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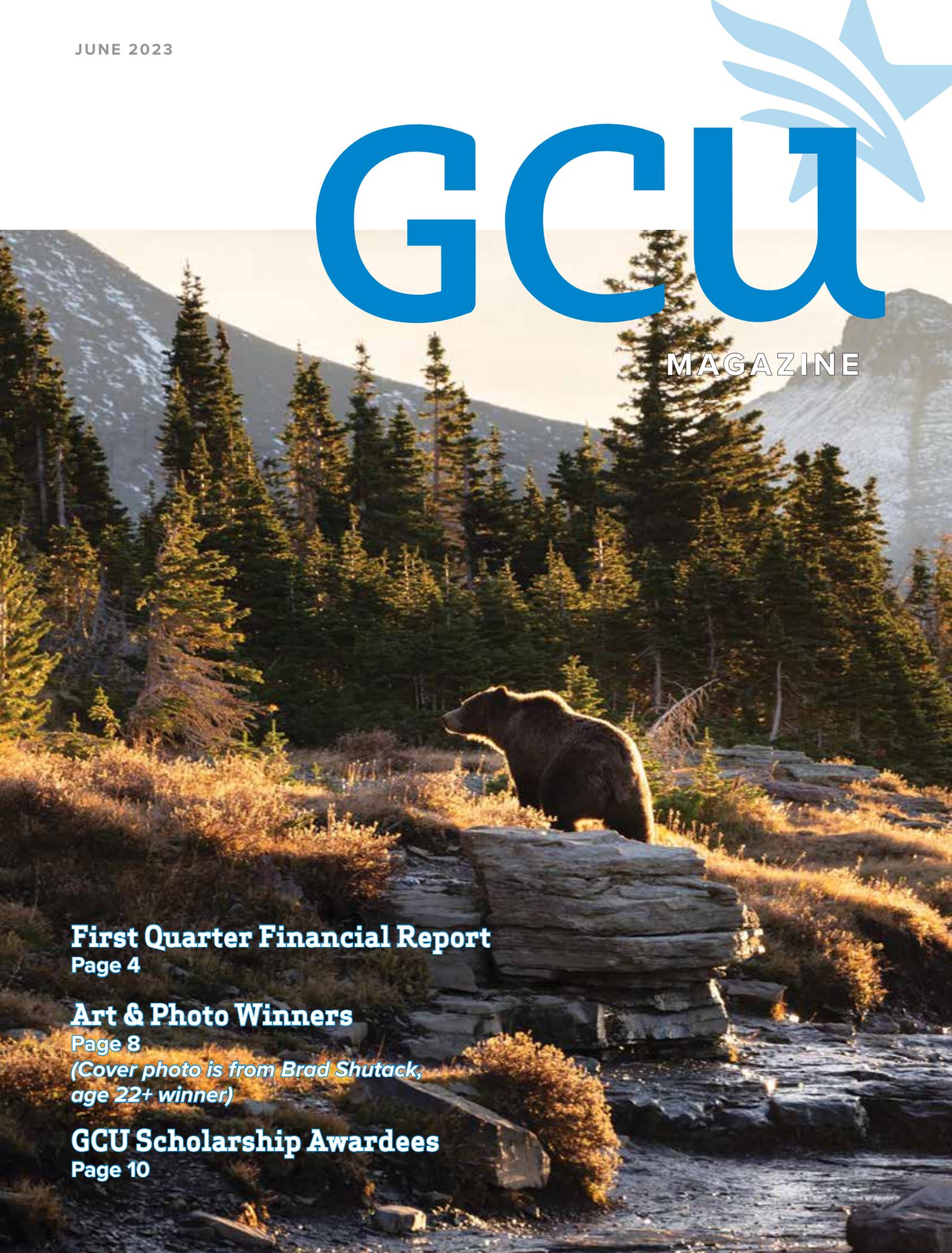
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George N. Juba
President
CEO

Summer Memories

The “Lazy Days of Summer” have already arrived here in Western Pennsylvania as temperatures feel like we are in mid-summer, with zero precipitation and none forecasted for the next week or so! The lawns are starting to look like we are in the month of August! As I often reminisce about experiences over the course of my life, I very much looked forward to summer as a youngster with no worries about schoolwork. My friends and I would play outdoors each and every day! The many activities that I never got tired of included:

- Playing baseball almost every day whether it was our own pick up game or Little League. We had to “try out” for making a Little League team and yes, some of the candidates trying out were not selected. I was!!
- Going to Mullen’s Field as school teachers were assigned to the various parks in my hometown of Dunmore. They would host crafts and other activities, using the playground equipment that would never pass inspection in today’s world.
- Stopping in neighborhood grocery stores for penny candy, sodas and ice cream.
- Playing board games.
- Finishing the day off with some “Hide and Seek” or “Kick the Can” and of course being sure to be home when the streetlights came on.
- Picking blueberries with my Uncle Charlie.
- Going fishing with my parents that latter morphed into playing golf with my Dad, Brother and my Uncle Bob.
- Visiting Lake Wallenpaupak and staying at my Aunt Millie and Uncle Joe’s cottage that was right on the lake—really fun and memorable times with family.
- Listening to New York Yankee games on the radio on the front porch. Our home did not have air conditioning and fans were humming throughout the day and nighttime. We never complained because that’s just the way it was!
- A huge treat every so often was a trip to Nay Aug Park and its huge concrete pool. As a child it seemed like the size of a football field. I am not sure it would pass today’s stringent laws for swimming pools as I recall the water

was pretty dirty, all kinds of paper products floating around from drinks and snow cones and even cigarette butts. We didn’t care, it was still refreshing. Story had it that the elephant at the Nay Aug Zoo named “Tilly” was actually bathed in the same pool as the pool was also called “Lake Lincoln.” Now I’m going back several years as the pool has since been replaced—I think it may have even been condemned.

In line with my last memory noted, the new Seven Oaks Pool and Recreation Complex is opening this month. This new facility will certainly complement the most recent overall improvements made to the Clubhouse and golf course and be reflective of the GCU as a \$2.7 billion fraternal benefit society. It will continue to improve the financial position of the Club through increased membership and also have a positive impact upon the single family and multi-family real estate development. This facility will be second to none to any other private club in the tri-state area and rival many resort style swimming pool and racquet complexes you may have experienced. It will provide many memorable moments for our entire GCU Family. We invite you to view the new facility that I personally plan on enjoying as well. I’ve come a long way from my days at “Lake Lincoln” to the new Seven Oaks Pool and Recreation Complex!

The GCU’s financial reports for the first quarter of 2023 are presented on page 4 by our Chief Financial Officer Tim Demetres. The GCU continues to tout financial strength as we navigate through very volatile financial markets under the current high interest rate environment. GCU continues to increase assets and surplus while generating a modest net income. Net income for the year is projected to be lower than prior years. This is due to increased interest rates on our annuity products—offered to remain competitive against our fraternal and commercial competitors in the fixed rate deferred annuity and fixed indexed annuity marketplace.

The GCU’s new Fraternal Metamorphosis Structure continues to unfold. We have been witnessing the first-time participation of members in each of the events that have been held thus far in 2023. We invite you to visit the GCU’s website – www.GCUusa.com – and “click on Events” to view

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all the volunteer, fundraising and social events planned for 2023. I recently participated in the GCU's Combined National Bowling Tournament held in Buffalo, NY in May. Everyone enjoyed the festivities especially fraternalizing with members of the three other fraternal benefit societies from the Slovak Catholic Sokols, First Catholic Sokol Union and National Slovak Society. My thank you to my team mem-



National officers of the four fraternal organizations that took part in the National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, NY. From left: FCSU Executive Secretary Kevin Collins, SCS President Michael Horvath, GCU President/CEO George Juba and NSS Life President/CEO Joseph Stefka.

bers: Charles Howser, Greg Maranowski and Michael Manstch, that I really enjoyed bowling with!

Under the new Fraternal Metamorphosis Structure, the GCU is providing financial support to each of our Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Parishes within the United States. We have received numerous "thank you" notes and emails from pastors expressing their gratitude for much needed funding for their respective parishes. In addition to the \$2,000.00 donation recently distributed, additional funding includes Matching Funds and an Event Stipend. The GCU has undergone a "metamorphosis" itself over the course of our history, but we will continue to support "Our Ethnic Roots" and "Our Byzantine Catholic Faith" that played an extensive role in "Who We Are" and "What We Stand For" as a Fraternal Benefit Society.

Again, our thank you to our members and our agents for the continued support you exhibit to the GCU and the business you have placed with us. We assure you that fiscally sound decisions will always be made in protecting our members' interest!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns!

GOODNESS IS GREAT!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George".



Jeff Long
Sales Director

The Aquila X Fixed Index Annuity Has Gotten Even Better!

In October of 2021, GCU began offering a Fixed Index Annuity to our members. Although this annuity was new for GCU, Fixed Index Annuities have been offered by other insurance companies for years. This type of annuity can be notoriously complicated. GCU wanted to make sure that our product was simple, transparent and easy for our members and agents to understand. With that goal in mind, we were very excited to roll out the AQUILA X FIA and it was very well received. It offers simplified interest crediting strategies and enhancements such as a wellness benefit rider, an accumulating withdrawal benefit and a lifetime income benefit that pays an income to you that is impossible to outlive.

In the center of the annuity is the Zorya Index. Based on the performance of the Zorya, we determine how much interest we credit into your account. A positive return means you will participate in the index gains. If the Zorya has a negative return, your return will be zero, **but your account will not lose money.**

The Zorya Index, managed by Barclays, is a combination of both the S&P 500 index and the US bond Aggregate Index. Using modern portfolio theory, the index seeks to enhance returns and manage risk exposure. It offers the potential for solid returns without the risk of loss, based on market performance.

We are proud to announce the addition of a new index to the Aquila X!

Recently, GCU has added the US Tech Index to the Aquila. This index, also managed by Barclays, seeks to capture the returns of the largest non-financial stocks listed on the Nasdaq, while targeting 12% volatility. The index tracks the Nasdaq 100 and seeks to reduce exposure during turbulent markets and increase exposure when markets return to normal.

The Barclays US Tech Index is a great compliment to the Zorya Index. With both indices available in the Aquila X, you can participate in the S&P 500, The US Bond aggregate and the Nasdaq 100. GCU has built the Aquila X with our members in mind. It offers great growth potential, protects against market loss and can pay a lifetime income that is impossible to outlive.

If you have questions about whether the Aquila is right for your situation, please call GCU.

First Quarter 2023 Financials



Tim Demetres
Chief Financial Officer

In 2023, the Federal Reserve continued to raise interest rates marking a total of 10 consecutive rate increases in just over a year. The rapid rise in short-term interest rates has resulted in rising annuity crediting rates, a positive benefit for our members, however many insurance companies are experiencing above average surrender and partial withdrawal activity. Notwithstanding, GCU is maintaining its financial strength in a challenging environment. Promises made, Promises kept - our members have come to trust GCU to be a Safe, Secure, and Stable community based fraternal organization.

Highlights for the first quarter 2023 financial results are as follows:

GCU's total assets increased \$30 million to \$2.67 billion and surplus remained level at \$219 million as of March 31, 2023.

Income before net realized capital gains (losses) totaled \$1.7 million for the first quarter 2023 compared to \$8.7 million reported in 2022. The net gain from operations were lower in 2023 primarily due to increasing annuity crediting rates and lower net investment income from increased outflows on annuity products. Net income after realized capital gains (losses) was \$2 million in 2023 compared to \$8.8 million in 2022. We had \$258 thousand in net realized gains in 2023.

Total Assets ended the first quarter at \$2.67 billion compared to \$2.64 billion at the end of 2022. The change reflects increases in bonds, alternative assets, cash and derivative assets.

Liabilities grew relative to sustained life and annuity sales, net of outflows from surrender activity and totaled \$2.45 billion at March 31, 2023 compared to \$2.42 billion at year-end 2022. The \$31 million increase in total liabilities is due primarily to a \$25.8 million increase in life and annuity reserves, a \$3.6 million increase in AVR, and a \$2 million increase in investments purchased and not settled.

Total Income grew to \$128 million in the first quarter, an increase of \$3.5 million compared to \$124.5 million in 2022. Annuity new business sales and exchanges increased \$5.4 million. Net investment income decreased modestly to \$28.6 million.

Operating expenses, before the increase in reserves, totaled \$100.6 million versus \$61.2 million in 2022, an increase of \$39.4 million or 64%. GCU disbursed \$27.5 million more in annuity benefits for death claims, full and partial surrenders. Annuity exchanges increased \$11 million. General insurance expenses were \$700 thousand higher in 2023 when compared to 2022 primarily due to the timing of when certain fraternal activities are funded.

The change in reserves totaled \$25.6 million in 2023 compared to \$54.5 million in 2022. Reserve changes are a function of premiums received, death claims, annuity benefits paid and interest accumulation.

Surplus at March 31, 2023 remained level with year-end at \$219 million. Surplus increased from the additions of net income and unrealized gains totaling \$3.6 million which was offset by a decrease to fund the AVR totaling \$3.6 million.

Total Adjusted Capital (TAC), a risk metric used by regulators and rating agencies, increased \$3 million to \$241.5 million as of March 31, 2023, from \$238.5 million at Decem-

Summary of Financial Statistics

(000's omitted)	<u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Income	\$ 127,995	\$ 124,483	\$ 3,512
Total Expenses	126,192	115,666	10,526
Net Income (Loss)	1,986	8,818	(6,832)
	<u>3/31/2023</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets	\$2,671,886	\$2,641,748	\$30,138
Asset Valuation Reserve	22,497	18,876	3,621
Interest Maint. Reserve	16,526	16,929	(403)
Surplus (Net Worth)	218,831	219,484	(653)
Total Adjusted Capital (TAC)	241,478	238,510	2,968
Solv. Ratio by Total Adj. Capital	109.9%	109.9%	0.00%

Change in Surplus

(000's omitted)	
Beginning Surplus	\$219,484
Net Income/(loss)	1,986
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	1,582
GCU Holding Company & Other	(441)
Changes in Non-Admitted Assets	(160)
Changes in Asset Valuation Reserve	(3,621)
Net Change in Surplus	(654)
Ending Surplus	\$218,830

ber 31, 2022. TAC starts with surplus of \$218.8 million and adds back the asset valuation reserve of \$22.5 million and one-half the dividend liability of \$150,000. The solvency ratios based on TAC was unchanged at 109.9% as of March

31, 2023. This ratio reflects GCU's consistency in financial strength.

Spring is a time of rebirth, flowers bloom and trees fill with leaves. Enjoy the warmth of summer! Tim

GCU INCOME STATEMENT Three Months 2023 vs. 2022

INCOME (000's omitted)	3/31/2023	3/31/2022	Change
Life Premium	\$ 2,781	\$ 3,771	\$ (991)
Annuity Premium	81,414	86,988	(5,574)
Annuity Exchanges	14,430	3,466	10,964
Accident & Health	102	116	(13)
Sub Total	98,728	94,342	4,386
Net Investment Income	28,556	29,291	(735)
Amort. of Int. Maint. Resrv	403	490	(87)
Commission-Reinsurance	122	262	(140)
Other	186	98	88
Total Income	\$127,995	\$124,483	\$ 3,512
EXPENSES			
Death Benefits	\$ 1,289	\$ 1,412	\$ (123)
Annuity Benefits Paid	76,395	48,877	27,518
Annuity Exchanges	14,430	3,466	10,964
Surrender Benefits	220	(52)	272
Accident & Health Benefits Pd.	102	98	4
Commissions	4,921	4,907	14
General Insurance Exp.	2,948	2,251	697
Ins., Taxes, Licenses & Fees	186	162	24
Pension Expense	4	4	—
Int. on Contract & Dep. Accts.	91	78	13
Sub-Total	\$100,586	\$ 61,203	\$39,383
Increase in Reserves	25,606	54,463	(28,857)
Total Expenses	\$126,192	\$115,666	\$10,526
Net Gain/Loss bef. Refunds	1,803	8,816	(7,014)
Refunds to Members	75	73	2
Net Gain/Loss after Refunds	1,728	8,744	(7,016)
Net Capital Gains (Losses)	258	74	184
Net Income/Loss	\$ 1,986	\$ 8,818	\$(6,832)

BALANCE SHEETS

March 31, 2023 vs. December 31, 2022

ASSETS (000's omitted)	3/31/2023	12/31/2022	Change
Bonds	\$ 2,493,531	\$2,472,932	\$20,599
Preferred Stocks	19,075	18,626	449
Common Stocks	27,478	27,985	(507)
Alternative Investments	57,955	55,912	2,043
Cash/Short Term Investments	20,517	15,575	4,942
Mortgages	3,610	3,473	136
Certificate Loans	620	630	(10)
Derivatives	2,116	1,115	1,001
Real Estate - Home Office	14,971	15,059	(88)
Inv. Income Due & Accrued	31,287	29,829	1,458
Other	725	611	114
Total Assets	\$2,671,886	\$2,641,748	\$30,138
% Total Change Year to Year	1.1%		
LIABILITIES			
Life Reserves	\$ 90,942	\$ 89,472	\$ 1,469
Annuity Reserves	2,310,305	2,286,024	24,281
Accident & Health Reserves	118	120	(2)
Employee Pension Liability	6,760	6,595	165
Convention Reserve	127	127	—
Adv. Prem. & Fut. Rfnd. Resrvs.	358	356	3
Pending Investment Trades	1,987	—	1,987
Accounts Payable	1,106	1,211	(104)
Refund Accumulations	2,328	2,555	(226)
Asset Valuation Resrv-AVR	22,497	18,876	3,621
Interest Maint. Reserve-IMR	16,526	16,929	(403)
Total Liabilities	\$2,453,055	\$2,422,265	\$30,790
Surplus Fund	218,831	219,484	(653)
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$2,671,886	\$2,641,748	\$30,138
Solvency Ratio*	109.9%	109.9%	

*Adds AVR + 1/2 of dividend liability to surplus.

Financial information is unaudited and presented on the statutory basis of accounting. Totals may vary slightly due to rounding.



Very Rev. Richard I.
Lambert
GCU Interim Spiritual Advisor

Two Priests; Two Friends

It was September, 1966 when two recent high school graduates left different parts of the Country, California and Ohio, with the intention to find if a certain life choice would be right for them. They met in the state of Pennsylvania, in the city of Pittsburgh, at the only Byzantine Catholic Seminary in the entire USA. Upon arrival, they would find that they would not have a private room as they had at the home (they were both only children), nor would they share a room with one other, but would spend their first year as seminarians in the third floor freshmen dorm with their four classmates. A few days later they would don their required college uniform: black suit, white shirt, black tie, black socks and shoes. After Liturgy and breakfast they would take their black book bags and their black hats and head out to the old rickety yellow former school bus for the drive to the city of Pittsburgh and up the hills there to the bluff at Duquesne University. From there they would file out to enter University Hall for their first class at Duquesne University, Western Civ. 101. Arriving a little late that day, they were the last to enter the classroom at University Hall. The two hundred plus students present heard a sound in the back of the room to find six men entering, all dressed alike in black!

Around Halloween that year the two were given nicknames by an astute Sophomore who hailed from New "Joisy"! The seminarian from San Diego, John Kachuba was tagged "Chico" because he often made comments about living near Tijuana, Mexico. The other and author of this article, Richard Lambert, was given the name "Ginzo" since in New Jersey, Italians were called by that title. Those nicknames remain to this day. John remained in Pittsburgh to graduate from Duquesne U. while I transferred to St. Paul's Seminary in Newton, NJ to graduate from Don Bosco College. I returned to Pittsburgh, and the two of us were reunited in the Theology Department.

During his last year as an ordained Deacon, John had the opportunity to work with members of the Byzantine Clergy, Religious Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, laymen with a knowledge and desire to share with the youth of our Metropolitan Church. They were the ones with the foresight to write and publish a program for the youth of our Byzantine Church schools, "The God With Us Series." The series was also available to Eastern Catholic Churches that were not

connected with schools, and all who desperately were in need of learning about Eastern Christian Theology. They then addressed the need of older youth in parish Formation Programs, not to mention information that could be shared in Adult Enrichment Programs. The deacon John Kachuba who was a part of these beginnings, soon became the Director of Eastern Christian Doctrine where our Metropolitan Church joined together with other Eastern Christian Churches here in America. Years after his ordination, Fr. Kachuba was granted the title of Most Rev. Archpriest and Syncellus of the Eparchy of Parma (Ohio) by the Most Rev. Bishop Judson Procyk, Eparch of Parma and also served under Most Rev. Basil Schott.

A few years after Ordination, I became involved in another work of the Archeparchy. I was appointed as an associate editor of the Byzantine Catholic World, the monthly newspaper of the Pittsburgh Archeparchy, by Archbishop Stephen Kocisko. Serving for 17 years in that capacity, I then became editor of the BCW for three additional years. After "retiring" from the BCW, I was appointed Pastor of St. Mary BC Church in Youngstown, OH and Very Rev. Protopresbyter (Dean) of the Youngstown Presbyteral District in 2001 by the newly Ordained Metropolitan Archbishop Basil Schott of Pittsburgh. From this time on, both Fr. Kachuba and I were assigned to parishes locally, he in Cleveland and I in Youngstown.

Even before this time we both became closely connected with the GCU! I became lodge chaplain and district chaplain during my years as a pastor in Pittsburgh. I was also honored to serve for eight years as Chairman of the Supreme Tribunal and twelve years as National Spiritual Advisor until my retirement. It was also my honor to swear in the former Chairman of the Tribunal, and the Most Rev. Archpriest John Kachuba to follow as the National Spiritual Advisor of the GCU. His death in February of this year brought his far too short term to an end.

***Father John may your memory be eternal!
Vicnaja jemu pamjat'!***

The Chairman of the GCU Board of Directors has contacted me recently that the Board has appointed me to a temporary term as National Spiritual Advisor. I recently had the opportunity to celebrate the service of two Board

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Atty. John J. Urban

Lessons in the Law

Where is the Will?

After almost 49 years of practicing law, I decided to cut back and work less hours. I don't know if working less hours is working, in the last thirty days the same problem has come up four times.

The calls all had one thing in common: mom or dad died and I can't find where they kept their wills. This could be a problem if you cannot find the will. It raises the question as to whether the will was revoked, destroyed or changed. In some instances, we can probate a signed copy of the will if we can find one. It is more expensive and time consuming to do this, because the courts are worried about fraud and there are many hoops to jump through.

My suggestion is to have a talk with your parents and family and ask them where they keep their wills. Perhaps they will give you a copy or the original for safe keeping. If there are family issues or turmoil, it may be better to de-

posit the will at your local Probate Court for safekeeping.

In my four cases, I had a copy of their parents' signed wills and the problems were solved but at a higher cost.

Feel free to contact me by email: jjurbanlaw@gmail.com, should you have any questions about this article or have ideas about a future one.

GCU Home Office Hours of Operation

The GCU Home Office (800.722.4428) is open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM EST.

The Call Center (855.306.0607) accepts calls Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7 PM EST and Fridays 8:30 AM to 5 PM EST.



The Home Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5.

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Two Priests; Two Friends...

Members that I served with, Barbara Kushner and Dorothy Foran, for their retirements. I then had the honor to swear-in their replacements newly appointed GCU Board Members, Maria Silvestri and George W. Batyko at the May GCU Board Meeting. I will soon have the additional honor of swearing in the priest who will be appointed to serve as the new National Spiritual Advisor of the GCU to succeed **two priests, two friends!**

This year's theme was "Invested in Things That Make Us Smile!"

2023 Art Contest Winners

I like baby animals and their parents-watching birds makes me happy.



First Place Age 6 & Under
Genevieve Revilak, Munhall, PA Lodge 8344



First Place Age 7-9
Scarlett Revilak, Munhall, PA Lodge 8344

I like flowers because they are beautiful and they smell good!

Cats and butterflies make me smile.



First Place Age 10-12
Hayden Visnansky, Beaver, PA Lodge 8344
Hayden is shown holding Sr. Elton



Honorable Mention Age 91
Dolores L. Leo
Allison Park, PA Lodge 8344



Second Place Age 6 & Under
Nicholas Como
Branchburg, NJ Lodge 8335

Fishing with my dad in a boat. Catching a fish makes me smile!

My favorite Bible verse: Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and Jesus, the lamb who was slain.



Second Place Age 7-9
Michaela Revilak
Munhall, PA Lodge 8344



Second Place Age 10-12
Emily Osifchin, Olney, MD Lodge 8324

Cheerleading and watching cheerleaders makes me smile because they encourage and entertain us.

This year's theme was
"Invested in Things That Make Us Smile!"

2023 Photo Contest Winners



First Place Age 13-21
Arianna Kosa
Warren, MI
Lodge 8324

This is my rabbit Rocky. He makes me smile in every way possible since he is so cute and loves to play. He also is a very good sport and puts up with me and my fun picture ideas. I call him my "Rockstar" because he loves the camera and attention.



First Place Age 22+
Brad Shutack
Hamilton, NJ
Lodge 8335

While out on a sunrise hike in Glacier National Park, I spotted this bear off to the side of the trail walking toward where I had just come. I turned around and followed from a distance, quickly got out my camera and was able to grab this shot before it headed up the mountain. After the bear had moved on, I continued on the hike with a couple who shared with me how they had been living with grizzlies in Alaska. It's always amazing, the people I run into while on location, and the stories they carry.



"Penny Pig makes an effort to smile and you will too."

Second Place Age 13-21
Coy Ambrose, Atwater, OH
Lodge 8341



This is my rescue dog HANK: "when you adopt your soul dog, there's nothing you can't smile about."

Second Place Age 22+
Payton Ambrose
Atwater, OH Lodge 8341

2023 Scholarships



Basil M. Wahal
Fraternal-Communications
Director

The GCU Board of Directors Fraternal Committee would like to announce the awarding of 18 National Scholarships (16—\$2,000.⁰⁰ and 2—\$1,500.⁰⁰) together with 39 Academic Performance Scholarships (34—\$1,500.⁰⁰ and 5—\$1,000.⁰⁰). Awardees appear over the next four pages.

Fraternal Committee members include: GCU National Directors Melanie Basl-chairperson, Michael W. Karaffa and David Oleksa.

GCU National Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA and submit a collage showing them volunteering within their community focusing on “Community Service and You.” There was a tie this year for first place winner of the John Katana Memorial Collage Award. Demetrius Dolinish and Angelino Revilak will each receive an additional 400.⁰⁰ award in recognition of this accomplishment. One of the national awardees will receive an additional \$500.⁰⁰ award for maintaining a 4.0 GPA—Andrew Kibalo.

Six APS Scholarship recipients have continued to maintain a cumulative 4.0 GPA and will receive an additional award of \$500.⁰⁰: Michael Ballow III, Julia Bates, Maile Erwin, Abigail Kutchma, Gabrielle Kutchma, Leah LaMont and Allison Meko.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients!



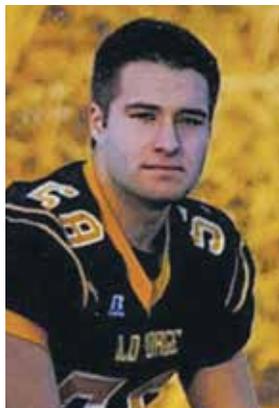
4.0 GPA Winner

Andrew Kibalo
Jersey City, NJ
L8335
The College of New Jersey
Major: Finance

The John Katana Memorial Volunteer Collage Winners

Demetrius Dolinish

Old Forge, PA
L8344
Pennsylvania State University
Major: Nutrition



Angelino Revilak

Munhall, PA
L8344
Duquesne University
Major: History & Pre-Law





Timothy Allshouse
 Clarksburg, PA
 L8344
 Bucknell
 Major: Biology



Camille Baker
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 L8344
 Harvard University
 Major: Undeclared



Alexander Balcerek
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 Major: Economics



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 Major: Mechanical
 Engineering



Maura Gallagher
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 Major: Kinesiology



Rubie Goodman
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 Major: Business Ana-
 lytics and Finance



Jared Grossman
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 Paul Smith's College
 Major: Arboriculture



Stefanie Hoyt
 Reynoldsville, PA
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 Penn State University
 Major: Chemical
 Engineering



Colin Kissell
 Cresco, PA
 L8344
 Lafayette College
 Major: Mechanical
 Engineering



Joseph Lisk
 South Abington
 Township, PA
 L8344
 Penn State Scranton
 Major: Business Man-
 agement & Marketing



Maggie Race
 North Huntingdon, PA
 L8344
 Pennsylvania State
 University
 Major: Accounting
 -Business



Matthew Sheesley
 Vintondale, PA
 L8344
 Greater Johnstown
 Career & Tech. Ctr.
 Major: Mobile Equip-
 ment Operations
 Technology



Marlow Soyka
 Ebensburg, PA
 L8344
 Syracuse University
 Major: Business

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Academic Performance Scholarships

4.0 GPA Awardees

Michael Ballow III

North Huntingdon, PA
L8344
University of Florida
Major: Pharmaceutical Sciences

Julia Bates

Morrisville, PA
L8344
Gwynedd Mercy University
Major: Early Childhood Educ./Spec. Educ.

Maile Erwin

Quakertown, PA
L8344
Temple University
Major: Early Childhood Educ./Special Educ.

Abigail Kutchma

Cranberry Twp., PA
L8344
Gannon University
Major: Physician Assistant

Gabrielle Kutchma

Cranberry Twp., PA
L8344
PennWest Clarion University
Major: Nutrition and Fitness

Leah LaMont

Gilbert, AZ
L8302
Grand Canyon University
Major: Government/ Legal Studies

Allison Meko

Punxsutawney, PA
L8344
Pennsylvania State University
Major: Marketing

Gregory Batko

Venetia, PA–L8344
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Major: Aeronautical Science

Nikolas Dowell

Hubbard, OH–L8341
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Major: English

Jacob Gartley

Aliquippa, PA–L8344
Penn State University
Major: Supply Chain & Information Systems

Jessica Johnson

Powhatan, VA–L8354
William and Mary College
Major: Psychology

Thomas Betterly

Hazleton, PA–L8344
St. Joseph University
Major: Mathematics/Secondary Education

Gregory Duch

Mahwah, NJ–L8335
Collegium Civitas
Major: Project & Process Management

Eleanor Goodman

Johnston, IA–L8344
University of Iowa
Major: Business Analytics & Information Systems

Sarah Kumpon

Endwell, NY–L8337
Niagara University
Major: Biochemistry/Actuarial Science

Brandon Bonaparte

Prosper, TX–L8349
Missouri State University
Major: Professional Studies

Jennifer Durica

Johnstown, PA–L8344
Penn State University
Major: Kinesiology

Hunter Gray

Pittsburgh, PA–L8344
Thiel College
Major: Mathematics & Secondary Education

Aiden Kutchma

Cranberry Twp., PA–L8344
Gannon University
Major: Physician Assistant

Matthew Bonaparte

Prosper, TX–L8349
Texas Tech University
Major: Finance

Sarah Eperesi

Mars, PA–L8344
Slippery Rock University
Major: Marketing

Rachael Harris

Pittsburgh, PA–L8344
Carnegie Mellon University
Major: Information Security

Ryan Pajer

Plainview, NY–L8337
Quinnipiac University
Major: Civil Engineering

Danielle DeProspro

South Park, PA–L8344
The Ohio State University
Major: Architecture

Grace Gartley

Aliquippa, PA–L8344
Grove City College
Major: Elem. & Middle Level Educ.

Sarah Pavlick

Brentwood, PA–L8344
University of Pittsburgh
Major: Chemical Engineering

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Marlena Pegula

Dunmore, PA–L8344
Keystone College
Major: Secondary Math Education

Corey Pezak

Archbald, PA–L8344
Villanova University
Major: Biology

Alexandra Plummer

Pittsburgh, PA–L8344
American University
Major: Musical Theatre

Olivia Roberts

Punxsutawney, PA–L8344
University of Colorado-Boulder
Major: Communications

Ryan Roberts

Punxsutawney, PA–L8344
Penn State University
Major: Business Management

Jason Roman

Baden, PA–L8344
University of Notre Dame
Major: Accounting

Kylin Rosnick

Pittsburgh, PA–L8344
Chatham University
Major: International Business &
Political Science

Zachary Rossi

New Prague, MN–L8327
Penn State University-Harrisburg
Major: Kinesiology

Justin Scally

Moon Twp., PA–L8344
University of Pittsburgh-
Johnstown
Major: Finance

Gavin Skwirut

Latrobe, PA–L8344
Baldwin Wallace University
Major: Finance & Digital
Marketing

Sarah Slusark

Duryea, PA–L8344
University of Scranton
Major: Healthcare Administration

Ava Stone

Villanova, PA–L8344
Bucknell University
Major: Markets, Innovation &
Design

Brooke Weitzel

Chagrin Falls, OH–L8341
DePaul University
Major: Biochemistry

2023 Athletic Scholarships

The GCU Board of Directors Fraternal Committee, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Athletic Scholarship. The awardees were selected from 9 applicants for this year's awards. Gabrielle Dwyer of Grafton MA & Lawrence Pegula of Jessup, PA will each receive a \$2,000.⁰⁰ scholarship to assist with their first-year expenses of post-secondary education.

Gabrielle excelled in field hockey and was team captain, named a first team all star and named to the Central Massachusetts Best of 60. She was a volunteer for the Election Board of the Town of Grafton.

Lawrence was captain of the golf and basketball team for two years, qualifier for PIAA Golf State Championship, and a two time All Lackawanna League Golf All Star. He served as student ambassador for the Coaches vs. Cancer fundraising events at his school.

Will you be the 2024 Athletic Scholarship awardee? Online applications for high school senior athletes will be accepted at www.GCUusa.com beginning on October 1, 2023.



Gabrielle Dwyer



Lawrence Pagula



Corporate Community Events Coordinators



Molly Kullen
Corporate Community
Events Coordinator
Western PA



Members at the Painting Party.

Painting Party. GCU sponsored a Painting Party activity at Off the Wall Arts Studio in Charleroi, PA on Saturday, April 15! Projects were on wooden canvases, and everyone had the opportunity to create their own design. The owner and art instructor, Casey Clark guided us on how to paint multiple types of flowers. Everyone’s project turned out beautiful and unique. The GCU invests in having fun!



Above is the Bovee family and below is Diane Cifrulak & family at the musical.



Madagascar the Musical. GCU members attended Madagascar the Musical on Friday, May 12, 2023, at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh, PA! There was just one showing of the musical in Pittsburgh. Everyone enjoyed watching their favorite Madagascar characters live on stage.



Members at the Keystone Safari with Willa the kangaroo.

Keystone Safari. The Keystone Safari outing was on Saturday, May 20, 2023! The GCU rented out the park from 6 to 8:30 PM. Our group was able to experience the park at their own pace. Over 110 members and guests attended. The Safari offered an up-close animal encounter with their Kangaroo Joey, Willa! Everyone loved being able to see and pet Willa.



The Pre-K - 3rd grade students.



Molly Kullen and John Ricci.

The Center in Midland Volunteer Activity. On Tuesday, May 23, 2023, GCU donated and served a meal to over 80 Pre-K through 12 grade students at The Center in Midland. The Center has a free after-school program every Tuesday and Thursday evening where they serve students dinner and do different activities. It was a great evening of service to the community!



Upcoming Events

Bus Trip to Ohio Wineries, Madison, OH

Saturday, June 24, 2023 9:30 AM-7 PM
 Bus pick up in Beaver, PA & Youngstown, OH

The Sound of Music Musical

Saturday, July 15, 2023 8 PM
 Benedum Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park

Thursday, July 27, 2023 Park opens at 11 AM
 Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, July 31, 2023 5 PM
 Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA

USPBL Baseball Game Outing at Jimmy John's Field

Friday, August 4, 2023 7:05 PM
 Jimmy John's Field, Utica, MI

Mahoning Valley Scrappers Game & Pre-Game Picnic

Sunday, August 20, 2023 12:30 PM
 Eastwood Field, Niles, OH

Pittsburgh Pirate Game Firework Extravaganza Night

Saturday, August 26, 2023 7:15 PM
 PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA

Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September 25, 2023
 Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA

Flight 93 Memorial and Luncheon Bus Trip

Saturday, October 14, 2023
 Shanksville, PA
 More information to come

Miracle of Christmas Sight & Sound Theatre Bus Trip

Saturday, November 4, 2023
 (Lancaster) Ronks, PA
 Bus pick up in Beaver & Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Steelers Game

Sunday, November 12, 2023 1 PM
 Steelers vs. Green Bay Packers
 Acrisure Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA

Dates and times are subject to change.

Visit GCUusa.com for more information on all these events
 or contact Molly Kullen at
mkullen@GCUusa.com or call 724-683-3927.



Patti, Peter, Marge and Peter.

Peter Torrente Jr. Receives Master's Degree

A special Congratulations to Peter Torrente Jr. for graduating from Pace College on May 15. He received a Master's Degree in Computer Science. His parents Patti & Peter and grandmother Marge Pajer attended the graduation and are very proud of Peter's accomplishments.



Melissa Cohen
 Corporate Community
 Events Coordinator
 Eastern PA,
 NY, NJ, MD, MA, CT, DE, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL

Summer is here and I'm very excited for all of the fun upcoming GCU activities we have planned. Costs are rising everywhere, but as a GCU member you will have many opportunities to take your family out for a wonderful time without hurting your pockets this season. A family of 4 can enjoy a baseball game for \$20 with our great \$5 ticket nights. If you are in the Scranton area, be sure to catch us at The RailRiders game on Friday, July 21. We have \$5 tickets available for members right near 1st base, GCU will be on the field for a pre-game interview and will have a table set up with some fun giveaways as the Community Organization of the Game! If you enjoy a wine, we have excellent savings on winery trains and festivals. The inaugural train ride from Pittston to Jim Thorpe was very popular so we added another date to enjoy for those of you who didn't get the opportunity to join that trip.

Thank you to Joseph Bernard, BPC for Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Virginia Beach, VA for giving me a call to thank GCU for the \$2,000 checks sent to all Byzantine parishes. It was wonderful to discuss future opportunities for GCU to be present down in VA Beach. If you are part of a Byzantine Parish in areas GCU doesn't have regular events in, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you regarding ideas on planning future GCU events up and down the East coast.

We are always looking for new ways to volunteer and back the communities we live in. If you have an idea for a GCU volunteer event or cause to support, please contact me. Be sure to check out the upcoming event list, event pages on the website and if you don't receive GCU email blasts please let us know so we can add you in! I hope to see some new and familiar faces at our events this season and I wish you all a happy and safe Summer 2023!

AFA. It was such a great honor to attend and present at the American Fraternal Alliance Spring Symposium in Oak Brook, IL, which was held from May 8-10. I presented



Melissa with fellow presenters at the AFA Spring Symposium.

GCU's Fraternal Metamorphosis to our friends in the audience from other fraternal organizations. After the presentation there was a Q&A session and I learned that other organizations found the presentation helpful and are thinking about making their own changes. It was wonderful to come together and network with others and I hope to have the opportunity to attend more events that the AFA coordinates to bring fraternal organizations together. Thank you AFA for a wonderful event!



Lynne Hunting (left) and Koren Clark (right) CHOP Scranton program managers with Melissa.

CHOP-Child Hunger Outreach Partners. It was a pleasure meeting some of the dedicated CHOP team, Lynne Hunting (left) and Koren Clark (right), program managers at the Scranton location. CHOP works to help fight childhood hunger. There are no income verification requirements to utilize the program. CHOP provides programs such as: their In-School Pantry—allowing students to be able to grab food whenever needed; the Backpack Program—helping to combat the need for food at home when students are not in school; the Summer Meal Program, as well as their Pop-Up Pantry program, allowing families to access food in surrounding local communities.

CHOP humbly began serving 45 middle school students in Towanda, PA after the founder's daughter shared on her first day of middle school, that if students did not have lunch money, they simply didn't eat. She begged her mother to do something. After hearing the shocking news, Dani knew in addition to a nutritious meal, these children also needed an advocate. So, she went to work.

Since 2018, CHOP has grown to serve tens of thousands of students weekly in Pennsylvania. As they move closer to meeting their mission of ending childhood hunger, CHOP continues to build partnerships across the country and to launch program branches to support this initiative.

Text @CHOP2021 to 81010 for weekly announcements on CHOP information and volunteer needs. Please contact me if you would like to be contacted for GCU group volunteer events with CHOP.



Peter Stinson, Executive Director of Twilight Wish Foundation; Melissa Cohen, GCU Corporate Community Events Coordinator; Missy Sovak, Twilight Wish Foundation Chapter Director, Allegheny County, PA; Jamie Bostard, Twilight Wish Foundation Chapter Director, Westmoreland County, PA and Jonathan Miller, Principal of Longevity Income Solutions.

Twilight Wish Foundation (TWF). I would like to thank Jonathan Miller, Principal of Longevity Income Solutions, and one of our wonderful GCU agents, for introducing me to Twilight Wish Foundation. TWF grants wishes of all kinds to senior citizens. If a senior has a wish to enjoy an adventure they have always wanted to do, or if they are in need of something and can't afford it, TWF steps in to help make that wish happen.

Jonathan recently joined the TWF Board of Directors and reached out to discuss GCU partnering with TWF. We not only love supporting our communities, but we also value backing the causes that our members and agents are involved with in the form of GCU Community Matching Funds along with our GoGive programs.

I was so happy to attend TWF's Week of Wishes Celebration of their 20th Anniversary and 5,000 wishes granted at The Manor House at Commonwealth Country Club in Horsham, PA on Thursday, April 27. Approximately \$37,000.00 was raised and GCU was proud to help support this wonderful cause. TWF has chapters in several states and I look forward to GCU being involved in the other chapters they have throughout the areas our members reside in.



Upcoming Events

Phillipsburg, NJ Winery Train

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Explore the town & visit Villa Milagro Vineyards

Trenton Thunder Baseball Faith & Family Night

Fireworks following the Game

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Trenton Thunder Ballpark, Trenton NJ

Idle Hours Bowling North

Saturday, August 5, 2023 11 AM-1 PM

Norriton, PA

Our Town Alley Bowling Day

Saturday, August 5, 2023 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

East Norriton, PA

Pittston to Jim Thorpe Train Ride

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Pittston Station, Pittston, PA

Adventure Aquarium Trip

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Camden, NJ

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Zac Brown Band with Marcus King & King Calaway

Guided Woodstock Museum Tour

Saturday, August 12, 2023 6 PM

Bethel, NY

Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball Game

Friday, August 18, 2023

Allentown, PA

Philadelphia Phillies vs St. Louis Cardinals Ball Game

Saturday, August 26, 2023 7:15 PM

Section 136

Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, PA

Mahoney City Community Day/Train Ride & Festival

Saturday, September 9

Roba Family Farm Day & GCU Picnic

Saturday, September 9

N. Abington Township, PA

Reading to Pottsville Train Ride / Yeungling Tours

Saturday, September 16 10 AM

Reading Outer Station, NY

Sight & Sound Miracle of Christmas Show Bus Trip

Saturday, November 4

Sight & Sound Theatre, Ronks, PA

Kalahari Indoor Waterpark Overnight Stay

Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18

GCU Discounted Rooms

Visit GCUusa.com for more information on all these events or contact Melissa Cohen at mcohen@GCUusa.com or call 878-207-2327.

Constellations



Delivering cinnamon rolls to the Andre House.

Arizona Constellation

PHOENIX, AZ

Volunteer Activity for Andre House

A group of ladies gathered at Arizona Constellation Coordinator Joanie Mahar's house to make cinnamon rolls and prepare Easter baskets for the homeless. The volunteers spent hours baking, preparing, packaging and then delivering them to the Andre House. The recipients were overjoyed with the donations.



Mother's Day hat judging.

Mother's Day Tea

A Mother's Day Tea to support a scholarship fund for a local Catholic School was held on May, 13, 2023. Everyone had fun and all enjoyed good food and lots of games. People were encouraged to wear their favorite hat and many asked to repeat the event next year.

Joanie Mahar | Arizona Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING ARIZONA CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Villa De Maria Academy
8524 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Contact: Joanie Mahar at 602-920-0607 or joaniesellshomes@aol.com for more information or questions.

Beaver Constellation

No-Tap Bowling Tournament

The first social event for the Beaver Constellation was a No-Tap Bowling Tournament held on Saturday, April 1 at Center Lanes in Aliquippa. It was great to see long-time friends as well as several new faces at the tournament. The 36 bowlers and 6 dinner guests convened at Seven Oaks Country Club after bowling to enjoy a buffet dinner, prizes and more socializing. Katie Frederick and John Niskach took home the 1st place actual prize for women and men respectively. Barb Wahal and Chris Barca placed 1st in the handicap division. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Elizabeth Harbist | Beaver Constellation Coordinator



Mark Stafura and Nick Fejka.



Several of the women bowlers with retired GCU Director Martha Seech.



Pam Kapaldo, Roxanne Savka, Kathy Kapaldo and Lorraine Dombloski.

UPCOMING BEAVER CONSTELLATION EVENT

Riverhounds Soccer Match & Tailgate

A combined Beaver & Pittsburgh Constellations event
Saturday, July 8, 2023

Tailgate 5 PM

Match starts at 7 PM

\$20 Adults

\$10 Youth (ages 18 & under)

Highmark Stadium

510 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Contact: Elizabeth Harbist at 412-913-1446 or eharbist@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Shotgun Start 12:30 PM

4 Person Scramble Format

\$60 Members

\$80 Non-Members

Buffet Dinner Only \$35

Seven Oaks Country Club

132 Lisbon road, Beaver, PA 15009

Contact: Elizabeth Harbist at 412-913-1446 or eharbist@gmail.com for more information.

Rock and Roll Doo Wop V.23 Concert

Saturday, October 21, 2023

7 PM

\$45 Members

\$56 Non-Members

Capitol Theatre

1015 Mail Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

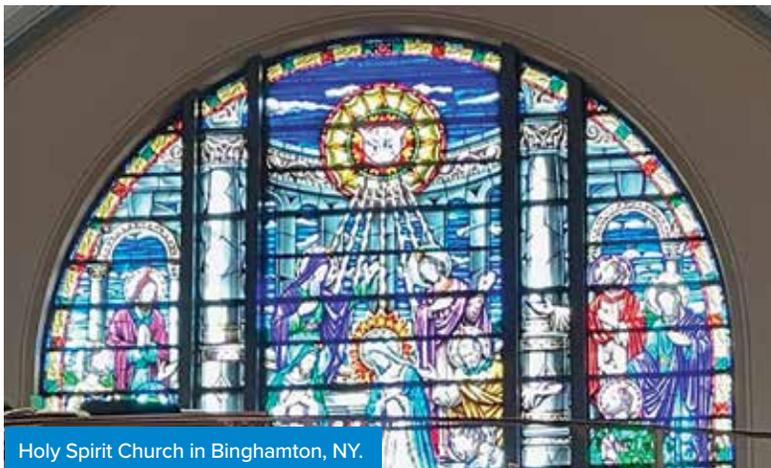
Contact: Elizabeth Harbist at 412-913-1446 or eharbist@gmail.com for more information.

Binghamton Constellation

Strikes, Spares & Misses

Binghamton continues to Buzz as the GCU Bowling League held their end-of-season awards banquet on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, celebrating a successful 2022-23 season.

Bowlers, families and guests enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by the league’s annual meeting, presentation of awards, special prizes and dessert. Congratulations to all the teams and award-winning bowlers.



Holy Spirit Church in Binghamton, NY.

2023 Sacred Sites

“Congregations and Communities” was the theme for the NY Landmarks Conservancy 2023 Annual Sacred Sites Open House Event, which is free to the community. Over 20 Religious Structures in Binghamton, Johnson City, Endwell and Endicott, NY welcomed visitors to explore their architecture, art and history.

In conjunction with PAST, the

Preservation Association of the Southern Tier, Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church participated as one of the sites in Binghamton. GCU Members Dianne Metzgar and Mary Ann Smilnak greeted guests and answered visitor’s questions while Slavonic music played. A highlight of the tour was the three-bar cross and canopy over the altar (Baldacchino) which depicts in Tiffany glass, the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Daria Shierly | Binghamton Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING BINGHAMTON CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Shoe Drive

July & August 2023

Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Binghamton, NY
Contact: Daria Shierly at 607-760-1892 or eagle27endwell@gmail.com.

Turning Stone Resort Casino Bus Trip

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

\$25 Members

\$30 Non-Members

Turning Stone Resort Casino
5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478

Contact: Daria Shierly at 607-760-1892 or eagle27endwell@gmail.com.

Rumble Ponies Baseball Game & Buffet

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Buffet at 67 Club 4:15-6:45 PM

Game Time 7:15 PM

\$15 Members (includes buffet & game ticket)

\$34 Non-Members (includes buffet & game ticket)

Binghamton Rumble Ponies vs Fightin Phils

FirstEnergy Stadium
1900 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601

Contact: Daria Shierly at 607-760-1892 or eagle27endwell@gmail.com.



Dianne Metzgar (who led the tours) and Mary Ann Smilnak.

Hazleton Constellation

Meet-n-Greet

The Hazleton Constellation Meet-n-Greet was held on Tuesday, May 23 at Alfredo's Restaurant in Hazleton, PA. It was wonderful to see some new and familiar faces as we socialized, ate and discussed past and upcoming events. I enjoyed hearing the new ideas people shared and I look forward to the exciting upcoming events in the Hazleton area. Mike Komishock began singing "God Grant You Many Years" and the rest of the guests sang along with him. It was really touching to have that directed towards myself. Thank you to the entire group for that special moment, as I am happy to be part of GCU and I do look forward to wonderful years with you all.



Helping Hands Day

The Helping Hands Day event at the Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf took place on Saturday, June 17. Volunteers helped with some Spring cleaning as well as outdoor work. A bench was placed in honor of Agnes Rohrbach at the Monastery. As you can imagine, it is not easy to move forward without Agnes Rohrbach, who dedicated many years to GCU, but the support and help from the tightly knit Hazleton group is extremely appreciated.

Looking Ahead

We have exciting bus trips scheduled to casinos, the Atlantic City Airshow in August, the Holupki Open, and another Sight and Sound trip in November for the Miracle of Christmas show on Saturday, November 4. Tickets to Sight and Sound will once again go fast, so please keep your eyes peeled on the GCU website and email blasts.

Melissa Cohen | Corporate Community Events Coordinator

UPCOMING HAZLETON CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Wind Creek Casino Bus Trip

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Pickups at Hazleton, Tamaqua and Lehighton

\$20 per person + \$35 free slot play for members

\$36 per person + \$35 free slot play for non-members

Wind Creek Casino

77 Wind Creek Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18015

Have some fun and try your luck at winning big!

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com.

Halupki Open

Saturday, July 15, 2023

\$50 per person / \$185 foursome-GCU member

\$65 per person / \$260 foursome-Non-member

Volunteers needed - please contact Melissa

White Birch Golf Course

660 Tuscarora Park Road, Barnesville PA 18214

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com.

Atlantic City Airshow Bus Trip

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Pickups at Hazleton, Tamaqua and Lehighton

\$25 (age 12+) includes \$25 slot play from Resorts Casino

(adults 21+) - GCU member

\$20 (age 5-12) Bus only - GCU member

\$44 (age 12+) includes \$25 slot play from Resorts Casino

(adults 21+) - non-GCU member

\$30 (age 5-12) Bus only - non-GCU member

Itinerary TBA

Enjoy the historic AC Boardwalk, airshow, food and the Jersey Shore all in one place!

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com.

A Day in New York City Bus Trip

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com.

Illinois Constellation

Crisis Center Volunteer and Tour

Volunteers from the Illinois Constellation recently received a tour of the Crisis Center’s warehouse and office facility. An orientation was provided on Crisis Center services and volunteer activities at the actual Crisis Center Residence, a highly secure and private location for the benefit of women and children who were in highly abusive situations. High security including non-disclosure of the actual residence address is a measure to ensure victims are safe from their abusers. The orientation also included information on the Crisis Center’s material needs.

Larry Lattuca | Illinois Constellation Coordinator



The Illinois Constellation made a donation to the Crisis Center.

UPCOMING ILLINOIS CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Volunteer Activity for Toy Box Connection & Dinner Outing

Saturday, September 9, 2023

3 PM

Orland Park, IL

Contact: Larry Lattuca at 708-949-6649 or LL3554@gmail.com



Illinois Constellation members touring facility.

Christmas Dinner Celebration

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:30 PM

\$7 Members / \$3 Youth Members

\$10 Non-Members / \$4 Youth Non-Members

Papa Joe’s Italian Restaurant
14459 S. La Grange Road, Orland Park, IL 60467

Contact: Larry Lattuca at 708-949-6649 or LL3554@gmail.com

Indiana, PA Constellation



Members gathered at Caffe Amadeus.

Meet-and-Greet

On May 13, 2023, the Indiana, PA Constellation had a Meet-and-Greet at Caffe Amadeus in downtown Indiana. It was attended by members and non-members in the area. We even had a couple children attend and they enjoyed some tasty smoothies and cake while they played board games. The adults discussed various topics and were briefed on who we are as a group and what



Indiana, PA Constellation Coordinator Kathryn Little.

we have been doing. I had the Ernest Mine Memorial renderings up, so those who came could see what our old Lodge 351 had begun supporting within the last year. Had some excellent conversations and I look forward to the next event to see more new faces.

Kathryn Little | Indiana, PA
Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING INDIANA CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Volunteer Activity for Lakeshore PAWs Dog Shelter

Saturday, July 15, 2023

11 AM

Lakeshore PAWs
4611 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Contact: Michelle Earp at 708-932-1444 or earpie4@comcast.net for more information.

RailCats Baseball Game, Picnic & Fireworks Outing

Friday, August 4, 2023

6:45 PM

\$7 GCU Members

\$12 Non-Members

RailCats vs Sioux City Explorers

U.S. Steel Yard
One Stadium Plaza, Gary, IN 46402

Contact: Michelle Earp at 708-932-1444 or earpie4@comcast.net for more information.

Laurel Highlands Constellation

Meet & Greet

For the first official activity in the Conemaugh/Johnstown area, under the new fraternal constellation system, a Meet & Greet was held on Saturday, April 22, at The Fifth Restaurant. Twenty-one GCU members and guests attended and enjoyed a buffet of pizza, salad, chicken bites, Buffalo dip and GCU cupcakes for dessert. As constellation coordinator, I welcomed everyone (some familiar faces and several new ones) and informed them of the upcoming events planned and asked for ideas and suggestions for social activities and volunteer opportunities as we embark on this new venture. Four Sheetz gift cards were awarded as door prizes.



GCU cupcake treats.



Members and guests enjoying the pizza buffet.



UPCOMING LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONSTELLATION EVENT

Ornament - The Music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:30 PM

Arcadia Theater
1418 Graham Avenue, Windber, PA 15963

Register & pay with a credit or debit card on GCUusa.com
Events November

Contact: Georgia Lehman at 814-242-2083 or gjlehman56@gmail.com for additional information.

Looking Ahead

Members & guests enjoyed a picnic and the ballgame at the Park Altoona Curve Game on Friday, June 2. A full report will appear in the August issue. There is an outing scheduled for November 18 at the Arcadia Theater in Windber, PA to enjoy an evening with "Ornament." The group features the music of The Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Ideas for volunteer opportunities this year include: packing food bags for the Backpack Project in September and Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army sometime after Thanksgiving. As Constellation Coordinator for the Laurel Highlands, I look forward to meeting local GCU members and invite any suggestions and/or ideas to get the GCU family better connected.

Georgia Lehman | Laurel Highlands Constellation Coordinator

Northeast Ohio Constellation



Even the youngest attendee enjoyed the pampering.

Mother's Day Pampering Event

On April 27, 2023, the Northeast Ohio Constellation held its first ever social event for GCU members at Studio 3 Salon and Spa in Strongsville. The event was called "Mother's Day Pampering Event" and 13 members and guests were given the red-carpet treatment with special prices on hair services, manicures and pedicures. Northeast Ohio Constellation Coordinator Dean Scouloukas was present to serve the attendees mimosas and sparkling grape juice and a charcuterie board with fresh meats and cheeses, fruits, nuts and crackers. He also spoke to them about the value and benefits of GCU membership and ownership of GCU insurance and annuity products.



All who attended the event had a fun and relaxing day.

Dean J. Scouloukas | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

UPCOMING NORTHEAST OHIO CONSTELLATION EVENT

Lake County Captains Baseball Game, Picnic & Fireworks Outing

Friday, June 30, 2023

6 PM Pre-Game Picnic

7 PM First Pitch + an Independence Day fireworks extravaganza!

\$15 GCU Members & Kids

\$20 Non-Members & Kids

Captains vs Fort Wayne Tincaps

Classic Park

35300 Vine Street, Eastlake, OH 44095

Contact: Dean Scouloukas at 216-421-6207 or dean@cboxohio.com for more information or questions.

UPCOMING PITTSBURGH CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Washington Wild Things Game Party Suite Outing

Saturday, July 1, 2023

6 PM Party Suite Opens

7:05 PM Game Starts

\$20 GCU Members

\$35 Non-Members

\$10 Children Age 12 & Under

Tickets include admission to the game & a meal.

Wild Things vs Schaumburg Boomers

Wild Things Park

1 Washington Federal Way, Washington, PA 15301

Contact: Michelle Tanney at 412-901-0462 or shelltanney@gmail.com for more information.

Riverhounds Soccer Match & Tailgate

A combined Pittsburgh & Beaver Constellations event

Saturday, July 8, 2023

5 PM Tailgate

7 PM Match Starts

\$20 Adults

\$10 Youth (ages 18 and under)

Highmark Stadium

510 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Contact: Michelle Tanney at 412-901-0462 or shelltanney@gmail.com for more information.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Constellation

Mother's Day Cooking Show

The Wilkes Barre/Scranton Constellation held an early Mother's Day private dinner/cooking show at the Rustic Kitchen, located inside the Mohegan Sun Casino Complex on Thursday, May 11. Guests were welcomed with a rose bouquet. The show began with Chef Kim McLendon demonstrating the technique used to create the attendees' delicious

dinners as the meal was served. Bacon, Gorgonzola and Caramelized Onion Stuffed Mushrooms were served as the appetizer. The entrée was Beef Wellington served with Roasted Root Vegetables and Fingerling Potatoes. Dessert was a fabulous Red Velvet Brownie. The GCU group enjoyed glasses of wine throughout the show. We would like to thank Chef Kim and all the staff working that evening. The service and event were truly fantastic!



Cooking Show.

Meet-and-Greet

The Constellation held a Meet-and-Greet Pizza Party at Grotto Pizza, Wilkes Barre, PA on Thursday, May 25, 2023. A variety of pizzas were served as well as salads and soft drinks and desserts by Bakery Delight in Wilkes Barre, PA.

The evening was filled with comradery and delicious food. It was great to come together, meet new people, answer questions, and enjoy each other's company. Melissa and Laure look forward to seeing you all again at our future events, outings and volunteer activities!

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Meet-and-Greet pizza party.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup 2023

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Constellation held an Adopt a Highway Cleanup on Saturday morning, May 27, 2023. The group met at the Misu Restaurant parking lot in Wilkes Barre Township, PA and began the roadside cleanup. The beautiful weather helped to make the morning enjoyable. Hoagies by Peruginos in Kingston, PA along with chips and soft drinks were served following the volunteers' hard work. A raffle was held to thank all those who gave up their Saturday morning to help. Special thanks to Ed & Gina Keil and Jonathan Williams and Nina Parma for setting up the litter cleanup crew signs and Gina & Ed for sharing their knowledge on running the event. Thank you all who came out to help make this event a success!



Highway cleanup.

Laure Marcin | WB/Scranton Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Fingerlakes Wine Festival Bus Trip

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Sunday, July 9, 2023

\$70 Members

\$115 Non-Members

Ticket is for One Day

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com.

Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders Baseball Game

Friday, July 21, 2023

6:35 PM + fireworks after the game

Yankees vs Red Sox show-down!

\$5 GCU members

\$9 Non-members

Section 15 near first base

PNC Field
235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA 18507

Join us for a fun night out to watch the Triple-A Minor League Baseball Affiliate of the New York Yankees take on Triple-A Minor League Baseball Affiliate of the Red Sox!

Not only is GCU the featured Community Organization of the game, but it's fireworks night also.

We will have an on-field interview before the game, a table set up on the main concourse with giveaways, and partial proceeds from the open-air gift shop will be donated to a local charity TBA.

Tickets are digital and will be emailed to you.

Contact: Laure Marcin at 570-466-5941 laure64@live.com. .

Meet-n-Greet Social-Scranton Trolley Museum & Trolley Ride to a RailRiders Baseball Game

Sunday, August 27, 2023

RailRiders vs Lehigh Valley

Game Time 1:05 PM

\$15 GCU Members 9

Meet-n-Greet, Trolley Ride & Game Ticket

\$25 Non-Members

Meet n Greet, Trolley Ride & Game Ticket

If you have a game ticket already

\$5 Members

\$15 Non-Members

PNC Field
235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA 18507

Contact: Laure Marcin at 570-466-5941 or laure64@live.com.

End of Summer Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 17, 2023

\$65 per person / \$240 foursome-GCU Member

\$85 per person / \$340 foursome-Non-Member

SAVE \$10 pp-if you participate in the Halupki Open

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club
260 Country Club Drive, Mountain Top, PA 18707

Register online at GCUusa.com or contact Laure Marcin at 570-466-5941 or laure64@live.com.

Parish Matching Funds

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church WINDBER, PA

Easter Bake Sale

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Windber held it's Easter Bake Sale on March 25, 2023. Volunteers made over 300 pascha to be placed in Easter baskets and blessed on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. They also sold over 200 nut, apricot & poppyseed rolls. The parish volunteers started preparations for the sale back in February.

The bake sale was a huge success. We would like to thank the GCU for the Parish Matching Funds program.

Thresa Valko | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Parish volunteers who made the bake sale a success.

Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church CONEMAUGH, PA



Annual Cash Bash

Pictured is Georgia Lehman presenting Father Robert Oravetz with the \$3,000.⁰⁰ GCU Matching Funds check from the parish's Annual Cash Bash held on April 1. These funds along with the event proceeds totaled over \$7,000.⁰⁰ for the parish.

Georgia Lehman | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church CLYMER, PA

Marianna's Hoagie/Pizza Sale

St. Anne parish recently held two GCU Parish Matching Funds events. The first was a successful fundraiser took place on April 19, 2023. Delicious Marianna's Hoagies and Pizzas were preordered and delivered to the church. A group of parishioners sorted, labeled and delivered the orders. Job well done!



Hoagie/Pizza Sale volunteers.



Meatball Fundraiser

On Wednesday, May 24 St. Anne's Byzantines Beauties prepared and sold 123 dozen meatballs. Pre-orders were taken and all extras were sold.

Janet Petro | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church HILLSBOROUGH, NJ

Bakeless Bake Sale

A Bakeless Bake Sale Matching Funds project was held the month of March to raise funds for activities to benefit the youth, educational and parish needs of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a success.

John Kichura | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church LORAIN, OH

Lenten Pirohi Sales

St. Nicholas Parish in Lorain, with the help of several GCU members, made and sold potato pirohi during Lent to raise funds for the parish which were then matched by the GCU Parish Matching Funds program.

Anne Dillon | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Volunteers making pirohi.

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Church HOMER CITY, PA



GCU Byzantine Parish Coordinator Larry DeChurch (right) presents GCU Matching Funds check to Mrs. Judy Holliday. Both are members of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer City, PA. Judy coordinated and oversaw the sale of nut, poppy and apricot rolls for the Easter Roll Bake Sale.

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church BROWNSVILLE, PA

Easter Pirohi Sale

A Pirohi Sale of potato/cheese, sweet cabbage & lekvar pirohi was held for the Lenten/Easter Season. This was also a GCU Parish Matching Funds event.

Melody L. Yeardie | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. John the Baptist Church

LYNDORA, PA

Salad Bingo

On Saturday, April 22, a total of 121 guests were in attendance at the annual Salad Bingo sponsored by the Ladies Guild of St. John the Baptist Church. A variety of delicious salads and desserts were enjoyed by all, along with door prizes, bingo prizes, a Chinese basket auction and 50/50 drawing. The GCU generously matched the proceeds for the church.

John J. Pocchiari | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



At left: Ladies Guild president Stephanie Dano (center) and Secretary Liz Pocchiari present the GCU Matching Funds check for \$2,690.²⁸ to pastor Fr. Radko Blichar. At right: the many salads to choose from.

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA

Ham Bingo

A sunny, spring day on March 26, 2023 was the perfect afternoon for St. Stephen's annual Ham Bingo. Bingo games, basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle appealed to all guests. An abundance of haluski, kielbasa, hot dogs, snacks, and homemade treats satisfied the numerous guests at this GCU Parish Matching Funds Event. Parish Coordinator Connie Smith presented the GCU Matching Funds check to Father Vasyl Yakubych, pastor of Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church. A big thank you to the GCU for their generosity to our Byzantine Churches.



Connie Smith and Fr. Vasyl Yakubych.

Connie Smith | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Victoria Yakubych, and son Vasyl, have a fun day playing bingo. Mary Cvejkus is seated next to Vasyl.

St. Mary Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church

MORGANTOWN, WV

Pascha Baking

St. Mary BC Church sold nut, poppyseed & apricot rolls, as well as pascha bread, with or without raisins along with half pound peanut butter, black walnut and coconut Easter eggs. Twelve parish volunteers helped with the baking. Monetary donations were used for expenses. Fr. Jim Fraser is shown receiving GCU Matching Funds from St. Mary Holy Protection Byzantine Parish Coordinator Robert. Thank you to the GCU for providing financial help to assist with our small parish's infrastructure improvements.



Fr. Jim Fraser accepting check from Robert Johnson.

Robert Johnson | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Yummy rolls cooling!

Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

ENDICOTT, NY

Can & Bottle Drive

After several days of rain and cool temperatures, the sun appeared just in time to warm things up on May 6, 2023, for the Ss. Peter and Paul can & bottle drive.



Volunteers at the can & bottle drive.

Thanks to everyone who collected cans & bottles, to GCU for the Parish Matching Funds and to the volunteers and event organizers who were amazed and thrilled with the support and donations they received from family, friends and the local community.

Volunteers sported fancy “hats, fascinators and headbands” during the can/bottle drive to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles which happened the same day. All had fun with it.

Everyone who came was given pre-packaged cookies and offered



Volunteers at the can & bottle drive-some wearing fancy hats.

some fun snack options to show our appreciation.

When the trailer was full, we started stacking in the parking lot. The team is already planning another event in July!

Daria Shierly | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church

MUNHALL, PA

Lenten Fish Fry

Barb Wahal presented Father Vitalii Stashkevych with a check from the GCU Parish Matching Funds from the St. Elias Lenten Fish Fry. Thank you GCU!

Barbara Wahal | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Fr. Vitalii Stashkevych and Barb Wahal.

St. John Chrysostom BC Church

PITTSBURGH, PA



John Niskach, Fr. Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Donna Bittner and Elizabeth Harbist.

Easter Flower Sale

Parishioners purchased flowers in remembrance of family/loved ones that were used in the church for the Easter celebration. The sale received GCU Matching Funds.

Sarris Candy Fundraiser

Sarris Candy orders were taken from parishioners and received in time for their Easter celebrations. The sale earned nearly \$500.00 for the parish, which was matched by the GCU Parish Matching Funds program.

John Niskach | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Pius X BC Church

PITTSBURGH, PA

Flea Market

A flea market, jewelry table, basket raffle, vendor tables, bake sale and kitchen food comprised the event at St. Pius Church on April 15, 2023. A steady flow of people visited and contributed for this GCU Matching Funds event.



Flea market items.

Craft and Vendor Show

On Saturday, May 6 crafters and vendors were at the parish hall selling a variety of items. Food sales, a bake sale and raffle contributed to the success of this Matching Funds event.

Kim Kolesar | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Matching Funds check presentation from St. Pius X flea market. From left: Beth Gulyasy, Fr. Michael Kunitz and Kim Kolesar.

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

MCADOO, PA

Lenten Food Sale

St. Michael BC Church had a Lenten Food Sale on March 24, 2023, as a GCU Parish Expansion Matching Funds project. Thank you to all who helped in the preparation and those who purchased food.



Margaret Sheeto | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Margie Sheeto presenting Lenten Food Sale Matching Funds check to Rev. Gregory Hosler.

Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA



Pirohi volunteers.

Annual Lenten Pirohi Sale

Members of the parish and some wonderful outside volunteers assisted with Ss. Peter & Paul BC Church's Lenten pirohi fundraiser every Tuesday, March 7-28. The sale received GCU Parish Matching Funds which will help make upgrades to parish's social hall kitchen.

Julie Brocious | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church

UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA

ECF Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

Following the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, May 21, all was ready for this year's ECF Lasagna Dinner. This fundraiser helps fund the Vacation Church School and Summer Camp. The students are grateful to all who supported the event, and especially to the GCU for the additional Matching Funds.

Dorothy Mayernik | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



ECF volunteers worked hard serving salads and lasagna.

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

Annual Pascha Bake Sale

As a Matching Funds project, a few parishioners gathered to bake about 35 traditional Pascha bread loaves to sell for the Easter baskets of fellow parishioners. The parish also sold kielbasa sausages for the baskets that were smoked in December.

Genevieve Aguirre | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church

WALL, PA

New to You Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

On May, 26 the parish hall at Holy Trinity BC Church was filled with new and used items just waiting for someone to find their “find of a life time.” Many members of GCU showed up to support the sale. Everyone had a good time and the parish had a successful Matching Funds event.



Sale items.

Thomas E. Oslick, Sr. | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

TARENTUM, PA



Byzantine Parish Coordinator Elaine Ruminski presented a Matching Funds check to Fr. Vasyl Polyak on Sunday, April 23. The match was from nut roll sales for the Easter holiday. Fr. Vasyl and the parishioners are very grateful for the GCU Match.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

TOMS RIVER, NJ

Flea Market

Our Lady of Perpetual Church, Toms River, NJ held their 2nd Annual Flea Market on May 5 & 6, 2023. Thanks to the GCU for the Parish Matching Funds that added to the overall success of the event.

Mary Bannworth | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Happy bargain hunters.

St. John the Baptist Cathedral

MUNHALL, PA



On April 22, St. John Cathedral held its annual Craft Show where many enjoyed shopping for hand made items from local artisan's. This event was a Matching Funds event for the parish.

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

WHITESTONE-QUEENS, NY

Easter Card Fundraiser

This year, parishioners at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Whitestone, Queens, NY, participated in an Easter Card Fundraiser. Contributing to this project was a way for members to send holiday wishes to fellow parishioners and/or to remember loved ones who have passed, while supporting efforts to complete needed repairs at the church.



Parishioners contributed \$10 for every name listed on the card. This year, expenses for printing and mailing were covered by the project chairperson Deb Zizick. Eighty-four cards were mailed and the remainder were distributed following Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday.

This year's card consisted of eight pages and included a cover showing an icon of the Myrrh Bearers at the Tomb and a schedule of Holy Week and Paschal services.

Special thanks to Deb Zizick who also designed the card. Contributions for the card were collected by the committee, consisting of Dottie Tymus, Deb Zizick and Laura Muhlfeld.

As our church ages, we need more and more repairs to keep it in operating condition. Presently, the St. Mary's Sisterhood at St. Nicholas is collecting funds to cover the most pressing repairs facing the parish. Our sincere thanks to the GCU for its continued, generous, and much needed support.

Laura Muhlfeld

Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church

FLUSHING, NY

Sviachenne

Parishioners gathered for a parish fraternal dinner at Easter, honoring customs of the past. Income from the Sviachenne received GCU Non-Byzantine Parish Matching Funds. This extra income added to the overall financial success of the event.

Christine Hulak

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GCU Supported Parish Events

Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church WALL, PA



Mother's Day Sweet Treat—The mothers of Holy Trinity BCC were honored on Mother's Day, May 14. The GCU treated all mothers with a sweet treat from Sarris Candy. Tom Oslick | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church HAZLETON, PA

Stations of the Cross and Parish Social

Stations of the cross were held at St. Mary BC Church on Palm Sunday, April 2. The services are held each week at a different BC Church in the area during Lent. After the services, all in attendance were invited to the church hall for some refreshments and to congratulate Fr. Eugene Hradil on the 14th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. GCU parish social funds were used for event.

Rick Hoppey | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. John Byzantine Catholic Church POTTSTOWN, PA

2023 Easter Egg Hunt at ECF/School of Religion

The students of the ECF/School of Religion program at St. John BC Church in Pottstown participated in an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 2. The GCU supplied special treats for the students and parents supplied wrapped candy for eggs. Twenty-three students and fifteen catechists are in the ECF/SOR program. Rev. Nicholas de Prospero is pastor at St. John. Pictures show one class during Easter Egg Hunt and everyone at the Palm Sunday event. Fran Petro and Alex Riebe are ECF/SOR co-coordinators and GCU members.

Alex Riebe | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Easter Egg Hunt participants.

Ascension Byzantine Catholic Church CLAIRTON, PA



Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch—On Palm Sunday, the children of the parish participated in an Easter Egg Hunt, visited with the Easter Bunny and joined their families for lunch afterwards. Thanks to the GCU Byzantine Parish social program all had fun! Trish Roberts | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. John the Baptist

WILKES-BARRE TOWNSHIP, PA

St. Thomas Dinner

St. John The Baptist parish celebrated the feast of the apostle Thomas on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Following the Divine Liturgy, a dinner was held at the River Grill restaurant in Wilkes-Barre. It was a special way to thank the parishioners and friends of St. John parish who assisted with different projects over the year, mainly the baking project. It was a beautiful event where all in attendance could share fellowship, enjoy a tasty meal and the cake sponsored by GCU.

Ivanna Prodanets | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Thomas Dinner.

St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

PITTSBURGH PA



Children's Easter Egg Hunt—On Easter, 27 parish & GCU member children had a fun afternoon hunting eggs, decorating cookies and visiting with the Easter Bunny, who gave each child a goodie bag. Thanks to the GCU for supporting this event. John Niskach | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church

ALIQUIPPA, PA



Parish's Feast Day

The parish's feast day was celebrated on Sunday, April 23 with a Divine Liturgy. Parishioners from both St. George and St. Mary (Ambridge) BC Churches attended.

Following Liturgy a delicious brunch was prepared by St. George parishioners Frank & Joann Hersh. Continuing the feast day celebration, approximately 25 youth and adults enjoyed an evening of bowling at Sheffield Lanes followed by a pizza party on Thursday, April 27.

Both functions enjoyed the support of the new GCU parish social program.

Kathy Kapaldo | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

OLD FORGE, PA



Thomas Sunday Social—St. Nicholas Church celebrated Thomas Sunday with a ham dinner. The parishioners enjoyed ham, salads and desserts on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Thanks to the GCU for the financial support of this event. Maria Calogero | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St John the Baptist Byzantine Church

UNIONTOWN, PA



ECF End of Year Celebration—On May 7, the St. John the Baptist church and the GCU treated Father Vasyk, ECF students, parents and teachers to a luncheon at a local restaurant as an end of the year celebration. A great time was had by all. Enjoy the summer! Stephen Petruska Jr. | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Mary BC Church

BRADENVILLE, PA

Welcome Fr. Athanasius Cherry, OSB

On Saturday and Sunday after the Liturgies the Parish welcomed Fr. Athanasius Cherry, OSB, who was appointed Administrator after the passing of Fr. Joe Borodach. The strawberry shortcake social provided the opportunity for Fr. Athanasius to meet and speak to Parishioners in a relaxed setting. Father thanked the GCU for hosting this event. He also thanked everyone for their kindness and support.

Laurene M. Kristof | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

LORAIN, OH

Mother's Day Tea

GCU and council members of St. Nicholas Parish hosted a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 14 following the Divine Liturgy. It was a beautiful way to honor our mothers and women in the parish. China and tea kettles were set out along with various sandwiches, scones and pastries. So many sweet and savory treats to enjoy along with a variety of teas. Following the opening prayer, GCU members presented Fr. Andrew Nagrant with a Parish Matching Funds check. GCU matched the money raised during the parish Lenten food sale.

Anne Dillon | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Check presentation to Fr. Nagrant.

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

KINGSTON, PA

Easter Egg Hunt 2023

St. Mary BC Church held its Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. The "hunt" began following the Divine Liturgy with each child finding a total of 6 eggs each, 1 of each color, and then turning them in for their prizes. Refreshments were served following the Egg Hunt for the children and their family members. A great time was had by all who attended. Special thanks to all the ECF teachers, GCU members who assisted with the event and the GCU Parish Social program for making this event a huge success.

Laure Marcin | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Egg Hunt participants.

Holy Wisdom Byzantine Catholic Church

FLANDERS, NJ



Thomas Sunday Paschal Dinner—A catered dinner for parishioners and guests was enjoyed following the Saturday Vigil Liturgy on April 15, 2023. The dinner was provided through the GCU Byzantine Parish social program. Liturgy was offered for recently departed Cantor Emery Rosko; members of the Rosko family were in attendance. GCU member Kathy Fedor and Marie Esolen coordinated the event. Fr. Jack Custer | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Church of the Resurrection

MONROEVILLE, PA



Check Presentation—A Matching Funds check was presented to Fr. Don Bolls from the Lenten fish fry. **Mother's Day**—GCU treated all Mother's of the church to with a sweet treat from Sarris Candy to help them celebrate their day. Thanks to the GCU's parish support programming. Tom Oslick | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Andrew Byzantine Catholic Church

WESTBURY, NY

Easter 2023

Easter is a very special day of the year. The parishioners at St. Andrew BC Church in Westbury celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus during Easter Sunday Liturgy. Many came with their Easter baskets full of pascha, kielbasa, colored eggs, cheese, salt and cakes. Father Nick gave a special blessing to all the Easter baskets. A special thank you to Cathy Walsh for baking and sharing her pascha with the parishioners. Marge Russell also gave chocolate bunnies to the children of the parish.

Honoring Patricia Dietz & Fr. Nick

On April 23 the parish held a GCU luncheon at St. Andrew Church in Westbury to celebrate Patricia Dietz's retirement and Father Nick's 6th anniversary of being a priest. Patricia was on the GCU Board of Directors for over 30 years. She helped make it a great organization. Her father, Peter Dietz, organized the GCU bowling



league in New York City and she was also an avid bowler. Patty has been a cantor in New Jersey for many years. She has a great voice and beautifully leads the people in



Fr. Nick Dadonna & Patricia Dietz celebration.

singing. She is moving to Pennsylvania, to be near her brother and sister-in-law, Margie and Paul Dietz. Stephan Vlslocky cooked a delicious meal that everyone enjoyed. We had a special cake for the occasion. We wish Patty lots of luck and happiness in her new environment. We wish Fr. Nick many more years as a priest.

Van Gogh Display

GCU members and others went to see the Van Gogh display on Long Island. Corporate Community Events Coordinator Melissa Cohen did a great job getting tickets for GCU members and parishioners. It was a great exhibit which expressed Van Gogh's life and his paintings. The group also enjoy a meal together afterwards and had some nice conversations with Melissa.

Marge Russell | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Members and guests at the Van Gogh Display.

Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church

JOHNSTOWN, PA

Parish Feast Day Coffee Social

On Sunday, May 28, the feast of Pentecost and the feast day of Holy Trinity, the parish hosted a cake and coffee social for the parishioner thanks to the GCU Parish Social program.

Georgia Lehman | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church

SMITHTOWN, NY



St. Thomas Sunday Celebration & Egg Hunt—On April 16, Resurrection Church in Smithtown held a St. Thomas parish family luncheon & egg hunt. Thanks GCU for the financial assistance for this event. Joanne Marcus | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

BRADDOCK, PA

Coffee & Donut Social

For the love of donuts and of course, coffee! Thank you to GCU for the donuts and coffee that Ss. Peter & Paul parishioners in Braddock enjoyed on Sunday, April 23. It was a great day for coffee, donuts and friendly chats!



Arleen Jama | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Parishioners enjoying the donuts.

Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

BALTIMORE, MD

Pysanky Workshop

On April 2 the Patronage of the Mother of God parish held its first GCU sponsored event since the inception of the Fraternal Metamorphosis. A pysanky workshop was held to honor one of our long standing Ruthenian heritage traditions in preparation for the Easter Paschal Season. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship of the event and the meal that went along with it.

Dennis Kotula | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Members and guests at the Pysanky workshop.

Community Matching Funds

MCKEESPORT, PA

Work of Mercy Donation

On May, 4 Dorothy Mayernik traveled to the Intersection in McKeesport to present a GCU Matching Funds check from St. Gregory Church's Lenten "Work of Mercy" Collection of food pantry items. The Intersection coordinator said they were in need of breakfast cereals and cleaning supplies, so that's what parishioners focused their donations on. The donations filled an SUV and were delivered during Holy Week.

GCU generously matched the value of the donations. The staff and volunteers were very happy and surprised



Dorothy Mayernik and Sr. Bonnie Heh, RSM, a Sister of Mercy and Finance Director at the Intersection in McKeesport, PA

to receive the additional check. If you would like to learn more about the Intersection, please visit their website www.intersection-mckeesport.org.

Thanks so much GCU—you made St. Gregory Church and its parishioners look really great!

Dorothy Mayernik | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Tim Keller (traffic control), Mike Mancak (pizza stand coordinator), Michaela Mancak (pizza frita stand coordinator) and Gary Pezak (bar control).

Community Matching Funds

JESSUP, PA

Jessup Hose Co. #2 Holds 31st Annual Carnival

Thursday, May 25 thru Monday, May 29 GCU volunteers manned the pizza and pizza frita stands as assisting where ever they were needed. Picture attached is: GCU members: Tim Keller (traffic control), Mike Mancak (pizza stand coordinator), Michaela Mancak (pizza frita stand coordinator) and Gary Pezak (bar control). The event received GCU Community Matching Funds—thank you GCU for your support!

Michaela Mancak | Coordinator



Karen Muransky presented Fr. Richard Lambert with a \$3,000.00 GCU Matching Funds check from the Super Bingo held earlier this year. Danny Kovachik, Dr. Tom Sopkovich, David Muransky and Francey Kovachik are shown at the presentation.

Community Matching Funds

YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Fundraiser for Veterans Outreach and The Salvation Army

On Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, St. Mary BC Church Bingo held a fundraiser for Veterans Outreach and The Salvation Army. There were 160 generous bingo players present to support these charities. In addition there were 8 veterans in attendance. A speech of appreciation was given to praise these noble people who risked their



lives for our country, which was followed with uproarious applause. The regular schedule of bingo games commenced with all proceeds going to these two charities. Thank you to all that supported and helped to make this charitable donation successful for these local community organizations.

Karen Muransky | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

For Your Information

Events

GCU Family Day at Kennywood Park

Thursday, July 27, 2023

10 AM

\$25 Ride all day ticket age 4+

\$25 Lunch ticket age 11+

\$20 Kids lunch ticket ages 3-10

Lunch Served from 12-1 PM

West Mifflin, PA

Order your tickets and pay with a debit or credit card at www.GCUusa.com

GCU Blood Drive

Monday, July 31, 2023

12 PM - 5:30 PM

Seven Oaks Country Club
132 Lisbon Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Sign up at www.GCUusa.com

Contact GCU Community Events
Coordinator Molly Kullen at
724-495-3400 ext. 3927 or
mkullen@GCUusa.com.

GCU/SCS/FCSU Golf Tournament

August 18-20, 2023

Kennington Golf Club, Canfield, OH &
Flying B Golf Course, Salem, OH

Applications are available at
www.GCUusa.com and pay with a debit
or credit card .

Contact Chris Chamberlain at
724-495-3400 est. 3810.

Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September 25, 2023

10 AM Shotgun Start

4-Person Scramble

\$125 per golfer or \$450 per 4some

Seven Oaks Country Club
132 Lisbon Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Benefits the Greater Pittsburgh
Community Food Bank

Applications are available at
www.GCUusa.com and pay with a debit
or credit card .

Contact GCU Community Events
Coordinator Molly Kullen at
724-495-3400 ext. 3927 or
mkullen@GCUusa.com.

Available

Discount Amusement Park Tickets for 2023



Discounted Amusement Park tickets for the 2023 season are available to GCU members for online purchase. Parks include: Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA; Knoebels Park, Elysburg, PA; Hershey Park, Hershey, PA. Visit the GCU website at www.GCUusa.com.



Carpathian Cookery Cookbook

Having sold nearly 20,000 copies, the cookbook has entered its 20th printing and was requested by the Library of Congress to be in their ethnic cooking collection. The 330-page cookbook has a new look and features a protective plastic cover. The book includes sections on Christmas and Easter customs and recipes, traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other tried-and-true recipes of St. John's parishioners. There is a variety of paska bread and kolachi (filled roll) recipes, as well as meatless dishes and Lenten recipes, suitable for the Great Fast, as well as the Pre-Christmas Fast. The cost of the cookbook is \$14.⁰⁰ plus \$5.⁰⁰ postage and handling (\$19.⁰⁰). If ordering from Canada, please send a \$36.⁰⁰ U.S. Postal money order payable in U.S. dollars to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage cost. To order please send a check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, call 724-438-1382 (M-F 9 AM-3 PM please leave a message) or email carpathiancookery@gmail.com.

GCU / Slovak Catholic Sokol / First Catholic Slovak Union
Present

FRIDAY,
AUG 18, 2023
THRU
SUNDAY,
AUG 20, 2023
START TIME
8AM SATURDAY & SUNDAY

THE 68th INTERNATIONAL
GOLF Tournament

USGA 36 Holes
MEN - 5 FLIGHTS
WOMEN - 1 FLIGHT

KENNSINGTON
GOLF CLUB
CANFIELD, OHIO
PRACTICE RESERVATIONS 330.533.8733 #3

APPLICATION & FEE DEADLINE
JULY 21, 2023



SALEM, OHIO
PRACTICE RESERVATIONS
330.377.8138



ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH
THE COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, CANFIELD, OH 330.533.6880 #0
OR HOLIDAY INN BOARDMAN, OH 330.726.1611



1909
1925
1960
1971
1979



Versus



2023
PIRATE OUTING

Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 7:15
Skyblast Fireworks Extravaganza Night!
Members: \$32 Non-members: \$42
Section 125 along 3rd base line



Deceased Members

(State Lodge-Member-City-State)

- 8344 Joseph Aber, Cheswick, PA
8304 Bernice Agardi, Danville, CA
8344 Sherri M. Andrews, Pittsburgh, PA
8335 Agnes Bacso, Mount Laurel, NJ
8344 Joseph Banyas, Freeland, PA
8344 James E. Bechtold, Bolivar, PA
8344 Helen Becker, Bethlehem, PA
8302 Walter Beeghly, Mesa, AZ
8344 Gail M. Beitle, Canonsburg, PA
8344 Sally L. Bender, Muncy Valley, PA
8344 Genevieve Benedick, Armagh, PA
8344 Helen Bereznak, Dunmore, PA
8344 Alvin Berkheimer, Johnstown, PA
8309 Shawn Wm. Bitsura,
Bonita Springs, FL
8313 Archie W. Bloss, Chatham, IL
8315 Robert M. Bodak, Saint John, IN
8344 Olive Boone, Berwick, PA
8324 Wilmer R. Borgmann, Bel Air, MD
8344 Rev. Joseph Borodach,
Uniontown, PA
8344 Ronald Borsuk, Indiana, PA
8344 Mary R. Boyza, East Millsboro, PA
8359 Anthony D. Bridgers,
Brunswick, NC
8344 Charles W. Brobst, Minersville, PA
8344 Ada Buckner, Homestead, PA
8344 Joseph Buksa, Johnstown, PA
8360 Carolyn E. Bundy,
N. Myrtle Beach, SC
8344 Grace Cain, Imperial, PA
8326 Michael J. Camilleri, Livonia, MI
8309 Tana D. Carter, Ocala, FL
8344 Lester D. Chapman,
Dickson City, PA
8344 Blanche Charles, Minersville, PA
8344 Sue Chope, Pittsburgh, PA
8344 Ruth E. Chrismer, Sunbury, PA
8344 Ronald R. Colbert,
Mt. Pleasant, PA
8344 Robert Datig, Oakdale, PA
8344 Catherine Davis, Ebensburg, PA
8344 Earl R. Deemer, Blairsville, PA
8359 Magdalene Dezubay,
Charlotte, NC
8313 Edna Dillon, Swansea, IL
8344 Rosa B. Dilts, Indiana, PA
8358 James R. Dooley, Janesville, WI
8344 Helen Drolet, King of Prussia, PA
8326 Elizabeth A. Dubensky, Flushing, MI
8344 Sandra M. Dubensky,
Punxsutawney, PA
8344 Stanley Dudukovich, Pittsburgh, PA
8341 William P. Eckerfield, Parma, OH
8302 Elizabeth Ehnat, Tucson, AZ
8309 Evelyn H. Evans, Apopka, FL
8344 Rosario A. Fajardo,
King of Prussia, PA
8344 Barbara A. Ferrucci,
West Pittsburgh, PA
8344 Miriam G. Filson, Sellersville, PA
8304 William G. Franks, Sun City, CA
8344 Hildegard Fry, Pittsburgh, PA
8344 Margaret Fuscick, Harleigh, PA
8324 Marie A. Galante, Glen Burnie, MD
8341 Florence J. Galida, Campbell, OH
8309 Steven L. Garrott, Deltona, FL
8309 Aleen Geczi, Beverly Hills, FL
8341 Natalie Gentile, Columbiana, OH
8313 Bob L. Geske, Orland Park, IL
8340 Dennis Gienger, Jamestown, ND
8302 Elaine Graumann, Surprise, AZ
8358 Arthur E. Hagel,
Menomonee Falls, WI
8335 Dolores D. Hamilton, Wenonah, NJ
8313 Kenneth G. Hancock,
East Saint Louis, IL
8358 Janice A. Hansen, Green Bay, WI
8344 Myrtle Hardy, Ellwood City, PA
8358 Sandra L. Harp, Sheboygan, WI
8327 Elizabeth Helsing, Saint Paul, MN
8337 Wendy D. Herman, Lockport, NY
8358 Sylvia Herzog, Wausau, WI
8344 John Homick, Aliquippa, PA
8344 Donald G. Hunter, Danville, PA
8344 Lorraine Janesko, Smithfield, PA
8302 Lavonne Johnson, Green Valley, AZ
8341 Gloria M. Katula, Campbell, OH
8320 G. Patrick Kelly, Florence, KY
8358 Charles Kemper, Chippewa Falls, WI
8344 Karen E. Kempf, E. Stroudsburg, PA
8344 Clettis Kiley, Butler, PA
8344 Michael Kocak, Jamison, PA
8357 David Kopa, Weirton, WV
8341 Veronica Kovach, Boardman, OH
8315 Josephine Kranenburg,
Highland, IN
8344 Dennis Krick, Middleburg, PA
8304 Margaret Krivonak,
Santa Barbara, CA
8341 Marilyn P. Kubas, Cleveland, OH
8344 Marian G. Kulp, Andreas, PA
8344 Shirley R. Kunselman, Wampum, PA
8337 Mary Kurey, South Thelms, NY
8344 Edward Kurtz, Shamokin, PA
8344 Gus C. Kwidis, New Brighton, PA
8344 Maria Lacenere, McKees Rocks, PA
8344 Ronald P. Larko, Uniontown, PA
8304 Martin Lave, Rancho Bernardo, CA
8313 Peter P. Leung, Lake Zurich, IL
8315 John Libak, Crown Point, IN
8341 Dorothy H. Lisko, Campbell, OH
8325 Dorothy Lizer, North Bellrica, MA
8354 Olga Lloyd, Vienna, VA
8312 Mary Ludwig, Downey, ID
8344 Mary C. Luther, New Brighton, PA
8318 Robert Maher, Overland Park, KS
8313 Caroline M. Marks, Tinley Park, IL
8313 Elbert K. Massingill, Rockford, IL

8344 Marie Mauro, Cranberry Twp., PA	8344 Paul Robine, Cresson, PA	8359 Peggy L. Wilder, Zebulon, NC
8344 Armella G. McElheny, Glenshaw, PA	8344 Paul Rose, Beaver, PA	8344 Darlene Wilson, Duquesne, PA
8344 James McGraw, Scranton, PA	8344 Anne Safko, West Homestead, PA	8344 Cynthia J. Wolff, Indiana, PA
8309 James McInerney, Sarasota, FL	8349 Peggy G. Sanders, Burleson, TX	8344 Marie Yankuskie, Indiana, PA
8344 John J. McLay, Clarksburg, PA	8344 Helen R. Schneck, Johnstown, PA	8337 Kathleen Yurko, Flushing, NY
8344 Charlotte Meier, Gibsonia, PA	8344 Emil Seginak, Hazle Township, PA	8358 Alan Zaleski, Stratford, WI
8337 William P. Metzgar, Binghamton, NY	8344 Joan Seville, York, PA	8344 Colette Zeedick, Pittsburgh, PA
8344 Dawn Michaels, Pittsburgh, PA	8344 Barbara Shearer, Apollo, PA	8344 Jairus E. Zerbe, Portersville, PA
8344 Randall A. Mingo, Marienville, PA	8344 Andrew Shimmel, Homer City, PA	8344 Dorothy J. Zolyak, Harrisburg, PA
8315 Marilyn Monacy, Lake Station, IN	8341 George Shirilla, Parma, OH	
8344 Donna Murphy, Hellertown, PA	8344 Joanne Shumski, Peckville, PA	
8341 Aurora Naida, North Olmsted, OH	8344 Joseph Smagula, Eynon, PA	
8358 Betty A. Nienow, Janesville, WI	8344 Patricia A. Snyder, Rochester, PA	
8344 Ronald Noldy, Moosic, PA	8341 Clara Square, Youngstown, OH	
8359 Shelby J. Norris, Burlington, NC	8326 Maryann Stager, Canton, MI	
8304 John A. North, Placentia, CA	8344 Leonard Stagon, Venetta, PA	
8354 Constance J. Novak, Virginia Beach, VA	8344 Janet Stange, Freedom, PA	
8344 Florence Nowowiejski, Pittsburgh, PA	8344 Michael Steich, Trafford, PA	
8327 Francis E. O'Brien, Kasson, MN	8344 Imogene Stich, Ellwood City, PA	
8344 Eugene Opsasnick, North Abington Township, PA	8344 Roy Tohms, Indiana, PA	
8344 Catherine M. O'Shea, Pittsburgh, PA	8326 Philip S. Tschirhart, Cheboygan, MI	
8337 William G. Oshlick, Jamestown, NY	8344 Edward D. Turko, Pittsburgh, PA	
8360 Dominick Pandolph, Myrtle Beach, SC	8344 James Tuscano, Mars, PA	
8344 Kenneth J. Parks, Johnstown, PA	8341 Dorothy M. Tyburski, North Royalton, OH	
8358 John A. Petcoff, Hartland, WI	8344 Anneliese M. Valcheff, Moon Twp., PA	
8344 Joy Podobnik, Oakdale, PA	8313 Robert H. Van Slette, Hazel Crest, IL	
8344 Nicholas P. Podoletz, Carlisle, PA	8335 Jeanne E. Vanderhoof, Washington, NJ	
8359 Barbara Powell, Oak Island, NC	8358 Edward J. Varick, Milwaukee, WI	
8344 Mabel Pratt, Cheswick, PA	8344 Deborah Vestovich, Pittsburgh, PA	
8344 Steve Prokopchak, New Castle, PA	8344 Robert Vicini, Derry, PA	
8344 Janet Rethage, Elizabeth, PA	8344 Diane M. Waseline, Mahanoy City, PA	
8344 Donna Rhodes, Harrisburg, PA	8344 James Webb, Johnstown, PA	
8335 Margaret Ribnicki, Elizabeth, NJ	8358 Marsha Wells, Racine, WI	
8344 Eileen Rich, Clarks Summit, PA	8337 Rita Wells, Stuyvesant, NY	
8335 Frank S. Ricicki, Phillipsburg, NJ	8344 Arlene Wenhold, Telford, PA	



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