



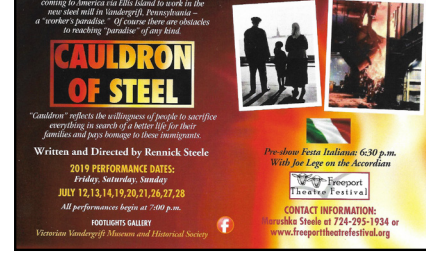
## Welcome



Dear Friends,

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, steel companies increasingly employed eastern and southern Europeans in the creation and fabrication of steel products. As you know, these workers included a large number of Rusyns who performed unskilled labor in the mills and coal mines of the northern United States, particularly around such cities as Pittsburgh.

Cauldron of Steel, an original play by J. Rennick Steele, deals with the immigrant experience. Performances will be held at the Freeport Theatre Festival on July 12-14, 19-21, and 26-28. Curtain time will be 7:00 pm each day. I hope you will be able to come and see the play in person.



Having recently experienced a crippling strike in his industry, Pittsburgh steelmaker George McMurtry founded the "workers' paradise" of Vandergrift, PA in 1895. This model industrial town was designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead, whose many works include the master plans for Stanford University, the Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C, and New York City's Central Park. Workers were encouraged to build and own their own houses. The idea was to give them a personal stake in the success of the company. McMurtry's people worked six days a week with twelve hour shifts at a dollar a day (\$30.46 in today's money). In time, Vandergrift Steel became the largest steel rolling plant in the world. Some of its more famous projects include the molds for the locks on the Panama Canal and the St. Louis Arch. Cauldron of Steel deals with the prejudices that immigrants faced and the notion of what it means to be an American.

The playhouse is located at 2498 White Cloud Road, Leechburg, PA 15656, just off of Route 356. It is on the south side of the Allegheny River, two miles past Freeport above the River Forest Golf Course. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$12 Military, and \$10 Seniors & Students. For more information, please contact Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934 or [www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org).

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
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## Welcome Newest C-RS Members!

Beginning with the July 2019 issue of the C-RS Connection, a new feature will be included moving forward. Each month, we will publish the names of new members who recently joined and as a welcome to the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. This is something that should have been initiated some time ago, but "better late than never."

Since we are just starting this new feature, it would only be fair to include all new members from the last 6 months. The following list of names reflect all the new members who have joined since January 1, 2019. Please review the list - you just might find someone you know!

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| Melissa Badick, Halifax NY            | Karen McAlister, Granite Bay CA                  |
| John Barna, Endicott NY               | Catherine McElwain, Marion OH                    |
| Douglas Batchko, Wausau WI            | Allen Murphy, Fort Myers FL                      |
| Patricia Benolkin, DeLand FL          | Brad Newsham, Oakland CA                         |
| Janet Beres, Buxton ME                | Kathy Obarowski, Lansdale PA                     |
| Richard Blaha, Polk OH                | John Palko, Mount Pleasant NC                    |
| Charles Bobbish, Reston VA            | Christer Popp, Scranton PA                       |
| Joan Boles, Grove City PA             | Nancy Price, Altoona PA                          |
| Kathleen Briar, Irwin PA              | Janet Rygert, Marietta GA                        |
| Marcia Casey, Boston MA               | Tatjana Sabados, Kitchener Ontario               |
| Garan Chivinski, Cedarburg WI         | John Sansky, Clinton NJ                          |
| Sandra Dent, Severn MD                | Jonathan Schau, Cooperstown NY                   |
| Paula Doyle, McLean VA                | Kirsten Schrader, Cowichan Bay, British Columbia |
| Susan Dudro, Halifax PA               | Randy Davis, Seal Ardmore AL                     |
| Margaret, Dзамко Bethel CT            | Joanne Shel, Chesterfield MO                     |
| Christina Fabula, Fort Bragg CA       | John Sekerak, Niles OH                           |
| David Farrel (Dzivi), Fair Oaks CA    | Rosemary Sheffer, Mio MI                         |
| Michael Favata, Swansboro NC          | Mary Simpson, Garner NC                          |
| Mary Galioto, Cincinnati OH           | Maureen Sinicki, Tucson AZ                       |
| Paul Gawchik, Bethesda MD             | Robert Sistko, Fernandina Beach FL               |
| William Gressock, Cleveland OH        | Bette Ann Slivka, Harrisburg PA                  |
| Julianne Grossnickle, Canal Fulton OH | John Smaha, Tampa FL                             |
| Jean Guenin, Arden NC                 | Curtis Smith, Lewisburg PA                       |
| Gregory Hanich, Asheville NC          | Jason Smith, Fort Worth TX                       |
| Richard Haycox, Crossville TN         | Pamela Smith, Martin, Dallas TX                  |
| Chuck Herbik, Macedonia OH            | Stefan Skasko, Allison Park PA                   |
| Betty Mae Hertz, Newport News VA      | Kathryn Sweeney, Philadelphia PA                 |
| Marieanne Hornyak, Burnham ME         | Craig Tajc, Uniontown PA                         |
| Stephen Hrobuchak, Dalton PA          | Peter Tarasovich, Milford CT                     |
| Beverly Hudock, Cypress TX            | SharynTaylor, Montclair NJ                       |
| Joe Hulik, Dunellen NJ                | Lauretta Teal, Nashville IN                      |
| Jane Jones, Dallas TX                 | Nelson Thomas, Warren OH                         |
| Bernadette Karoffa, Lemont Furnace PA | Stephanie Thomas, Alexandria VA                  |
| Kevin Kepple, Jeffersonson VA         | Anna Tombazzi, Lancaster CA                      |
| Josef Kollar, Nutley NJ               | John Vaskov, Pittsburgh PA                       |
| Mike Kotyuha, Campbell OH             | Jan Vislocky, Whitehouse Station NJ              |
| Andrew Labosky Jr, Davidsville PA     | Brent Whetstone, Warren OH                       |
| Randy Legersky, Pittsburgh PA         | Mary Elizabeth Winfield, Johnstown PA            |
| Anthony Marshall, Gray Court SC       |  |

Again, we welcome these new members and look forward to a lasting relationship. We hope they all become involved by bringing their talents and skills to the C-RS.

## The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship

**Note: Deadline for application submission has been extended to July 30, 2019.**

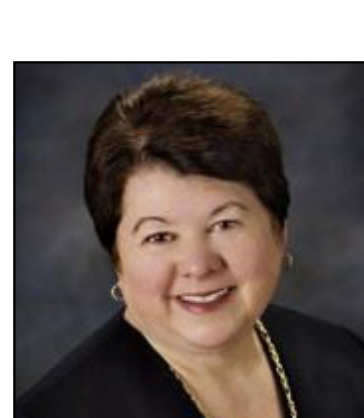
The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship will be offered once again in 2019 to an outstanding Rusyn student or any student enrolled in a Carpatho-Rusyn school, or who is a member of a Carpatho-Rusyn family, organization, society, or club that advances the Carpatho-Rusyn culture.

The aim of the scholarship is to assist students who themselves are members of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, or who would advance the Carpatho-Rusyn culture, language, or tenets of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. The purpose of this \$1000.00 scholarship is to recognize and provide financial assistance to an outstanding student enrolled in a higher education program (2 or 4-year duration or graduate program) or any accredited institution that offers certified academic, professional, technical, or vocational training.

The scholarship wishes to encourage and highlight the excellent contributions that our Rusyn people are making to their communities and beyond. The scholarship also intends to accelerate the advancement of our young Carpatho-Rusyn population, expanding the development of our Carpatho-Rusyn citizens, within their community and state through higher education, advanced learning, and professional academic or vocational work.

Information and application will be forthcoming on Carpatho-Rusyn website under Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship. For further information : contact Sharon Jarrow at [shangp@rcn](mailto:shangp@rcn).

Click here for scholarship application: [2019Anna Donson Scholarship App.pdf](#)



Dr. Paula Donson

## Save the Date

### Sunday, July 21, Harrisburg, PA

St Ann Byzantine Catholic Church (5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109) is holding their annual Slavic-American Festival from 12-9 pm. The Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Eastern PA chapter will set up a table and offer Rusyn items of interest. Stop by to say hello!



Enjoy wonderful Slavic foods! In addition to live music for dancing, there will be Bingo, Raffles, and Wheel of Fortune for adults and numerous games for children. Wheel of Fortune will be offered and an Eastern European gift shop will be open. Put on your polka shoes, eat delicious homemade foods and have lots of fun! All are welcome.

### Saturday, October 12, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Mark your calendars for the Eastern PA Chapter's 7th Annual Rusyn Genealogy and Heritage Conference at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA.



If you have enjoyed our conferences come back again and meet and greet fellow Rusyns. If you have never been to a conference, by all means, come and see what the talk is all about. This year is special as it is the 10th anniversary of our chapter. We want to make this not only a day with momentous presentations but one of celebration.

Planning in progress. As details unfold, information will be publicized. Contact person: Sharon Jarrow - [shangp@rcn](mailto:shangp@rcn) Phone - 610-759-2628

### Sunday, November 3, New Jersey

Save the date for the New Jersey chapter's annual Heritage Celebration Dinner from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. Details coming soon.

News contributions are welcome!  
Please submit your content to [am@c-rs.org](mailto:am@c-rs.org).

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