



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

The wait is over! I am proud to announce that our new, state-of-the-art website is up and running.

We now have one clean and easy to navigate site for both membership and general information about our people and culture. The site gives our organization a fresh and modern look and is accessible and user friendly on any device or screen size.

A few of the features of the new site include:

- One site rather than two separate sites for easy access and less confusion (You can access the website at both [C-RS.org](http://C-RS.org) and [carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org](http://carpathorusynsociety.wildapricot.org))
- Easy navigation to find the information you are looking for
- More colors, photos and videos
- Interactive forums and event calendar
- Online store which will be available soon
- More calls to action to attract new members to our organization
- If you haven't visited the new site yet, please do! We hope you enjoy the new look and welcome your feedback.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
[president@c-rs.org](mailto: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!

## National Election of Officers - Nominations Closed

*Contributed by Tom Brenzovich*

September 8th has come and gone, and the nomination process has officially closed. On behalf of the elections committee, we want to thank those who took the time to submit a nomination(s). Your efforts and concern for the future of the C-RS are greatly appreciated.

The ballot phase for the election is now in motion. Once the ballot is finalized, members with email addresses will receive their ballots electronically by email. Members without an email address will receive a paper ballot by postal mail. Both methods will include instructions on how to cast your ballot. It is anticipated that ballots will go out sometime after 15 September. The window for casting your vote and returning the ballot will be approximately a week (7 days); exact time to be determined. It is the goal of the committee to have all ballots tallied and the new board announced at the C-RS annual meeting on 21 October. A final report will be made and shared with the membership.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT. GOOD STANDING MEANS CURRENT WITH MEMBERSHIP DUES. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS LAPSED, NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW. YOU CAN CHECK YOUR STATUS BY LOGGING ON TO THE C-RS MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM.**

Yours in Rusyn Unity,  
The Election Committee

## Chapter Event Highlights

### Members Meet with Dr. Richard Crepage, Honorary Consul Designee for Slovakia

On September 10, 2018 members from the Cleveland and Youngstown-Warren chapters as well as National met with Dr. Richard Crepage, the designated Honorary Consul for Slovakia, who will be installed later this fall. The meeting was arranged by Laurel Tombazzi, the Chairperson of the Eastern European Congress of Ohio as well as a C-RS member. Although his future position will deal primarily with business and economics between the two countries, Dr. Crepage will also deal with cultural matters. Members gave Dr. Crepage a "crash" course on "Who are the Rusyns?" and "What is the Carpatho-Rusyn Society?" Members invited him to future chapter events and presented him with Rusyn items such as the village map, Rusyn sweatshirt and assorted literature. Dr. Crepage was surprised by the enthusiasm and friendliness shown and promised to read materials given to him.

Members attending were Jim Basista and Mike Vasilchek from Youngstown-Warren, Bettianne Diles from National, and Marcia Benko and Karen Bodner from the Cleveland chapter.



## 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](mailto:pres@c-rs.org) or Jon Coulter at [editor@c-rs.org](mailto:editor@c-rs.org).

## 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](mailto:christy.slifkey@gmail.com) or 703.968.8192.

## Save the Dates

### Saturday, September 15, Norcross, GA

The C-RS Southeastern branch will be participating in the "Gateway International Food and Music Festival", Lillian Webb Park, 5 College St NW, Norcross, Georgia from 3pm - 7pm.

This festival will feature a variety of outstanding performers and will showcase the area's cultural heritage through food, dance and music.

The Georgia Branch will be participating and sharing our Rusyn culture with samplings of ethnic food, a craft for the children and handouts. The Carpatho-Rusyns are the only East Slavic culture in this very large international festival! The organizers were very excited to have our culture participate!! Performances are from 3:00-6:00.

Stop by to say "hi y'all" and invite any friends and relatives who live near Norcross, GA. Contact Bonnie at [bb@c-rs.org](mailto:bb@c-rs.org) for more information.

### Saturday, September 15, Boardman, OH

The Youngstown chapter invites all members to join for a good time at our annual Vatra beginning at noon at Infant of Prague Church Grounds, 7754 South Ave, Boardman, Ohio 44512. We are in a great location from both the east and west, easy access from the Ohio turnpike and less than a mile from a number of national motels. We suggest renting a van and making the trip with six or seven members to spend a day with your fellow Rusyns.

We will have the best Rusyn foods this side of the Atlantic made by our own members. There will be Rusyn music all day and live. We warmly welcome all of the east coast and midwest chapters to come as it is very doable!

Please note the date will be September 15, 2018. There have been three different dates published but do to issues out our control changes had to be made. This the final date and we begin at noon.

### Sunday, September 16, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter will be participating in One World Day at Cleveland Cultural Gardens on East Blvd and MLK from 11 am - 6 pm. We have participated in this event for the past several years and it is a fun day for all ages. Last year we had 5 marchers in the Parade of Flags. Can we make it more this year? Back in the day when the Rusyn Elite Society marched there was a multitude, and that is our goal.

Many of the gardens participate in the Passport program and have prepared ways to educate attendees about the culture they represent. We will have our map of Carpatho-Rusyn villages and boards with answers to questions the children draw from a jar.

In addition to the Parade of Flags there is a naturalization ceremony for those who have completed the process of becoming a US citizen and food booths with ethnic fare. All in all a great day for learning and enjoying. We will need help to man our booth. Can you help? On the job training provided. Parking is available in the lot at the I90 - MLK exit or at the Veteran's Hospital with shuttle buses to the garden.

### Sunday, September 30, Charlotte, NC

The C-RS Southeastern branch will be hosting a special guest luncheon from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Cantina 1511 Restaurant, 770 Rea Road, Charlotte, NC (Off 485) the northeast end of Stoncrest Shopping Center.

Come meet our special guest, Magda Braun. Magda is currently a South Carolina resident who lived in Prešov after the war years from 1948 thru 1965. Magda will share her experiences as a young Jewish girl living in Prešov during these years with memories and photos. Come broaden your horizons and learn about another culture that lived among Carpatho-Rusyns and the difficulties they all experienced.

Reservations are a must! Seating is limited! Please respond by September 23rd to Bonnie at 440.729.2045.

### Saturday, October 6, Wayne, NJ

C-RS New Jersey chapter will host a presentation by Patricia Papawick Berino about her book "George Papawick: How One Man Changed Manville" at 1:30pm at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470.

Pat will describe her family's Carpatho-Rusyn story from their journey to America to her father becoming the Mayor of Manville, NJ. Her book was chosen by the Somerset County (NJ) Cultural & Heritage Commission for an award for Preservation of History by a publication. It was also accepted by the U.S. Library of Congress, the NJ State Library, the Rutgers Alexander Library, and several local libraries.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For further information about the program, please send an e-mail to [crsnewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:crsnewjersey@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Bogнар at (201) 891-4151.

Directions: Take Route 46 to the Riverview Drive exit in the direction of Wayne. Continue on Riverview Drive past the traffic light at Valley Road. Riverview Drive becomes French Hill Rd. Proceed 0.6 mi. to the Church. Turn left into the Church parking lot.

Public Transportation - The Church is served by NJT bus route 197.

### Saturday, October 13, Wilkes Barre, PA

C-RS Eastern PA proudly presents the sixth annual "Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference - In the Steps of Your Rusyn Roots." Come join us from 9am-4pm at King's Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The program includes the following presenters: John Righetti - Carpatho-Rusyns-Where we've been, where we are, where we're going"; Dr. Elena Boudovskaia, "Life in the Olden Times"; and Dean Poloka, "Carpatho-Rusyn Music, Song and Dance Explained."

You are welcome to bring documents for interpretation. Cost of the conference is \$45.00 which includes a breakfast buffet, lunch, and snacks. Merchandise will be available for purchase as well as a basket raffle. This event is sponsored by the Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society.

Please RSVP by October 5th to Sharon Jarrow ([shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com) - call 610-759-2628) or mail check made to C-RS Eastern PA to Sharon Jarrow, 599 Fehr Rd., Nazareth, PA 18064. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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 5 pm with various displays, children's activities such as a mushroom hunt, puppet shows, folk dance performances and children's dance lessons. Foods will be for sale. There will be a wreath laying 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.

### 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 American 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.

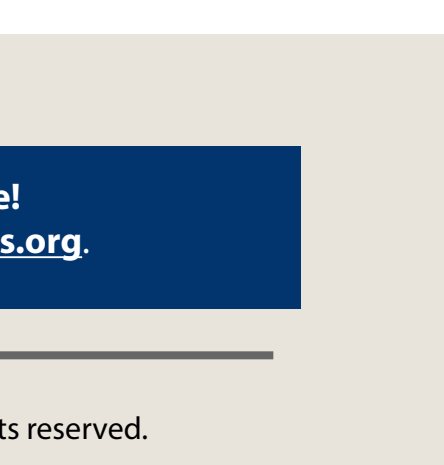
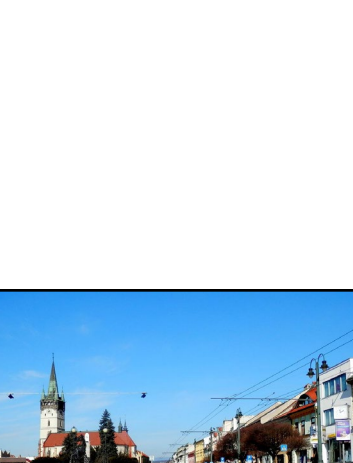
For more information and the schedule, call (440) 725-8676 or (440) 331-3856.

### 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 Inclusion 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.

### 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](mailto:am@c-rs.org).

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