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Join Hands to Touch Lives May 2

AS WE APPROACH the half-way point of winter, it's time to "think spring!" For many WPA members, that means it's time to start planning a Join Hands Day project.

Traditionally held on the first Saturday in May, Join Hands Day is a day of service that specifically targets and develops relationships between young people and adults by encouraging them to coordinate joint volunteer projects. Youth and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize and implement the day's activities, building trust and respect for each other and creating a sense of community in the process.

This year's Join Hands Day will be held May 2, but you can conduct your project any date you choose. If your branch has yet to organize a project, there's still plenty of time. Whether it's local students, a youth organization or just kids in the neighborhood, consider asking youth



ages 8 to 18 to work with your WPA branch on a volunteer project.

Here are a few project ideas for you to consider:

- Clean up a local park
- Pack gift bags for residents of a local senior care facility or patients of a nearby children's hospital
- Scrub off or paint over graffiti in

public areas

- Host a bowling event for those with physical limitations or vision impairments
- Plant a garden at a local church, school or community center
- Help build a home with Habitat for Humanity
- Repair playground equipment at a park or school
- Teach seniors how to use a computer, access the Internet and send email
- Hold a book drive to benefit a local school or library

Whatever your project, make sure you take time afterwards to celebrate with food and refreshments as a reward to all your volunteers.

And--PLEASE--take plenty of pictures to publicize your fraternal efforts in *William Penn Life*.

For more information, contact Endre Csoman at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 136.

Share information about your Hungarian events with us

Help WPA preserve and promote our Hungarian cultural heritage by sharing information about upcoming Hungarian events and programs in your area. We will publish this information in *William Penn Life* to help spread the word and attract greater participation. By working together, we can be more successful in preserving our heritage.

Please send your information to: John E. Lovasz, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Or, email your information to: jlovasz@williampennassociation.org.

Letter

WPA's support of Ronald McDonald House helps children and their families

Thank you very much for your \$100 donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh. Gifts like yours enable us to continue our mission of providing a safe, affordable and comfortable place for families to stay while seeking medical care for their children. Your generous support ultimately impacts each guest.

We provide each family with a small private apartment, and our top floor offers warm communal spaces, including a large well-equipped kitchen, living room, library, computer area, play area and dining/activity room frequently used for parties, games and arts and crafts, in addition to dinners.

We hope our hospitality allows each family to forget their everyday worries and concentrate on the health and healing of their child. We always

strive to do more for the families we serve, and to offer them some moments of fun and joy during their stay. In 2013, we added a pull-down screen and projector in the family area for movie nights, received new mattresses for all the rooms and hosted our annual Summer Patio Party, complete with a '50s and '60s rock-'n-roll theme.

We are honored to have helped and housed many families during [the past 35 years]. We also look forward to what we can accomplish in the coming years. Your support of the House makes you a part of all our endeavors. Thank you again for thinking of the House and our families. Your donation is truly appreciated by us and by those who benefit from our services--the children, parents and guardians who stay here.

Sincerely,

Eleanor B. Reigel

Executive Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh



From the National President *by George S. Charles, Jr.*

Fulfilling our mission for 129 years

On Feb. 21, our Association will celebrate its 129th anniversary. As we celebrate yet another milestone, we pay special tribute to the dedicated founders of William Penn Association and all of the past and present officers, directors, employees, sales representatives and members who have devoted so much of their lives to building our Association that is shared by us all today, with much pride and fond memories.

Our Association remains dedicated to the promotion of service to others. While our members always come first in our minds, we also make an effort to assist others outside our membership. We also have a history of dedicated individuals who, over the years, have labored long and hard to promote our Association and the fraternal spirit of volunteerism. While we would love to see many more of our members involved, we are indeed pleased at the good number who are promoting our Association on a regular basis in many of our branches.

Our Association has been fortunate in that we have many members of all ages involved in many programs and activities.

I am truly proud of the fact that I have been associated with WPA since birth and have had the privilege of working for the Association over 40 years. Without a doubt, it still is a great pleasure and continuing learning experience for me to represent you. Please know that I sincerely appreciate your support and trust.

It is inspiring to know that our Association realizes the importance of family and will continue to support the family and family values. On behalf of my wife Dianne and

son Steve, as family and members, we salute William Penn Association.

We have an excellent working fraternal team. Our officers, directors and Home Office staff contribute their talents to the ideals of our Association's mission statement: "To provide financial security to our members through quality life insurance and annuity products; and, to support fraternal, ethnic, cultural, charitable, educational, patriotic and religious works."

Our National Directors are prepared to meet the many new challenges which lie ahead. They are continuously working on developing new programs and products for growth.

Remember, when one of our sales representatives asks to review your insurance, welcome them into your home. Our sales representatives, along with you, our membership, represent our Association's future.

Our Association is a strong, vibrant, growing reality and our future will continue to be strong. We must keep our Association alive, making our future generations and members proud to be part of William Penn Association. May the future be rewarding for all of us.

We all have a voice, and when we come together and use that voice for all the right reasons, we can make positive changes.

As we continue to move forward, our Association will continue to dedicate itself to you. Our fraternal spirit is still glowing like the spirit in the hearts of our founders more than 129 years ago. □

Turn your scholarship donation into a message or greeting

Looking for a different way to wish your child a happy birthday? Would you like to wish your special someone a Happy Easter? Or, would you like to share memories of a deceased loved one?

William Penn Life invites you to share your personal messages in the pages of our magazine. Make a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, and you can express greetings, wishes or heartfelt memories while allowing us to provide financial assistance to our young members pursuing a higher education. The size of your message or greeting will be based on the amount of your donation as follows:

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To place your personalized donation in our magazine, send your name, telephone number and email address -- along with your message and your check made payable to "William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc." -- to: **WPFA Scholarship Foundation, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.**



Száz huszonkilenc év a testvér segítség mezején

AZ URNAK 1886-ik évében február 20-án egy maroknyi szén bányász ébredtek arra, hogy idegenbe szétszórtságban élve, ön maga erejére támaszkodva nincs biztonságba. Ha baleset éri, ha meghal, nincs miből élni vagy eltemetni az özvegy és árvák pénz nélkül maradnak. Jószándékkal, becsületes lélekkel így száltak táborba Pennsylvania Hazelton városában ősi magyar mintára szert kötöttek amelyet Verhovay Segélyegyletnek kereszteltek. Isten akarata szerint való cselekedet volt ennek az egyletnek a megszervezése. Évtizedek során számtalan nagy és kisebb magyar segélyező szervezetek kapcsolódtak egyletünkhöz...belátták azt, hogy közösségben az erő. Az egylet ami önző célokat szolgált és nem a magyarság egyesítésének jegyében munkálkodott, és válaszalak emelésére törekedett, meg szünt semmivé lett saját sirját ásta meg.

A WPA 129 éves fennállása bizonyíték arra, hogy maradandónak való közöl született. 129 év során a sok megpróbáltatás, gond erősebbé és nagyobbá tette egyletünket.

Dicsőekdve mondhatjuk, hogy a testvéri összetartás a "MAGYAR SZÍV" tette egyletünket naggyá. Meleg elismeréssel kell adóznunk tagjainknak akik önfeláldozó munkával állnak a WPA mellé. Meghatottan tisztelgek az egyedüli Amerikai magyarság nagy intézménye, az ünneplő William Penn Association előtt.

Öszinte kívánságom az, hogy a második száz huszonnyolc év sikerei nagyobbak és dicsőségesebbek legyenek. □

One hundred twenty-nine years in the field of fraternal help

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1886, on Feb. 20, a handful of coal miners woke up to the realization that they lived in a foreign place, scattered from their own kind. They were forced to rely on their own strength, which ultimately was not secure. If they had an accident or died, there was little money to bury the deceased or help the widows and families.

With goodwill and an honest soul, they pulled together to establish a fraternal benefit society in Hazelton, Pennsylvania. They modeled it after ancient Hungarian clans, to take care of their own families, and christened it the Verhovay Aid Association. The fraternal benefit society's leaders acted according to the will of God and upheld Christian values.

Over the years, countless similar organizations, large and small, linked to our fraternal benefit society, realizing that there is strength in unity. Some societies that did not serve the best interest of their members and failed at promoting unity within the Hungarian community dug their own graves and faded into the background of today's vibrant Association.

In WPA's 129 years, there has been evidence that it would become a permanent mainstay, and our society has strengthened with each new challenge.

We can boast that our solidarity is rooted in our HUNGARIAN HEARTS, which in turn, helps us grow. We owe much appreciation to our self-sacrificing members who volunteer for WPA. With respect and in celebration, I salute the only Hungarian-American fraternal life benefit society, William Penn Association.

I sincerely wish that the next 129 years of success will be even greater and more glorious. □

Join hands to fight hunger

More families are having difficulty putting food on their tables these days. Food banks across the country are reporting an increase in the number of families who are seeking their help, while at the same time experiencing a reduction in the amount of items being donated to help those in need.

As a community service project, WPA is requesting that all our branches collect non-perishable items from now until the end of February for distribution to a local food bank. The Home Office will reimburse participating branches up to \$50 under a matching funds program.

Please report to us the number of items or pounds of goods donated, along with a photo of your efforts, by March 10, 2015, for inclusion in our April issue of *William Penn Life*.

If you have any questions, please contact Endre Csoman toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 136.



Keep your brain healthy



I AM SO ENTHUSED when I meet actively aging adults who are doing amazing things to keep their bodies in tip-top shape. I've met avid walkers who trek two to five miles a day no matter the weather. I've met Baby Boomers who are taking group fitness classes, cycling, strapping on snowshoes and cross country skis, hiking, and more. But, when I inquire about what they do to maintain their brain health, the conversation quickly dwindles to nothing.

We are the Boomers who are changing aging. Keeping our brains healthy takes focus and intent, just like taking care of our bodies. There are several key things we can do very easily to bring brain health to the forefront:

- *Become an avid reader on a variety of topics.* I recently took a brain health assessment, and learned that while I do read a lot, I tend to read the same topic. I understand now that I should pursue books or articles that tickle my brain with new information.
- *Get out and explore.* Traveling is another key component for brain health and another thing I do very little of. New experiences and new sights put the brain in overdrive, creating fresh new neural connections that are vital to brain health. So, travel once a week to a new and exciting place. I plan to start with exploring the Laurel Highlands.
- *Be creative.* I do a good job at being creative. I've always colored outside the lines, on the table and even on a couple pairs of shoes in my younger days.
- *Engage in something musical, with frequency.* Listening to classical music is good for the noggin, as is learning to play a new musical instrument. Harmonica, anyone?
- *Watch what you eat.* Nutrition has a lot to do with brain health and overall health. Fish with omega-3 fatty acids--like salmon, mackerel and sardines--are great options. Eggs, low-fat dairy foods, lean cuts of beef, pork and fowl are wonderful choices. Snack on almonds, walnuts, fresh berries and root vegetables for super brain status.

It is never too early or too late to rev up your brain. The book "Save Your Brain" by Paul David Nussbaum, Ph.D., is chock full of intriguing information, including the brain health assessment I referred to earlier...just a heads up.

Cathy Graham is director of the Graceful Aging Wellness Center at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa.

Battle of the bulge

I get a lot of questions from women over the age of 50 about losing "the paunch." You know, that area right around the mid-section that gets larger and more stubborn as time goes on. Unfortunately, some gals are just more genetically prone to gaining belly fat, especially after menopause. Typically, the ladies try to shave the fat by doing sit-ups, crunches, planks or other abdominal-only work, thinking that the paunch will disappear. It's never going to happen that way. You can't do enough repetitions to burn fat from your belly. There is no spot-reducing secret to shaping up the abs, either.

Before we go too much further into how to get rid of belly fat, let's chat about how it gets there in the first place. The extra weight around the middle has a lot to do with the "fork lift." Eating meals and snacks that consist of processed foods, sugars, white flour, and saturated and trans fats will lead to weight gain. Eating fruits and vegetables, lean proteins and whole grains will help reduce the amount of fat you have on your stomach.

The fat that has taken up residence in your belly is visceral fat. It's tough and dangerous because it is located inside the abdominal cavity, packed between the organs. This fat will release acids that are metabolized by the liver which can cause insulin resistance. Now are you getting the picture of its connection to diabetes, high cholesterol, Alzheimer's and other conditions? Do we all agree that having a muffin top, beer belly or spare tire is doing a number on your health and well-being?

Getting rid of the fat takes hard work and dedication. High intensity cardiovascular exercise (any exercise where the body uses up the energy in the muscles then calls on the fat reserves stored around your body for more energy) is the best option. Work your way up to 60 minutes of challenging cardio, until the heart rate and breathing increases as a means to transport oxygen to the fat stores where it can be used to break it down.

Simply put, you have to work out faithfully for the rest of your life. You may want to throw in the towel and say: "Why bother? That is just too hard, and I like being fat and lazy." Ask anybody who has had a heart attack, stroke or is tethered to insulin; exercise is a small toll to pay. Give one hour of your day and eat more healthfully. There is nothing magic or easy about it, but it could save your life.

— Cathy Graham



Typewriters, signposts & memory

I WROTE THE INITIAL DRAFT of this month's *Take* on my dad's old Smith-Corona Coronamatic 2200 typewriter. It was, in short, an exercise in both history and patience, and it inspired this month's *Take*.

As writing and reading comprise the bulk of my work and occupy much of my free time, I've become a bit of a typography enthusiast. Over the past few months, I have gained a strong appreciation for good typography and an enthusiasm for the old means and methods of the craft of writing.

I'd been looking for a typewriter for some time, checking out old models and reading about their history. But it was when I returned home to Ohio for Christmas that I remembered there was a typewriter located somewhere in my parent's house. I remembered only because my second grade book report was composed on that typewriter. I barely remembered what it looked like, but in my mind's eye, I pictured a gigantic piece of machinery, angrily punching inked letters into the page with a "POP!" as the springs, levers and gears grinded inexorably under the keys. Soon after I finished that book report, my dad bought a desktop computer for the whole family's use, and the Coronamatic slipped into the dusty corners of obscurity.

And that is how I found the typewriter--a precious family heirloom--sitting dejectedly in a shoe closet. I learned that it was a gift to my father from Monsignor Dezső Török, a priest at St. Stephen of Hungary Church and mentor to my dad. I also learned that my dad typed his master's degree thesis on this machine--a herculean task of great difficulty (of which I am now painfully aware).

Nevertheless, my geeky excitement could barely be contained. My mother and father crowded around as I plugged in the typewriter and turned on the power. It snapped to life with a jarring hum and a screech like a zoo full of chimpanzees. The rattling and screeching continued as the six key was caught somewhere between its resting place and the striking point. To make a long story short, my father and I labored for a few hours over the next two days to diagnose the problem. With much care and diligence, we opted to disengage the six key to bring silence back to the typewriter.

As a writing instrument, the Coronamatic cannot be saved by nostalgia. It may have incorporated the most advanced technology of its time, but computers and word processing systems have spoiled me. In my first attempt



to draft this column, I went through 10 sheets of paper and countless errors.

So, what has this to do with my standard *Take* topics and *William Penn Life*?

As I sat at the kitchen counter trying to repair the typewriter, fingers covered with ink dust and oil, clutching a dentist's pick in one hand while my father held a flashlight, I began to think about the relics of our past and what space they occupy in our daily lives.

When visiting Hungary last September, I noticed few antiques, and the shops along Váci ut in Budapest were filled with trinkets and items of little value and dubious provenance. I found it odd, but I shrugged it off as Hungary's way of capitalizing on gullible travelers, much like Chinese merchants selling knock-off pottery or Moroccan traders hawking ersatz carpets.

But, it was not until I went to Csót to stay with my relatives that I got a different sense of what was going on. To be sure, there were a few precious antiques and heirlooms, but what was not new was in various states of wear, and there were not many "conversation pieces." In watching and assisting my relatives at their work, and in visiting many of the little villages nestled along the roadside, I discovered that tangibles are tools to get a job done. Everything from the absence of downed trees to the lack of litter on the roadside led me to one conclusion: the Hungarians with whom I lived and socialized make such a complete use of an object that it is only when that object no longer has any utility that it is thrown away. Even then, many of the object's composite parts are recycled or up-cycled into something new.

Antique stores in the United States are filled with functional objects from the past. Old furniture, tools,

Point to Ponder....

Did you ever have a similar experience in Hungary? Do you have Hungarian or American antiques in your home? I want to hear about your thoughts and experiences. - Tibor

Did you know they're Hungarian?

As a perennial student, I have become sedated mentally to the many mundane and similarly styled presentations given by professional educators utilizing the standard computer programs available.

In late 2009, a trio of enterprising Magyar computer programmers/engineers collaborated to produce a new and versatile presentation program called "Prezi." Péter Halácsy, Szabolcs Somlai-Fischer and Péter Árvai introduced to the world of technology a new way to easily make displays and demonstrations come alive. Prezi seamlessly incorporates illustrations, photos and videos that can be changed in size, dimension and perspective. Prezi is easy to use and expand upon.

Developed at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Prezi is available online for free, along with cloud storage capabilities. Prezi is currently based in Budapest with over 250 employees. Recently, it opened a satellite office in Silicon Valley California.

containers, crockery, and even clothing are widely available for purchase. Most Americans with means decorate their homes in a similar fashion. My parents' house, for example, has an old two-man logsaw hung above the mantelpiece. In my Aunt Olga's house, an antique turn crank telephone is the focal point of her kitchen. Even in my apartment in Washington, I have an old banker's lamp (the classic green glass and brass fixture) on my desk right next to the Coronamatic typewriter.

Hungarian antique stores--and someone please correct me if I am wrong--are filled with historical trinkets, such as medals, postcards, bottles, and the like. In essence, these shops sold the detritus of a society looking to shed its past. If Ostalgia (nostalgia for the communist era) is real, then its existence cannot be derived from the popularity of its memorabilia. Even the Hungarian homes I visited, with one notable exception, were bare and sparse in their use of antiques and curios from their nation. The exception was the home of a retired electrical engineer named Endre. My relatives told me Endre devoted much of his home to his collection of historical memorabilia, so much so that they referred to his home as a museum. While Endre's collection may inspire awe in his fellow countrymen and women, it did not meet my expectations. His collection contains military and government surplus and other functional items, but I would not call it a museum. Not to take away from Endre's enterprise, I just think it is interesting to juxtapose different perspectives on the value of objects from the past.

If I am right, and there is a difference in how Americans and Hungarians approach the items of the past, what accounts for such a difference? Is it simply economic? Hungarians cannot afford to make tools into curios? I do not think so, otherwise there would be some use of non-

Tibor's Take

functional items to decorate their living space (framed newspapers or medals, for example).

Could it be that so much recent Hungarian history is painful, and thus not worthy of remembrance? That, too, does not make complete sense, because there were memorials and monuments in town to commemorate those lost in the world wars.

Could it be that Hungarians are simply not conscious caretakers of the past? That also is not the case, because frequenting and maintaining grave sites is common practice in Hungary, more so than in my experience in the U.S.

Then what, exactly, can account for these differences? I am not sure that I know the answer. But, I am fairly confident that my dad's Coronamatic would not occupy such a prominent place on a Hungarian desk as it does on mine, even though it is fit for only the most special and meaningful of correspondence. Are these differences significant? Do they represent a major point of departure between two cultures, or are they just simple anecdotes that represent nothing?

My thoughts on antiques are an allegory for culture itself. After culture ceases to perform any practical function--providing a shared sense of belief, community and purpose for a society--like Hungarian culture in an assimilated America, what is the reason to hold on to it?

Where I live now, towns all across Virginia and Maryland take time to point out (and profit from) the most minute of historical details of past events: "George Washington slept here"; "Abraham Lincoln ate here"; "Union and Confederate troops had a skirmish here." Even in my tiny D.C. neighborhood of Glover Park, signs commemorate seemingly trivial details. One such sign across the street from my apartment records the existence of a small-time recording studio.

Memory has the power to restore life to concepts, people and places long dead and forgotten. Antiques physically connect us to beloved people and places of the past, as well, because such remnants have the ability to transcend both space and time. They bring a sampling of something wondrously important to a new generation.

Éljen a Magyar!

Tibor II

Tibor Check, Jr., is a member of Branch 28.

Let's hear your take

If you have any questions or comments about me or my column, please email me at: silverking1937@yahoo.com, or drop me a letter in care of the William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

The Hungarian Kitchen



with Főszakács Béla

Perfect Poultry, Part 2

FÁRADJON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA!

Winter is the best season to enjoy the warmth of your kitchen while preparing food for your family. The vapors of cooked food fill your house with pleasing aromas, beckoning all to the kitchen. Cold weather makes the scent of hot food especially welcoming to both young and old.

No housekeeping this month, so let's enjoy a little trivia: (1) *What is the only poultry breed native to the Western Hemisphere?* (2) *How many pounds of feed must a chicken eat to gain a pound?* (3) *Where is the chicken capital of the world?* As always, the answers await at the end.

In last month's column, I introduced the many types of poultry. This month, Chef Vilmos and I will share some very tasty recipes that go beyond what a beginner in the kitchen would prepare.

There was a time when prosperity meant preparing a meal that included a chicken prepared in a variety of ways: sautéed, pan-fried, roasted, grilled, broiled, braised or stewed.

There are also many ingredients to enhance the flavor of poultry. Among the most frequently used are olives, capers, garlic, rosemary, sage, thyme, parsley, paprika, tarragon, chives, olive oil, chardonnay wine, burgundy wine, lemon juice and celery salt.

Seven of the most popular techniques for preparing poultry are:

- *Provençale* - cooked with garlic and olive oil, garnished with grilled tomatoes and mushrooms.
- *Paprikás* - onions braised in lard with paprika, then mixed with sour cream and chicken stock.
- *Supreme* - chicken stock thickened with roux, then cream is added creating a sauce.
- *Maréchal* - supreme sauce with a liaison of cream and eggs, garnished with diced mushrooms.
- *Fricassée* - cooked in fat but not browned before liquid is added.
- *Piccata* - thinly sliced, lightly floured, sautéed in butter, then sprinkled with lemon juice, capers for garnish.
- *Florentine* - served on a bed of sautéed spinach, topped with a cheese sauce, usually Mornay.

There are also several ways you can fabricate poultry, trimming it into portions with the bone in or boneless and leaving the skin on or removing it, depending on the recipe of your choice.

- *Halving* - cutting the bird into equal half pieces (usually for smaller birds).
 - *Quartering* - cutting each half equally to make four total pieces for grilling, stewing or roasting.
 - *8 Cut* - producing two drumsticks, two breasts, two thighs and two wings, usually for frying.
- The remaining carcass should be used to make stock with a *mirepoix*, a mixture of carrots, celery and onions.

- *Supreme* - boneless breast with the inner-wing joint attached and *frenched* (bone is scraped clean of any meat and exposed).

- *Airline* - same as supreme style but with the inner-wing joint intact.

Here are a few tips to make your poultry extra tasty and juicy.

- For larger birds, low-temperature roasting between 250°F and 325°F is recommended to keep the bird juicier and reduce shrinkage.

- Seasonings and mirepoix placed inside the poultry will give it extra flavor and also make for extra pan juices from which you can make gravy.

- Parsley, sage and thyme, along with celery salt and white pepper, make a great flavor profile to season your fowl.

- Before roasting, lightly oil the skin of your poultry to give it a golden color and keep it from drying out.

- For best results follow the directions on the package of your frozen product when thawing and preparing to roast. It is better to thaw your fowl in refrigeration instead of under running water. A well-thawed bird cooks better than if partially frozen, especially if you will be frying.

- Make sure the temperature of your poultry is at least 165°F measured with a thermometer at the thickest part of the bird or fabricated piece. This will avoid any food borne illness.

Enjoy the recipes and stay warm eating poultry this winter!

Jó étvágyat!
Főszakács Béla

RECIPES

Csirke Paprikás (Paprika Chicken)

1 onion, thinly sliced
4 tablespoons lard
8 chicken pieces
1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
1½ cups water
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup sour cream
1 cup chicken broth
½ cup mushrooms sliced

In a large pot, brown the onions in the lard, then add chicken and spices, cooking until the chicken is brown. Add 1 cup water, cover pot and cook until chicken is tender. When chicken is tender, add the remaining ½ cup water with the mushrooms and bring to a boil. In a bowl, mix the flour with the sour cream until smooth, then add the chicken broth. Pour this mixture into the pot and stir to make gravy. Serve the chicken and sauce over *nokedli* or white rice.

Hungarian Baked Chicken

½ cup flour
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon celery salt
¼ teaspoon white pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon dried thyme
8 pieces chicken, skin on
½ cup butter, melted
½ cup kosher chicken fat, melted

Combine the flour and seasonings in a pan. Dry the chicken pieces with paper towels if they are wet, then dredge in the seasoned flour. Mix the melted butter and chicken fat, then dip the chicken in this mixture so all sides are coated, letting excess drip off. Arrange the chicken pieces on a sheet pan, skin side up with space in between. Bake the chicken at 350°F until done, about one

hour. Plate your chicken on a large platter and serve your guests.

Hungarian Chicken Stew

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 cup onions, diced
¼ cup red pepper, diced
1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika
2 teaspoons garlic powder
4 chicken thighs, skinned
4 chicken legs, skinned
1 tomato skinned, seeded, rough chopped
1 cup chicken broth
8 small potatoes, peeled & halved
1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 can green beans, sliced
4 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
Salt & white pepper to taste

Over low heat, cook the onions in oil until transparent but do not brown. Add the red pepper and cook one minute. Stir in the paprika and cook additional two minutes. Add the garlic powder, then lay in the chicken pieces and stir until well coated with the mixture. Add the tomato and the broth, stirring well. Cook covered about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Add the potatoes, pushing them into the liquid, then cook covered an additional 30 minutes until potatoes are tender. Add the mushrooms, green beans and parsley, stirring gently as to

not break the potatoes. Taste the liquid and make adjustments with salt and pepper. Place the chicken on a platter and surround with vegetables. Serve hot to your guests with a crusty rye bread. Extra sauce can be served on the side.

Hungarian Spicy Chicken

½ cup ketchup
½ cup chili sauce
½ cup cider vinegar
¼ cup water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 tablespoon onion, minced
1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
6 chicken thighs
6 chicken legs

Combine all the ingredients, except the chicken, in a mixing bowl, blending well. Wash the chicken and pat dry with paper towels and place in a flat container. Pour the liquid over the chicken pieces, coating each one, and let marinate overnight. Cook chicken on a grill using the marinade to brush over the top, OR put chicken in a baking dish and pour marinade over the top, then bake at 350°F for 35 minutes until chicken is cooked. Serve hot on a platter to your guests.

Trivia Answers: (1) The only poultry breed native to the Western Hemisphere in the genus of *Meleagris* is the turkey. Wild & domestic turkeys are native to both the United States and Mexico. Another genus of the turkey family *Meleagris* *Ocellata* can be found in the forests of the Yucatan Peninsula. (2) A chicken must eat at least two pounds of feed to gain one pound of body weight. (3) Gainesville, Ga., is noted as the chicken capital of the world, with over 7,600 people employed in the poultry industry. As of 2013, poultry farming produced \$3 billion in revenue in this Georgia city.

Chicken

4 chicken breast halves, boneless
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon white pepper
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 tablespoon capers
 ½ cup white wine
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 ¼ cup cold water
 ½ stick cold butter cut into ¼-inch slices
 2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped

Place chicken breasts between two layers of plastic wrap and, using a meat mallet, lightly pound to ½-inch thickness. Mix the flour and all the seasonings together, then dredge each breast, coating well, then shaking off any excess. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium high heat, then place the chicken in the pan, reducing the heat to medium and sautéing until browned and thoroughly cooked, about five minutes per side. Remove from pan and place on plate and keep warm.

Cook capers in the remaining oil in the pan, smashing them to release brine. Pour wine into the skillet and scrape any particles from the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon, then simmer until reduced by half. Stir lemon juice, water and butter into the skillet creating a thick sauce. Put chicken breasts back in the pan and heat for three minutes. Serve with the pan sauce spooned over the top of each breast.

Roast Sherry Duck

4 pounds frozen duck
 6 tablespoons olive oil
 2 cups cream sherry
 3 teaspoons dried oregano
 3 teaspoons dried rosemary
 3 teaspoons dried basil

Thaw the duck in refrigerator until partially thawed. The skin should be soft, but the insides should still be frozen. Take the duck out of the wrapping and puncture the skin randomly 20 times, making sure to penetrate the

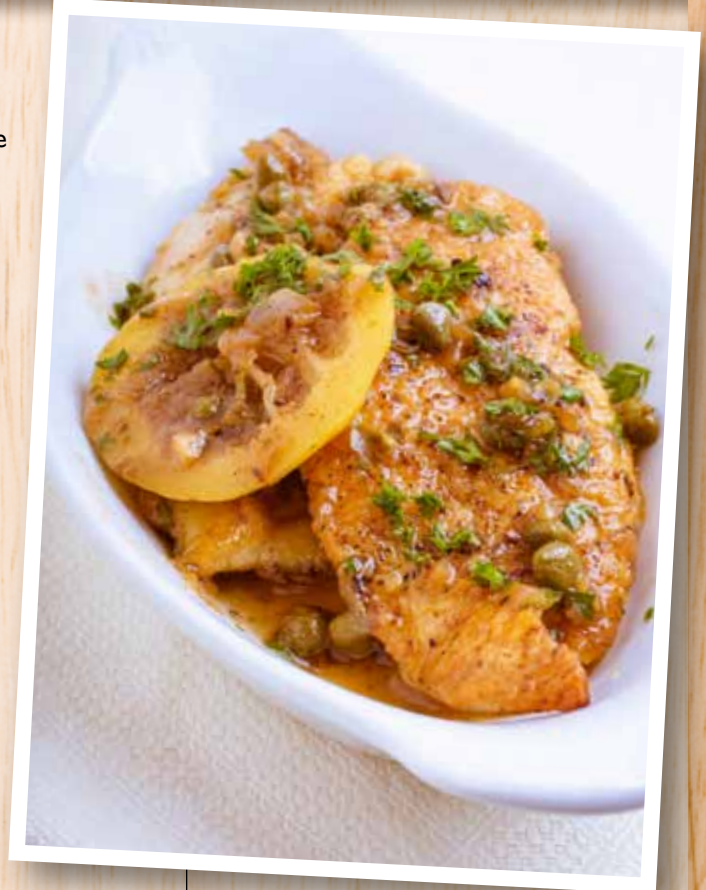
surface into the fat layer. In a large bowl, mix one cup of sherry and three tablespoons olive oil. Place the duck in the bowl and spoon marinade all over the duck. Cover the bowl and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Remove the duck from the marinade and remove the neck and giblets from the inside. Spread some of the marinade inside the duck for extra flavor. Combine the dry herbs with three tablespoons of olive oil and rub the mixture on the outside of the duck. Place the duck into a roasting pan. Pour one cup of sherry into the bottom of the pan. Roast 30 minutes per half pound of body weight and baste the duck every 30 minutes.

Grilled Spicy Turkey Burger

½ onion, minced
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 3 pounds ground turkey
 ½ tablespoon salt
 ½ tablespoon celery salt
 ½ tablespoon curry powder
 ½ tablespoon paprika
 ½ teaspoon black pepper
 ¼ teaspoon allspice
 ¼ teaspoon ground coriander
 ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
 ½ cup cold water

Sweat the onions in the oil until soft, then cool to room temperature. Combine the onions, turkey, salts, spices and water in a bowl and mix gently until uniform. Portion the mixture into 5-ounce patties and form into a burger. Grill or broil until just well done, but avoid overcooking which will dry the burger. Serve with toasted hamburger rolls, lettuce, tomato, ketchup and/or mayo.



Chicken Floridian Sauce

1 quart chicken stock
 2 tablespoons roux to thicken
 2 ounces sweet lime juice
 2 ounces lemon juice
 2 ounces chardonnay wine
 1 stick cold butter, cut into ¼ slices

Pour all the ingredients, except the roux and butter, into a saucepan. Heat up to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Add the roux to thicken and cook for 10 minutes. Finish the sauce by whisking in the butter a slice at a time. Sauce is great for grilled, fried or sautéed chicken.

Buffalo Wing Sauce

2 cups Frank's or Tabasco sauce
 2 cups melted butter

Heat the ingredients in a saucepan until they blend together. Use on wings for a zesty hot taste. Keep in an airtight container refrigerated for up to one month.

Impact the future

The rewards that come with a higher education are priceless. But, that education comes at an ever-higher price. Studies conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics show that 85 percent of all first-time, full-time undergraduate students at 4-year degree-granting institutions receive financial aid. In short, our college-bound children need help.

That's why since 1972, William Penn Association has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarship grants to its young members attending accredited institutions of higher learning. This year alone, the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation awarded grants to 162 students totaling \$81,000. We intend to grant nearly the same amount in 2014.

It is only through the generosity of our members, branches and friends that WPA can continue to


offer this financial support to our children seeking to improve their lives through education.

By donating to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, you are saying that you believe in the potential of our children and in the power of education. And because of your help, our children will transform the world and our communities. It's not an exaggeration: your donation impacts the future.

So, why not make an impact today? It's easy to do. Simply send your tax-deductible donation to:

WPFA Scholarship Foundation
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

Thank you for playing such an important role in their lives...and our future.



Thank you for supporting
the WPFA Scholarship Foundation

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William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility Rules for Year 2015 Scholarship Grants

The Board of Directors has established the following rules governing eligibility for scholarship recipients:

a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing for four (4) years.

b) For both new and renewal applicants, the students must be the child or grandchild of a life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing. For the 2015 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2015.

c) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they have been accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university or school of nursing.

d) Grants are awarded for a two- or four-year period.

e) **New applicants** must submit the following:

1. WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Application for Scholarship Grant, which can be found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. An application also may be obtained by writing to: President, William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, or may be downloaded from the Association's website at www.williampennlife.org.

2. An essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you could meet with the President of the United States, what would you discuss?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The scholarship application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, June 1, 2015. We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

3. A transcript of the student's latest high school scholastic record.

4. A copy of the student's SAT/ACT scores or waiver letter from the school in which enrolled.

5. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2015 school term.

Items 3, 4 and 5 must be mailed and postmarked by **Wednesday, September 30, 2015.**

f) **Renewal applicants** must submit the following:

1. A letter requesting a renewal grant.

2. An essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you could meet with the President of the United States, what would you discuss?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The renewal letter and essay must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, June 1, 2015. We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

3. A copy of the student's latest scholastic record. All renewal applicants **must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to qualify.**

4. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2015 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Wednesday, September 30, 2015.**

g) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be submitted and signed by the student requesting the grant and mailed to the attention of the President. Eligibility rules for renewal grants will be in accordance with the eligibility rules in effect for the initial grant. Materials submitted by anyone other than the student will not be considered. **E-mailed submissions will NOT be accepted.**

h) Scholarship grants will be awarded by the Executive Committee of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., once each year. Grants will be paid directly to the applicant provided the student is a life benefit member in good standing on the date the check is issued and all of the eligibility requirements stated herein have been met.

i) If for any reason the recipient does not attend college after receiving the grant, it must be returned to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

j) In compliance with current privacy laws, all information in regards to the scholarship status will be divulged only to the applicant/student.

k) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be mailed and postmarked by **Monday, June 1, 2015.** Any applications, renewal letters and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered.

Students with questions about these eligibility rules may call Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 128, or e-mail us at scholarship@williampennassociation.org.



WILLIAM PENN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

Application for Scholarship Grant for the Academic Year of 2015-2016

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821
Phone: (412) 231-2979 · Fax: (412) 231-8535
Email: scholarship@williampennassociation.org



STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____ **2. DATE OF BIRTH:** ____/____/____
Last First Middle Initial

3. ADDRESS: _____
No. Street

City State Zip Code

4. STUDENT APPLICANT'S PHONE: () _____ **5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.:** _____

6. E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

7. SCHOOLS ATTENDED (LIST IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, STARTING WITH HIGH SCHOOL):

School	Location	Years Attended

8. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (i.e., ATHLETICS, THE ARTS, SCHOOL CLUBS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ETC.):

9. ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHERE ACCEPTED:

School Name: _____ Year Will Be Attending in School: ☐ Freshman ☐ Junior ☐ Sophomore ☐ Senior
Street Address or P. O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

10. MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY (e.g., ENGINEERING, PRE-MEDICAL, BUSINESS, ETC.):

Completed application must be mailed and postmarked by June 1, 2015

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT (Continued)

11. LIST THREE PERSONAL REFERENCES, EXCLUDING RELATIVES, WHO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS (e.g., TEACHERS, CLERGYMEN, COACHES, ETC.):

Name

Address

Occupation

12. PLEASE EXPLAIN ANY SPECIAL FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES THE FOUNDATION SHOULD KNOW ABOUT (e.g., MARITAL STATUS, DEPENDENCIES, ILLNESS, SPECIAL HOUSING PROBLEMS, ETC.):

13. WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/BENEFIT INFORMATION:

Student Applicant

Parent or Grandparent of Applicant

Name: _____

Life Insurance Certificate Number: _____

Branch Number: _____

PLEASE NOTE: For new applicants, you must submit your essay along with this completed application form to be considered for a grant. The application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by June 1, 2015. Also, you must submit: (1) a transcript of your high school scholastic record or college grades; (2) your SAT/ACT scores; and (3) proof of enrollment for the coming fall term. Failure to submit these items by the date specified in the Eligibility Rules will result in the forfeiture of your grant.

I hereby certify that this application contains no misstatements or omissions of material fact and that the statements herein are to the best of my knowledge complete and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Completed application must be mailed and postmarked by June 1, 2015

Tree of Knowledge



Helping our young members meet the challenges of modern educational economics requires great effort by all our members and friends. Towards this end, the WPFA Scholarship Foundation has created the **Tree of Knowledge**. The Tree is mounted in the second floor foyer of the WPA Home Office. Those making donations through this program will be recognized with individual "leaves" on the tree, which can be used to honor and remember loved ones. Donations are being accepted at three levels: Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500) and Bronze (\$250). Those wishing to purchase a leaf may use the form below. Please help our tree "grow" and allow us to continue to assist young members reach their educational and professional dreams.

Our Newest Leaves

We thank the following for being the latest to donate to our Tree of Knowledge:

**In Memory of
Deceased Members
Br. 0088, Rural Valley, PA
(Silver Level)**

**John F. Woodworth
Branch 0001 Treasurer
1985 - 2014
Br. 0001, Bridgeport, CT
(Bronze Level)**

I want to help the Tree of Knowledge grow. Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of:

☐ \$1,000 - Gold Level ☐ \$500 - Silver Level ☐ \$250 - Bronze Level

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Leaf Inscription - Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line (including blank spaces):

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

Please make checks payable to "William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc." and mail to:

**William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821**

WPA Annual Bowling Tournament

May 1-2, 2015 • Washington, PA

The WPA Annual Bowling Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa., just south of Pittsburgh.

Join us Friday at the hotel for a welcoming reception in the Fireside Room (near the lower parking lot) and enjoy refreshments and pastries from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bowling will take place at the Meadows Lanes, a state-of-the-art bowling facility located inside the casino, on Saturday, May 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children are welcome as our tournament is not near the casino games and is located in a separate area of the facility. Children and teens under 15 are invited to bowl and snack on pizza and soda pop in their own party room.

All guests can enjoy a continental breakfast available at the bowling lanes Saturday morning. And after the bowling events, we welcome everyone to join us for the tournament awards banquet in the hotel's junior ballroom.

This year we will be awarding prizes to the top four adult teams and the top individual bowlers.

Accommodations will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands, which is within walking distance of the casino and bowling lanes. WPA's special room rate for the weekend is \$134 per night (double occupancy). Use the group code "WP2" to ensure you receive our special rate. Deadline for hotel reservations is 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 29. Please call the hotel at 724-222-

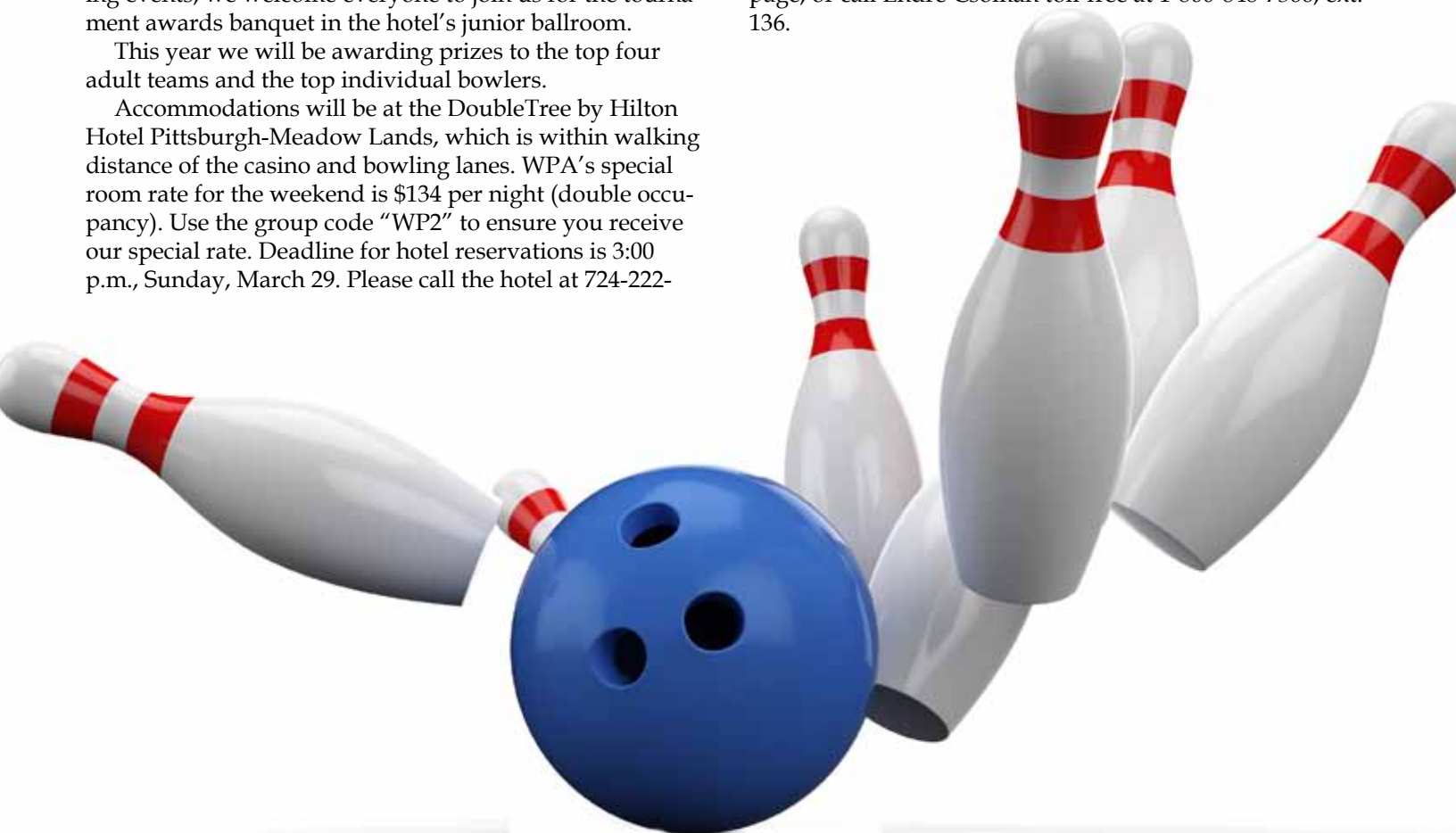
6200 or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com to make your hotel reservations.

Registration fees for bowling and admission to the awards banquet remain the same as last year (*see registration form on opposite page*).

After our events on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, you're welcome to visit the Tanger Outlets or the Meadows Casino. For more family friendly ideas, call the Home Office.

We encourage you as members and friends to make your plans now for a spring trip out to Washington, Pa., and enjoy the festivities with us. As always, we will accept donations to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

For more details, see registration form on the opposite page, or call Endre Csoman toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 136.





May 1-2, 2015, Washington, PA

BOWLING REGISTRATION & BANQUET RESERVATIONS

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

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TOTAL OF ALL FEES = \$

NOTE: WPA annuitants will pay the WPA life benefit member rates for the bowling banquet if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity by April 10, 2015.

-----Method Of Payment (Check one)-----

- ☐ **PAYING BY CHECK.** Mail this form & check to:
Bowling Committee, William Penn Association
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
Make check payable to "William Penn Association"
- ☐ **PAYING BY CREDIT CARD.** Mail this form to the address listed at left and call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, to complete payment process.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands**. All bowlers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s), call the hotel at 724-222-6200, or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. Use the group code "WP2" to receive our special rate of \$134 per night (double occupancy). **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015.**



with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends!

Happy Valentine's Day! This time of year is a great time to remind family and friends how much you love them. Make a valentine for someone "hoo" you love! This month, we have instructions on how to make a **barn owl** completely out of hearts!

You will need:

- construction paper in Valentine's Day colors (pink, red, white, lavender)
- scissors
- black marker
- glue

(Optional: Valentine's Day stickers for the back of the owl)

Instructions:

1. Trace one large heart for the body, one medium heart for the face, two medium hearts for the wings, one small triangle for the beak, and four small hearts for the eyes and feet. If you fold the paper in half and trace half the heart, you will have a symmetrical heart.
2. With the supervision of your favorite adult or clown, cut out the hearts, starting with the largest heart - the body.
3. Arrange the features on the owl to make sure everything is in place.
4. Ask an adult to help you glue the wings to the back of the body. Then glue the face, eyes and beak. Then glue the feet to the body.

5. Once completely dried, use the black marker to draw a pupil inside each eye. The pupil can be a circle or a tiny heart.

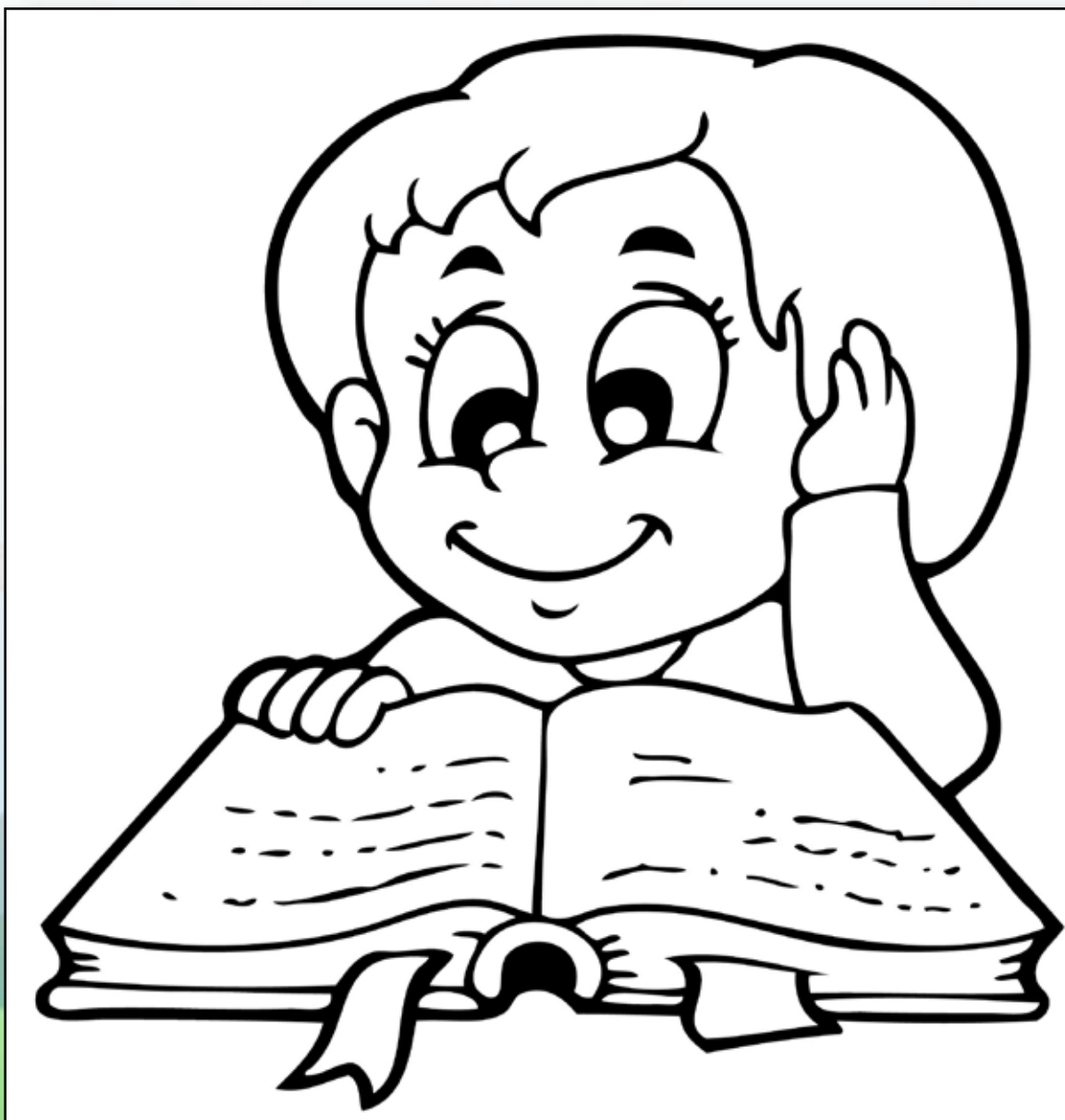
OPTIONAL: You can give this owl as your valentine or write a special note on the back. Make sure you sign your name and write the year so they can cherish it forever.



Books you'll love

Valentine's Day is about showing your love to family and friends. One way to show them is by spending time together reading a book aloud. Here's a short list of some great books to share with your favorite adult or older sibling! Which ones have you read? Which ones would you like to read? Color my friend reading a book!

1. *Happy Valentine's Day Mouse* by Laura Joffe Numeroff
2. *The Berenstain Bears Valentine Blessings* by Mike Berenstain
3. *Clifford's Valentine's Day* by Norman Bidwell
4. *The Night Before Valentine's Day* by Natasha Wing
5. *Valentine's Day Is* by Gail Gibbons



Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Warm greetings from Cleveland. We hope everyone is keeping warm as we continue to experience cold temperatures and snow. The Christmas and New Year's holidays are over and the decorations are finally put away. Now, it is time to say "Happy Valentine's Day" to all of our members and friends. Remember to get in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time.

Congratulations to William Penn Association which will celebrate the 129th anniversary of its founding on Feb. 21. It is quite an accomplishment to be in business and serve the Hungarian community for all of those years.

Branch 14 members and friends attended a production of *White Christmas* at Playhouse Square in Cleveland on Dec. 9. It was an extremely cold night outside, but our hearts were warmed by the stage production of a holiday classic. All of the familiar songs from the movie version were performed on stage. All of the actors did a great job. In the final scene, instead of seeing the barn doors open to show the snow outside, our audience was treated to falling "snow" inside the theatre. Everyone left the show in the holiday mood, especially when they went outside into the cold and real snow!

Our Join Hands Project took place on Dec. 18, when branch members went to the Maple Heights Food Pantry with our donation. The food pantry volunteers were so happy to receive food donations right before Christmas because their shelves were in need of restocking. The food pantry volunteers came out in the rain to unload our cars and started stocking the shelves immediately. You don't realize how many hungry people are out there until you start talking with the volunteers who see the need on an almost daily basis. A lot of the centers rely on donations from the public since local government support is limited. Be sure to remember the food banks and food



As their Join Hands Project in December, the members of Branch 14 donated these food items to the Maple Heights (Ohio) Food Pantry (Photo by Richard E. Sarosi)

pantries throughout the year and donate what you can. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Remember to check expiration dates as food items will not be accepted if they are past the expiration date.

WPA is planning another year of exciting fraternal events. For a complete schedule, please turn to the inside front cover of this issue. Be sure to check this magazine each month for more information, deadlines and registration forms.

Of special note, the Branch 14 Christmas party will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Officers of Branch 14 welcome our new members, John V. Csuti and Rose M. Gordyan.

We wish all students a successful school year in 2015 filled with learning, good grades and a little fun. Please remember donations to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation are accepted throughout the year.

In addition, as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile insurance certificates can be converted into adult life certificates when they reach age 25. Converting their juvenile certificates will ensure them of continued WPA insurance coverage into their adult years and will allow them to continue to enjoy all our fraternal benefits.

We extend our sympathy to those WPA members who have recently lost a loved one.

We send get well wishes to

Branch 14 members Betty Rose and Elaine Galgany, to National Director Roger G. Nagy and to all Branch 14 and WPA members who might be feeling under the weather. Belated get well wishes are sent to Irene Charles, Debbie Wolfe, Shirley Kotik, John Torma, John Lovasz and Julia Bero. We hope that you continue to feel better. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating a January/February birthday and/or anniversary.

I am a little late in congratulating WPA Vice Chair of the Board Nick Kotik on being elected president of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance and WPA General Counsel Ralph Manning for receiving the Outstanding Community Leader Award.

Also, best wishes to WPA Board member Anne Marie Schmidt who is in phase one of her retirement, which means she still works, but not as much. Anne Marie, there is nothing better than staying home baking a "chocolate cake or yellow cake or marble cake," when the weather is bad outside.

Our next Branch 14 meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. at The First Hungarian Reformed Church located at 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members are welcome to attend. Mark your calendars: our meetings for this year will be held March 4, April 1, May 6, Sept. 2, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

Remember, Branch 14 members having news to share about themselves or family members can reach me at RichSaro@att.net or at 1-440-248-9012.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Here it is, 2015. Can you believe it? I hope all your holiday celebrations were wonderful. We are down here in Florida, and that takes some getting used to for those of us born and raised in the North. It sure does not feel very North Pole. Even Michigan was unseasonably warm. I guess that, too, will come to an end.



Members and friends of Branch 19 gathered Dec. 7 to share the spirit of the holiday season during the branch's annual Christmas party.

It's always cold for the Hungarian Arts Club annual Fehér Rozsa Bál (White Rose Ball). Maybe this year, the good weather will continue for a while. The best part of the ball is seeing all of you who we don't see nearly often enough. The debutantes are always gorgeous and so excited. Hope you plan on attending.

Branch 18 held its election of officers at our December meeting. Our officers are: myself, president; Helen Molnar, vice president; Rose Antal, secretary; Carol Truesdell, treasurer; Ursula Markovits, auditing committee chair; Tamas Markovits and Tom House, auditors; and Doug Truesdell, auditor emeritus. We will serve for a two-year term.

Remember to mail in all your branch reports in a timely fashion. We determine your branch fees and party allotment on those reports. Special thanks to National Vice President-Secretary Jerry Hauser and his Administrative Assistant Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz for all their hard work on that wonderful handbook they sent us. Sure makes reporting a lot easier. Great work you two!

Our December Charity-of-the-Month was won by Loretta Adorjan. She chose Children with Hair Loss. Thanks, Loretta.

Get well wishes to Mary Ann Deri and National Directors Dennis Chobody, Roger Nagy and Anne Marie Schmidt. You are all such special people. My daughter Debbie Wolfe is slowly recovering from a serious illness. We thank you for all your

good wishes and prayers. We hope you are all better soon. Love to all.

Remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Eddie Beres, Mary Duzy, Helen Gronskey and Frank Semperger. Our wonderful family of employees also experienced some very unhappy losses. We send our love to Cassie Holmes on the loss of her brother, to Kerri Kramer on the loss of her mom and father-in-law, to Danielle Iorio on the loss of her mother, and to Matt Haller on the loss of his grandmother. I also just heard about the death of Kyle Gibb, son of Denise and Derek Gibb and grandson of Nancy and Steve Baranyai. Our love and prayers are with you all.

Special congratulations to Violet Sarosi who was recently honored for her 76 years as a member of the Lortantfy Ladies Association of the First Hungarian Church of Cleveland. I just don't know how you do it. You are a true Energizer Bunny. Lots of love and congratulations.

Special happy birthday wishes to Vice Chair of the Board Bill Bero and National Vice President-Treasurer Diane M. Torma. We wish you many more.

I had a lovely surprise from Branch 28: I was a winner in their Christmas raffle. It sure came in handy after Christmas. Thank you. You can always count on me when you're selling tickets.

Branch 18 is on hiatus for the winter. Our next meeting will be

Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor. Hope to see you all there. Please remember your donations for our four-footed friends. The need is always there.

Happy Winter, and let me be the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day.

I am always available to help you with your life insurance and annuity needs. Please call me at 313-418-5572 or 734-782-4667.

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn Bodnar

On Dec. 7, Branch 19 celebrated Christmas with a party at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church. The branch provided a delicious lunch for the members. Everyone sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Evelyn Bodnar on the piano, and Santa brought the children presents.

The branch members and officers thank William Penn Association for providing the gift cards to McDonald's and again promoting the American workplace and supporting jobs in the local communities in which we live.

Branch 19 held its election of officers, and the following were elected: the Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Bodnar, president; Joseph A. Bodnar, vice president; Evelyn B. Bodnar, secretary-treasurer; and Bert Suldo and Jennifer Orlick, auditors.

We wish our members a happy, healthy new year.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Wishing all our readers a Happy Valentine's Day. Winter has been off and on so far in the Youngstown area, but spring still sounds good.

As always, the Home Office and Board of Directors supported the individual branches by providing financial assistance for the branch family Christmas parties. It was truly appreciated by all.

Dec. 13 proved to be a wonderful day weather-wise for Branch 28's annual Christmas event. A very

nice group of members gathered at the Aut Mori Grotto hall to be entertained by the Aut Mori Grotto Clowns. The all-volunteer group performs for donations used to help pay for the medical needs of handicapped children.

Santa and Mrs. Claus (John Tollas Sr. and Amanda Ference) arrived as guests sang "Jingle Bells." After mingling with the children, the Clauses posed for a group photo taken by Frank Schauer, then visited with each child individually. Each child received a special WPA gift bag containing a McDonald's gift card and a monetary gift.

During the afternoon, guests enjoyed a variety of refreshments. Thanks go out to the branch members who served on the party committee. You did a great job preparing for and conducting this event, allowing it to go so smoothly.

We also held raffles that afternoon. Twelve children received prizes. The split-the-pot winners were Mary Rose Purton and Chuck Hellman. Five other small prizes were also awarded.

Winners for our holiday/scholarship raffle were also drawn. They were:

- 1st - James Robertson
- 2nd - Barbara House
- 3rd - Ilona Kubic
- 4th - Ralph Manning
- 5th - Brian Panigall
- 6th - John Panigall
- 7th - Renee Purton
- 8th - John Morey

We thank all those who purchased tickets and/or donated items to help support this fundraiser.

We had a few WPA gift items leftover, so we donated them to the Children's Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. They were distributed to the young patients there during the Christmas season.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating their special day, and happy anniversary wishes to all those celebrating an anniversary.

Congratulations to WPA as it celebrates 129 years of providing wonderful service to its members.

We're looking forward to all the upcoming fraternal events in 2015.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.



Young members of Branch 28 welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to the branch's annual family Christmas party held Dec. 13. (Photo by Frank Schauer)

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For your life insurance or annuity needs, please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

The holidays are over, but we hope your New Year's resolutions aren't! We at Branch 34 hope that one of your resolutions was to attend some of the great events that are held by William Penn and to get involved in your local branch activities. You can find a schedule of all the events WPA is planning for this year on the inside front cover of this issue.

Please take a moment and pray for our service men and women, especially those who remain in harm's way.

While we gathered for our annual Christmas party, our branch held its election of officers. All officers were unanimously reelected to another two-year term. Thank you for having faith in us and our service to Branch 34. *Köszönöm szépen!*

We extend happy birthday wishes to all branch members celebrating their birthdays, especially longtime branch members Carm DeBlasio and Mitzi Berei.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Andy McNelis at 412-421-6031. If you would like information about WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please contact Branch Coordinator Maria Bistey at 412-431-6035.



Molly McGovern, coordinator at Friendship Warming Center in Steubenville, and volunteer Glen receive holiday baskets and items donated by the members and friends of Branches 40 and 349.

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches of Martins Ferry and Weirton!

We are planning an outing for our branch members to a Wheeling Nailers hockey game soon. Check next month for more details on the date and time. All branch members are invited to attend. It's always an enjoyable time. The Wheeling Nailers play at Wesbanco Arena in Wheeling. The Nailers are the ECHL affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins



Santa Claus receives a warm welcome at the annual Christmas party hosted by Branch 88.

and the Montreal Canadians.

It's been so cold that, at our last branch meeting, we decided to take up a collection for the new homeless warming center in Steubenville. We collected blankets, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, socks, cleaning items and ready-to-eat foods. Friendship Warming Center is just getting started, and they were really very grateful to receive our donations. Our thanks to all who donated to this effort.

Our next branch meeting will be held Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m. at 63 Meadow Lane, Wintersville, Ohio. We'll be talking about spring projects and more branch outings.

For information about our branch activities, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

Branch 88 Rural Valley, PA

by Joe Chobody

Members and guests of Branch 88 gathered Dec. 14 for our family Christmas party. Christmas carols played as the children lined up to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. Treat bags were distributed, and refreshments were served.

Thanks to all who attended the party. Special thanks to the Home Office for the generous financial help and the items for the treat bags.

Also, thanks to Kathy, Dennis and Joe Chobody for making the party a success.

At the December branch meeting, officers were elected for 2015-2016. Those elected were Dennis Chobody, president; Michael Chobody, vice president; Samuel Mikita, secretary-treasurer; and Thomas Baculik, Jack Baculik and Joe Chobody, auditors. Good luck to all our officers.

Plans are being made for the annual Founder's Day party on Feb. 22. All branch members are welcome. Here's hoping all had a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec

Branch 89 hopes everyone is staying warm and indoors during this cold winter weather. We also hope everyone had a truly wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year. Let's do our best to make this year our best. I know our branch promises to do just that.

Our Christmas party was a huge success. We had close to 125 people in attendance, and the majority were children. How nice it was to see so many young ones truly enjoying themselves. And yes, even the parents and grandparents came and bowled with them.



Branch 89 member Maddigan Glies tells Santa her Christmas wishes during the branch's annual family Christmas party.

I was proud to see how well behaved the children were and how much they enjoyed bowling. We received many thank you's from not only the children but also the parents and grandparents. Judging by the smiles on the children's faces, Santa was a hit. We thank WPA for its support and for the many donations towards our party.

Our party was such a hit that we even had a couple of "senior children" from another branch attempt to crash it, only to find the lanes were filled. So, all they could do was sit and watch the festivities. Yes, Christmas is truly a time for kids of all ages.

Immediately after the party, we held our branch meeting and election of officers. The newly-elected officers of Branch 89 are: John S. Toth Jr., president; Mark S. Maskariniec, vice president; Ruth D. Toth, secretary-treasurer; and Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec and Timothy E. Toth, auditors. Good luck to all branch officers throughout the Association.

We also congratulate The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport on their first-ever joint kolbász fundraiser. It was a lot of hard work, but it was also a lot of fun. Many good memories were made. I thank the many members of Branch 89 for

helping in this success: Dee Clydesdale, Janet Phillips, Vera Recktosch, Audrey Poch, and Debra and Michelle Zamberry.

We are proud to say that Vice President Mark Maskarinac received a true "kolbász christening," playing cashier and delivery person. Well done, Mark.

Special thanks to the Rev. Lisa Kerestesi and her son Miles, who drove up from Arlington, Va., that morning to help make kolbász. Miles, Edith Zamberry and I served as mixers for the Homestead Church. I now have a true appreciation for those many chief elders of the church who served as "Official Kolbász Mixers."

Truly, thanks to everyone for making this project such a huge success. There is even talk of doing this project again in time for Easter, along with the possibility of making stuffed cabbage and baked goods. We are looking forward to a mutually rewarding relationship.

We are also hoping to begin our monthly Branch 89 dinners, the first of which is to be held at the Dorothy 6 Restaurant on Eighth Avenue in Homestead. Date and time to follow. Tom, one of the owners (who also happens to be Hungarian) said they serve stuffed cabbage and pierogies in addition to various American dishes. So, why not come out and patronize a local business?

We extend sincere thanks to Bill Lorenc of Branch 27 Toledo for collecting Kellogg's codes for our branch. In return, we will send him a vintage Pirates baseball cap. This is another example of members of different WPA branches working together for a common cause. Thanks, Bill. When we have our golf outing later this year, you will definitely receive recognition for your efforts. Please keep those codes coming in.

Branch 89 also continues to collect codes from Coke products. These codes will be turned into points which can then be redeemed for various merchandise and prizes to be used at our outings. Anyone with codes can email them to Mark at maskarinac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

For any of your life insurance

needs, please call Ruth Toth at 412-872-5022.

Branch 89 thanks WPA and its officers for their continued support of our various branch activities.

Please continue to keep those branch outing suggestions coming in. We're interested in hearing from you. Stay warm. It won't be too long before the bowling and golf tournaments will be upon us. I, for one, can't wait.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello from Columbus, Ohio.

Well, this winter started off mild, but that has really changed. During the first week of January, the schools in our area were closed two out of five days due to snow and extreme cold. We hope to have better weather soon.

Our first meeting of 2015 will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus. Please plan to attend. We will be discussing various projects and events for the coming year.

The Hungarian Reformed Church will host its next Sunday Soup and Culture program on Feb. 8, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served at 11:15 a.m., followed by a screening of *The Great Houdini*. The 1953 film about the Hungarian-born magician stars another Hungarian, Tony Curtis.

The church is also taking orders for kolbász and hurka. To place your orders, please call Margaret Leonardo at 614-444-0035 by Feb. 9.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and additions to their families.

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized. We hope all have a speedy recovery.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one.



Members of the Hungarian Reformed Churches of Homestead and McKeesport, Pa., joined forces to make kolbász for the Christmas season.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail her at DAL9968@aol.com.

Stay warm and toasty until next month. I hope to hear from you.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by the Branch Officers

Our Midwest December was mild with little snow. During the holidays, it was easy and safe for travelers.

On Dec. 3, Branch 132 held its regular meeting followed by the election of branch officers. New officers elected were: John E. Burus, president; Don Czajkowski, vice president; Michelle Horvath, secretary; John P. Burus, treasurer; and Sue Marshall and Anna Horvath, auditors.

During the meeting, we also discussed the branch Christmas party and a time change for our meetings. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. at Martin's Supermarket café on Ireland Road.

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 7. A good time was had by all. We all enjoyed eating pizza and visiting with friends. The children were happy to know they could go shopping with the gift cards they received. It was a perfect and happy day for all.

Our thanks to the Home Office for all the help and support they provided us over the past year.

We extend our condolences to the family of Steve Arch. May he rest in peace.

See you at the next branch meeting on March 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Until then, have a happy Valentine's Day.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all our members celebrating their special day in February!

We are sending warm wishes to Irene Charles, National Director Roger G. Nagy and all those who are ill. It feels 10 times worse because of the cold weather.

We are thinking and praying for the family of Margaret Oeler on their recent loss. Our heartfelt prayers go out to all those who have recently lost a loved one.

As Nobel Prize winner Albert Camus once wrote: "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer." Warm your own heart by showing kindness towards others.

From all of us at Branch 226, we wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day.

If you have recently moved or would like to have some news printed here, please contact Malvene at 412-751-1898. We'd love to hear from you!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Feb. 21 marks the 129th anniversary of the founding of William Penn Association by a group of coalminers who had the foresight to take care of their own. We laud their determination and that of the men and women who have carried forth their efforts from the 19th into the 21st Century. Our members should take great pride in all of this hard work, all on account of fraternalism. Remember, we do it for you, but we cannot do it without you. Congratulations, WPA!

Branch 296 sends get well greetings to each of our infirmed members. We think of you and wish you



Branch 296 member Jeff Holmes was named MVP of his high school's football team and elected to the all-conference team.

well throughout your recovery.

We also send heartfelt condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one. One member in particular, Helen Gosciejew, comes to mind. An active Branch 296 member, Helen passed away in December. She enjoyed participating in our WPA bowling tournaments and, until recent years, always volunteered at our branch family Christmas party. God grant you eternal rest, Helen, and all of our branch members who have left us.

Happy birthday to our February babies. One of those wishes is for Branch President Diane Torma. May each of you enjoy your special day and have a terrific year ahead of you.

Time to give a tip of the hat to Jeff Holmes, who was recently named MVP of the Leechburg Varsity Football team and elected all-conference second team wide receiver. Jeff and his quarterback also won local television station WTAE's "Operation Football" Play of the Year.

He is the son of Jeff and Cassie

Holmes, who is our life underwriter. Not only does young Jeff excel at team sports (he plays varsity basketball, too), but he's also known as a good sport at Leechburg High.

Each year, Trib Total Media sponsors the "High School Lip Dub Contest." Last year, from nearly 300,000 total votes cast, Leechburg High's video--featuring Jeff lip-synching to Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off"--won first place in its category.

Leechburg students designed and produced the award-winning video, which coincides with the school administration's on-going commitment to combat bullying. The video features students taunting Jeff, who "shakes it off," and ends with acceptance by the student body and a rousing celebration. Jeff really was a good sport throughout this student-led project, and it culminated in a first-rate production. Way to go, Jeff!

Last, but certainly not least, we've decided to change our meeting time to 6:30 p.m. After our winter hiatus, we'll return to meet on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. Dates for future meetings are April 9 and May 14.

Contact me if you have news or personal milestones that you would like to share at: 724-274-5318 or at makelly367@verizon.net.

Noreen Fritz, our helpful agent, can answer your life insurance and annuity needs at: noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net or 412-821-1837.

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

by Barbara Kreiser

Happy New Year, William Penn members! What an exciting December we had at the club. We had the children's Christmas party, Membership Appreciation Day, and the New Year's Eve party. All were a great success and enjoyed by many. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for all of the events. We could not do it without you.

Not much to report for January, as it is usually a slow month for activities. I am looking forward to February, which will no doubt be a busy month with President's Day, Valentine's Day and WPA's 129th

anniversary all happening.

I would also like to say happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who are celebrating this month. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a birthday, anniversary or get well card, please let me know, and I will certainly get one out to them.

Our monthly meetings are very important. They offer active members the opportunity to pitch in with their ideas, comments or concerns. This month's meeting will be held Monday Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

We are always looking for fun activities to do at the branch. If you have any ideas for activities or entertainment, please let Whit Simmons, Barb Kreiser or Mike Kreiser know. Also, if you would like to see something posted in our branch news, please let us know that as well.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Even though it may be cold outside this month, we can all warm our hearts on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. May you spend the day and every day with the ones you love.

February is a very important month for William Penn Association. On Feb. 21, 1886, our Association was founded. Congratulations to the Association and to all the past and present members who have made it possible for the Association to continue to provide its members with the best possible insurance plans and annuity rates and be able to offer all the different fraternal activities over the years. Our Board of Directors and National Officers do their best managing the Association, keeping our members in mind when making any decision, whether they be financial or fraternal.

William Penn Life lists the upcoming events scheduled for the year 2015. Please try to attend as many of them as you can. Only with your support can the Association continue to provide its members with the best possible fraternal service.

Our next scheduled event is our bowling tournament. Everyone had



At Branch 525's Christmas party, four generations of WPA members gathered for the holidays, including Branch President Sarika Gotz, Vice President Suzan Reinhardt, Treasurer Melissa Tremblay, Secretary Ami Graf, member Ashlyn Tremblay and future member Hailee Tremblay

a great time last year, and this year promises to be even better. Make sure to check out all the information in this issue of *William Penn Life*. Also keep in mind our annual golf tournament, being held July 17 and 18 at Quicksilver Golf Course in Midway, Pa.

If you or your child will be attending an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2015, remember to check the scholarship eligibility rules to obtain a scholarship. Every little bit of money available to help with your education is well worth the effort to apply for. The rules and application form can be found on pages 12 through 14 of this issue.

Get well wishes go out to all those

who are feeling under the weather.

Our condolences to all those who have recently lost a loved one.

Happy birthday to all of our branch members who are celebrating a birthday this month. May you have many more, and may all of them be healthy.

We would like to welcome all new members of Branch 352.

Remember, if you have any news you would like to share, or if you have any questions about life insurance or annuities, please contact me at 412-319-7116 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 525 Los Angeles, CA

by Sarika Gotz

Our branch, in conjunction with the Bloomington Hungarian Club, hosted a Christmas party Dec. 7 at the club. The club was so full that there was not one empty seat.

We asked each of the 20 children attending the party what they wanted for Christmas. Boy, things sure have changed since I sat on Santa's knee. I never heard of some of the things these children were asking for.

Once the party started, we sang "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

All of a sudden, Santa arrived on this blustery...well, actually, sunny and 80-degree southern California



A date to remember

Deadline for submissions to our magazine is the 10th day of each month. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

day. The excitement and anticipation of the children was something to behold. Santa told the story of how he arrived at our party after stopping first in Hungary to pick up some *szaloncukor* candy for the children to taste.

Each child received two bags of goodies: one from the Hungarian Club and the other from WPA Branch 525. Each also received a bag of homemade cookies. The ladies of the club made kolbász and stuffed cabbage for dinner, and it was delicious.

Our branch also held a meeting during which all officers were reelected for another term. I thanked everyone for all the help they gave me over the past year.

Once the children were settled, the adults hit the dance floor to do the csárdás. All had a wonderful time.

We thank the Home Office for its generous support.

We wish everyone a happy new year. *Boldog Új Évet!*

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

Branch 800 hopes all our members had a merry Christmas and a happy new year as Old Man Winter is now upon us.

Our branch congratulates our Association as it celebrates its 129th anniversary as a fraternal benefit society. We wish WPA continued success as it practices fraternalism and brotherhood in 2015.

We held our election of officers for 2015-2016. The following officers will proudly serve Branch 800: Vincent Frank, president; Dan Greiner, vice president; Dave Greiner, secretary; Bob Jones, treasurer; Myron Yeager and Bob Aiken, auditors; and John Conti, marshal.

Feb. 2 is the day that puts Punxsutawney, Pa., in the national spotlight. That's when Groundhog Day is celebrated. Once again, everyone wants to know if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow.

Feb. 14 is another special day. Don't forget to make this day special for your favorite Valentine.



During Branch 800's Christmas party, Santa shared a special moment with Myron Yeager, 95, the branch's oldest active member.

The month continues as President's Day is celebrated on Feb. 16, honoring all our past presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Our branch completed another successful audit of our records for 2014. We now look forward to a prosperous new year.

The Altoona area is very proud of the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School football team. They finished their season undefeated, with a 16-0 record and a PIAA Class A state championship title.

Winter sports are in full swing. Branch 800 wishes all District 6 boys and girls basketball teams good luck.

Branch 800 wishes Mel Frank a happy birthday on Feb. 13. We also wish a happy birthday to all our fellow members who may be celebrating their special day this month.

Don't forget to contact Bob Jones at 814-942-2661 for all your life insurance and annuity needs.

Until next month, stay warm!

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by Rev. Albert W. Kovacs

When news of the hard times for the Hungarian Reformed Cemetery at Windber, Pa., reached William Penn's officers, they heard the plea. The old burial ground was unable

to meet its annual lawn care bills because the interest income from its endowment fund dropped to far less than needed. When the church there closed, the title was passed on to the small Johnstown church where I am the pastor.

Many Hungarian immigrant coal miners, their wives and children, and veterans of America's wars are interred in its hallowed ground. I presided over a "Service of Rededication" on Nov. 22, and WPA was among the first to step up and contribute \$200 to assure continued dignity for the sacred graves of many beloved of the "old country" and this land of their heritage. Gracious gifts from many other nationalities have also been received, as well as from neighborly Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Hungarian Reformed groups as well.

Thanks also to WPA National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman, who has a ready ear for the needs that reflect how we in America cherish our roots and loved ones. The successful appeal guarantees its respectful care for years to come.

In other news, our recently revitalized Branch 8036 held a Christmas dinner at the Darlington Inn in Ligonier, Pa. Twenty-six members and guests enjoyed a delicious Hungarian buffet, prepared by fellow branch officers Elizabeth and Laszlo Kastal.

In addition, a meeting was held prior to the event and included the election of officers for the 2015-2016 term.

Branch President Jerry Hauser acknowledged branch member and WPA scholarship awardee Jordan Smithberger. Jordan is from the Scottsdale, Pa., area and will be attending Penn State University majoring in engineering.

I explained the branch's participation in the WPA Holiday Basket program and provided news from the Bethlen Communities personal care and retirement center. Our special guest, WPA National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman, presented a brief history of the branch and informed the group of the current WPA Food Drive.

Wishing all a happy & healthy new year!

In Memoriam

*We ask you to pray for
the eternal rest of all
our recently departed
members listed here:*

DECEMBER 2014

0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Stephen Voytko
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Joanne C. Biro
Dolores Kenesky
George A. Klosz
Margaret Pekare
Nathan A. Small
Deborah Vargo-Adams
0015 CHICAGO, IL
Joseph Marocsik

Dorothy M. Turbide
0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Sharon Zak Hansell
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0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
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Helen Gronsky
Frank Semperger
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
David A. Dombey
Jennie Waldner
0023 POCAHONTAS, VA
John A. Warner
0026 SHARON, PA
Frank J. Nagy
0027 TOLEDO, OH
Ethel M. Bolla

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Kathleen E. Kuhley
0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA
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Benjamin Seres, Jr.
0189 ALLIANCE, OH
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0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
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Ronald A. Marx
0226 McKEESPORT, PA
Lucille A. Hrehocik
Joyce M. Zawalsh
0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
John A. Helm

Yolanda Tallerico
Joseph P. Wislie
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0525 LOS ANGELES, CA
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William A. Goucher
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Mathilda Lapato

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DECEMBER 2014

Branch - Donor - Amount

1 - Maria E. Bryon - \$3.00
8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$10.00
14 - Stanley L. Adams - \$25.00
18 - Marianne T. Orsargos - \$10.00
26 - Marie S. Logue - \$3.00
28 - Linda S. Molnar - \$22.00
28 - Frank Schauer - \$4.91
28 - Kristen M. Taylor - \$20.00
28 - Mary Vargo - \$100.00
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76 - Stephen M. Skrzat - 25.00
88 - Jeanne M. Henry - \$2.90
89 - Melissa S. O'Brien - \$2.10
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129 - Virginia Abahazie - \$8.00
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129 - Erzsebet I. Huber - \$10.00
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159 - Kelly J. Scherfel - \$3.39
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226 - Robert W. Serena - \$5.00
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336 - Hannah E. Keely - \$5.00
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352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
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525 - Tibor T. Marton - \$5.42
590 - John Gardi Jr. - \$5.50
8036 - Leah Yantko - \$3.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$4.00

TOTAL for Month = \$473.13

Additional Donations

DECEMBER 2014

Donor - Amount

Neal A. Blochinger - \$25.00
Margaret Caruso - \$100.00
Sally A. Eaken - \$25.00
Patricia A. Lenski - \$25.00
John L. Lovasz - \$55.00
Paul Niglio - \$25.00
Frank Petohazi - \$25.00
William Penn Association - \$57.00
(Proceeds from USA Free
RX Card, Dec. 2013-April 2014)
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$240.00

TOTAL for Month = \$577.00

Donations In Memoriam

DECEMBER 2014

Donor - Amount

(In Memory of)
William J. Bero - \$50.00
(Jane T. [Ferguson] Haller)
William J. Bero - \$50.00
(Mary Iorio)
William J. Bero - \$50.00
(Robert R. Kramer)
William J. Bero - \$50.00
(Thomas C. "TD" Dailey)

Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Jane T. [Ferguson] Haller)
Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Mary Iorio)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00
(Deceased Members Charles T.
Molnar, Helen Mate & Vincent A.
Sears)

William Penn Association - \$50.00
(Jane T. [Ferguson] Haller)
William Penn Association - \$50.00
(Robert P. Kramer)
William Penn Association - \$50.00
(Thomas C. "TD" Dailey)
TOTAL for Month = \$525.00

**Next Deadline:
February 10, 2015**

Share your
beautiful smile...



...with a total stranger!

**Happy
Valentine's Day**
Bill Bero



Puzzle Contest #116 with Lizzy Cseh

Boldog Bálint Napot

I know several Hungarians with either the first or last name "Bálint." All along, I've assumed that Bálint was another uniquely Hungarian name that had no direct English translation, such as Tibor or Zoltan. But, while visiting Hungary, I learned that Bálint means "Valentine." With that thought in mind, I decided to explore how Valentine's Day is celebrated by our Magyar cousins.

In terms of revelry, Bálint Nap is a minor celebration. With the fall of communism, improved lines of communications, and the commercialization process, Feb. 14 has become a day celebrated mainly by expats and the younger generation. I learned that International Women's Day (March 8) is the more widely accepted day for giving flowers and candy.

In 1989, Ági Guba, director of the Budapest Professional Florists Association, began to promote Valentine's Day, and the group continues to do so. Couples celebrate this day by enjoying a dip in one of Hungary's many thermal baths or ice skating at the famous Vajdahunyad Castle. Chocolates and red roses are the predominant gifts, and interestingly, women give these gifts to their men in nearly equal proportion to what they receive.

In the villages, Bálint Nap is considered a benchmark on the calendar. Szt. Bálint is known as the patron saint of the sparrow, which in Hungary is the first of the bird species to nest each spring. Unofficially, Hungarian farmers recognize Feb. 14 as the beginning of the mating season for chickens, ducks and geese. In the farming village of Szil (located between Győr and Sopron in northwestern Hungary), residents celebrate the day as the first harbinger of spring, as the weather will slowly improve from then on.

The love song Magyar couples request most often to be played by strolling violinists at restaurants or csárdás houses is: "Csak Egy Kislány Van A Világon" ("There Is But One Girl in the World").

This month, I present 14 word search clues. All clues are associated with Bálint's Day in Hungary.

Stay warm and see you in March!

- Cseh Lizzy

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"Bálint Nap" Word List

Bálint	Martyr	Thermal Bath
Chocolate	Red Roses	Vajdahunyad
Csak Egy Kislány	Sparrow	Valentine
February	Spring	Women's Day
Guba	Szil	

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