a credit card to make any online purchase; i.e. Amazon, eBay, JC Penny, etc.

All major cards are available for use with the payment system. After the payment is processed, the member is returned to the invoice and payment tab on their member profile where an invoice will appear, along with a payment entry, and whether the payment was successful or not. For security reasons, credit card information is not stored in Wild Apricot.

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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 Chapter Event Highlights

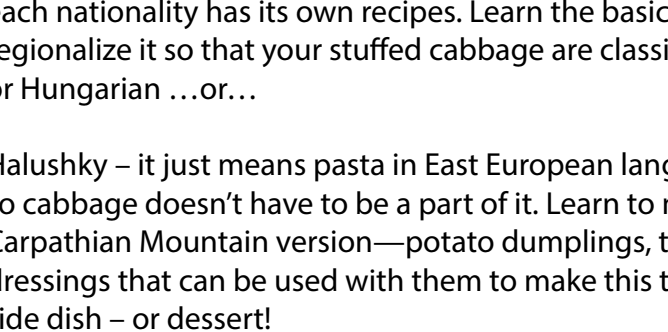
Eastern PA Chapter Hosts 6th Annual Rusyn Genealogy & Heritage Conference

The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho Rusyn Society held its 6th annual heritage and cultural conference on October 13, 2018, at Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Over 100 attendees listened to three well-known speakers about our Rusyn heritage, folklore and dance.

John Righetti, internationally acclaimed for his involvement with and promotion of Carpatho-Rusyns continues to educate audiences about their ethnicity. He is the North American representative to the World Council of Rusyns. We need to understand how Rusyns have been influenced by culture, religion and language to differentiate us from being Slovak, Ukrainian or Russian. More Rusyns are knowledgeable about their identity than ever before.

Dr. Elena Boudovskaia is a professor at Georgetown University in the Slavic Languages Department since 2011. Her research into Slavic folklore led our attendees on a virtual mini tour of the beautiful scenery in Slovakia and Ukraine and provided a glimpse into the daily life of the people who still work tirelessly to survive in the smaller villages. She also explained how folklore which has been handed down through the generations impacts their decisions to survive. (They still believe in witches affecting cow's milk and performing certain rituals to keep thunderstorms away.)

Dean Poloka gave an extensive talk on how dance and music culturally affects the Rusyns. Dean hosts the Carpatho-Rusyn Society Heritage Radio Program (WPIT AM 73 and FM 96.5 from Pittsburgh, PA every Sunday at 2:30 pm) and was involved with the Slavjane Folk Ensemble since 1976 as student, instructor, Assistant Director and finally as Program Director until his retirement this past summer. Dean explained how Rusyn events such as weddings, birthdays, funerals and baptisms are expressed through dance. Therefore, young children grow up learning the dances of their villages, which were influenced by their peasant lifestyle, military enticement to learn "war steps," or from workers laboring in the Hungarian Plains. Men, women and children each had distinctive dance formations and unique steps. Even the Bohemian polka found its way into Rusyn villages in the 19th century.



Seeking Chapter Leadership

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, October 20, Ambridge, PA

Known for reviving and preserving those cherished recipes of the old world, Ambridge resident John Righetti will hold a series of classes to teach how to make some of our region's ethnic favorites. Then you can make them for parties, family dinners and gatherings with friends. You will learn how easy these time-honored recipes are to make and the regional variations on each so you can use the same basic recipe with very different tastes.

Classes are on Saturdays from 10 am-12 p.m. at the Visitor's Center kitchen and Classroom or at the Lenz House, Old Economy Village, Ambridge PA. Each class is \$35 and includes all your food supplies. Take home what you make!

Subscribe to the whole series and save. Sign up now for all 3 classes and pay only \$90. A savings of \$15!

Class 1 Sat. Oct. 20 Polenta

Polenta—Europe's other Pasta, classic to Northern Italy. But did you know there are polenta recipes from Croations, Romanians and imported Carpatho-Rusyns? Come learn how to use this versatile corn meal to make dishes that include tasty sides and main entrees. We will learn two north Italian recipes, then some eastern European versions -- with imported sheep's cheese!

Class 2 Sat. Nov. 17 Soup's On!

Just in time for winter. Hearty European soups you can make from scratch. Let's start with creamy potato/bean/sour cream soup, then Carpatho-Rusyn pumpkin soup (nothing like what you expect!) then the vegan Italian Tuscan soup. All 3 soups are meatless.

Class 3 Sat. Jan. 26 Stuffed cabbage and halushky

These two classic east European dishes, —learn them both! Whether you call them halushky, sarma, golabki or toltott kapusta, stuffed cabbage are easier to make than you think -- and each nationality has its own recipes. Learn the basics and how to regionalize it so that your stuffed cabbage are classically Polish... or Hungarian ...or...

Halushky -- it just means pasta in East European languages so cabbage doesn't have to be a part of it. Learn to make the Carpathian Mountain version—potato dumplings, then 4 dressings that can be used with them to make this the ultimate side dish -- or dessert!

To register, contact John Righetti at 412 518 7149 or rusedynone@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 20, Lakeland, FL

The C-RS Florida Branch will be hosting a "mini-branch" event from 1-3 pm at Hope Community Church, 5921 US Hwy 98 North, Lakeland. Come together with other Carpatho-Rusyns near the Tampa area in Florida. We will meet, greet, and learn more about our culture.

Guests are welcome, light refreshments will be served. Event is free; snack donations are welcome.

Other Florida "mini-branch" events are in Leesburg, Nokomis, Boca Raton & Gainesville in November and December. These locations will be announced as the date gets closer. At the first meeting, all mini-branches will be viewing the DVD "The soul of the Carpathians" about Carpathian Rusyns' short history created by the Association of Rusyn Intelligencia in Slovakia.

For more information about the Lakeland event, please contact Denise Plichta at dtplichta@verizon.net or call 813 841-3915

Sunday, October 21, Munhall, PA

C-RS Annual National Meeting, 1 pm at the Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural and Educational Center, 915 Dickson St, Munhall, PA 15120. Please mark your calendars!

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.

Saturday, November 3, Plano, TX

The C-RS Dallas chapter presents "2018 Dallas Slavic Heritage Luncheon" from 1-4pm at Cru Restaurant & Wine Bar, 7201 Bishop Road/The Shops at Legacy, Plano, Texas 75024. A delicious lunch of buffet stations will be served to attendees.

Special Guests include representatives of Dallas area Rusyn, Czech, Ukrainian, Slovak, and Russian cultural organizations. Professor Paul Robert Magocsi will be the keynote speaker and the Ukrainian Chair at the University of Toronto will discuss the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Czechoslovakia. Performances by The Czech Folk and by Jagoda Polish Dancers will round out the afternoon.

Ticketholders to the Luncheon are invited to a V.I.P. Morning Coffee and Book Signing with Professor Magocsi from 10:30-noon at the Environmental Education Center, 4116 W. Plano Parkway, Plano Texas 75093. Rusyn ethnicity will be the topic at this pre-event festivity.

Sunday, November 4, Little Falls, NJ

The New Jersey chapter cordially invites you to their Annual Heritage Celebration Dinner and presentation of the John Mihalasky Award to honoree Professor Paul Best. The event will take place from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, NJ and will include ethnic food and entertainment, a historical and genealogical exhibit by Kathryn and Tom Peters and a basket raffle. For more information and to register online, click here or contact Jim Huratiak at 267.421.3210.

Saturday, November 10, Palos Hills, IL

The C-RS Lake Michigan Chapter presents "Our Flag Still Waves" at 2 pm at St. Luke Orthodox Church Hall, 10800 So. Kean Avenue, Palos Hills, Illinois. The program highlights the role of Sgt Michael Strank, USMC, a Carpatho-Rusyn who took part in raising the flag atop Mt Suribachi on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.

RSVP to sbc708-895-3074 kencuprisin@gmail.com or Arlene-gardiner@scglobal.net.

Sunday, November 11, Cleveland, OH

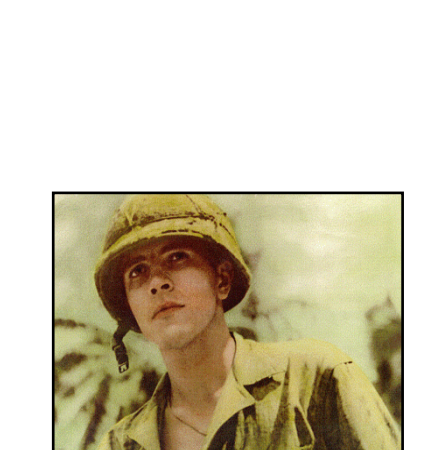
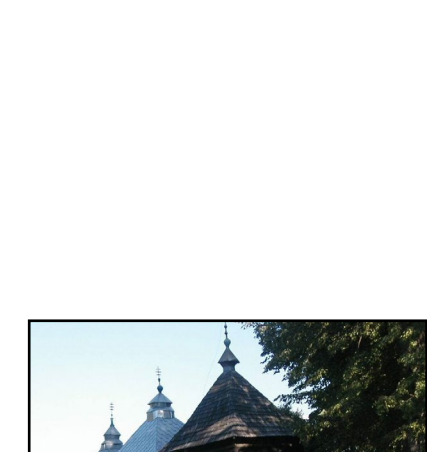
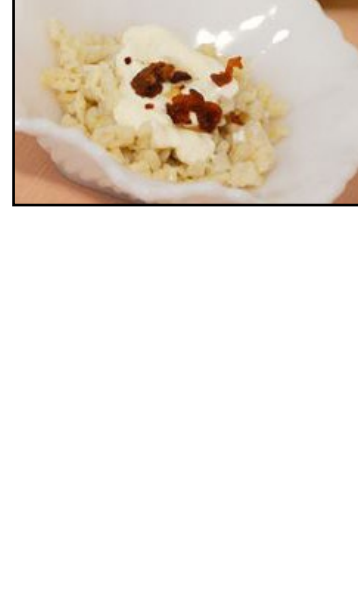
The Cleveland branch presents "Our Flag Still Waves" video on Veteran's Day from 2-4 pm at the Parma-Stow Library, 2121 Snow Rd, Parma, OH.

Michael Strank, of Rusyn descent, was one of the Marines who helped raise the second flag on Iwo Jima. This event is immortalized with an iconic statue in Arlington Cemetery. This DVD is about the life and times of Michael Strank and includes interviews with his sister and classmates. It is narrated by former PA Governor Tom Ridge, also a Rusyn. This will be our opportunity to honor our ancestors who served in the military defending our freedom. We will also have a World War II veteran as our guest who will give insight into this dangerous time. He will answer questions that you may have.

Refreshments will be served. FREE. Call (440) 331-3856 for more information.

Sunday, November 25, Bethlehem, PA

The Eastern PA chapter will once again participate in the City of Bethlehem's "Ethnic Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony" by decorating a Rusyn tree. Check back for the location and additional information.



News contributions are welcome!
 Please submit your content to am@c-rs.org.

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The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS) is a national 501(C)(3) organization founded in Pittsburgh, PA in 1994. As stated in our mission statement, the C-RS is dedicated to manifesting Carpatho-Rusyn culture in the United States and supporting Rusyn culture in the homeland in east central Europe. Information about joining C-RS and a membership application may be obtained on the C-RS membership website at <https://carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org/>