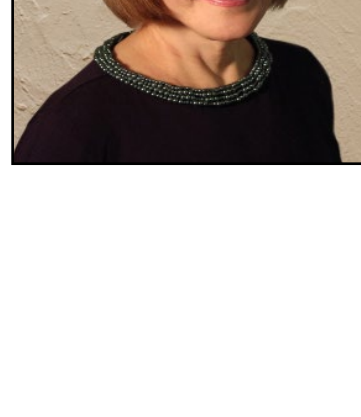




Welcome



Dear Friends,

I am deeply saddened by the October 27th shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue during Sabbath morning services. Horrific under any circumstances, this depraved act of violence is especially heartbreaking in a place of worship. In the days ahead, our response to this tragedy must be to actively stand together to offer a helping hand while practicing compassion and love. Recently I learned that the Star of David is actually the Shield of David. We must be that shield against antisemitism and a shield to protect the vulnerable. These hateful attacks on our common humanity must never be tolerated. As one of our members wrote to me recently: "the Rusyn and Jewish people are small in numbers, but as a member of the Tree of Life Synagogue wrote in an article in the Wall Street Journal, 'we punch above our weight.' Jews honor the dead by placing a simple stone on the cemetery headstone. This is a visual sign that the dead are not forgotten. We are commanded by God to always remember the souls of our tribe because they will continue to exist if we remember them."

This Thanksgiving, unlock the fullness of life. Turn stranger into friend, chaos to order and confusion to clarity. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. In the words of President John Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Maryann Sivak
National President
Take care,

20th Anniversary of University-Level Rusyn Studies in Slovakia

Conference introductory remarks presented by Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi

This year of 2018 is a year of commemoration. One hundred years ago, during these very months of October and November, two of Europe's great empires collapsed and, in their stead, several new states came into being, among them Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. And among the many peoples living in those states were Carpatho-Rusyns.

As I have said many times before, states come and go, but peoples remain. History also shows us that institutions, like peoples, have a longer life span than states. For example, we are here today commemorating two decades since the establishment of Carpatho-Rusyn studies at the University of Prešov. The Rusyn Studies program—now in the form of the Institute of Rusyn Language and Culture—has already existed almost as long as the three states I mentioned which came into being in 1918 but ceased to exist in the years 1939 and 1941.

Why do I mention these few historical facts? I do so in order to stress that a people can exist without a state, but not without cultural institutions, most particularly educational and scholarly institutions. Carpatho-Rusyns, especially here in Slovakia, realized the importance of educational and scholarly institutions as the most important aspect of their national revival after the Revolutions of 1989.

Some Carpatho-Rusyns were very fortunate to live in the state of Slovakia which understood their cultural needs. They were very fortunate to find support from the administration of the University of Prešov, in particular its former rector, Professor René Matlovič. They were also fortunate to have civic leaders in institutions like the Rusyn Renaissance Society who provided moral and financial support for Carpatho-Rusyn studies at Prešov University. Last but not least, the program has been led by a new generation of scholars like Docent Anna Plišková and her colleagues who have created a solid basis for the only university-level center of Carpatho-Rusyn studies in the world.

The first twenty years have proven to be a remarkable success. Carpatho-Rusyns will continue to exist as long as educational/scholarly institutions like the Institute of Rusyn Language and Culture exist.



Editor Position Available for New Rusyn Times

The term of the current New Rusyn Times editor will expire on December 31, 2018. Since, due to other obligations he cannot continue in the position, we are searching for a successor. Ideally those interested in becoming editor should have a good command of written English. They should also be familiar with Microsoft Word and Adobe Photoshop or another photo manipulation software and have access to a scanner.

For additional information, applicants can contact Maryann Sivak at pres@c-rs.org or Jon Coulter at editor@c-rs.org.

C-RS Chapter Event Highlights

C-RS Dallas Hosts Slavic Heritage Luncheon with Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi

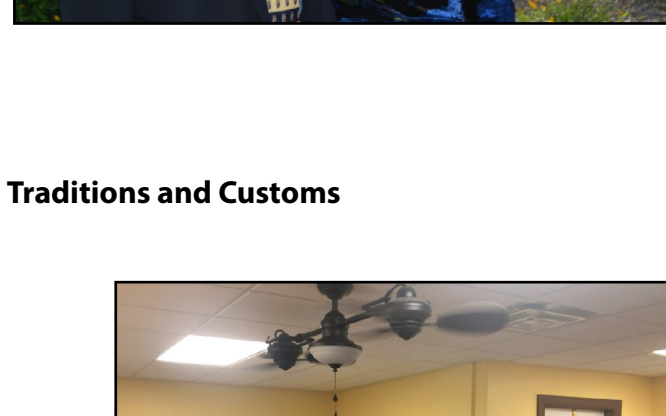
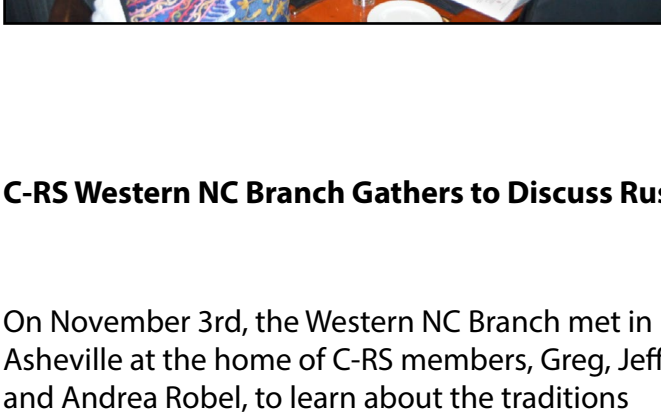
Seeking to foster friendship among north Texas Slavic cultures, the Dallas Chapter of CRS hosted a trailblazing "Dallas Slavic Heritage Luncheon" on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The upscale setting for the ticketed event was Cru Restaurant & Wine Bar, The Shops at Legacy, in Plano, Texas. Seventy people attended.

Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi (University of Toronto) was the keynote speaker, discussing "The Centennial of the Founding of Czechoslovakia".

Honorary Consuls and organizational representatives of North Texas Slavic cultures were invited as special guests, to foster friendship and interaction among all. Present were Mr. Martin Valko, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovakia, Mr. Brian Vanicek, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic, Ms. Nina Marcussen, Founder and Director of The Vaclav Havel Czech School of Dallas, Ms. Chrystya Geremez, Board Member of The Ukrainian American Society of Texas, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, President of the Polish American Council of Texas, and Dr. Tatiana Filosofova, Professor of Russian at the University of North Texas.

Lee Ann Slavik Erder, CRS Dallas President, opened the luncheon by welcoming everyone and sharing a brief power point about Carpatho-Rusyns. Traditional homemade bread and salt was for served to each table as a demonstration of hospitality. A delicious lunch of buffet stations followed, including a glass of prosecco wine for everyone.

After lunch, the special guests shared information about their respective cultures, and Dr. Magocsi gave the keynote presentation. Performances by Jagoda Polish Dance Ensemble and The Czech Folk singers rounded out the event.



C-RS Western NC Branch Gathers to Discuss Rusyn Traditions and Customs

On November 3rd, the Western NC Branch met in Asheville at the home of C-RS members, Greg, Jeff and Andrea Robel, to learn about the traditions and customs of the Carpatho-Rusyn people. The invitation was open to all Asheville residents to make others aware of Carpatho-Rusyns.



Seeking Chapter Leadership

The C-RS National Capital Chapter (Greater Washington DC area) is looking for members interested in serving on their Board beginning this Fall. Please contact Christy Slifkey at: christy.slifkey@gmail.com or 703.968.8192.

Save the Dates

Saturday, November 17, Ambridge, PA

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

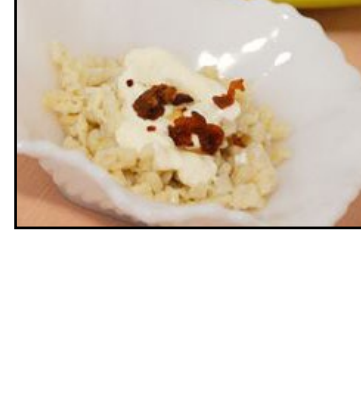
Classes are on Saturdays from 10 am-12 p.m. at the Visitor's Center kitchen and Classroom or at the Lenz House, Old Economy Village, Ambridge PA. Each class is \$35 and includes all your food supplies. Take home what you make!

Class 2 on Saturday, Nov. 17 will be "Soup's On!" Just in time for winter. Hearty European soups you can make from scratch. Let's start with creamy potato/bean/sour cream soup, then Carpatho-Rusyn pumpkin soup (nothing like what you expect!) then the vegan Italian Tuscan bean soup. All 3 soups are meatless.

Class 3 on Sat. Jan. 26 will feature stuffed cabbage and hushky. These two classic east European dishes—learn them both! Whether you call them holubky, sarma, golabki or toltott kapusta, stuffed cabbage are easier to make than you think—and each nationality has its own recipes. Learn the basics and how to regionalize it so that your stuffed cabbage are classically Polish... or Hungarian ...or...

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

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



Sunday, November 25, Bethlehem, PA

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



Saturday, December 1, Munhall, PA

Don't miss the C-RS Annual St. Nicholas Party from 2-6 pm at the Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Center, 915 Dickson Street, Munhall PA 15120. Kindly bring a favorite dish to share. Gifts will be provided for the children. RSVP: 412-251-3083 or pres@c-rs.org.



Sunday, December 2, Seattle, WA

The Pacific Northwest Branch of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society invites one and all to a screening of the film "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" based on the novel by Mikhaylo Kovyubinskiy. Screening will take place from 2-4:30 pm at the Beacon Hill Library Meeting Room, 2821 Beacon Ave. S., Seattle, WA, 98144.

In this film director Sergej Paradjanov weaves the threads of mythology, pagan magic, and religious iconography to tell a compelling story of love and loss that reveals, in rich detail and cinematic beauty, the harsh realities of life deep in the Carpathian Mountains. The film was an international sensation when it was released in 1964.

Refreshments will be served during the event and discussion will follow the film's viewing. Anyone who wishes to join our group for dinner at a local restaurant afterwards is encouraged to stay after the program. For more information, contact Andrea at ak@c-rs.org.



Sunday, December 16, Parma, OH

The C-RS Cleveland Chapter presents "Kolodej, Food and Recipes for the Christmas Holidays" from 2-4 pm at the Parma Library, 6896 Powers Blvd., Parma, OH.

Do you know any of the carols that were a huge part of our ancestors' celebration of Christmas? Would you like to enjoy these special songs? We hope to have some booklets for you to take home, so please call and register in advance so that we may have enough for all. We will also share foods and recipes of the season. The event is free - call (440) 331-3856 to register.



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