



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

The 25th anniversary was an incredible time and inspiring experience. What a wonderful, successful event! Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us. From Friday's concert by Harmonia to Sunday morning's annual meeting of the members, it was like a celebration with old friends. I met the majority of you for the first time, but I felt like I already knew you. What a pleasure to be in the company of such wonderful people. We had so much fun from beginning to end.

It took a huge team effort to make the 25th Anniversary Celebration the success it was. After months of planning and weeks of hard work, it came off without a noticeable hitch! I heard nothing but praise for the volunteers who made the three-day event possible. Few people realize all that was accomplished behind the scenes, but it was clear that everyone pitched in and worked very well together. Many of the volunteers had no Rusyn background but were gracious enough to assist and were invaluable in making the weekend a memory to be treasured. Please let me extend a special thank you to:

Alexis McCormick, Ondrejana Zatek Hill, Paul and Connie Zatek, Jon Coulter, Rich Laychok, Robert and Natalie Mincin, Bettianne Diles, Nancy Kelly, Kerri Poloka, Christina Duranko, Cathie McAdams, Andrea Gambal, Jean Armstrong-Matthews, Emilia Vasil, Ron Morelli, Randy Legersky, Michal Perdoch, Nick Schweich, Danitza Nicklow, Dean Poloka and the C-RS Chapter leadership.

Each of you made contributions that were essential to the weekend's success. With such enthusiastic support, I can't wait to see the future growth and accomplishments of our Society.



### Father's Day

Father's Day was created to honor fathers and their influence on society. In Europe, it has been observed since the Middle Ages on St. Joseph's Feast Day. First celebrated in the US in 1908 in Fairmont WV, Father's Day was initially observed on different dates by individual cities before finally becoming a permanent national holiday in 1972. Today, 111 countries mark the day; 88 of them on the third Sunday in June. Despite the relentless attacks on fatherhood by our media and the politically strident, it is not difficult to see the effects on communities where biological fathers are absentees. The reality is that fatherly love and guidance make a child's transition to adulthood a journey worth remembering.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President  
[president@c-rs.org](mailto:president@c-rs.org)

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## The Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship

The \$1,000 Anna Donson Memorial Scholarship program has been revised and is being offered to any college, technical school or associate program student. The student must have a Carpatho-Rusyn background and involvement, maintain a high scholastic standard and be involved in community affairs.

Interested students please email Sharon Jarrow at [shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com) or contact the [C-RS website](#).

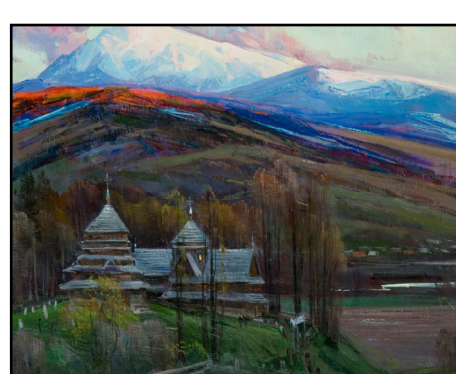


Dr. Paula Donson

## Save the Date

### Saturday, June 22, Wayne, NJ

The C-RS New Jersey Chapter presents a viewing of "Soul of the Carpathians" at 1:30 pm at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470.



The DVD is a short history of Carpatho-Rusyns presented in Rusyn with English subtitles. This unique and interesting documentary was produced by the Association of Rusyn Inteligencia in Slovakia and translation was done by our very own Maryann Sivak. This work was made possible with the financial support of the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Union's Slovakian Department through a subsidy program "Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Freedom (2013)". Production of the DVD was made possible with the financial support of the Government of the Slovak Republic through a program "Culture of National Minorities (2015)".

An audience-led participation will follow the showing of the DVD. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

For further information about the program, please e-mail [crsnewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:crsnewjersey@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Bogнар at (201) 891-4151.

Directions: Take Route 46 to the Riverview Drive Exit in the direction of Wayne. Continue on Riverview Drive past the traffic light at Valley Road. Riverview Drive becomes French Hill Rd. Proceed 0.6 mi. to the Church. Turn left into the Church parking lot.

Public Transportation – The Church is served by NJT bus route 197.

### 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.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com) 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.

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