



## Welcome



Dear Friends,

The C-RS Board joins me in wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and most joyous Holiday Season. May your family prosper and your hearts be filled with love. We are deeply grateful for your support, generosity, and your commitment to the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. May your wishes and dreams be fulfilled in 2017. Happy New Year!

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## 2016 Annual Meeting - Goals / Plans for 2017

Taking office in January of 2016, the newly-elected board hit the ground running. During our first year we established short and long-term goals.

Our short term goals for this year were:

- **Create a budget** – We are pleased to tell you that we are very close to finalizing our first-ever budget. Thank you Tom Maley, Tom Felegle and Rich Laychock. We are hoping to have the budget approved at our January 2017 Board meeting.
- **Promote membership and actively recruit new members** – Since January, 111 new members have joined the Carpatho-Rusyn Society.
- **Provide better communication** – The New Rusyn Times is being published on time. We have created an online monthly bulletin we call C-RS Connect. Our calendar of events is regularly being updated on our website. We also have a half-hour [Rusyn Radio Program](#) on WPIT 730 AM at 2:30 p.m. every Sunday.
- **Hold Events at the Cultural Center** – We have held three events at the Center this year, The Sock Hop Dance, Sing-along with Jerry Jumba and a presentation by Professor Bob Magocsi.
- **Provide guidance to chapters and to give them a sense of direction** – The Chapters are being regularly updated by Sharon Jarow and Bonnie Burke. The needs of the Chapters are our priority and we try to address them in a timely matter.
- **Involve our youth** – We presented a pysanky demonstration and taught Rusyn dances at the Byzanteen rally. This went so well received that we've been asked to participate again in two years. We are also preparing care packages for college-bound students. This project was conceived by Laurel Tombazzi's daughter and we are grateful to her for this brilliant idea. Bettianne Diles and her daughter Veronica are taking over this project.
- **Organize and document the artifacts at the Cultural Center** – Max Adzima, an intern at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation and guide at Frank Lloyd Wright's "Fallingwater" is cataloging our newsletters, magazines, books and artifacts.

Our plans for 2017 include:

- Having a realistic, approved budget
- Overhauling our website
- Holding a Strategic Planning Meeting involving Chapter leadership
- Applying for grants
- Continuing with the renovation of our Cultural Center
- Overhauling the gift shop and establishing an on-line sales department
- Having access to or providing assistance for speakers and performers

## George Papawick, Mr. Manville, NJ



George Papawick

The life of "Mr. Manville (NJ)," George Papawick, civic leader and four-time elected town mayor, was recently featured in the Somerset County Historical Society Newsletter.

The article was written by his daughter Pat Beronio, a member of the C-RS and the Somerset Historical Society. Beronio outlined her father's 40 years of civic achievement in Manville prior to his death from Leukemia in 1968.

Papawick was born in 1905 to Rusyn immigrants and was highly regarded throughout New Jersey as a role model for all, especially in the Rusyn and Greek Catholic communities. Beronio is currently writing a book about her father's life.

[Click to read the full article.](#)

## C-RS Chapter Updates

**The C-RS Youngstown/ Warren/ Sharon Chapter** participated in the Youngstown, Ohio Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2nd.



Bob Democko, Melissa Democko Boughner, Emma Boughner, Bettianne Diles and Jim Batista...and Mickey Vasilcheck (not pictured)



Bob Democko, Melissa Democko Boughner and her daughter Emma...keeping the tradition going with the third generation!

**The C-RS Lake Michigan** decorated the Carpatho Rusyn tree in downtown Chicago, Illinois - sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, Lake Michigan Chapter.

You can visit the tree at the:  
Cook County Building - Treasurer Office  
118 N. Clark St. Suite 112, Chicago, Illinois

Open to the public. Stop in during office hours and view more than 70 different ethnically-decorated trees.



**The C-RS Eastern North Carolina** recently formed a Children's Rusyn Cultural Group. The first event was "Baba Time" with Baba Marge Raiti and Baba Bonnie Burke. The children learned about St. Nicholas by hearing a story about him, learning the hymn to St. Nicholas in English and Church Slavonic, doing a craft, and by decorating a St. Nicholas cookie. The best Christmas gift came when a father called to say his five-year old son, who attended the event, wanted to sing the "Baba Old Country Nicholas" o kto, kto Nikololaja l'ubit"when he got home!



## Rusyn Holy Supper Recipe (Christmas Eve)

### Sauerkraut Mushroom Soup

(Courtesy of Maryann Sivak)

- 1 package of sauerkraut
- 1 onion
- 2 glove garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 small package of sliced mushrooms
- 4 tbs oil (1 use avocado)
- 2 tbs flour
- Salt/pepper to taste



Drain sauerkraut - reserve the juice.

In a soup pot melt 2 tbs of oil. When oil is hot add drained sauerkraut, chopped onion and thinly sliced (chopped) garlic.

Saute for about 5 minutes occasionally stirring. Then lower the heat, cover the soup pot and cook on low heat stirring occasionally for about 20 minutes.

Add 7 cups of cold water, bay leaf, and sliced mushroom. Bring water to boil, then lower the heat, cover the soup pot and cook for about an hour. Add "zaprazhka"

Season to taste with salt and pepper and sauerkraut juice (optional) - Serve.

Prepare "zaprazhka" (roux).

Heat 2 tbs of oil

Add 2 tbs of flour - stir until brown

Add 1/2 cup of water - stir and cook until it thickens (about 2-3 minutes).

## Save the Date

### Tuesday, December 27, Plano, TX

Third annual "C-RS Christmas Party and Dinner" to be held at For You - Taste of Poland Restaurant, 2301 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75075. Attendees purchase own dinner/BYOB.

We will hold our famous "Ornament Exchange!" Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament under \$10. RSVP to Lee Ann at [CRSDallas@verizon.net](mailto:CRSDallas@verizon.net) by December 20 so the restaurant can prepare for us. Last year, we had quite a crowd and so much fun! Don your cheery Christmas apparel and come out to celebrate the holidays with us!



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