



Welcome



Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the warm and sunny summer days. I would like to talk to you about volunteering and its benefits in hopes that you will consider volunteering for the C-RS. Our 25th anniversary is coming up in 2019 and we need assistance. Volunteering is a rewarding experience and brings fun and fulfillment to our lives. It is an easy way to explore your interests and passions.

Helping others kindles happiness as many studies have demonstrated. Researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness in a large group of American adults. According to a study in "Social Science and Medicine," they found the more people volunteered the happier they were. Compared with people who never volunteered, the odds of being "very happy" rose 7% among those who volunteer monthly and 12% for people who volunteer every two to four weeks.

Please consider volunteering for the C-RS. We need your input and your ideas! Please email me at pres@c-rs.org or call me at 412-251-3083.

Take care,

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

2018 National Board Election Update

Contributed by Tom Brenzovich

September is just a few months away, and with it comes the closing of the nomination process for the 2018 Board of Director elections. Once nominations are closed and all nominees have been vetted by the elections committee, the ballot and candidate biographies will be established. Members with an email address will receive an electronic ballot via their email; members without email will receive a paper ballot. As a reminder, the following is provided for your information.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59PM, 8 SEPTEMBER 2018. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!! PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

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.)

Nominees for the Board must:

- Be current in their dues payment
- Be able to participate in monthly board meetings via teleconferencing or other media sources
- Have internet access and be comfortable communicating via email, teleconferencing, or other media sources
- Be able to actively participate on assigned committee(s)
- Be able to fulfill their fiduciary duties to the organization
- Be able to participate in any fundraising for the organization, and
- Be familiar with and comply with the C-RS By-Laws. (A link to the by-laws can be found on the home page of the C-RS website.)

Nominations can be made for the following Board positions. Note that a nominee may be nominated for more than one position and that nominee can confirm the position they may be interested in when contacted by the committee.

- **President:** Chief executive officer of the organization. Shall preside at all BOD meetings, represent the society as appropriate and have general supervision general management of the affairs of the organization.
- **Vice-President:** Exercises the powers and duties of the President when called on to do so.
- **Recording Secretary:** Takes official minutes of all meetings, maintains all corporate documents including meeting minutes, records and reports, provides notices and documentation as required by the by-laws or the Board.
- **Chief Financial Officer:** Generates and maintains financial records, oversees budgeting, accounting, and investments; pays bills and invoices; responsible for filing taxes; custodian of contracts and business records.
- **Chief Financial Administrator:** Deposits financial vehicles and non-financial valuable effects of the organization; maintains depository records; reports regularly to the board.
- **Chief Information Officer:** Oversees electronic membership records; supervises general mailings; helps the organization with its information technology needs.
- **Trustee (six positions):** Actively participates in day-to-day business of C-RS through fundraising and actively serves on board committees; audits the financial books annually.

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 - Coming Soon to your Neighborhood

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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 will not occur until the membership has been adequately informed. Implementation will occur around the end of July or early August, but the exact date will be determined.

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.

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The Election Committee

C-RS Online Store - Coming Soon to your Neighborhood

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The Carpatho-Rusyn Society has begun implementing its online store. Efforts are currently underway to set up and stock shelves with available products. Once this process is complete, the store will be available from the C-RS Membership Site. Members and non-members will be able to purchase items online. There will be more to come as the C-RS continues to move forward with this exciting project.



Editor Position Available for New Rusyn Times

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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.

Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship Reminder

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

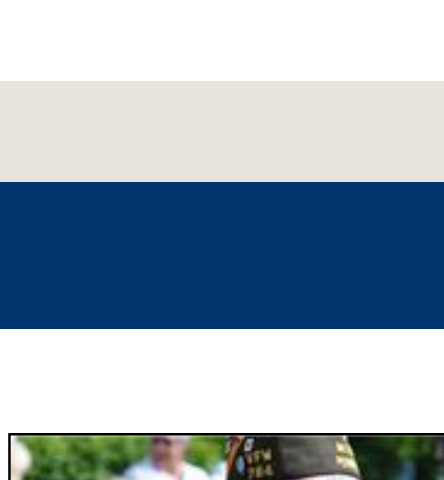


C-RS Chapter Event Highlights

Cleveland Chapter

On July 12, 2018 the Cleveland chapter hosted Father Peter Borza, a member of the Faculty of Arts at Pavol-Josef Safarik University in Kosice, Slovakia. He shared his knowledge of Soviet oppression during and after World War II in Slovakia. He spoke about three Greek Catholic bishops: Gojdich, Hopko and Romzha who were persecuted for their faith and their refusal to switch to Orthodoxy.

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. The overflowing crowd peppered Father Peter with questions and enthusiastically welcomed him. Father Borza will remain in the U SA for the next several weeks gathering information for his upcoming book.



In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Joseph Orient, our dear friend and dedicated volunteer. Joe was a proud veteran of the US Army and served in the Vietnam Era. He was a member of the 1st Cavalry Assoc. and the VFW Memorial Park Post 764, McMurray, PA where he served as an officer and chaired the Local and District 24's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen competition. He was a member of the South Hills Chorale, St. Benedict the Abbot Church Choir for 30-plus years, and most recently Holy Trinity Choir in Robinson Twp. He was passionate about his faith and he enjoyed trains. He was gifted at mechanical repair and loved working on mowers and mowing grass. He volunteered his services at numerous locations including our National Headquarters in Munhall.

Joe will be greatly missed by his loving wife Charlotte, his children, grandson, family and friends. He will forever be remembered for his love of his family, faith and country.

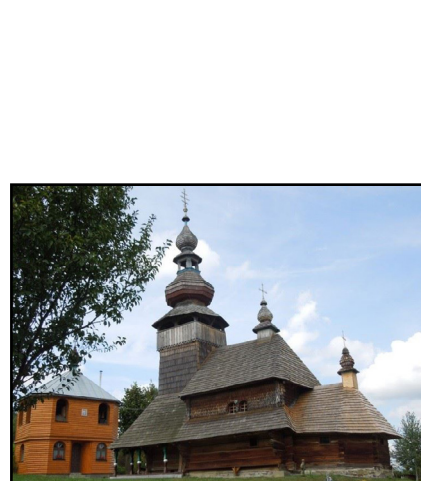


Save the Dates

Sunday, July 22, Cleveland, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents the second annual "Dining with Duchnovich" from noon - 2 pm at the Rusin Garden, 930 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44103.

This event was a blast in 2017, so we are doing it again! Tom Katrenich has kindly agreed to entertain/teach us once more. The day will depend on what those gathered want to do. Learn songs? Learn dances? Listen to toe tapping accordion music?



The upper garden is in shade most of the day and there is generally a breeze even on a hot day. There is plenty of parking on East Boulevard adjacent to the garden. This is an excellent opportunity to bring grandchildren to learn about their heritage.

Saturday, August 18, Taylor, PA

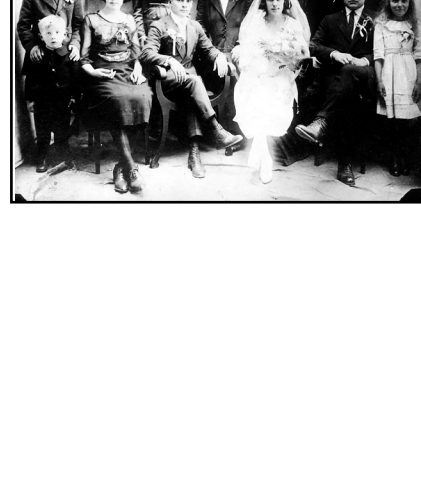
The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society in conjunction with hosts Mike Shimko (President) and St. George's ACRY (American Carpatho Russian Youth organization) will present a program on the Wooden Churches of the Rusyns. The program will begin at 11 am at St. George's Orthodox Church, 743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

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.

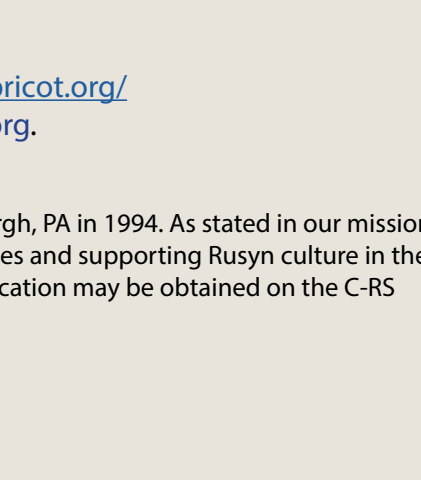


Saturday, October 13, Wilkes Barre, PA

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.

News contributions are welcome!
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