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Branches donate Easter Baskets to those in need

PITTSBURGH -- Following the success of our Holiday Basket program, WPA asked our branches to extend that generous spirit into the recent Easter season.

Our branches responded to our Easter Basket program by donating baskets filled with non-perishable food items and other household goods to those in need living in their communities.

Sixteen of our branches joined this fraternal effort by donating a total of 26 baskets containing goods worth a total of \$1,083.80.

We continue to encourage all our branches and members to exhibit this caring and sharing spirit throughout the year by donating regularly to local charities.

Prizes sought for Chinese auctions

WPA is still seeking prizes for the Chinese auctions to be held during both our annual golf tournament this July and the WPA Picnic in August.

If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact Ronda at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, or at rgrotefend@williampennas-sociation.org. Let Ronda know what type of prize you'll be donating and if you will be delivering your prize to the Home Office prior to the auction or bringing it with you the day of the event.

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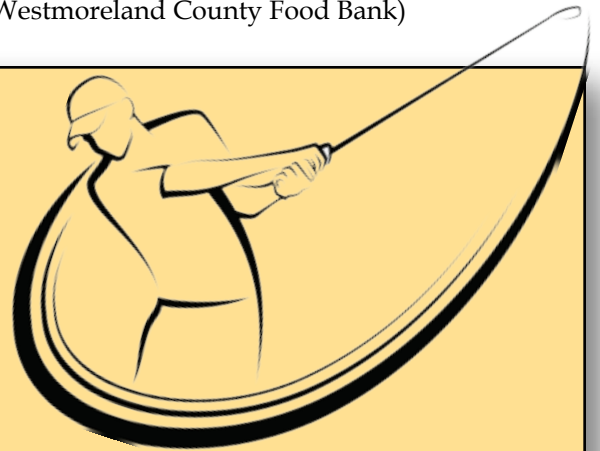
WPA's fraternal family joins hands against hunger

Once again, when WPA put out the call to our members to "Join Hands Against Hunger," you answered in the true spirit of fraternalism. We extend our sincere thanks to all the members, branches, employees and friends of WPA who donated so generously to our spring food drive. Because of you, food banks in 18 communities will be better able to serve the needs of the hungry and less fortunate.

A total of 18 branches participated in this effort, contributing a total of \$1,225.17 to food banks in their communities. The branches and the food banks they supported are as follows:

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- Branch 13 Trenton, N.J. (Holy Apostles Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen)
- Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich. (St. Michael's Church Food Pantry)
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- Branch 27 Toledo, Ohio (Cancer Institute of Sylvania, Ohio)
- Branch 40 Martins Ferry, Ohio (House of the Carpenter, Wheeling, W.Va.)
- Branch 51 Passaic, N.J. (Wayne Interfaith Network Food Pantry)
- Branch 88 Rural Valley, Pa. (Shannock Valley Food Pantry)
- Branch 129 Columbus, Ohio (Grove City Food Pantry)
- Branch 132 South Bend, Ind. (Indiana U. South Bend Campus Food Pantry)
- Branch 226 McKeesport, Pa. (Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank)
- Branch 249 Dayton, Ohio (The Food Bank of Dayton)
- Branch 296 Springdale, Pa. (Lower Valley Food Ministries)
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The fraternal advantage

I RECENTLY CELEBRATED my one-year anniversary with William Penn Association. Prior to joining WPA, I spent the majority of my career working for commercial insurance companies. Because of this, I am often asked to speak on the differences I have noticed between commercial insurance companies and fraternal insurance societies, such as WPA. I would like to share with you some of the observations that I have made since becoming a member.

There are three basic types of life insurance companies:

- stock companies, which are owned by stockholders;
- mutual companies, which are owned by policyholders; and
- fraternal benefit societies, which are organized and carried on solely for the mutual benefit of their members.

Fraternal benefit societies were developed in the mid- to late-1800s as a way for people--many of them immigrants from Europe--to work and associate alongside others with similar ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. These non-profit organizations provided "mutual aid" to many individuals and families. This aid included benefits for death, disability and illness, but also involved a "lodge system" where their families could meet for various social and charitable events. These benefits continue to this day.

Did you know that, according to the American Fraternal Alliance, fraternal benefit societies raised over \$17 million in the wake of the 9/11 attacks and more than \$17 million following hurricane Katrina? The AFA also reports that volunteerism among fraternal benefit societies represents over 95 million hours per year, worth an estimated \$1.6 billion, and a total of \$410 million is spent annually on other fraternal benefits as well.

Each type of insurance company--stock, mutual and fraternal--offers life insurance and annuities to the general public. When a client purchases a policy or certificate from any of the three types of companies, they're receiving something of value--a certain amount of insurance for a certain amount of premium, or a cer-

tain interest rate on a certain amount of deposit into an annuity.

But, do all types of insurance companies invite their clients to attend picnics, dinners, golf outings, baseball games or trips to foreign lands? Will stock or mutual companies provide benefits to your newborn, an orphaned child or a graduating high school senior? Do stock and mutual companies provide scholarships to qualifying members to help offset

the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education? These are just a few of the benefits you'll receive when purchasing your insurance or annuity from a fraternal benefit society, like WPA.

Shortly after joining WPA, my wife and I attended a picnic. A close friend was congratulating me on my new position and asked for what company I was now working. When I said it was William Penn Association, his sister turned to me and said, "Oh! You're with that scholarship company!?" She then went on to explain that her mother had purchased "some kind of policy" that paid scholarships to her children and that WPA had, in fact, provided \$2,000 for *each* of her four children to attend four years of college! That's a total of \$8,000

in scholarship grants paid to *one* member family.

I have to say that this made me feel good about my decision to join William Penn Association. I spent a great deal of my career with one of the largest insurance companies in the world that, despite their size, didn't give anywhere near the number or amount of scholarships given annually by William Penn Association and other fraternal organizations. As a stock company, they were most concerned about shareholder value and returns to the stockholders, not their insured members.

This is a "fraternal advantage." Let me tell you about another.

There was a young WPA member who had purchased a life insurance certificate and paid only one annual premium. Within nine months of purchasing his certificate, this young, healthy adult developed an



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At the helm is President and Founder Bernard "Bernie" Vukelich, CLU, ChFC, CSA. A lifelong resident of Western Pennsylvania, Bernie graduated from Geneva College with a degree in Business Administration, with a major in ac-

counting. He entered the insurance business in 1964 as a sales agent with Met Life.

After 18 years in individual sales and sales management, he and his wife Cathie opened Executive Brokerage Services in 1982, where he has thrived in the impaired risk and senior markets.

Throughout his career, Bernie has earned numerous awards and has recruited and trained more than 3,000 career agents across the country.

Bernie remains very active in his agency and the insurance industry. He currently serves as chairman of the Pittsburgh Insurance Financial Advisors Political Action Committee (IFAPAC).

Bernie resides in Beaver, Pa., with his wife Cathie. □

aggressive form of cancer. Unfortunately, he became so sick that he was unable to keep his job, and the bills started to pile up. Mixed in with those bills was his annual premium notice from WPA.

After the young man passed away, his agent called our Home Office to report the death, only to be told that his coverage had lapsed due to non-payment of the premium. But, after checking into his certificate, we found that he indeed still had coverage due to what's known as a "non-forfeiture clause" in his certificate, and we were able to pay the claim. This news obviously came as a huge relief to not only the agent but also to the grieving young widow.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, I have spent the majority of my career with commercial companies, both stock and mutual. In all those years, I *never* encountered a policy or certificate that extended coverage after only one annual premium had been paid. That is most definitely a fraternal advantage.

Have you ever tried getting through to a live person at one of the large commercial insurance companies? One of the things that continues to impress me most since joining WPA is the fact that we provide an 800

number for our clients and sales reps, and that phone is still answered by a live person who can help. Clients and agents alike can call the Home Office and talk with a representative from the sales, underwriting, billing or claims teams and have their questions and concerns handled personally. This is a fraternal advantage, as well.

So, you can see there are many benefits and differences between commercial and fraternal companies. If you are reading this, you are probably already a WPA member and enjoying some of the fraternal benefits that being a member provides.

But, what about your friends and family? Did you know that *you* can earn a referral fee by recommending William Penn Association to your friends and relatives? We pay thousands of dollars each year to hundreds of members who recommend new members to WPA. See the back cover of this magazine for details on this exciting program, or call your local WPA agent. Don't have an agent? Call the Home Office and one will be assigned to you. Or, simply complete that Recommender form and send it to the Home Office. We'll take it from there. We're here to offer The Fraternal Advantage! □



A világháború, part 2

How we memorialize war says much about modern times

LIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C., I have had countless opportunities to visit the memorials and monuments that define the skyline and streets of our nation's capital. As I have grown older, I have begun to appreciate different aspects of these structures. Recently, I have come to realize that monuments like these make important statements about how societies view the past at a particular point in time.

For example, the Vietnam War Memorial aptly commemorates the most politically-charged war in American memory by stripping the conflict of its context and honoring the service of the fallen soldiers alone. The World War II monument, in contrast, clearly exhibits the monumental scale of that conflict and its black-and-white, good vs. evil nature. The World War II memorial is also a product of American society at that time of its dedication (2004) which was proud of American military prowess in the defense of democracies.

Now, a World War I memorial has been approved and will be constructed soon. It, too, is a symbol of not only modern ideas about World War I but also about contemporary American society in general. The structure is similar to the Vietnam memorial and is similarly apolitical, but that is because, I think, World War I is too far removed from modern memory to be truly controversial. The design, which emphasizes individual sacrifice and the unique fraternity among soldiers, is a product of an America that is less sure about its place in the world and its moral standing than the America that produced the World War II memorial.

These artistic interpretations can be made beyond the United States. In Hungary, for example, the design for a recent World War II memorial stirred controversy because it seemed to minimize the role of Hungary's government in the Holocaust. The monument features a statue of St. Gabriel (representing Hungary) being harassed and attacked by a German Imperial Eagle. The implication is, of course, that World War II and Hungary's involvement in it were the product of manipulation and coercion from Nazi Germany.

By my analysis, this planned monument says

two things. First, it says that World War II can never be apolitical for Hungary, that unlike the United States (which can celebrate a righteous triumph and a noble sacrifice of its people), Hungary can neither claim a victory (righteous or otherwise) nor can it argue that its sacrifices were part of a doomed, noble fight against a greater evil. The Axis agenda was the greater evil, and commemorative art can provide no escape.

Which brings me to my second observation: because Hungary cannot deny that its role in the war was morally reprehensible, absolution can only



come from arguing that its actions were coerced. But, by passing the blame on to Germany, the Hungarian government seems to be tacitly stating that Hungary, as a nation, does not have sovereign responsibility over its actions.

What statements do Hungary's World War I memorials make? I'm not quite sure, mostly because I have not been able to find good examples of World War I memorials in Hungary. In fact, I haven't been able to find examples of World War I memorials anywhere in Eastern Europe, just as I cannot find the exact locations of WWI Eastern Front battlefields. Furthermore, I have difficulty finding good books or memoirs about the Hungarian involvement in World War I or its successor conflict, the Hungarian-Romanian War of 1919-1920.

Remembering and understanding this history is important, not just for me (as I have a personal interest in these topics) and the American-Hungarian community, but also for America as a whole. The United States declared war against Austria-Hungary in December 1917, yet I would venture to say that

Austria-Hungary is probably America's least familiar enemy in war. I think it's time that changed.

I'm going to call on my fellow WPA members for a little help. I would like your answers to the following questions, and I'll publish the best responses in a future *Tibor's Take*. Feel free to send your responses to SilverKing1937@gmail.com or to John Lovasz at the WPA Home Office.

• Question #1: What is your favorite Hungarian World War I monument or memorial, and where is it located?

• Question #2: Do you have a favorite anecdote about World War I?

• Question #3: Do you have a favorite book or memoir about Hungary's involvement in World War I?

• Question #4: Do you have any photos related to Hungary's involvement in World War I?

I'm sure you've heard the old philosophical question: "If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to hear it, does it still make a sound?" One could ask a similar question about memorials: If a memorial is erected, and no one is there to see it, does the memorial still help us remember?

If there aren't any monuments or memorials about Hungary's involvement in World War I, it may be necessary to make some.

This and that....

• Dr. Charles Szabo of the Youngstown, Ohio, area has expended his musical offerings of good old-fashioned Magyar songs and tunes. He has already released several CDs of Hungarian sing-along music of heartwarming and familiar tunes with an accompanying easy-to-read booklet of lyrics and music. Now, he's offering American-Magyar web-savvy types that same music on YouTube. A simple search of Dr. Charles Szabo on Google will direct you to his song selections.

• Remember to mark on your Magyar events calendar Hungarian Heritage Night at Ohio's Lake County Captains (the Class A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians) on June 25. As an added bonus this year, Cleveland Indians pitching great Charles Nagy will be honored. Game tickets are \$9 each. Contact your branch officers for more details or contact Tim O'Brien at the Lake County Captains at 440-975-8085, ext. 136, or at TOBrien@CaptainsBaseball.com. Ticket orders are due June 17. Hope to see you there!

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar,
Tibor II

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*A representation of war.
Heroes' Square, Budapest.*
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Words on wisdom

WHAT DOES WISDOM LOOK LIKE? Is it clothed in such a way that it is easy recognizable to the naked eye, or does it stay lost in the background of a life well lived?

To me, wisdom is ageless and brilliant, yet unassuming and simple: no need for flamboyance or harsh voices of magnitude. It comes most readily from the very young or the seasoned elder.

Lessons of wisdom are often showered upon us in unlikely ways. About a week ago, I witnessed two women backing up their separate vehicles simultaneously in a parking lot and meeting in the lane with a thud. Surprised and befuddled, both women pulled a bit forward, exited their cars and inspected the damage. After some chatter and fetching of insurance cards, these two ladies inspected their bumpers again. They both looked a little nervous, as if they were wondering what to do. So, they hugged each other, laughed and bid each other a fine day.

Lesson accomplished: If it's not a big deal, hug and move on. What wisdom is there greater than kindness? These two gals inspired me all day as I paid specific attention in parking lots, and I vowed to be extra helpful to anyone I encountered needing a hand.

This morning, I was chatting with a beautiful, kind soul who has lived more than 90 years. She is so soft with her words, as if embracing each one before releasing them from her lips. I like being around her because she is dainty and deep at the same time. She is grateful and steadfast. Her life is far from perfect, but her faith and loyalty are unwavering. She is a shining example of the person



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I want to be, not when I am 90, but right now. I observe her every move and she wastes nothing. Her intention is full but light. She doesn't impose her thoughts; instead she scatters them about, allowing them to linger in the air before breaking apart in a thousand seedlings. There is no glitter to her, just a comfortable easy sensibility that leaves me hopeful and determined to be more like her.

Wisdom is neither taught nor learned. It is lived out in essence and colored with a smoothness for detail. It is all around us in the way children play and animals heal. Sometimes, when the wind is just right, we find it in ourselves.

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

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Hungarian wedding traditions

by Kathy Megyeri

In honor of *William Penn Life* columnist and attorney Tibor Check's upcoming wedding, it's only fitting that we examine Hungarian wedding traditions that many American-Hungarians have included in their ceremonies.

Today, most Hungarian weddings are more like U.S. weddings than traditional Hungarian weddings, but fortunately, there are still those couples who opt for the more colorful and traditional Hungarian ceremony. If most of the old traditions are upheld, here's what a typical Hungarian wedding might look like.

First, it is traditionally the job of the groom's best man, usually the godfather of the bride or groom, to personally visit each wedding guest and verbally invite them in a rhyme or poem to the wedding ceremony. It is also his responsibility to arrange for up to three days of wedding festivities. Today, it is often considered good manners for the bride and groom to go as a couple to personally invite relatives, neighbors and close friends to their wedding, but in many cases, printed invitations have taken the place of this tradition.

The bride's traditional Hungarian dress is very colorful and elaborately embroidered, most often with a flower motif. Bright and vibrant colors are repeated in her large and elaborate headdress, which also includes woven wheat as a symbol of fertility. Under her dress are many layers of underskirts. The fancy beaded and embroidered dolls popular as tourist items in Hungary today are modeled after this traditional wedding attire. Today, however, most brides, opt for a white wedding dress similar to those worn in the U.S. and in western Europe.

As in the past, it is the custom for large numbers of people, sometimes the entire village, to form a wedding procession to escort the bride and all her trousseau from her home to the groom's home or to the church in a colorfully painted and decorated cart. Along the way, people

come out of their homes and toast the couple to offer their best wishes.

It is not uncommon for her to be "kidnapped" by a group of cheerful onlookers and taken somewhere where the husband-to-be has to "rescue" his bride before the ceremony and pay a large "ransom" to retrieve her. The money is returned to him later.

When the bride-to-be reaches the groom's home, his parents greet her with a candle and a glass of wine that she drinks, and then, as is the custom, tosses the glass over her shoulder and allows it to break. The future bride is then presented with a hard-boiled egg to throw on the floor and break to ensure that her future children will be healthy. Next, a handful of small coins is tossed on the floor, and both bride and groom break plates on the floor as well. With a broom that has been left in the doorway, the bride sweeps up all the shards of plates, egg shells, coins and glass and separates out the coins to prove that she is an industrious woman. The more pieces of pottery and plates she collects, the more successful her marriage will be. As the old Hungarian saying goes: "many pieces make for a successful marriage." Sometimes, this event concludes with the family offering the bride a honey and braided cake to assure her of a "sweet" marriage.

All Hungarian weddings, to be legal, must be civil and take place in the courthouse. All the required paperwork is usually completed a month before the marriage. On the day of the wedding, the couple first enters the courthouse hand-in-hand, accompanied by at least two witnesses. The witnesses sit in chairs while the brief ceremony takes place after which the couple signs their names in a registry book. Since most couples prefer a religious ceremony following the civil or secular ceremony, the wedding procession



A brief history of the wedding ring

MYSTIC SIGNIFICANCE has been associated with the wedding ring from the earliest times. Its circular continuity is accepted as a symbol of eternity and of the stability of affection.

However, wedding rings were little valued until the Greeks gave them deeper significance. Greek and Roman rings often inscribed with phrases like, "May you live long," "I bring good fortune to the wearer," "Live happy" or "I give this love pledge."

In the middle ages, rings symbolized solemn betrothal preceding matrimony and were sometimes exchanged between lovers who were about to separate for long

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most likely follows the couple from the courthouse to the church.

Today, Hungarian weddings are generally less formal and rehearsed than in the U.S., but they follow a simpler, similar format. During the church ceremony, the couple sits on a platform at the front of church with their witnesses seated nearby. Guests approach the couple to tell stories about them, read a poem, sing a song, recall a remembrance and officially wish them well.

It is still customary today for the engaged couple to wear their wedding rings on their left hand during their engagement, and at the conclusion of the church ceremony, switch their rings to their right hands.

In keeping with tradition, the bride presents the groom with a gift of either three or seven handkerchiefs—both 3 and 7 are lucky numbers—and the groom traditionally presents his bride with a small bag of coins.

As the couple leaves the church, wedding gifts are presented to them, but care must be taken to keep track of what each guest gives as it is customary for the couple to give a similar gift the next time the gift-giver has a special occasion that calls for a present.

Since in Hungary the family name comes first and the personal name follows, the bride's name is often the husband's with a "-né" added to her name. Today, however, the prevalent trend is for the bride to keep her maiden name.

At the wedding reception, there is an endless supply of food, often flavored with paprika, which is believed to possess almost magical properties. The meal starts with a thin broth soup—usually containing cooked noodles, vegetables and meats—followed by chicken paprikás, beef gulyás, Soproni wedding soup, cold cherry soup and stuffed cabbage. To conclude the meal, a choice of ten desserts are usually offered, including elaborate bar cookies, pastries and lavishly decorated wedding cakes.

The practice of the bride and groom feeding each other cake is not traditional in Hungary; instead the main wedding cake is served to the guests by the couple.

There will be much singing, dancing, music and drinking. When the couple dances their first dance, a ring of dancers forms to dance around them in a "circle dance." Even today, traditional folk dances and gypsy music are popular at wedding receptions, and the violin is still the most favored musical instrument there.

As the evening progresses, the bride's father or the best man announces that the bride is "for sale" as it is customary for the new bride to dance a "money dance" where male guests "pay" to dance with the bride, either pinning money to her dress or dropping money into her shoes which remain in the middle of the dance floor. Guests are expected to be generous when "paying" for a dance with the bride as this money will be used by the couple to pay for their honeymoon or to set up their new home.

Guest books are circulated among the guests during the reception and usually a page of good wishes accompanies each entry in the books, which are treasured long afterwards. Often, the wishes include quotes from "A Treasury of Hungarian Love Poems, Quotations, and Proverbs in Hungarian and English" by authors

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Marriage advice from Zsa Zsa Gabor

Hungarian icon Zsa Zsa Gabor—who turned 99 this year—is as well known for her nine marriages as she is her acting career. Her witticisms on men and marriage are quoted on posters and in books and have become part of feminist girl-talk. The following are some of my favorite Zsa Zsa quotes:

♥ Husbands are like fires—they go out when unattended.

♥ How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?

♥ I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.

♥ I believe in large families; every woman should have at least three husbands.

♥ I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back.

♥ Dahling, any intelligent woman can find her target and she can marry him.

♥ We were both in love with him. I fell out of love with him, but he didn't.

♥ A girl must marry for love and keep on marrying until she finds it.

♥ A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then, he's finished.

♥ Getting divorced just because you don't love a man is almost as silly as getting married just because you do.

♥ Maybe I meet Mr. Right tomorrow.

Tournament serves up fun and fraternalism

WASHINGTON, PA -- What a fantastic way to begin a new season of WPA fraternal events! Our bowling tournament--held April 29 and 30 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa.--was truly a lot of fun.

Adults and children alike were smiling, laughing and cheering for hours as they bowled with old friends and made many new friends. One could sense the spirit of fraternalism filling the bowling lanes. We said it last year, and we'll say it again: it's more of a family reunion than a competition; a chance to enjoy good food, good company and good times.

The continental breakfast was set up and ready as bowlers entered the lanes. After getting fueled up for the day's activities, the assembled members and guests honored our nation by singing our National Anthem as the color guard from the American Legion Post 175 from Washington, Pa., presented our flag and the Hungarian flag.

After the bowlers practiced for a few minutes on the recently refurbished lanes, the official first balls of the tournament were thrown. Enjoying this honor were the tournament's oldest and youngest adult participants, Irene A. Kovacs of Branch 89 Homestead, Pa., and Cassie Heitman of Branch 249 Dayton, Ohio, respectively.

Meanwhile, over in the lanes' special party room, the children were busy having fun on their own. They bowled to their hearts' content, then enjoyed free pizza and sodas. Each child also received a special certificate as thanks for participating.

When everyone was finished bowling, the party moved to the neighboring DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for the annual post-tournament banquet. Guests feasted on a buffet featuring barbecued ribs, stuffed chicken breast, herb crusted tilapia, shrimp, steamed veggies, twice-baked potatoes, puff pastries, a variety of cheeses and an array of delicious desserts.

After dinner, prizes were presented to the teams and individuals who bowled the highest scores. In keeping with the light-hearted spirit of the weekend, a special prize was awarded to Alexis Kozak of Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa., who bowled the lowest adult score: a toy bowling set to help her practice for next year.

The weekend would not have been the success it was were it not for the efforts of many dedicated members and friends of WPA. In particular, we thank:

- The Board of Directors and the National Officers;
- Fraternal Director Barbara A. House;
- The Home Office staff;
- Our Lane Sponsors (see list at right);
- The Rev. John P. McKinsey Jr. for offering the invocation at the banquet;
- And the staff and management of The Meadows and the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

As always, the biggest winner of the weekend was the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. Between our Lane Sponsors, the 50/50 raffle, and donations from bowlers and guests, we raised \$4,899 to help our young members pursuing a higher education.

All in all, it was a wonderful event. We look forward to welcoming everyone to next year's tournament. □



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Thank You to our wonderful BOWLERS!

TEAM WINNERS

FINISH	TEAM
First Place	Chris Boso, Jimmy Lewis, Rick Lewis & Diane Walker
Second Place	Cassie Holmes, Jeff Holmes, Krista Broderick & Chuck Como
Third Place	Eric Berger, Albert Kertesz & Gerald Kochinski
Fourth Place	Bob Bisceglia, Jeff Johnstone, Stu Anderson & James W. Robertson

Note: For teams with only three bowlers, the lanes staff added a score of 150 to each game.



SINGLES WINNERS

FINISH	MEN	WOMEN
First Place	Rick Lewis	Cassie Holmes
Second Place	Jeff Holmes	Carol Burlikowski
Third Place	Jerry Hauser	Irene A. Kovacs
Fourth Place	Gerald Kochinski	Evie Byers-Jaszyn



LUCKY STRIKE WINNERS

Since no bowler won the Lucky Strike contest, the cash prize—a total of \$150—was divided among those bowlers who bowled a strike in the first frame of the first game. The five winners of \$30 each were:

Evie Byers-Jaszyn
Mary Jane Hermansderfer
Mary Ann Lesko
James W. Robertson
Mark Schmidt





33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

Quicksilver Golf Club July 15-16, 2016



NOW THAT SPRING is here, WPA members are visiting their local golf courses in preparation for the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa.

This magnificent course has played host to five previous WPA tournaments as well as tournaments sponsored by the Senior PGA Tour and the Nationwide Tour. Golf Digest has awarded it a 4-star rating. Golf Week Magazine calls it one of the top 15 courses in Pennsylvania and the best public course in the state.

The weekend's festivities begin Friday, July 15, with the annual Friday night golfers' reception at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. The reception is free to golfers and one guest. Non-golfing guests can attend the reception for \$10. Those planning to attend MUST pre-register for the reception (see form opposite page). The evening will feature food, refreshments, the ever-popular Chinese auction and other fun activities.

Our 18-hole tournament will begin the next morning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Play will be a straight scramble. Along the course, golfers will have the chance to win prizes as part of our traditional skill shot contests, including longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin and closest to the line. All golfers will also enjoy the use of GPS-equipped carts, and a hot dog and beverage at the turn.

Our weekend's official activities will conclude with the annual golf barbeque to be held at the Quicksilver Golf Club immediately following the tournament.

Accommodations will be at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Room rates are \$109 per night. All rooms will be reserved on a first-come/first-served basis and are subject to availability. All golfers and guests must make their room reservations directly with the hotel by calling toll-free 1-800-328-9297. To receive our special room rate, mention you are with William Penn Association. You can also make your hotel reservations by going online at <http://bit.ly/216ImHI> or by scanning the code on the registration form with your smart phone. Hotel reservations must be made by June 23 to get the WPA rate.

The tournament entry fee is \$112 for WPA members and \$122 for non-members. This fee includes green fees, bag service, locker room service, GPS-equipped golf carts, a hot dog and beverage at the turn AND admission to the

golf barbeque. Tickets for the barbeque are \$42 for WPA adult members age 16 and older, \$52 for adult non-members, \$12 for teens ages 12 to 15, and free for children ages 11 and under.

An "Early Bird" discount will be offered to all golfers and non-golfing barbeque guests. Golfers and non-golfing barbeque guests can save \$10 off either their golf entry fee or their barbeque admission if they mail and postmark their entries and reservations by June 3, 2016.

Once again, the tournament will feature the fun and exciting hole-in-one contests. All eligible members who score a hole-in-one at the designated par-3 hole during tournament play will win a \$15,000 cash prize. Any non-member who scores an ace on the designated hole will win \$7,500. Plus, cash prizes will be awarded to golfers who score a hole-in-one on any of Quicksilver's other par-3 holes during tournament play. On those holes, eligible WPA members will win \$5,000, while non-members can take home \$2,500.

If a hole-in-one is not scored on the \$15,000 hole, a special \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the eligible member who gets his or her tee shot closest to the pin on that hole. By "eligible member" we mean a golfer who is an adult life benefit member of William Penn Association by June 24, 2016, with at least one year's premiums paid.

To enter the tournament and reserve your seats for the barbeque, complete the form found on the opposite page and send it to the Home Office by June 24. Be sure you include your check covering tournament fees, barbeque tickets and admission to the Friday night golfers' reception (if applicable).

Don't miss this great weekend of golf, good food and fraternalism which benefits our Scholarship Foundation. □

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

EARLY BIRD rates will apply to all golf entries and barbeque reservations postmarked by June 3, 2016.

Annuity-only non-members will be charged life benefit member rates if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity.

Non-members will be charged life benefit member rates if they become a life benefit member by June 24, 2016.



All golf & barbeque reservations must be received at the Home Office by June 24, 2016



First Reformed church in America celebrates its 125th anniversary

Story and photos by Richard E. Sarosi

WALTON HILLS, OH -- The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding as the first Hungarian Reformed Church in America with a special service and dinner April 30.

The bilingual service was led by clergy of various faiths--Reformed, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Baptist--from the Cleveland area and distant congregations in Chicago, Ligonier, Pa., and other areas. Church members and friends traveled from Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Florida, California, New York and Pennsylvania to share in the celebration. Representatives of the Hungarian government were also in attendance.

A special anniversary dinner featuring chicken soup, creamy cucumber salad, stuffed cabbage, chicken paprikás with dumplings, green beans, and *somlói galuska* for dessert was prepared by Stephen Szatmari of the Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant of Southgate, Mich. We thank Steve's wife Darlene and his daughter Jennifer for their assistance.

The dinner was served in the church's Bethlen Hall where guests were able to travel down a hallway filled with church history, including historical pictures of former members and church groups of the congregation. The Hungarian colors were gracefully arranged along with the USA red, white and blue bunting which framed the photos.

Dinner music was provided by Steve Pal of The Hungarians.

Servers and kitchen help was provided by Lia House, an organization that helps men dealing with chemical and alcohol dependency. Because of this fine crew, our church members who might have cooked, served and performed other duties were able to enjoy the anniversary.

Between dinner courses, a power point presentation was shown which featured pictures of the members of the



Members and guests gather at The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland to celebrate the church's 125th anniversary,

congregation, activities and history of the church.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai acknowledged several proclamations including those sent by Ohio Senator Rob Portman and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson.

Dr. Péter Hoppál, Hungary's Minister of State for Culture, presented a proclamation from Viktor Orban, Prime Minister of Hungary. Rev. Frank A. Endrei translated his presentation into English.

Not many churches are able to celebrate such a milestone as did The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland, especially when you think of the humble beginnings of our congregation, when the members supported the church with their weekly contributions of pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars--whatever they could afford or not afford.

Despite two world wars, the Great Depression and other events, the congregation's love of their church, their Reformed faith and their new homeland were always first in their heart, making it possible for future generations to enjoy the sacrifices that were made to establish the very first Reformed Church in America.



Honored clergy, guests and their spouses who attended the church's anniversary celebration.



Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai (left) receives a proclamation from Dr. Péter Hoppál, Hungary's Minister of State for Culture.



Columbus church festival offers guests a taste of Hungary

COLUMBUS -- The Hungarian Reformed Church of Columbus will host a "Taste of Hungary Festival" on Saturday, July 16, from noon to 6:00 p.m. on the church grounds, located at 365 East Woodrow Ave., Columbus. If it rains, the event will move inside to the church hall. Rain or shine, the event will feature Hungarian food, live music and dance performances. For more information, email the church at hungarianreformedchurch@gmail.com.

Golf outings fill up Hungarian summer events calendar

Hungarian golfers will have no shortage of opportunities to share their love of their heritage and the links.

Just four days after the WPA tournament, the Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland will be hosting their annual golf outing and fundraiser on Wednesday, July 20, at the Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, Ohio.

The day starts with registration at 11:00 a.m., followed by a cookout luncheon and a palinka toast. A shot gun start follows at 1:00 p.m. A social hour, cash bar, dinner and awards presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$225 per person and includes golf, cart, fees, lunch, dinner

and more. For tickets and more information, email Ron Kovach at ron@kovach.org. Deadline is July 13.

Then, on July 30, Bethlen Communities will host its annual golf outing at Champion Lakes Golf Course in Ligonier, Pa., with special guest, former Pittsburgh Steeler Craig Woofley.

The day will include a raffle, hole-in-one challenge and a shootout for a golf package for four.

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, dinner, happy hour and hors d'oeuvres.

For more information call Polly Benning at 724-238-2235, ext. 28.



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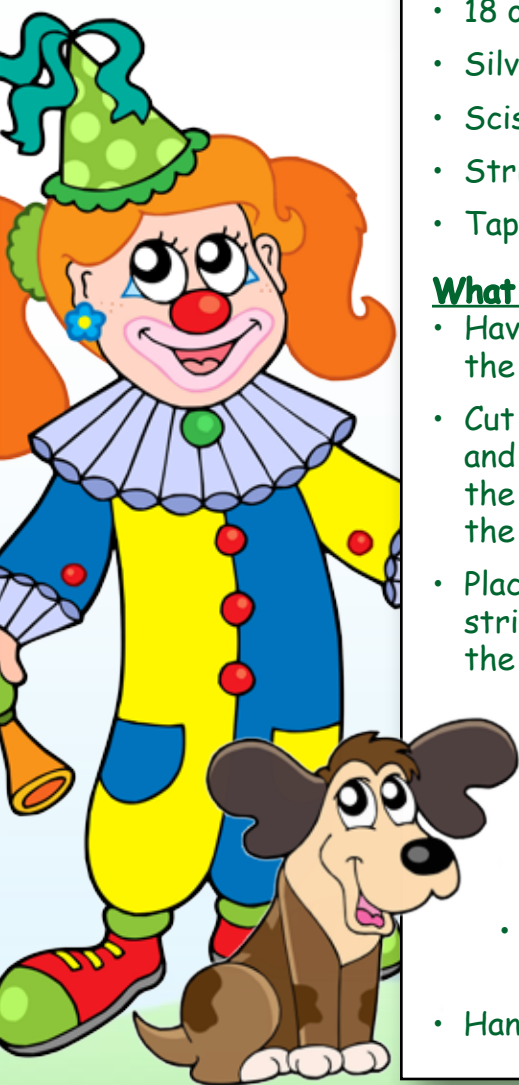


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School's almost over, and my friends and I are getting ready to have some adventures this summer at the local park, library, pool and, of course, the circus! One of the first holidays after school gets out is Flag Day on June 14. For this special day, I want to make a bunch of patriotic flag windsocks for my house and for my two next door neighbors. Our porches will look extra happy and star-spangled!



Make a patriotic flag windsock!

What you need:

- Red & white crepe paper, about 1-inch wide
- 18 oz. blue plastic cups
- Silver star stickers
- Scissors
- String
- Tape

What you do:

- Have a grown up clown poke a small hole in the bottom of a cup.
- Cut a piece of string about two feet long and run both ends of the string through the hole, going from the outside towards the inside of the cup.
- Place your hand inside the cup and pull the string ends almost all the way through. Tie the two ends together to make a big knot.
- Grab the string sticking out of the bottom of the cup and pull the string out of the cup. The knot you tied should keep the string from coming all the way through, creating a loop with which you can hang the cup.
- Place star stickers all over the outside of the cup.
- Cut the crepe paper into pieces, about 3 feet long each. Tape one end of each piece inside the cup, alternating red and white pieces.
- Hang your cup and enjoy Flag Day!





Now, it's Dad's turn!

Last month, we helped you do something nice for your mom for Mother's Day. This month, let's do something just as nice for your dad! Draw a picture of your favorite thing to do with your dad and give it to him on Father's Day, June 19!

**Dad & Me
doing our favorite thing together**

Happy Father's Day!
June 19, 2016

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

We are so lucky to have two months in which we can honor our mothers and fathers and to remember, reflect and honor our troops and loved ones. Last month, we honored our mothers and observed Memorial Day; this month, we celebrate Father's Day and honor our nation's flag and all it stands for on June 14.

It is important to have faith, family and friends in our day-to-day activities and in life. Also, it is so important to have the power of prayer for those who are facing medical issues and life's challenges.

Over the past month or so, many events have taken place in the Greater Cleveland area.

On April 14, Branch 14 member Endre Szentkiralyi of the Hungarian Friends group presented a short DVD recording of the 2015 Hungarian Scout Jubilee held in Fillmore, N.Y., last August.

Congratulations to Carolyn Balogh, president of the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden, who was inducted into the Cleveland International Hall of Fame on April 26.

Plans are complete for the Hungarian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains baseball game on Saturday, June 25, at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio. WPA shares the evening with the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeast Ohio and The Hungarian Heritage Society and Museum of Cleveland. Join us and enjoy the game.

The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland celebrated its 125th Anniversary of its founding as the first Hungarian Reformed Church in America with a special service and dinner April 30. Many members of our branch, including Branch President and the Church's Chief Elder Caroline Lanzara, were in attendance. During the evening, I presented a gift from WPA to the church in recognition of its long history of service to the American Hungarian community. (For more on this affair, see the "Magyar Matters" section on page 18.)

The memories of the WPA bowlers at the bowling tournament on



Among those celebrating the 125th anniversary of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland April 30 were Caroline Lanzara, Branch 14 President and the church's Chief Elder (front, right), and Dr. Péter Hoppdál, Hungary's Minister of State for Culture (far left).

April 29 and 30 at the Meadows should be filled with fun times and a great fraternal spirit. I hope all participants had a fun weekend with a lot of strikes for everyone!

Tickets for Branch 14's second annual Red, White and Green Raffle are ready for sale. Only 400 tickets will be sold with four prizes being awarded. The drawing will take place Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m. during the branch Christmas party. Please contact Branch Coordinator Violet Sarosi at 1-440-248-9012 for tickets.

Mark your calendars for these Branch 14 events:

- Branch 14 meetings will be held on Sept. 7, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills.

- Our branch Christmas party will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

We also hope to see you at these upcoming WPA activities:

- WPA Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days, July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club.

- The WPA Picnic, Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

- WPA Tour 2016 to Austria, Croatia and Hungary, Sept. 6 to 20.

Check *William Penn Life* each month for updates on these and other WPA activities and programs.

Please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Your donations help provide funds young WPA members need to attain a higher education. If you or your child received a WPA scholarship, please pay it forward for another WPA student by making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation.

Remember, too, as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile insurance certificates can be converted into adult life certificates when your child reaches age 25. Converting to an adult plan will insure that your child continues to receive not only WPA insurance coverage into their adult years but also the fraternal benefits that come with membership in WPA.

Congratulations to Branch 14 member and USA military veteran Bob Chamberlain on his graduation May 14 from Lakeland Community College with a degree in engineering. We wish you all the best and success.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one.

Branch 14 is sad to announce the passing of Carol A. Horvath on April 26, 2016. Carol was a faithful WPA member and supporter of Branch 14 along with her sons Thomas (and wife Kristine), David (and wife Fran) and James. It was Carol's desire to have her daughters-



National Director Richard E. Sarosi (right) presents to Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai, pastor of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland, a gift from WPA to the church on its 125th anniversary.

in-law become WPA members, and she made this become a reality in 2015. Her grandchildren Matthew, Lauren, Jocelyn, Carson and Vivian are all members of WPA. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Horvath family. May God bless the family at this difficult time, and may Carol rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all members and friends of Branch 14 and WPA who might be feeling under the weather. We send super-charged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to National Director and Branch 14 Auditor Albert Frate and Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman who are going through some rough times. We send healing wishes to former WPA Chair and National President E. E. (Al) Vargo. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff celebrating this month. Happy belated May birthday wishes to Stephen Szatmari. My niece Kathy Lanzara joins her Uncle Richard with a June Birthday. Happy anniversary to my parents, Violet and Ernie Sarosi, who will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on June 14. We love you, mom and dad!

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.

As always, please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Pick up the phone and/or plan a visit.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Flag Day. Be sure to thank a vet for the right to fly our beautiful American Flag.

Our 2016 bowling tournament is now a wonderful memory. Everything went off super. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful event. You will see all the pictures and winners elsewhere in this issue. We are planning for the 2017 event. If you want any changes, please let me know. We are always open to your suggestions. Thank you for your attendance.

Now, we are planning our golf tournament for July 15 and 16. I cannot wait to see you all there. We have many things planned to keep everyone occupied. Rooms must be reserved by June 23 to get the WPA rate. Call 1-800-328-9297.

We will host our 50-year member banquet on June 12. I hope you got your invite. If not, just call me, and you will be added to our list of honorees.

Our branch trip to the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio, on Aug. 27 will leave at 7:00 a.m. and return by about 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person. That includes the bus ride, admission to the picnic, and all you can eat and drink. We are much closer to the picnic, so a hotel will not be needed. Please let me know as soon as you can so your seat will be reserved. You are going to love the Hiram location. It is lovely. I had a great meeting with Hiram members. Thank you, Richard Sarosi, for your wonderful hospitality. We had a great day.

Speaking of the picnic, this is a call out to all volunteers. Please let us know if you are attending and where you would like to volunteer. As always, it takes a village. We

need servers, cleaner-uppers and other general helpers. Wherever you would like to help, we'll take it. No offer will be refused.

Our branch will host its annual Soaring Eagle Casino trip Nov. 1 and 2. Cost for this trip is \$159 per person. That includes bus ride, your gorgeous room and many casino perks, including free food and freeplay money. I need to know how many are attending, so please let me know as soon as you are able.

Happy June birthday to everyone, especially Joe Gall (happy birthday, brother), Anne Marie Schmidt, Richard Sarosi, Kerri Kramer, Gerry D. Clown, Debbie Evans and, last but not least, Abbie (who is finally a year old). May you all have many more.

Special happy 95th birthday to longtime member Ethel Molnar. Have a wonderful day.

Hello to Joan Wanat, and thank you.

Thank you, as always, to the Megyeri family. You are always such great friends.

Get well wishes to all our members, especially George Schvarckopf, Lee Kosaski, National Director Albert Frate (great to see you, Albert), Doug Truesdell, Joe Csereklye and Arlene Csoman. Hope you are all better very soon.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Gerald Chizmadia, Charles Nagy, Betty Jane Livingston and Charles Roelant. May they rest in peace.

The WPA Tour 2016 is moving right along. I hope you are planning to join us this year. As always, we have wonderful things planned.

Thank you to all who contribute articles to *William Penn Life*. I read every single word. I especially enjoy seeing all your pictures. Keep them coming! It's the only way to meet our members and entice them to become active branch members.

My thought for the month: "The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted; it belongs to the brave. Don't waste time being angry with those who can't help but be who they are. You're not always going to get it right. Have patience. Be gentle." I believe I have learned to

live by that thought.

Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful dads, especially to Abbie's father, Tom.

See you all very soon.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

We invite all members and their families to join Branch 27 for an outing to the Toledo Mud Hens game on Saturday, July 30, at 7:05 p.m. Deadline for reservations is July 9. Please call either Paula Bodnar at 419-460-7214 or Amalia Horvath at 419-726-1109.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Once again, the WPA hosted a great bowling event. Such a wonderful atmosphere of fun and fraternalism. So many friendly attendees. Bowling was a fun time with lots of surprised winners. As always, the banquet was a very nice meal with plenty of good food to pick from and beverages of your choice. This event was held as a scholarship fundraiser, and I'm sure the donations made added up to a nice contribution. Thanks to everyone who helped make this another successful event.

Best of luck to all our members graduating from high school or college. The doors of many opportunities are awaiting you.

Remember, June 25 is Hungarian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains baseball game. Game time is 7:00 p.m. at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio. WPA is a major sponsor of this event and will be hosting a display table to share information about all the great benefits WPA has to offer.

Congratulations to Joseph Risi on his graduation from ROTC boot camp. His parents, grandparents and brother Nick made the trip to Oklahoma to cheer him on.

Branch 28 will be holding a Join Hands Day project in June. I'll report on it in a future article.

We're looking forward to all the upcoming summer activities and being able to visit with friends

and acquaintances we have made throughout the years. Hope everyone has their golf reservations in to the Home Office and hotel.

Remember to fly Old Glory with great pride on Flag Day, June 14. It's a small way we can show our gratitude for all the freedoms we have within our country.

Watch for more details of the October concerts being presented by the Hungarian National Dance Ensemble across the U.S. in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution.

Wishing a Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful dads.

Happy birthday and anniversary to all our members celebrating in the month of June. Special greetings to Branch 28 Vice President Frank Schauer on his special day.

Safe travels to everyone as summer vacation season begins.

Get well wishes to all those who might not be feeling up to par, especially former National President E. E. (Al) Vargo, the Rev. Joseph Rudjak and National Director Albert Frate.

Please keep our deceased members and those having suffered the loss of someone special in your thoughts and prayers.

Have any news you wish to share or need answers to your questions about life insurance? Please call me at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Happy Father's Day! Hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of warmer days. Don't forget that we have more enjoyable activities planned for the upcoming months.

The bowling tournament was again a fun-filled event, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks for all your hard work, Barbara and staff. Always enjoy the set up at The Meadows. Thanks to all of the frame sponsors. The buffet afterwards was delicious.

Congratulations to our son Andy and daughter-in-law Valerie for completing the Pittsburgh Marathon. Valerie finished the entire marathon, and Andy finished the half. Way to



Guests, including a few WPA members, enjoy a bacon roast hosted by Huszár, a recently-opened Hungarian restaurant located on Pittsburgh's North Side.

go!

Joyce and Harry, you both looked like you enjoyed the bacon fry at the Huszár Hungarian restaurant on the North Side. Thanks for the info.

Special happy birthday wishes to my brother Gary and everyone celebrating their birthdays in June. Many, many more.

Special anniversary wishes to Andy and Valerie and to my niece and nephew, Nicole and Bob.

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

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches in Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Weirton, W.Va.!

Summer is upon us, and the children are out of school. As you travel



Congratulations to Branch 89 members Katie and Matt Beveridge. Katie graduated May 3 from James Madison University with a bachelor's degree in marketing, while Matt graduated from Oakdale High School in Ijamsville, Md.

out and about, be sure to watch out for those little tykes who might forget to look where they're going when crossing the street or chasing a ball.

The WPA bowling tournament and banquet were very entertaining. Watching the bowlers compete and talking with other WPA spectators-members was enjoyable, too. Then it was topped-off with a delicious buffet in the early afternoon. There were so many good bowlers in attendance, and the Lewis team took top honors. Congratulations to everyone who bowled! The non-stop action

was impressive!

But, our day wasn't over, yet. Our daughter, Emily, who lives in Pittsburgh, found a new Hungarian restaurant on the city's North Side. Huszár Legacy Bar and Restaurant is not open for full-restaurant fare yet, but they promise they will be soon. The owner, Judy Torma, is attempting to locate a Hungarian chef to operate the kitchen.

At this time, Huszár's is open only for special events. On April 30 it hosted a bacon roast. I was skeptical about how an open fire pit for a traditional szalonna was going to be accomplished in the densely populated city. There were three fire pits in a side-yard of the tavern, and over 200 people attended. Everyone had a chance to sit, talk, drink and roast their bacon throughout the afternoon.

I talked to several customers who were from Hungary or of Hungarian descent and were familiar with the tradition. Others were game to try a new experience. I was pleased to see the large number of college students who were there. It was a pleasant evening of fun and conversation... then the rain started about 6:30. But even that didn't dampen the spirits of those who were still roasting their bacon at the fire.

Don't forget to register for the WPA golf tournament this July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa. Friday night is the reception, fun activities and a Chinese auction. Saturday, the tournament (scramble-style) begins, followed by a delicious barbeque. Check for the registration form contained in this magazine.

Before you know it, Independence Day will be upon us and time for fireworks, festivals and more barbeques with friends and family!

I don't want to forget to wish all fathers a very happy Father's Day! I want to applaud all the men out there who work diligently to be good fathers. No matter whether you are stepfathers, biological fathers, spiritual fathers or father-figures, enjoy your day.

We also wish a happy birthday and anniversary to those members with birthdays and anniversaries this month.

For our members and friends who

are sick, we pray for your recovery. Among those we include in our prayers is National Director Albert Frate.

To those who may have recently lost loved ones, our sympathies go out to you.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskarinec

Alright, it's almost here: sun and more sun, and the temperature is getting warmer. Could it be? Could winter finally be gone?

Branch 89 congratulates two of our very own members, Katie and Matt Beveridge, on graduation from college and high school, respectively. Katie will work for ADP in sales at their Rockville, Md., office. She graduated on May 3 with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from James Madison University. She was president of the Madison Marketing Association for the past two years and received the Marketing Faculty Award for Excellence in her major.

Matt will attend MIT in Cambridge, Mass. He hopes to study aerospace or electrical engineering and was a recipient of the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award and the Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars program.

Katie and Matt are the children of branch member Christine Beveridge and her husband Bruce and the grandchildren of branch members Ruth and the late Elmer Hlavaty. We wish both Katie and Matt much luck on their future endeavors.

Get well wishes continue to go to branch members Fred Gabocy, Patricia Walochik, Devon Wittpenn and Dianne Schneider. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for all.

As this article was being written, we were eagerly anticipating our branch's first "Monthly Dine Out Dinner" to be held at Lidia's in the Strip District on Saturday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Next month's dinner is to be decided. It's my big 6-0 on June 9. Any suggestions where we can celebrate it?

With summer upon us, it is time once again for our golf outing. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug. 7, with a tee time of 12:30 p.m. at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa.

There have been many changes over the last two years, and we are beginning to see the benefits.

Two years ago, we merged with the local Rotary. This opened our outing to almost twice as many people.

Last year, we moved to another course, which was a little further out but was a better course with better food and was better managed. It was also a better value, so we were able to maintain our price and double our profit margin.

Last year also marked a turning point in terms of volunteerism among the members of Branch 89. We had lots of members chipping in on the day of the outing, setting up the golf carts, setting up the auction and generally doing whatever was needed to get things done.

In a year where many charity golf outings took a large hit or even folded, ours grew in number of golfers and was financially sound. Word has gotten out: we are becoming a premier event in our price range. People from Florida, Georgia and even Spain are coming to golf in our outing. Now, those are serious golfers who know a good outing when they see it.

Our motto for this year is: "A lot of people each doing a little bit." Last year, we were shown what could be done when people pull together for a common cause. Now, we don't have large corporate sponsors writing us big checks, so we depend on many folks participating. For that we need your help. You can help in any number of ways:

1. Attend. Even if you don't play golf, you can attend the dinner and participate in the auction. (There will be Steeler tickets available!)

2. Be a hole sponsor. For a mere \$50, you get a sign on a hole with whatever you want it to say. Many people (including me) use this as a way to honor and remember loved ones.

3. Be a donor. As long as it is new and in the original wrapping, we will take it and make use of it. Items we can always use are golf items,



Next Deadline

All articles and photographs for the July issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by June 10. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

wines, gift cards and Pennsylvania lottery tickets.

4. Buy 50/50 tickets. Last year's 50/50 payout was about \$700. This year, we are shooting for a payout of \$1,000.

5. Get the word out. We have brochures available in paper and PDF. We'd be glad to get them out to you.

6. Keep the Coke and Kellogg's codes coming. We just redeemed our Coke points for USB wristbands which I am told are way cool. Next up: ear buds and, if we get lucky, one dozen Nike golf balls. Thanks to all who have already given.

This began as my wife's idea. She did all the legwork early on and is the main reason we've been successful. Since we started the golf outing, we've raised over \$13,000, which the branch has graciously donated to The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead.

In the last two years, we've also raised about \$12,000 for other local charities. Most of that money went to local schools or to other faith-based organizations.

The Home Office has always been generous and supportive of our efforts. Now, we need your help to take it to the next level. You don't need to do a lot. A little bit is all we're asking for.

Once again, we plan on honoring our senior members of the branch. Who will that be? Come find out. I understand there's talk of honoring a woman this year.

Plans are underway for our branch's Join Hands Day project to be held at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and the Hungarian Reformed Church Cemetery in Munhall in June. Again, interested volunteers are encour-

aged to call Mark Maskarinec at 412-872-5022. We will take any and all ages.

We are hoping to do an outing at the ballpark and night at the movies. We look forward to meeting a lot of our members in the upcoming year at some of these events.

Branch 89 continues to collect codes from Coke products and Kellogg's Reward Points. Anyone with any codes can email them to me at maskarinac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

For any of your life insurance and annuity needs, please continue to call Ruth Toth at 412-872-5022.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hope everyone is experiencing warm weather even though summer doesn't officially start until June 20. Over the next few months, many families will be taking vacations, so please be safe in your travels. Drive safely and watch out for kids playing or riding their bikes in the street. Also, watch out for motorcycles as they can sometimes be hard to see.

Congratulations to all our members who are graduating from high school or college. Good luck in your future education or job searches.

Important days in the month of June include:

- Flag Day, June 14. Display your flag(s) proudly.

- Father's Day, June 19. We would like to say a big "thank you" to all our fathers and grandfathers for all you do for your families. Hope you all have a great day.

We would like to congratulate the Columbus team again on their first place finish at the WPA bowling tournament. Team members were Diane Walker, Chris Boso, Jimmy Lewis and Rick Lewis. We also had three juvenile bowlers participate this year. They were Dylan, Tyler and Brooklyn Boso. Congratulations to all the bowlers who participated to make this another fun event.

After the bowling on Saturday, we had another great banquet at the hotel with delicious food and beverages. It was great seeing everyone again this year. A special thanks to Barbara House and all who worked hard to make this another great fraternal event.

Don't forget the registration deadlines for those attending the Golf Tournament on July 15 and 16 is June 24, with early bird discount fees if submitted by June 3. Hotel reservation deadline is June 23. This is another fun-filled WPA activity.

The Hungarian Reformed Church will be hosting another Soup & Learn Program after the 10:00 a.m. service on June 12. Soup will be served at 11:15 followed by a program at 11:40 entitled, "Life Stories of Local Hungarians." The speakers will be Mary Komives, whose parents helped to found the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus, and Tibor Nagy, who left Hungary in the 1980s after being persecuted by the Communist government for his Christian beliefs.

Also, mark your calendars for the Taste of Hungary Festival to be held on Saturday, July 16, at the church.

Our next branch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m. It will be at the Hungarian Reformed Church at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus. Please plan to attend.

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

Get well wishes to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

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

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Well, spring continues to tease us as the temperature keeps swinging up and down. We had a wild day on April 2 as it appeared we had all four seasons in one day after a couple of 80-degree days.

The Branch 132 summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion #1 (Mishawaka Avenue in South Bend). We have already reserved the pavilion and have a permit for the event. The branch will provide water, soda, Martin's fried chicken, Eby's sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, plates, napkins and utensils. We ask that all who attend please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, please contact us to let us know how many guests will be joining you. This will allow us to plan how much chicken and sausage we will need. There is no cost to attend for members and their families.

Branch 132 is again sponsoring the same men's softball team for 2016, and we hope they have a great run again. They were city champions in 2013 and 2014 and finished second in 2015. Most games are played at Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park (formerly Belleville) on Mayflower Road near the US 31 Bypass. The team plays every Wednesday from now until July 6.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on June 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket deli (second floor) on Ireland Road. We would really like to have more members attend these meetings and get involved. Your ideas and thoughts for improving our gatherings are always welcome.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday to all our members celebrating in June. Also, happy wedding anniversary to all those celebrating this month.

Get well wishes go to National Director Albert Frate, branch member Sally Petras and all those who

are dealing with medical issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We're hoping for a nice Flag Day this June 14. Let us reflect on the symbolism of this great flag. God Bless America!

For our Join Hands Day project, we plan to volunteer at the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Details are being finalized. This food bank helps children facing hunger, parents trying to provide for their families and seniors living on a fixed income.

We'll be hosting our branch meetings every third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Malvene Heyz's home. Please call her at 412-751-1898 for directions.

Our branch is making plans to reserve a bus for the annual WPA Picnic on Aug. 27 in Hiram, Ohio. Please call Malvene to reserve your spot so we can plan accordingly.

Kudos to our young members who are doing fun extracurricular activities:

- Member Rylee Heyz sang in her junior high's spring musical production of "Guys and Dolls." Way to go!

- Member Shelby Harris and her HotCheer Allstars cheerleading team traveled to Disneyworld in Florida and earned seventh place in the world for their level.

Best wishes to my sister and WPA Branch 14 member Noémi Hall, who was published again in a peer-reviewed scientific journal as a co-author and is now officially Dr. Hall. Congrats on your hard work in earning a doctorate in epidemiology from Case Western Reserve University.

Congrats to all our Association's high school grads: kudos to you for your hard work.

Member RJ Harris was invited to a letter of intent day event at his high school where the high school recognized 10 of the finest student-athletes who will become collegiate student-athletes in the fall. Congratulations and best wishes to RJ who will play baseball for Wheeling Jesuit University. RJ is vice president of the National Honor Society chapter at his school, has earned gold cords for his graduation day, and

was voted first place catcher in their baseball team's section.

Many Branch 226 members are looking forward to International Village, an ethnic food and music festival held every year in McKeesport. The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers will be performing on Aug. 16 at 6:00 p.m. on the main stage.

If you know of a recent Branch 226 grad, call 412-751-1898 so he or she can be recognized. You can also call this number to get your news published.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Play ball! By the time you read this, the Branch 249 May 15 outing at the Dayton Dragons baseball game will have come and gone. We hope everyone had a wonderful time as the Dragons played the Great Lakes Loons and that we all went home happy sharing a fun, fraternal afternoon at the ball park. An extra-large thank you to the Home Office for the matching funds that keep this annual event affordable for WPA members and friends.

The eagerly awaited World A'Fair International Festival was held at the Dayton Convention Center May 20 to 22. Some 31 ethnic groups from the greater Dayton area showcased their culture, food, dancing, music, and traditional costumes.

Hungary was well represented by the Dayton Festival Club Dancers, a local group keeping their Hungarian culture alive through traditional folk dances. The group was scheduled to dance several times daily in their beautiful Hungarian costumes--and with the help of other Hungarians, including WPA members--sold cabbage rolls, kolbász and homemade pastries.

Countries that may be at odds with each other in the outside world come together in friendship at the Convention Center. This event showcases international fraternalism, and we, as WPA members, are proud to support it.

Congratulations to all graduating seniors. May you have great success in the next stage of your life, wheth-

er working, joining the military or planning for higher education in the fall. Don't forget to apply for a WPA scholarship to help defray those college costs.

And to you graduating collegiate seniors, please remember to "pay it forward" and make a contribution to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation so others can be helped as you were.

Remember to fly the U.S. Flag proudly on June 14, Flag Day.

Happy birthday to all you June babies, especially to my beautiful wife, Anne Marie.

June always has lots of anniversaries to celebrate, especially Steve and Michele LaFlame. I wish you many more years of happiness.

Summer is finally here and local events are wrapping up until the Aug. 21 chicken paprikas dinner for branch members celebrating St. Stephen's Day.

See you next month at the WPA golf tournament. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the warm weather.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

As summer nears, it brings what the warmer months have to offer: graduations, weddings, baseball games, yard work--the fun and the not-so-much-fun. June is a lovely month. Go out and enjoy it!

We welcome our newest members to Branch 296 and look forward to seeing you at one of our branch events.

Spirited birthday greetings to all of our members celebrating their special day in June, including Mary Ann Slaninka and Branch Vice President Marge Kosheba.

And, since this is such a popular month for weddings, we wish those who were married in June happy anniversary wishes, too.

We're remembering all those who are recuperating and sending you encouraging thoughts for each of you to feel better soon.

For our members who have recently lost a loved one, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tremendous Father's Day wishes to all of our dads, paps, step-fathers,

and those who have acted in place of a father in our lives. We love you and honor you. Special greetings to my own husband and father-in-law. When I think of my dad, who is no longer here, I cherish the memory of him, and I wish the same for those of you whose fathers have passed.

I'm writing this just prior to our branch Join Hands Day event and will tell you more about it next month.

Szalonna sütés, anyone? Mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 25, at Riverside Park in Oakmont for our branch's annual bacon roast. We've reserved the same pavilion, the one closest to the Hulton Bridge (which is now new and improved). Those joining us last year really enjoyed themselves. Visitors from other branches joined us, and it was a fantastic fellowship. Great seeing all of you!

Not only was it nice seeing familiar faces, we also met some new folks. Guests brought a covered dish or dessert to supplement the hot dogs and kolbász--and bacon, of course. It was quite a feast. We'll keep you posted with more details in the coming months.

Summertime means vacations, and Branch 296 will be taking its break, too. Mark your calendars to join us at our next regular meeting, Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m., at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington.

You may reach Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, our helpful and friendly agent, who can answer your insurance and annuity questions for WPA's outstanding products. Reach Noreen at: 412-821-1837 or at noreen-bunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Summer is finally here! Officially, summer starts June 20 this year. It's hard to believe that the year is half over. Where does the time go?

Branch 352 will once again be planting flowers in the planters at the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society. If you are interested in helping, please contact me for details. Come and join us; we would love to

see you.

This month, we celebrate two special holidays. Flag Day is June 14 in which we commemorate the adoption of the Flag of the United States. President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14 as Flag Day in 1949.

Father's Day is June 19. Happy Father's Day to all of those dads out there. May you lead your families with wisdom.

The school year will soon be over so there will be many young ones playing outside. Please drive carefully.

Remember that the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days are coming up July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa. Please try to attend as many fraternal events as possible. Only with your support can WPA continue to provide activities for you to enjoy.

Keep in mind the upcoming Hungarian Heritage Experience taking place July 31 to Aug. 6 at Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp in Boswell, Pa. Most of the bedrooms hold two people, and each has its own bathroom. There is also a swimming pool there that will be available for the students to use each afternoon after classes are completed. There is still room for anyone who wants to attend.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month. May you be blessed with many more.

Our condolences to all those who

have lost a loved one recently. May your memories carry you through this very difficult time.

If you have any insurance needs or questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

Summer officially begins this month. Our schools are now in recess. Branch 800 hopes all members can enjoy the warm June weather by relaxing and spending quality time with family and friends.

We wish all graduates good luck and hope they can truly enjoy the summer.

It is with mixed emotions that I report the retirement of our long-time Branch President Vince Frank. Vince started attending meetings in 1976 when our branch was part of the former Catholic Knights of St. George. In 1983, the Knights merged with William Penn Association and Vince continued attending the new Branch 800's meetings. This year, Vince will have completed 40 years of attending branch meetings. Vince officially retired at our branch's May 9 meeting. Branch 800 wishes him well in his retirement. He will be missed.

Branch 800 extends June birthday greetings to several of our members: Acting President Dan Greiner, Audi-

tor Dennis Greiner, Past President Vince Frank and former Auditor Bob Aiken.

Flag Day is June 14. Let us all show our patriotism by displaying our nation's Flag.

Sunday, June 19, is Father's Day. Branch 800 hopes all fathers enjoy their special day spending time with family.

Our branch wishes all golfers good luck as they prepare for the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days July 15 and 16.

As the summer moves on, here are a couple of dates to mark on your calendar:

- Wednesday, Aug. 3 - The Branch 800 summer picnic at Highland Park in Altoona, starting at 6:00 p.m.

- Saturday, Aug. 27 - The WPA Picnic returns at a new location: The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

Once again this year, Branch 800 members are looking forward to attending and supporting our local Altoona Curve AA baseball team and, of course, the Pirates. We also hope the Penguins are continuing their drive toward the Stanley Cup. (As this is going to press, the Penguins are competing in the conference finals.) Let's go, Pens!

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

Until next month, have a great June!

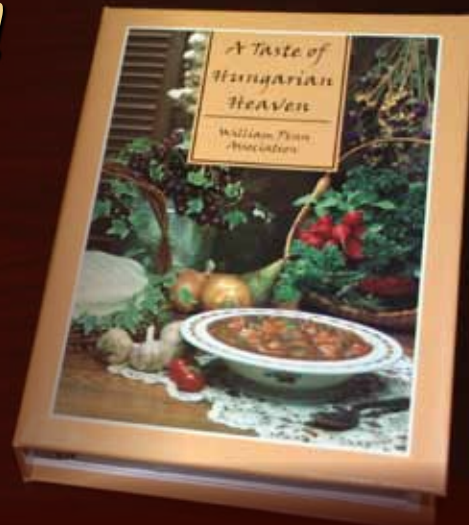
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In Memoriam

ARTHUR BARILLO, SR.
PENNSVILLE, NJ -- The members of Branch 51 Passaic, N.J., and members throughout the Association were saddened by the death of former Branch President Arthur Barillo, Sr. Mr. Barillo, 80, passed away April 26, 2016.

Art--as he was known by his fellow WPA members--was a dedicated member and tireless promoter of the Association on both the local and national levels. He served as president of his branch for many years and as a delegate to six General Conventions.

He was born May 24, 1935, in Csicsér, Hungary, and came to the U.S. as a young man with his family. He lived and raised his family in Elmwood Park, N.J., before settling in Pennsville.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for Metal Components in Paterson, N.J., for over 25 years before retiring. Art was active at St. Stephen's Church in Passaic and a member of the Hungarian American League. He was also a parishioner of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish and various organizations within the church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Martha.

He is survived by his children Arthur, Marta (Gary) Smith, Monica O'Neill and Thomas; grandchildren Allyson, Jaysen, Caroline, Jack and Zachary; daughter-in-law Pina Silvia and her children Samantha and Amanda; brother An-

drew; and sister-in-law Margaret Kiraly.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 29 at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Queen of the Apostle Church, in Pennsville. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Swedesboro, N.J.

Memorial donations may be made to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

May he rest in peace.

DOROTHY J. HEPLER
SOUTH HUNTINGDON, PA -- The Home Office staff was saddened by the death of Dorothy J. Hepler, mother of Home Office employee Debbie Evans and mother-in-law of Home Office employee Steve Evans. Mrs. Hepler, 88, passed away Feb. 29, 2016, after battling several health issues in recent years.



She was born Dec. 24, 1927, in Patton, Pa. A graduate of Sewickley High School, Dorothy

entertained her classmates by playing piano and served as a majorette. She later shared her musical talent at local War Bond rallies.

She met her future husband, Darrell Lee Hepler, while working at her brother's Esso station in West Newton, Pa. They wed on Jan. 14, 1946.

Dorothy owned and operated Ocean Park Restaurant in South Huntingdon from 1947 to 1974. She "retired" to her husband's ancestral farm on Stillwagon Road, but soon began a second career as an antiques dealer. She opened Springhouse Basket Shop in the 1888

stone springhouse adjacent to her farmhouse. Her business grew to the point where she reopened a shop at the old Ocean Park site, which she operated until her death.

She was preceded in death by Darrell in 1999 after 53 years of marriage; her brother John Dudinsky; and her sister Aileen Yenich.

In addition to Debbie and Steve, she is survived by her daughter Donna Drumm; grandchildren Becky, Julie and Michelle; great-grandchildren Kira, Michael and Raylee; and son-in-law Jack Miller.

Burial was in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Tarrs, Pa.

Memorial donations may be made to Animal Friends of Westmoreland, 216 Depot St., Youngwood, PA 15697.

May she rest in peace.

We ask you to pray for the eternal rest of Mr. Barillo, Mrs. Hepler and all our recently departed members listed here:

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Puzzle Contest #132 with Lizzy Cseh

Take me out to the ballgame

On Saturday, June 25, the Lake County Captains, a minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, will once again host the ever-popular Hungarian Heritage Night. As in past years, the entire evening of baseball entertainment focuses on Hungarian history, culture and music. Magyar-based trivia games, a live cimbalom performance by András Cseh and a special Magyar parade, along with a sing-along of the Hungarian Himnusz, precede the game. A spectacular post-game fireworks show will feature many combinations of red, white and green pyrotechnics.

This year, Cleveland pitching great Charles Nagy will be honored and a special commemorative T-shirt will be available by preorder. Nagy was the Tribe's ace hurler from 1990 to 2003. Elbow injuries ended his playing days in the prime of his career. Born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1967, Nagy went on to star at UConn and was named the Big East pitcher of the year two years straight and was drafted in the first round by the Wahoos in 1988. Nagy is married with two children. He currently is pitching coach for the Los Angeles Angels. Previously he served similar roles with the Indians and Arizona Diamondbacks.

WPA is a sponsor for this great event. For more information and tickets, call The Lake County Captains at 440-975-8085, ext. 136, and ask for Tim O'Brien.

I hope to see you there. I will be wearing my own Charles Nagy/Hungarian Heritage Night shirt. In fact, I plan on wearing the shirt again two months later at the WPA Picnic Aug. 27 at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram.

There are 16 clues in this month's wordsearch. Each is about either Charles Nagy or the Hungarian Heritage Night. Good Luck and hope to see you at the Captains game!

Éljen a Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #129 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #129 were drawn May 5, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Marcella A. Basham, Br. 310 Lynch, KY
Elizabeth A. Keep, Br. 278 Omaha, NE
Diana M. Olson, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA
Barbara Jean Roberts, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
 Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #132 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Hungarian Heritage Night" Word List

Bridgeport	Heritage Night	Nagy
Cleveland	Huskies	Pitcher
Coach	Indians	Rétes
Connecticut	Károly	Team USA
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RULES

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2. Complete the word search puzzle correctly.
3. Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and WPA Certificate Number, to:

WPA PUZZLE #132
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by July 29, 2016.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Aug. 5, 2016, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Hungarian wedding traditions

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Sándor Petőfi, Mihály Babits, Gyula Illyés and others.

In the wee small hours of the morning, the wedding party puts the couple to sleep and locks them in a room while the guests continue partying. Boxes of cake are given to the guests as they leave.

As the couple departs the festivities the next day, the bride says goodbye to her parents and they reply with nostalgic childhood remembrances and "good peasant moral philosophy" that end in tears and farewells.

In the 18th century, extravagant wedding expenses became threats to peasant welfare. Weddings were so expensive that some farmers became bankrupt, and divorces were rare as no one could afford a second wedding. Consequently, elopements became more common.

During the Communist era in Hungary, church weddings were discouraged, and the farmer's traditional wedding became a showcase of "agricultural success" and symbols of "folk identity." Even today, many communities stage traditional weddings with costumed folk dance ensembles that perform for tourists.

In most cases, Hungarian couples incorporate a few historic practices in their ceremony to show they value Hungarian traditions and customs. For example, at my own wedding, a minister and a Hungarian priest read us our vows both in English and in Hungarian, a nice touch for both groups in attendance. □

History of the wedding ring

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periods of time. English writer Geoffrey Chaucer describes a woman as giving her lover a ring, upon which a love-motto was engraved, and she received one from him in return. Shakespeare alludes to the custom in his play *Two Gentlemen of Verona* when Julia gives Proteus a ring saying, "Keep you this remembrance for thy Julia's sake," and he replies, "Why then, we'll make exchange; here, take you this."

The fourth finger of the left hand has long held the wedding ring dating from an ancient belief that from this finger a nerve goes directly to the heart.

It was customary from the middle of the 16th century to the close of the 17th century to inscribe or engrave a motto or "posy" inside the ring. These consisted frequently of a very simple sentiment in commonplace rhyme such as, "My heart and I, until I die," or "When this you see, remember me."

The French gave added significance and sentimentalism to wedding rings in the early 20th century. Since then, the custom of exchanging rings with engraved sayings has been adopted by the English and the rest of the world. Many times, the wedding ring is an heirloom in the family and is transferred from mother to daughter when she marries. My own wedding band is inscribed with the most endearing Hungarian word I know: "örökké" which means "forever." - Kathy Megyeri

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