



Welcome



Dear Friends,

The deadline for the nomination of candidates to be placed on the ballot for the 2019- 2021 C-RS Board of Directors is September 8, 2018. This is just a few weeks away. We are looking for candidates with a wide range of skills who can contribute expertise in running nonprofit programs, managing community relations and fundraising.

The current Board was hands-on and had a very productive three years. The most significant accomplishments were the first-ever creation of a realistic budget, providing improved communication, and The New Rusyn Times being published on time. We have created this online monthly bulletin we call the C-RS Connection. Our new and improved website is almost complete and soon will be launched. These factors have all led to a significant increase in our membership!

We are looking for board members who have a sincere commitment to the organization and a willingness to work to ensure the C-RS thrives for many years to come!

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!

2018 National Board Election Update

Contributed by Tom Brenzovich

September 8th is just a few weeks away. This is the last call for nominations for potential candidates to be placed on the ballot for the 2019-2021 Board of Directors election. For the last six months, there has been an all-out effort by National C-RS to promote the awareness and participation of members in the nomination process. After September 8th the committee will shift into the ballot phase. Once ballots are finalized, they will be sent to all members in good standing (current in their membership dues as of the date that the ballots are sent to members). 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.

Please note that the voting processing will be different for this election compared to previous elections. Members with an email address will receive their ballots electronically by email and will cast their votes electronically. Members without an email address will receive a paper ballot and will return their ballot by postal mail. Both methods will include instructions as to how to cast your ballot.

Nominations may be submitted to the nominations committee by:

- Email at membership@c-rs.org (Preferred and please use BOD Nomination as the subject line), or
- Postal mail to Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Attn: Nominations Committee, 915 Dickson Street, Munhall, PA 15120-1929 (Please account for delivery time so it is received before the deadline.)

Nominations must be received by 11:59 pm on September 8th. There will be no exceptions! Please do not wait until the last minute.

For further details or with any questions please contact the committee at membership@c-rs.org or phone 412-567-3077 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in Rusyn Unity,
The Election Committee

New C-RS Online Payment Processing - Reminder *Contributed by Tom Brenzovich*

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. Implementation by the C-RS is anticipated to occur at the end of August for the September 2018 membership renewal cycle.

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 for 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; as for 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.

Questions or comments, contact Tom Brenzovich at membership@c-rs.org or call 412-567-3077 and leave a message. Will get back to as soon as possible.

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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.

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, August 18, Taylor, PA

The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society in conjunction with hosts Mike Shimko (President) and St. George's ACRY (American Carpatho Russian Church organization) will present a program on the Wooden Churches of the Rusyns. The program will begin at 11 am at St. George's Orthodox Church, 743 S. Keyser Ave, Taylor, PA 18517. Keynote speaker Dr. Michele Parvensky will present an energetic discussion on her years of discovery and travels photographing and researching the magnificent European wooden churches of the Rusyns.



Light refreshments will be served prior to the program at 10:30 AM. The program is free and all are welcome.

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 a 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 pivo. 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 due to issues beyond our control, changes had to be made. This is 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 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 190 - MLK exit or at the Veteran's Hospital with shuttle buses to the garden.



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 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.



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



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