



Welcome



Dear Friends,

Our 25th anniversary celebration is only two days away! This weekend is a special opportunity to come together to celebrate the past, present and future accomplishments of the C-RS and our mission of promoting and sustaining the culture of our people. It's hard to believe that in 25 years our organization has grown from 8 people in Pittsburgh to over 1,800 members worldwide.

This weekend is an opportunity to make new friends and reunite with old ones as you enjoy great food, music and conversation. Learn a few new things, share and hear stories, have some laughs, create lifelong memories and celebrate our vibrant heritage!

Festivities kick off Friday, May 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at our Cultural and Educational Center. Time is running out and we have limited seats remaining. Don't miss this chance to take part in this memorable occasion.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you. I am so proud of all of our accomplishments and know that our organization will thrive for years to come.

Take care,

Maryann Sivak, C-RS National President
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C-RS 25th Anniversary Weekend Schedule

Join us in celebrating 25 years of the C-RS! It will be a great weekend full of festivities at the C-RS Cultural Center. As the space is limited (300 seats), please make your reservations today!

Scheduled Events

Friday, May 17

SLAVJANE FOLK ENSEMBLE
6:30 p.m. | Cultural Center

CONCERT BY HARMONIA BAND

7:00 p.m. | Cultural Center

Tickets: \$15.00 purchased in advance. Visit <http://www.harmoniaband.com> for more information.

Saturday, May 18

MEET AND GREET WITH PROF. PAUL ROBERT MAGOCSI

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Hungarian Reformed Church

Please come join us for brunch - this is a perfect opportunity to meet Professor Magocsi, socialize, and get to know each other! Free event located across the street from the Cultural Center.

RUSYN BUS TOUR

11:00 a.m. | Pickup at the Cultural Center - \$30/person.

Pittsburgh played a pivotal role in the development of the Carpatho-Rusyn community, locally, nationally and internationally. Join this bus tour led by John Righetti and visit 4 key locations:

- The childhood home of Andy Warhol
- St John Chrysostom Church in "Ruska Dolyna" – Rusyn Valley
- St Michael Church in Rankin, PA – original building and site of much activity in the church splits
- between Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox
- The National Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural and Educational Center – formerly the first Rusyn cathedral in America that played a key role in the development of Czechoslovakia...
- And much more!

WOODEN CHURCHES OF THE CARPATHO-RUSYNS

11:00 a.m. | Hungarian Reformed Church

Dr. Michele Parvensky will present a discussion and slide show of the various types of architecture of the wooden churches of the Carpatho-Rusyns in Eastern Europe - Free event.

I AM CARPATHO-RUSYN, I LIVED IN FIVE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND NEVER MOVED

1:00 P.M. | Hungarian Reformed Church

"Why were there 5 different countries and how did it affect my life?" Karen Varian's presentation takes us through the life of a Carpatho-Rusyn who was born in Austro-Hungary, went to school in Czechoslovakia, was married in Hungary, worked in the Soviet Union, and was buried in Ukraine.

AWARDS DINNER AND DANCE HONORING PROF. PAUL ROBERT MAGOCSI AND ROBERT HANICH, M.D.

6:00 p.m. | Cultural Center

Family style dinner catered by Emil's Restaurant. The Harmonia Band will provide dance music. Price: \$55.00 purchased in advance.

Sunday, May 19

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS (MEMBERS ONLY)

11:00 a.m. | Cultural Center



Chapter Event Highlights

Spring Garden Clean-Up (Submitted by Marcia Benko)

Members of the Cleveland chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, GCU Lodge 302, and family and friends took part in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens annual spring clean-up on May 11, 2019 in the Rusin garden. The flower beds were raked and cleaned out, bushes were trimmed, mulched was placed, sidewalks were swept and flowers were planted.



GCU members participating were John Krenisky and Marcia Benko. C-RS members were John, Marcia, Barb Popovich, Diana Essock and Patti Poole. Friends were Wayne Slota and Tom Kolokowski. Much appreciation is given to Lodge 302 for their financial support.

The Rusin garden is located on 930 East Blvd, Cleveland just south of St. Clair Ave and is located between the Czech and Slovak gardens. C-RS will be sponsoring a free summer musical picnic on Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 12 noon-2pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and a picnic basket as we are entertained by Tom Katrenich with his accordion. Parking is available on East Blvd.

On Sunday, August 25, 2019 the Rusin garden will join in with over 30 other gardens to celebrate One World Day in the gardens. This is a free day long international festival displaying the many cultures in Cleveland. The Living Traditions Folk Ensemble of Brecksville will be performing. For details and more information, visit www.clevelandoneworkdday.org.

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