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WPA members interested in applying for grants from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation for the school year 2017-2018 must submit their applications or renewal materials to the Home Office soon. All first-time and renewal application forms and essays must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017. Applications and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered.

For more information, a complete list of eligibility rules and an application form, turn to pages 14 to 16 in this issue. Or, visit our website: [www.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org). Go to the "Members" section and click on "Scholarship Foundation."

## Prizes sought for Chinese auctions

WPA INVITES our members, branches and friends to donate prizes for the Chinese auctions to be held during both our annual golf tournament this July and the WPA Picnic in August.

If you would like to donate a prize for either or both auctions, please contact Ronda at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, or at [rkonesky@wpalife.org](mailto:rkonesky@wpalife.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.

*Please place a sign on the basket with the name of the basket, the donor's name and the approximate value of the basket.*

All proceeds from the Chinese auctions benefit the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

## Notice of Annual Meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

The next annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will be held Friday, July 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center, 132 Pine Ridge Road, Blairsville, Pa. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 34th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 7 and 8, 2017, in Blairsville, Pa.

The meeting is open to all members. Any branch or individual donating a minimum of \$100 is also eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Please make your donations payable to William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. All contributions, no matter what the amount, will be greatly appreciated.

Since 1972, our Scholarship Foundation has awarded 6,001 grants and 96 essay awards worth a total of \$2,673,200. The achievements of our grant recipients continually renew our belief that helping today's youth is vital for the future of our society and our world.

Your donations make a difference!

### William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

#### Financial Statement as of Dec. 31, 2016

Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$765,073
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	\$ 52,272	
Investment Income	<u>22,659</u>	
Total Income		<u>\$ 74,931</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Scholarship Grants		
114 Renewals @ \$500.00	\$57,000	
61 New @ \$500.00	30,500	
Essay Awards	<u>2,000</u>	
Total Scholarship Grants		<u>\$89,500</u>
Fundraising & Administrative Expense	1,517	
Accounting Expense	<u>1,900</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>- 92,917</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2016		<u>\$747,087</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Annuities	\$745,877	
Cash & Investment Income Receivable	<u>1,210</u>	
Total Assets as of December 31, 2016		<u>\$747,087</u>

# JOIN HANDS DAY

## It starts with US!

**J**oin Hands Day is the only national volunteer day that specifically targets and develops relationships between young people and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Youth and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize and implement the day's activities.

We know many of you would like for your branch to participate in this day of service but aren't sure what to do. This is where trust in our youth comes in. It is very important to include a youth group in the decision of what to do for a project. If they are into it, the project will be much more successful and fun. Having said that, it is a good idea to be able to throw out some ideas for a project.

Now, we know some branches have few youth members, and even if they do have youth members, many are too young to do a project like this. That is a legitimate concern. However, we all know some school-aged kids; whether it is through your church, a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop or other youth organization. Finding a youth group to partner with is not that difficult but is one of the first steps you need to take in putting on a Join Hands Day project.

So, how do you plan a project? Here are the steps you need to take:

**1. Start a Join Hands Day Committee.** Establish a Join Hands Day Committee and designate a project leader for your branch. Be sure your committee chair keeps track of your hours and number of members/volunteers involved.

**2. Identify a Youth Group to Partner With.** As stated above, identifying a youth group to work on the project with your branch is very important. Once you have established that, the rest will come naturally.

**3. Choose a Project.** It is important to include the youth in the decision process of choosing a project. Let the group brainstorm on project ideas and have some ideas of your own to throw into the mix. Age of the youth, age of the adults and abilities and physical limitations of both all play a role in what project your group is best suited for.

**4. Planning.** Get together with your youth group to solidify the project and put together a list of resources or supplies that will be needed for the project or if there are other projects the group needs to do ahead of time to get ready for the Join Hands Day event. Identify individual members to be responsible for securing the items needed. Decide the time of day and amount of time needed to do the project or any project preparations. Announce the project at your branch meeting and recruit members to help with the project.

**5. Nail Down the Details.** Get the group together one last time to nail down the details and make sure everything is in place to make the project successful. Define

specific tasks to be completed. Identify a member to take pictures during the event and of the group.

### 6. JOIN HANDS DAY, MAY 6, 2017!

**7. Report Your Project to the Home Office.** Obviously, we want to hear about your project and get the pictures to be able to use in *William Penn Life* and on our website. It's a fraternal story that writes itself!

**W**hat to do can be very intimidating and a tough hurdle to get over initially. The age of the youth, age of the adults and the abilities and physical limitations of both are important when deciding on a project. Below are some simple project ideas that may be suitable for your project. When you are brainstorming ideas, be sure to throw out some of these to the group. Or, if one of these projects hits your fancy, select that project and then find a youth group to help with that specific project. It does take the youth out of the decision-making for what project to do, but you can include them in the planning meetings for the event.

- Have a food drive scavenger hunt.
- Prepare sandwiches and personal care kits for the homeless.
- Have a backpack/school supply drive.
- Have a spring clean up day in a park or do some yard work for the elderly or someone with physical limitations.
- Make May baskets for the elderly.
- Plant flowers, shrubs, trees and/or plants in a park or at a nursing or group home.
- Rent or borrow Wii consoles and video games and take to a nursing home for youth and residents to play Wii games.

Regardless of what you decide to do for a Join Hands Day project, please remember to report it to the Home Office and make sure you take pictures throughout the process.

Make a commitment for 2017. As the Join Hands Day logo states, it starts with us. If you need any assistance at all, call our fraternal department. You can contact Fraternal Director Barbara A. House toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107. We will be happy to help any way we can. □





# Power of Attorney

WELCOME SPRING! I don't know how the winter was in your neck of the woods, but here at the Home Office in Pittsburgh, we were fortunate to avoid any major weather issues this winter. I'm looking forward to hitting the road again, visiting our agencies across the country and supporting the many street fairs and events that spring and summer bring.

In the course of my travels, members and agents often ask about the benefits of having a power of attorney as well as the different types that are available. While we can't give legal advice, I did some research and can provide the following as a general overview of the basics of the power of attorney and the impact it can have on your estate plan.

## What is "Power of Attorney?"

A power of attorney (or POA) is a document that enables an individual to appoint a person or organization to manage their affairs should the individual become unable to do so themselves. According to the National Caregivers Library, a POA is granted to an "attorney-in-fact" or "agent" to give that person legal authority to make decisions for the person granting the power, also known as the "principal." Laws for creating a POA can vary by state, but there are some general similarities regardless of the principal's domicile.

## Why is a Power of Attorney needed?

Many people believe that their family members (siblings, children, etc.) will be able to automatically step in on their behalf should they become incapacitated and unable to make decisions for themselves. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. If you do not name someone as your agent or attorney-in-fact, your family may not have access to your financial, medical and other important information. In addition, the government may step in and appoint someone to make certain decisions for you if you have not named an agent.

## Who can benefit from having a Power of Attorney?

Just about everyone can benefit from establishing a power of attorney and appointing an attorney-in-fact. Doing so does not mean that you cannot live independently, but it will remove the legal barriers if you would happen to become physically or mentally incapable of managing certain tasks. Oftentimes, these events occur very quickly, making the appointment of the attorney-in-fact very difficult once incapacitated.

## What are the different types of Power of Attorney?

Power of Attorney is a general term that covers various aspects and levels of decision making. The main types of POA include "general powers, healthcare powers, durable powers and special powers of attorney." Many of the responsibilities overlap, but there are some legal differences



to be aware of. Durable Power of Attorney, for example, relates to *all* the appointments involved in general, special and healthcare Powers of Attorney – thus, making it more "durable." This means that the document will remain in effect, or take effect, if a person becomes mentally incompetent. Certain powers of attorney may fall within a certain time period as well, so it's best to consult with an attorney to see which might be best for your situation.

## What is covered under a Power of Attorney?

An agent appointed as attorney-in-fact may be able to handle the following, or more, depending on the wording of the POA document:

- Banking transactions
- Buying or selling personal or real estate property
- Settling claims
- Filing tax returns
- Managing health or government benefits
- Maintaining or running of a business
- Making estate planning decisions
- Deciding on medical treatments
- Fulfilling your health care directives

Although a Power of Attorney can be filed and an agent appointed on one's own, we suggest working with an attorney or estate planning team to get a better understanding of your options and the intricacies involved with the various POA documents.

Life is full of unexpected twists and turns. Just because the future is unpredictable does not mean that you can't prepare for what lies ahead. Like life insurance, estate planning is important and establishing the correct Power of Attorney can be essential for members looking to protect their financial resources, assets and most importantly, their loved ones.

Need help planning or finding the right insurance plan to fit your needs? Many of our agents and brokers work closely with other advisors (CPAs, attorneys, estate planners, etc.), and can help you put the pieces of your financial puzzle together. Call your WPA agent or broker today! Don't have an agent? Call Laurin at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 120, and we'll have one assigned to you. □





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Founded on Jan. 1, 2000 and located in the heart of Central Pennsylvania amidst the beautiful Kishacoquillas Valley, The Stewardship Group traces its origins to the late 1950s. It was at this time that a gentleman by the name of Lester Zook began serving his congregation as a mutual aid counselor for Mennonite Mutual Aid out of Goshen, Ind. Lester established an insurance agency which served as the forerunner of The Stewardship Group.

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Founder and President of the agency C. Mark Ostrowski and Associate Preston Sharp are the two people in the agency responsible for working with clients regarding their life insurance protection and long term savings. Both men have advanced their education through the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Mark obtained his master's degree in financial services in 2007, and Preston earned his Chartered Financial Consultant designation in 2013 and his Chartered Life Underwriter designation in 2016. Both appreciate WPA's history and its financial strength and soundness, which they view as key reasons to recommend WPA to their clients.

Both Mark and Preston have been to Pittsburgh and have visited the Association's Home Office enjoying the opportunity to meet with WPA's staff. Yet, as much as they valued their time in the big city, they have great appreciation for the "Big Valley," which they call home, and the clients they serve with the help of William Penn Association. □

# Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this, we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 800 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 20 states. The states include: CA, CT, DC, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. Good agents are the lifeblood of any association, and WPA is a strong and growing association that has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us. If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Bob Bisceglia at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 134. Thank you.



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# The story of 'Gloomy Sunday'

IN THE FEBRUARY 2017 *Tibor's Take*, I discussed the production of Hungarian 78 RPM records. Soon afterwards, a gentleman named Louis from the San Francisco area emailed me an informative response. We exchanged messages, and eventually he sent me several high quality photographs concerning a specific song, composer and lyricist. An intriguing story emerged of how a simple song of sorrowful lament became an international musical sensation.

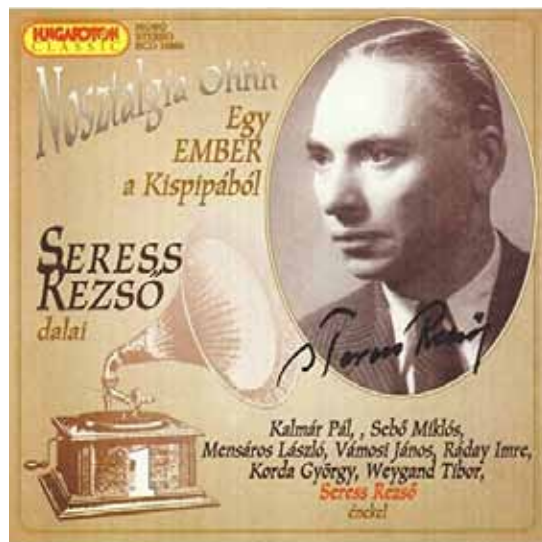
There are certain songs that every quality Hungarian band can perform. Songs such as "Az a Szép," "Csak Egy Kislány" or Rhapsody #2 by Liszt are standard selections of a band's playlist, but one particular song is usually performed only if requested specifically by a patron.

I had the opportunity to hear live versions of "Szomorú Vasárnap" ("Gloomy Sunday") on two occasions while visiting Budapest in 2014 (at two restaurants, Százéves and Mátyás Pince). Although I have played recordings of the song on our family's Hungarian radio program, it was not until recently that I realized the peculiar and morbid history of this composition surfaced. So, without further ado, I present the story of "Gloomy Sunday."

Rudolf Spitzer was born on Nov. 3, 1889, in a poor, working-class area of Budapest. During his early years, the city was going through an extensive building boom that made for an exciting and happy childhood. He spent his teenage years working in theater and in small circus venues, eventually becoming an acrobat and trapeze performer. Along the way, he taught himself to play the piano and performed in various bars.

Facing discrimination, Spitzer changed his name to Rezső Seress, but his career was abruptly altered due to a serious accident that occurred during a practice session which caused him to lose motor function in one of his hands. So, Seress concentrated on learning to play the piano with just five fingers and focused on composing and singing.

Meanwhile, the world was heading towards The Great Depression of the 1930s. Sandwiched between two world wars, the era was one of near seamless despair that persisted for a generation. The "Great War" produced a worldwide economic collapse, creating great suffering throughout Europe. Hungary had the dubious distinction of being aligned on the side that lost both world wars. These overarching political and economic circumstances made daily life bitter, hard and difficult. It was in this context that Seress found inspiration for his art.



For a short time Seress lived and worked in Paris (1932-33). This was where he devised the original melody and lyrics to a song titled, "Vége a Világnak." ("End of the World"). The inspiration for this tune was a recently failed romance. Upon returning to Hungary, Seress confided the details of this romance and shared his sorrow and song with dear friend and gifted poet László Jávör (1903-1956). Coincidentally, Jávör had just broken up with his longtime girlfriend, and he and Seress shared a common grief and anguish. As the two mulled over the recently devised composition, Jávör offered to revise the lyrics and, just like peanut butter and

jelly or paprika and szallona, a perfect match of music coupled with words was created. The name of the tune was revised as well: "Szomorú Vasárnap."

*Szomorú vasárnap száz fehér virággal  
Vártalak kedvesem templomi imával  
Álmokat kergető vasárnap délelőtt  
Bánatom hintaja nélküled visszajött  
Azóta szomorú mindig a vasárnap  
Könny csak az italom kenyerem a bánat...*

*Szomorú vasárnap*

*Utolsó vasárnap kedvesem gyere el  
Pap is lesz, koporsó, ravatal, gyászlepel  
Akkor is virág vár, virág és - koporsó  
Virágos fák alatt utam az utolsó  
Nyitva lesz szemem hogy még egyszer lássalak  
Ne félj a szememtől holtan is áldalak...*

*Utolsó vasárnap*

The song became an instant hit within the city. The famous Hungarian actor and vocalist Jávör Pál contacted Seress and expressed an interest in publishing sheet music and an audio recording of the three-verse dirge. For the first time in his life, Seress had some money and good fortune. In 1934, he married Hani Nadler (1901-1969). It is unclear if Nadler was the same person the song was written about.

"Gloomy Sunday" immediately became the stuff of urban legend as it was purported to have inspired dozens of suicides in Budapest and surrounding areas of Hungary. The Danube and Tisza Rivers, as well as Lake Balaton, became popular sites for suicides, with some blaming the deaths on the song, although most likely the suicides were simply the sad result of widespread poverty and famine.



Some believe that Jávör Pál sold the music to an American promoter in an unauthorized manner during one of his many musical tours to the various American-Magyar communities. In 1936, Ray M. Lewis translated the lyrics into English, and the Hal Kemp Orchestra recorded what is believed to be the first English version of the song. That was followed by recordings made by Paul Robeson, Billie Eckstein and Luis Russell. Perhaps the best known English version was sung by Billie Holiday:

*Sunday is gloomy / My hours are slumberless.  
Dearest, the shadows / I live with are numberless.  
Little white flowers / Will never awaken you.  
Not where the black coach / Of sorrow has taken you.  
Angels have no thought / Of ever returning you.  
Would they be angry / If I thought of joining you?*

#### *Gloomy Sunday*

*Gloomy is Sunday / With shadows I spend it all.  
My heart and I, have / Decided to end it all.  
Soon there'll be candles / And prayers that are said, I know.  
Let them not weep / Let them know that I'm glad to go.  
Death is no dream / For in death I'm caressing you.  
With the last breath of my soul / I'll be blessin' you.*

#### *Gloomy Sunday*

*Dreaming, I was only dreaming / I wake and I find you asleep  
In the deep of my heart, dear.  
Darling, I hope that / My dream never haunted you.  
My heart is telling you / How much I wanted you.*

#### *Gloomy Sunday*

The song became popular in England at the same time a rash of suicides occurred on both sides of the Atlantic as the song grew in prominence.

The BBC banned public airing of sung versions of "Gloomy Sunday" believing it detrimental to wartime morale, although it did allow instrumental versions to be aired. The ban lasted until 2002, and many radio stations here in the United States did the same type of censoring.

Seress loved his simple life in Budapest and did not benefit from royalties generated outside of the borders of Hungary. He could have made a small fortune from the many recordings that were made here in America, but he chose to remain in Hungary instead of pursuing his compensation through the U.S. court system.

Unfortunately, Seress was forced to spend several years in a concentration camp during WWII. It is said that he survived those horrible times by utilizing his notoriety as an entertainer and the author of "Gloomy Sunday," which was quite popular in pre-WWII Germany. He became a useful commodity for the Nazis, performing in a style similar to that depicted in screenplays such as the Emmy award-winning movie "Playing for Time."

Once the war was over, he returned to Budapest with his wife and became the house musician at a small establishment named the Kispipa Vendéglő on 38 Akácfa utca, which until recently remained open for business.

Seress became a member of the Hungarian Communist Party and composed a popular propaganda song entitled "Újra a Lánchídon" ("On the Chain Bridge Again"), as

well as a few other compositions that attained minor acclaim, "Waiter Bring Me the Bill" and "I Love Being Drunk."

More recently recorded versions of "The Hungarian Suicide Song" have been done by such notables as Ray Charles, Sarah Vaughan, Elvis Costello and Sinéad O'Connor. In the late 1950s, Ricky Nelson made a recording of the Seress tune, but it is said that his father Ozzie prohibited him from issuing the record. Ozzie felt the clean-cut image of the Nelson family would be tarnished should Ricky's teenaged female fans follow the example of so many listeners of this song and do the unthinkable.

Other songs have been written supposedly prompting suicide, but most pale in comparison to the number of tragedies ascribed to "Gloomy Sunday." László Jávör regretted having ever revised the lyrics to this tune as the press depicted him as a notorious villain responsible for ending many lives.

Several Magyar bands have recorded "Szomorú Vasárnap," including Kalman Lendvay, Sándor Lakatos, Gyula Horváth, Vilmos Lakatos, László Berki as well as singers Sári Barabás and Antal Kóczé. One movie has been made vaguely portraying Seress and László Jávör and was appropriately titled "Gloomy Sunday."

Seress and his wife lived for over 20 years in the same small, second-floor apartment at 46 Dob utca in District VII. In 1968, Seress attempted to kill himself by jumping out a window from that very apartment. While recovering at a nearby hospital, Seress attempted suicide again, this time successfully by hanging himself in the doorway of his room. Prior to his self-imposed demise, Seress stated: "I am so very sad to have not made another hit song like 'Gloomy Sunday.'" His wife Hani died in 1969.

There are many Magyar *halgatos* portraying tragic scenarios, such as the popular "A Vén Cigány," but "Szomorú Vasárnap" is by far one of the saddest musical commentaries of all time.

The song surfaced at the right time as the circumstances of economic despair along with an impending war aided in forming an exquisite match of sorrow to song.

Let me know your thoughts on "Gloomy Sunday" or any personal experiences concerning the song.

Boldog Húsvét 2017,

## Tibor II

Tibor Check, Jr., is a member of Branch 28 and an attorney working in Washington, D.C.

## Let's hear your take

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

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Our Roots



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For more information, contact Fraternal Director Barbara A. House at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107, or Judit Ganchuk at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149, or email [jganchuk@wpalife.org](mailto:jganchuk@wpalife.org).

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Accommodations: ☐ Single (Add \$510 to land tour price) ☐ Double / Roommate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form--along with your deposit of \$1,500.<sup>00</sup> per person made payable to "William Penn Association"--to:

**WPA Tour 2017, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**





WPA members enjoying the Paprika! Ball held March 4 in Cleveland included (clockwise from front, left): Branch 18 Vice President Linda Enyedy, Fraternal Director Barbara A. House, Branch 14 Vice President JoAnne Sedensky, National Director Richard E. Sarosi, Branch 14 Coordinator Violet Sarosi, Branch 14 member Ernest Sarosi, Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and Branch 249 Coordinator Mark Schmidt.

## Cleveland Hungarians gather for annual Paprika! Ball

by Richard E. Sarosi

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel (CHDP) hosted its 27th annual Paprika! Bál on Saturday, March 4, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Cleveland.

During the event, the CHDP recognized The Cleveland Play House for its 102 years of serving the Cleveland theatre arts community and for its 2015 Tony Award for "Best Regional Theatre."

The theme of Paprika! 2017 was "Tulips to Tony," in recognition of both Hungary's national flower and the Tony Award presented to the Cleveland Play House.

The CHDP is a non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers who promote and support educational and cultural ties between Americans and Hungarians.

The Cleveland Play House has featured many Hungarian artists and writers, as early as 1938 with the presentation of *Liliom*, a notable production by Hungarian playwright Ferenc Molnár.

The CHDP was instrumental in bringing to Cleveland the Hungarian National Theatre from Cleveland's sister city in Hungary, Miskolc, and their production of Peter Müller's *Gloomy Sunday*, which was presented in Hungarian along with a simultane-

ous translation.

More information can be found on the CHDP website: [www.clevelandhdp.org](http://www.clevelandhdp.org). Proceeds from the festivities and silent auction went to support grants and scholarships.

Guests at Paprika! 2017 enjoyed a gourmet dinner which began with Kárfiolleves En Croute (cauliflower soup with puff pastry top); Magyaros Babsaláta (Hungarian bean salad); Plum sorbet with schnapps; and Bél-szín Budapest-Módra, from the 1958 Hungarian Pavilion at the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium (a dish of sauteed beef tenderloin with delicate sauce and topped with fried waffle potatoes).

The presentation of the main course included a dining room with dimmed lights and the staff entering with the plates illuminated with magical *piros* (red) cubes.

Desserts included Dobos Tortes, Krémes, miniature Hungarian *fánk* (donuts cooked to order) and fresh fruits.

The entertainment was provided by Harmonia and the Viva Dance Studio whose ballroom dancers performed several waltzes and tangos.

William Penn Association was recognized for its support of Paprika! 2017 and the representatives in attendance enjoyed a delightful evening.



Pianist Anikó Szokody and violinist Ferenc Szecsődi perform March 8 during a recital sponsored by Youngstown State University.

## Recital in Youngstown celebrates agreement between universities

by Kathy Novak

YOUNGSTOWN, OH -- The Youngstown State University Dana School of Music hosted March 8 a recital featuring violinist Ferenc Szecsődi and pianist Anikó Szokody, both members of the faculty at the University of Szeged (Hungary) School of Music. The event was held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The free program was well attended, allowing local residents to enjoy beautiful music performed by two world-class musicians.

Both musicians are graduates of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music and have received numerous international awards and recognition for their talents.

After the performance, the musicians interacted with students and faculty from YSU and other guests.

During their stay in Youngstown, the musicians signed a General Academic Cooperation Agreement with members of the YSU faculty, formalizing joint academic endeavors between the two universities.

If you have news about people, places or happenings in the American Hungarian community that you think would be of interest to our readers, please share it with us. Email information about your "Magyar Matters" to: [jlovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jlovasz@wpalife.org).



# Actuary's Report for 2016

## WPA members should be very proud of the Association and its financial strength

by R. E. Bruce, FCA, MAAA

William Penn Association continues its long history of outstanding service to members while maintaining an increasingly strong margin of safety for members, with an emphasis on member guaranteed benefit contracts.

Certain highlights from the financial reports to the regulatory authorities and the actuarial report to the Officers and Directors should be summarized for the benefit of the members. All numbers herein are taken from the official reports as filed. References are rounded for convenience.

Emphasis in 2016 was, again, on controlled growth and development. The program has been proven to be eminently successful. Assets increased by 9%, while premium income increased to \$44,835,000. At the same time, profits before dividends increased to \$2,303,000. These profits are attributable to careful management of investments, favorable persistency and favorable mortality experience.

The year 2016 continued the Association's long history of returning to the members the highest possible benefits consistent with safety. The major lines of business were again profitable. This is a fine record. The members should feel very proud of WPA and its financial strength to guarantee their benefits. WPA continues its emphasis on safety to members.

The strong financial position of WPA should be emphasized. In its history, no WPA member suffered any loss in

benefit value or reduction in dividends nor experienced a rate increase because of market fluctuations. WPA continues to be a very safe, secure place to hold money for future delivery.

Assets at over \$411,000,000 continue to be valued very conservatively, are of exceptionally high quality and fully comply with the strict standards of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). All members can continue to have confidence that the assets standing behind their policies are sound and will provide the required funds when needed.

The safety margin on December 31, 2016 continued at the very high level of 108%. This means that the Association held over \$108 of admissible assets behind each \$100 of liabilities as a safeguard and guarantee to all members that the benefits promised in the certificates will be paid when due. The Association enjoys a stronger safety margin than most of the very large companies. This strong safety margin will continue for the benefit of all members, even into the next generation.

The Association enjoyed a very favorable year from investments. The net rate of return on mean assets was 5.38%, which supports the generous rates paid to members. During 2016, the Association earned net investment income of \$20,677,000 after deducting all investment expenses. Investment income exceeded requirements by

## William Penn Association 2016 Annual Statement

### ASSETS

Bonds	\$392,970,074
Stocks	9,579,870
Mortgage Loans	467,373
Real Estate	888,166
Cash and Short-Term Investments	879,798
Certificate Loans	1,272,019
Accrued Investment Income	5,769,934
Electronic Data Processing Equipment & Software	1,520
Premiums Due and Uncollected	34,045
<b>Total Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$411,862,799</b>

### LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES & SURPLUS CERTIFICATE RESERVES

Life, Annuity and Accident & Health Policy Reserves	\$367,377,804
Liability for Deposit-Type Contracts	8,906,271
Life and Accident & Health Claim Reserves	95,897
Provision for Refunds Payable in Following Calendar Year	365,000
Premiums Paid in Advance	436,614
Officials' Retirement Program	1,819,909
Interest Maintenance Reserve	828,745
General Expenses and Taxes Due or Accrued	80,767
Asset Valuation Reserve	3,319,597
Trust Account	726,845
Other Liabilities	406,675
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$384,364,124</b>
<b>Unassigned Surplus</b>	<b>27,498,675</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$411,862,799</b>

\$8,210,000 in 2016. Excess interest continued to be the most important profit source to the Association.

In addition to the excellent investment returns, it is worth noting that the Association maintained its Security Valuation Reserves, to guard against adverse fluctuation in investments, at \$4,148,000. The members' assets are well protected by this strong safety fund.

The Association has set aside \$376,284,000 of life, annuity and A&H reserves, deposits and claims for future payments to members. Management continues its prudent and conservative practice of setting aside sufficient funds with which to meet all known and contingent liabilities. William Penn Association is doing an outstanding job of managing the members' funds.

An important index of service to members is the total amount paid to members. During 2016 the Association paid the significant amount of \$26,121,000. A summary of these payments to members for the past two years is as follows:

ITEM	2015	2016
Death Claims	\$2,273,000	\$2,101,000
Matured Endowments	101,000	117,000
Emergency Cash Surrender Benefits	485,000	838,000
A & H Supplementary Payments	7,000	3,000
Annuity and Old Age Benefits	15,530,000	14,444,000
Excess Interest on Funds to Members' Acct.	7,196,000	8,210,000
Dividends	332,000	408,000
<b>Benefits to Members</b>	<b>\$25,924,000</b>	<b>\$26,121,000</b>

WPA continues to render a truly valuable financial service to members.

In our opinion, the amounts carried in the balance sheets on account of the various actuarial items:

- (1) are computed in accordance with commonly accepted actuarial standards consistently applied and are fairly stated in accordance with sound actuarial principles;
- (2) are based on actuarial assumptions which produce reserves at least as great as those called for in any contract provision as to reserve basis and method, and are in accordance with all other contract provisions;
- (3) meet the requirements of the insurance laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are at least as great as the minimum aggregate amounts required by the state in which this statement is filed;
- (4) are computed on the basis of assumptions consistent with those used in computing the corresponding items in the annual statement of the preceding year end with any exceptions as noted below; and
- (5) include provision for all actuarial reserves and related statement items which ought to be established.

It is apparent that the officers and directors continue the skillful management of the members' money while maintaining very strong safeguards.

*R. E. Bruce is president of Bruce & Bruce Company.*

# Financial Report

## INCOME

Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$44,835,502
Net Investment Income	20,473,331
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	203,794
Miscellaneous Income	65,749
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$65,578,376</b>

## OUTGO

Life Benefits Paid, Including Dividends	\$ 3,468,046
Annuity and Pension Benefits Paid	14,444,391
Interest on Funds to Members' Accounts	8,155,621
Increase in Aggregate Reserve for Life, Annuity and Accident & Health Certificates	31,011,804
Commissions on Premiums & Annuity Considerations	1,583,428
General Operating and Fraternal Expenses	4,774,004
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees	245,977
<b>Total Outgo &amp; Reserve Increase</b>	<b>\$63,683,271</b>
<b>Net Gain from Operations after Refunds to Members</b>	<b>\$1,895,105</b>

## RECONCILIATION

Net Gain from Operations	\$ 1,895,105
Realized Gains/(Losses) (excluding transfers to the IMR)*	(2,818,661)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (923,556)
Unassigned Funds as of 12/31/15	25,946,797
Change in Unrealized Gains*	2,988,438
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	252,055
Change in Asset Valuation Reserve	(765,059)
Change in Reserves	-----
Unassigned Funds as of 12/31/16	\$27,498,675

\*The realized capital loss was due to the sale of a subsidiary, Penn Scenic View, which was held as an equity investment. The loss was offset by an unrealized valuation increase, resulting in minimal effect to surplus.



# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center  
Blairsville, Pennsylvania • July 7-8, 2017

COME AND JOIN US for a fun, fraternal weekend when WPA hosts our 34th Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days, July 7 and 8. Our tournament returns to the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center in Blairsville, Pa. The tournament will be played on the resort's Chestnut Ridge Golf Course.

We'll kick off the weekend late Friday afternoon with the annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located on the grounds of the golf resort.

Following the meeting, the tournament festivities begin with the annual Friday night golfers' reception and Monte Carlo Night in the hotel. The reception/Monte Carlo Night is free to golfers and one guest. Non-golfing guests can attend Friday evening events for \$10. Those planning to attend MUST pre-register for the reception (see form opposite page). The evening will feature delicious food and refreshments, exciting games of chance, incredible prizes, the ever-popular Chinese auction, a putting contest for adults and a marshmallow putting contest for children.

Our 18-hole tournament will begin Saturday morning with a shotgun start. Play will be a straight scramble. 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 sandwich and beverage at the turn.

Our weekend's activities will conclude with the annual golf barbeque to be held at the resort grounds immediately following the tournament.

Accommodations for the weekend will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Room rates are \$129 (plus tax) per night based on double occupancy. All rooms will be reserved on a first-come/first-served basis and are subject to availability.

Please note that all golfers and guests must make their own room reservations directly with the hotel by calling 724-459-5920. You must make your hotel reservations by May 29 to get the WPA rate. Use the group code "WPA."

You can also make your hotel reservations by going online at <http://bit.ly/1kH57CX> or by scanning the code on the registration form with your smart phone.

The tournament entry fee is \$110 for WPA members and \$120 for non-members. This fee includes green fees, bag service, locker room service, GPS-equipped golf carts, a sandwich and beverage at the turn AND admission to the golf barbeque. Tickets for the barbeque are \$40 for WPA adult members age 16 and older, \$50 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 2, 2017.

Once again, the tournament will feature the 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 the course'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 23, 2017, 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 23. 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. □



# GOLF REGISTRATION & BARBEQUE RESERVATIONS



PHONE: ( )

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**All golf & barbeque reservations must be received at the Home Office by June 23, 2017**

## Eligibility Rules for Year 2017 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 as of January 1, 2017.

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 2017 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2017.

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.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org).

2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"With all of the societal problems we face today, where do you see goodness in the world?"** If the essay exceeds 100 words, the student's application will not be accepted.

**The Scholarship Application and Essay must be mailed and postmarked by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.** 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. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Friday, September 15, 2017.**

f) **Renewal 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.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org).

2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you were applying for an internship at William Penn Association, how would you convince us that you are the right person?"** If the essay exceeds 100 words, the student's application will not be accepted.

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 2017 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Friday, September 15, 2017.**

g) All applications 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 and essays must be mailed and postmarked by **Wednesday, May 31, 2017.** Any applications 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@wpalife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpalife.org).**

# William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

Phone: 412-231-2979 • Toll-free: 1-800-848-7366 • Fax: 412-231-8535 • Email: scholarship@wpalife.org



## Application for Scholarship Grant Academic Year 2017-2018



**1. Check One:** ☐ **New Applicant** ☐ **Renewal Applicant**

### STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

**2. NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **3. DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

**4. ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**5. STUDENT APPLICANT'S PHONE:** ( ) **6. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. SCHOOLS ATTENDED (LIST IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, STARTING WITH MOST RECENT SCHOOL):

Name of School	Location	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### 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 and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017**



**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. LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:**

**13. EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (i.e., ATHLETICS, THE ARTS, SCHOOL CLUBS):**

**14. SUGGEST AN EVENT OR PROJECT THAT WPA COULD PROMOTE WHICH WOULD INTEREST YOUNG ADULTS:**

**15. WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION VERIFICATION:**

**INFORMATION ON BOTH STUDENT AND PARENT (OR GRANDPARENT) IS REQUIRED.**

Student Applicant

CHECK ONE: ☐ Parent or ☐ Grandparent of Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Insurance Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL APPLICANTS** must submit an essay not exceeding 100 words, along with this completed application form, to be considered for a grant. The application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017. **NEW APPLICANTS** must also submit: (1) a transcript of the student's high school scholastic record; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term. **RENEWAL APPLICANTS** must also submit: (1) a copy of the student's latest scholastic record showing that the student has maintained a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school 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 I have read the eligibility rules prior to completing this application. I further 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 and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017**



# Feeling 'dad-sad'

All the firsts without him are numbing. I turned  
55 without that morning phone call from him. I

A good friend shared with me her own stories of being “dad-sad.” I know I am not alone. But today, for whatever reason, my dad is on my mind and in my heart and writing about it has eased the pain.

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



## Show your WPA pride!

**We have a shipment of our popular Lands' End® brand, 100% cotton, short-sleeved polo shirts featuring an embroidered William Penn Association logo. These are the same comfortable shirts worn by volunteers at various WPA events. The men's shirt features a two-button placket, and the women's shirt features a four-button placket. Available in charcoal heather grey only, while supplies last.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Size (Circle One):    Mens   S   M   L   XL   2X   3X  
                             Womens   S   M   L   XL   2X   3X

Make check payable to "William Penn Association."  
Mail form & check to: Shirt Offer, William Penn Association,  
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



# JUST 4 KIDZ

We hope you are all having a great spring and enjoying some warm weather with friends and family. What's also nice about this time of year is getting together with family to enjoy holidays like Easter or Passover. So, this month, we have a craft to share with people of all ages: **finger puppets**. First, start by picking your favorite story. Then, create a finger puppet for each of the characters in the story. Once you've made all the puppets, you can present a puppet performance for everybody in your own home!

## What You Need:

- Construction paper (or thick paper)
- Wobbly eyes (some are now sold as stickers so you don't have to glue them!)
- A black marker
- A dishwashing glove
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Glitter, buttons, feathers, pipe cleaners, wool and other items to finish the look of each puppet



## What You Do:

- With help from an adult, cut the fingers off the glove at the knuckle to create the base for your puppet.
- Cut shapes out of paper for noses and mouths & attach to the glove fingers; attach the wobbly eyes.
- Glue on other features, such as hair, feathers, or arms (the pipe cleaners)
- Use the marker to draw on ears or feet if your character needs them.

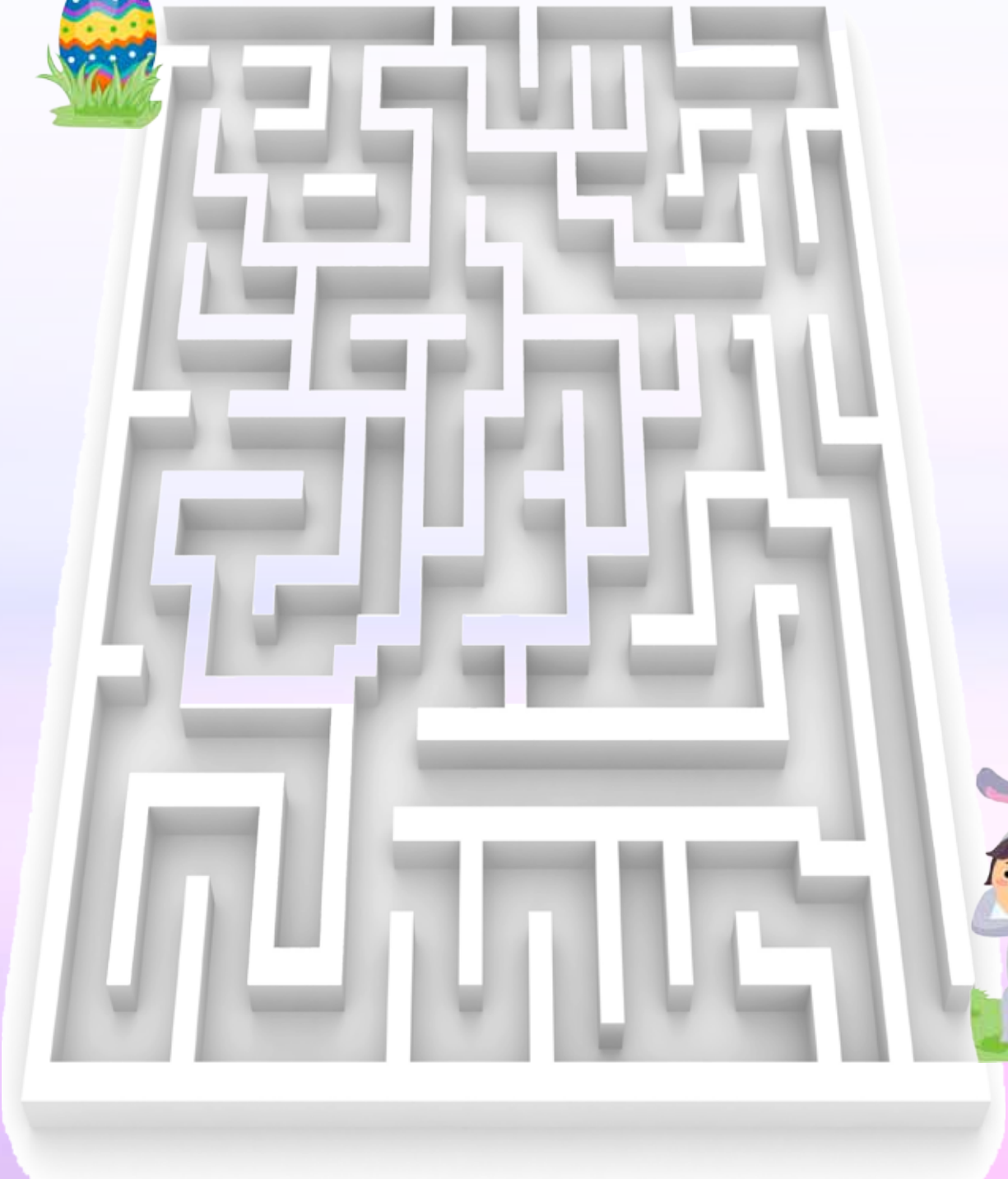
You can make a finger puppet for just about any story or make one to look like your pet. Don't forget to take photos and tag #WPALife!





# Easter egg hunt

Can you help our little Easter Bunny get through the maze and get to her Easter Egg?



## Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

by Jim Ballas

Our branch participated in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign by collecting and donating items to the food pantry at the United Congregational Church.

We donated about \$115 worth of fresh fruit, baby food and formula. The pantry provides daily cooked meals and other services to those in need.

Our thanks to Sandy Stasko, Bill Bero, James Ballas and Ann Ballas for helping to make this project a success. We also thank WPA for coordinating this campaign to help those in need.

## Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

by Alexis Yuhas Kozak

Branch 8 joined in WPA's Join Against Hunger campaign. This year's recipient was the Johnstown Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 130 years in the United States. The Johnstown Chapter has both a food pantry and food kitchen which serves hot food every day. God bless them for their missions.

Thanks, Dorothy Kedves and Judy Grasa, for helping with this project.

We send a very big thank you to Barbara House and Ursula Markovits for their gracious hospitality at the White Rose Ball. These two lovely ladies always make us feel like we are at home and are part of the wonderful Michigan Branch 18. The Friday night dinner was scrumptious; the benefactor reception, divine. The White Rose Ball was grandiose.

A special get well blessing goes to Ursula along with wishes for a speedy recovery after her surgery. Better get that knee in good shape for the Hungarian Heritage Experience. David is counting on you, Ursula.



Fresh fruit, baby food and formula donated by Branch 1 were delivered to the United Congregational Church Food Pantry as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.

WOW! Winter is almost over. The tulips and daffodils are already peeking out. This means the busy times are upon us: bowling tournament, April 28 and 29; golfing in Blairsville, Pa., July 7 and 8; Hungarian Heritage Experience, Aug. 6 to 12; and the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio, Aug. 26. Stay tuned for information about our annual Branch 8 Bacon Roast.

A very blessed and happy Easter to all! God bless.

If you have any questions on any of the activities listed above or about WPA life insurance and annuities, please call me at 814-242-0000.

A happy thought: Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons!

## Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

As Al Jolson sang:

*Though April showers may come  
your way  
They bring the flowers that bloom in  
May.  
So if it's raining, have no regrets,  
Because it isn't raining rain, you  
know (It's raining violets).*

So, keep hope alive for the arrival of spring and the departure of the snowy, cold days of winter.

The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel (CHDP) hosted the 27th annual Paprika! Bál on March 4 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Cleveland. WPA was well-represented at this event. For more on the ball, see *Magyar Matters* on page 9.

I also attended the Buckeye Road Reunion Cabin Fever Party on Feb. 25. I was a resident of 11410 Buckeye Road for 25 years, living in the heart of the Hungarian neighborhood. What a great place to live and grow up! Hungarian was spoken in the streets, stores, bakeries, butcher shops and churches. Little *nénis* (aunts) with their wire shopping carts and their scarfs; *bácsis* (uncles) meeting friends on the streets.

I remember walking along Buckeye Road in the evening, tending the Harvey Rice school garden and my summer garden, and attending fall festivals, parades and Hungarian dances.

What a great time! I would not have changed a thing.

In my travels to Hungary, I have seen where many of our traditions originated, traditions still in practice on Buckeye Road. The reunion group maintains contact with their followers via electronic media. The reunion gives all a chance to reminisce about the old neighborhood. Several of us were interviewed and our comments were posted on the Buckeye Road Reunion website.

There will be a picnic at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, on June 11, where more stories of the old days will be shared.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new Branch 14 Auditors Frank Wargo and Brian Bowens, who were elected at a special election March 1. We look forward to working with you in the spirit of fraternalism.



National Director David M. Kozak (r) delivers food donated by members of Branch 8 to Andy Porter, director of the Salvation Army's Johnstown, Pa., chapter.

Branch 14 meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: April 5, May 3, Sept. 6, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. WPA Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend the branch meetings.

Also mark your calendars for the Branch 14 Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa to be held Saturday, Dec. 2.

Other WPA and branch events in 2017 include:

- Saturday, July 1 - Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains with fireworks after the game. WPA, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio and the Hungarian Heritage Museum are supporters of this event. More details to follow.

- Saturday, Aug. 26 - The WPA Picnic at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio, located in Hiram, Ohio.

Please support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, which provides grants to eligible student WPA members. If you received a WPA scholarship, please donate to the fund, so that other young members can enjoy the same benefits you did.

We extend our condolences to the family of Branch 14 Auditor Paul J. Varga, whose sudden passing on

Feb. 17, 2017, came as a shock to everyone. Paul loved his Hungarian heritage. He was active with Branch 14 and displayed the fraternal spirit by helping at the WPA Golf Tournament, the WPA Bowling Tournament, the WPA Picnic and the Branch 14 Christmas party. May God bless his wife Anna Marie, his children and their spouses, and grandsons at this difficult time. May Paul rest in peace.

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

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members as well as our friends, who might be feeling under the weather. We send out get well wishes to Branch 14 members Dante Parete and Michelle Day and to WPA members and friends, Betty and Al Vargo, Marilyn Schmidt and Arlene Csoman. We send super charged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to National Director Albert Frate who continues rehabilitation at home. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers, and we hope to see everyone at WPA events.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating an April/May birthday and/or anniversary.

Remember, Branch 14 members

having news to share about themselves or family members can reach me at [RichSaro@att.net](mailto: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. Don't let the opportunity pass you by. Pick up the phone and/or plan a visit.

## Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Easter! He is risen! Alleluia!

Welcome spring! Allergies are in full bloom. I hope your winter was as good as ours in Michigan. I paid my snow removal person two times this entire winter. I hope that doesn't mean we will have snow in July. Only kidding...I think.

Welcome three new Branch 18 members: Dylan Sabo (thank you George Sabo), Faith Mishler and Robin Schexnayder (thank you Wanda Gall). Many thanks to all of you for thinking of WPA and me for all your insurance needs. Remember, we are offering our Guaranteed Issue program for a limited time. Call your agent; this deal is too good to miss.

The annual Hungarian Arts Club White Rose Ball was another giant success. Thank you to all who worked so hard. Thank you also to all the wonderful members who came from near and far to attend the ball. There is no other group that has regularly supported the ball like WPA members, Board members and officers have for so many years. Thank you. You know my feelings: without you, this event will cease to exist. We won't let that happen.

Thank you also to Steve Szatmari and his crew at the Hungarian Rhapsody for again preparing a wonderful Hungarian meal for our WPA guests. It was delicious.

Branch 18 has resumed our monthly meetings. It was so good to see everyone again. Our next meeting is April 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor. We are working on new trips and on what we want to do for Join Hands Day. Come and share your ideas.



# WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION

invites you to join us for our annual



## Hungarian Heritage Experience

August 6-12, 2017 (Sunday-Saturday)  
Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp  
Bowersox Enrichment Center • Boswell, PA

\$450 for WPA members • \$550 for non-members  
Includes lodging, all meals, instruction and activities

*Learn the Hungarian language and about Hungarian history, culture & traditions  
Make friends from around the country • Relax in the beauty of the Laurel Highlands*

**For more information, contact Barbara A. House, Fraternal Director**  
**Toll-free: 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 107**  
**Email: [jganchuk@wpalife.org](mailto:jganchuk@wpalife.org)**

### Hungarian Heritage Experience Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WPA Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form along with your full payment made payable to "William Penn Association" to:

**Hungarian Heritage Experience, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**



Volunteer Rachel Cichowski reviews items to be distributed by Branch 19 members and other local volunteers (pictured above right) during a recent food giveaway at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, NJ.

Get well wishes go out to "Bongo" Tom Kerek who had a terrible accident. We wish him a speedy recovery. I need him at the Hungarian Heritage Experience in August.

Get well wishes also go to Doug Truesdell, George Schvarckopf, Joe Csereklye, John Kozarevich, Eleanor Kender, Beata Csaszar, Ursula Markovits and National Director Albert Frate. We hope you are all better very soon.

Happy birthday to Steve Charles, Dora McKinsey and Branch 18 Secretary Rose Antal. We wish you all many more.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the WPA Bowling Tournament. This is always a lot of fun.

I also hope you will sign up for our annual golf tournament in July. It will be convenient this year as the golf course is next to the hotel; no driving once you're there. And, yes, there will be a Chinese auction. Please call me anytime for more info.

Please remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Dora McKinsey on the loss of her sister Cynthia Smith, as well as branch members Sandra Black, Merina Moran and Ethel Rosta.

A very special hello to Tom McKee. Nice to hear from you. You will be missed.

Remember, I can always be reached at 313-418-5572 or 734-782-4667.

I hope you plan on traveling with WPA to Hungary. We will see so many wonderful things.

And join us for our Hungarian Heritage Experience the week of

Aug. 6. It is truly a beautiful facility.

My thought for the month: Don't let disappointments or a temporary obstacle ruin your future. You may not be able to change what has happened, but you can choose to not waste time thinking about it. This is spring, a time for new beginnings. Love your enemy as yourself. It's a pretty good place to start. (Thanks, again, Father Barnabas.)

Kellemes Húsvéti Ünnepeket Kívánok!

### Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn B. Bodnar

Our branch participated in a food giveaway Feb. 25 at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church during which 150 people from our area each received four or five bags of much needed and appreciated food.

WPA donated food to the effort. Contributions were also received from a food show that was held at the Edison Convention Center the same week as Joe's auction.

The food giveaway is held the last Saturday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. This project helps many people in need, including retired individuals, those who are sick and the working poor.

The church also conducts a flea market on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with lunch for sale.

As always, we welcome any and all who wish to volunteer.

For more information, call Evelyn Bodnar at 732-873-1158.

### Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

The birds are chirping and the flowers are popping out -- time for spring to come and stay and say goodbye to winter. Everybody around here is tired of this up and down weather. Easter will be here soon, and we surely don't want the Easter bunny getting frostbite.

All graduating high school seniors entering college in the fall should complete the application forms and write their essays for a WPA scholarship grant. All applications and essays need to be postmarked by May 31. Everybody can use some financial help. You can find the application/renewal form on page 15 of this issue.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 19 and 20 for the annual Birmingham Ethnic Festival.

This year, we have chosen to donate Easter Baskets to a children's hospital. If there is any member who would like to make and donate a basket, please do so and bring it with you to our meeting April 8 at 1:00 p.m. at American Family Restaurant on Wheeling Street. If you have any questions, you can call Paula at 419-460-7214 or Amalia at 419-726-1109.

Happy birthday wishes for April go out to Mitchel Biller, Mark Danisovszky, Ibolya Dudas, Contessa Gainsley, Joyce Gainsley, Haiden Gombash, Laura Gosselin, Aurora Rae Kessler, Vicky Koepke, Joseph Lacava, Peggy Liedel, Jacob Rodri-



guez, Leo Szabo and Nancy Thayer. Extra special birthday wishes go to my husband David Bodnar and our granddaughter Ryleigh Bodnar. Sure hope everybody is doing good.

It was good to have Linda York join us at our March meeting. Thank you for your donations of canned goods for Joining Hands Against Hunger.

As mentioned earlier, our next meeting will be April 8. Don't forget the drawing we have for all members attending our meetings. Come join us for just a couple hours and a few laughs once a month.

Hope everybody has a family-filled and blessed Easter.

If you have questions about your life insurance or annuities, please call Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

If you have any notices or announcements you wish published, please call Paula at 419-460-7214. If I am not there to answer, please leave a message with your number.

### Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Blessed Easter wishes to everyone. Hoping spring has sprung and the air is soon filled with the smell of freshly-bloomed flowers. It won't be long now until all the wonderful summer events arrive.

I will have details and photos of the March 15 celebration hosted by the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation in next month's report.

Thank you to the members of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Pittsburgh for hosting their annual traditional council dinner. WPA was well represented. It's always nice spending time with all our WPA friends and acquaintances.

Remember, if you're hungry for stuffed cabbage or need some for an upcoming event, call Holy Apostle Parish at 330-743-1905.

The Altar and Rosary Society of Holy Apostle Parish will be publishing a new ethnic cookbook in early summer. If you would like to buy one, please call the parish at 330-743-1905 or call me at 330-746-7704.

I hope you attended the recital March 8 at St. John's Episcopal Church, sponsored by Youngstown



State University. If not, you can read a bit more about it in *Magyar Matters* on page 9.

The WPA Bowling Tournament is just around the corner. I hope everyone made their reservations. Remember, events like the tournament help raise additional funds for the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Get well wishes go out to everyone who has not been feeling up to par. Special wishes go to Robert Palotsee, John Morey, Margie Sams, Alice Nagy, Michele Daley-LaFlame, Ursula Markovits, Arlene Csoman, Dolores Gran and Mark Schmidt's mother.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month.

Prayers and special thoughts go out to those who have recently lost a loved one.

For more information about our branch activities or answers to your questions about WPA life insurance and annuities, please call either Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

### Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Happy, blessed Easter!

Bowling is right around the corner, and if you haven't signed up yet, you are missing a fun fraternal event. Remember to check out *William Penn Life* to keep current on all fraternal events.

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

Andy and I stopped by Huszár Restaurant and enjoyed a delicious

## Next Deadline

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bowl of *gulyás* and *húsleves daragasluskával* (dumpling soup). We also reminisced with Judy, the founder and owner. If you have an opportunity, stop by and enjoy the delicious food and conversation. We definitely will again. Thank you, Joyce, for the information!

Birthday wishes go out to all branch members celebrating their birthdays. May you all have many, many more.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Marguerite McNelis at 412-421-6031.

### Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Greetings from the WPA branches of Martins Ferry and Weirton!

I hope to see you at the WPA Bowling Tournament April 28 and 29. There are so many things in the area you can do in addition to the bowling, racetrack and casino. There's Tanger Outlet Mall, the PA Trolley Museum, the many covered bridges in the area and Sarris Chocolate factory. (Mmmmmm, chocolate!) Make a grand weekend of it and have a lot of fun!

The WPA is again giving our branches the opportunity to remember those less fortunate through a donation of Easter food baskets. Four families in need in our area were very appreciative of the generosity shown by WPA branches to help with their daily needs.

Did you see that a Hungarian short film won an Oscar in Febru-



# 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 Leaf

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

**In Memory of  
Deceased Members  
Br. 88, Rural Valley, PA  
(Silver 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

ary? Hungarian Director Kristof Deak's Best Live Action Short Film titled "Sing" is the first Hungarian win in that category. It's a 25-minute film set in the '90s in Budapest inspired by true events and follows a new girl in an award-winning school choir who must choose between standing up to a corrupt system or quietly fitting in. This is the second Hungarian film to earn an Oscar in the past two years, after last year's triumph of "Son of Saul" as Best Foreign Language Film. Bravo!

This year was the year that Otto Balogh from Budapest was to be the first Hungarian ever to race in the 1,000-mile trek across the wilderness in the Alaskan Iditarod, fulfilling a childhood dream that came from reading Jack London. He trained with 4-time Iditarod Champion Dallas Seavey and completed the qualifying races. Unfortunately, two hours before the March race kicked-off, this Hungarian "musher" scratched, citing health concerns. Well, there's always next year.

Happy birthday to those with April birthdays, including Steve Charles, Dora McKinsey and Harry Nicholson.

Get well to those who are ill and prayers to those in need.

If you have any news to share, please let me know to include it here. For information about branch activities, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

## Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Palm Sunday and Easter.

We at Branch 89 are pleased to announce that we made gulyás by special demand on March 24 and 25. We thank everyone who ordered gulyás from us as well as those who came out and helped with our project. Special thanks go to the chefs, János Toth and Endre Csoman, and to our workers, including Rev. Lisa Kerestesi and her son Miles (who took a day off from school to help with this event); branch members Billy Ardale, Fred Gabocy, John and Vera Recktoosh, Rudy and Janet Phillips, Dianne Schneider, Justin and



Branch 89 member Patricia Walochik (above left), celebrated her 90th birthday in March. She's pictured with her granddaughter and fellow branch member Helena Walochik, who celebrates her birthday in April. Meanwhile Branch 89 members Stephanie Wittpenn (above right) celebrated her "Sweet 16" in February.

Richard Toth; and branch officers John, Justin, Ruth Toth, Mark Maskarinec and Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec.

This project raised over \$1,000 for our church. We plan on doing this project in the fall. The demand really surprised us, and we truly appreciate that we received so many donations of supplies and provisions necessary for making the gulyás.

Special thanks to Mark S. Maskarinec, John Toth, Ruth Toth, and Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec for not only their donations to this project but also for the electric potato peelers and chopper/dicer. These machines were godsend and helped speed things along. Without your generous donations, this project would not have been the huge success it was.

Another new fundraiser our branch will be having will be a "Dining for Dough Luncheon" at Uno's Chicago Restaurant at the Waterfront in Homestead. The date and time have not been set, but it will be on a Sunday in late April or early May. The branch will receive a percentage on the amount of money spent on food, and in return, Blue Moon will be donating pilsner glasses which everyone in attendance will be able to decorate and take home. This promises to be a fun event. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon -- go to church then come to Uno's.

That brings us to our golf outing. Our golf outing has taken on a life

of its own and is now a 12-month endeavor. Purely by word of mouth, our outing has grown by 15% each of the last three years. We believe that this year will be the same and we will again set a new attendance record.

We have been in contact with the course (Butler's) and have set a date of Aug. 13. Gift bags for the winning foursome and the skill prize winners have been acquired, and we'll be adding more items as we go. We're not only looking for more golfers but more diners, more donors and especially more sponsors.

Special thanks to branch member Billy Ardale for his donation of golf tees. Every little bit helps.

As always, we're on the hunt for new and exciting auction items. If you have any ideas or things you'd like to see, please give me a call.

The outing is "only" four months away. Remember our motto: "Go Big and Go Golfing!"

Belated birthday greetings go out to our beloved "Aunt Pat," Patricia Walochik, on her 90th birthday on March 17. Pat was honored at our branch's golf banquet last year as being one of the senior members of our branch. Pat's family came from Atlanta and Spain to be on hand for her award and to participate in our golf outing. May you have many, many wonderful birthdays to come.

Special April birthday greetings go out to our Branch Secretary-Trea-





## Branch 51 join hands against hunger

Members of Branch 51 Passaic, N.J., took part in the Join Hands Against Hunger campaign on March 12. The day began with Mass for deceased members of the branch at St. Stephen's parish. Afterwards, bags of canned food, cereal, pasta, juices, rice, beans, food store gift cards, personal hygiene products and a variety of other foods were collected. These items will be donated to local families in need through the Wayne Interfaith Network Food Pantry. The WIN Food Pantry was founded after the devastating Passaic River flood of 1984 and has been helping families in need for over 30 years. Thank you to all Branch 51 members who helped make the food drive a success again this year. Pictured above are branch volunteers Christine, Amanda, Bethann and Catherine Baldyga as they loaded up a car with bags of donations and gift cards.

surer Ruth Toth on her 87th birthday on April 7 and to branch members Robert Toth (April 3), Helena Walo-chik (April 4), Timothy Toth (April 5) and Dr. Keith S. Toth (April 12). May you all have many more happy and wonderful birthday celebrations.

Special get well wishes continue to be sent to branch members and friends Vera S. Recktoth, Betty Rubinsak and George Kostival. We hope to see you up and navigational real soon. Keep on smiling, Cobbie, Betty and Vera.

Stay warm and happy and try to support not only our branch events but also WPA's national bowling and golf outings. These events provide financial support for the WPFA Scholarship Foundation and are always fun for the entire family.

## Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello from Columbus, Ohio.

We've been having typical Ohio weather -- one day in the 60s or 70s and the next day in the 20s or 30s. Hope we get the spring temperatures back and keep them.

Important days for this month are: April 1 - April Fools Day; April 9 - Palm Sunday; April 14 - Good Friday; April 16 - Easter; and April 28 - Arbor Day.

The WPA Bowling Tournament is on April 28 and 29 in Washington, Pa. This is a great fraternal event, and we would like to see you there. Come and see old friends and make new ones.

Don't forget that the mailing date

for applying for a WPA Scholarship grant is Wednesday, May 31 for all eligible applicants. This date applies to both new and renewing applicants. This is a very good program to help with college expenses.

The WPA Tour of Hungary will take place Sept. 6 to 22 this year. If you are thinking about going, don't forget the reservation deadline is April 24.

On Sunday, April 9, there will be a Soup and Learn Program sponsored by the Hungarian Cultural Association at the Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus after the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served at approximately 11:15 a.m. with the program beginning at 11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

If you have any news you would like to share, or for life insurance and annuity needs, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail [DAL9968@aol.com](mailto:DAL9968@aol.com).

## Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

When I last wrote, it appeared we were heading into spring early as the temperatures were in the 60s and 70s in February. However, the weather has really been wild as of late, as we have had rain, hail, freezing rain and snow all in the same week. We even experienced a couple of tornado touchdowns in the area. No one was hurt, but there was quite a bit of property damage.

Our branch's summer picnic has been set for July 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Pottawatomi Park Pavilion #1 in South Bend. The permit has already been secured. The branch will provide the main items, sodas and utensils, as in the past. We ask that members RSVP and bring a dish to share. More information to follow in the next issue of the magazine.

Branch 132 continues to actively



participate in WPA and community activities through food bank donations, the Easter basket program, and the sponsorship of bowling lanes and a local softball team. We are blessed that we can make a difference in our community and hope to do so for the long foreseeable future.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on June 6 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m.

### Branch 189 Alliance, OH

by Teresa Phillips

Greetings from Branch 189 in Alliance, Ohio.

We dedicate this article to a very special lady: Sue (Suzann) Smith. Sue recently lost her heroic battle with cancer. She brought a warm ray of sunshine to whoever she met. If she touched your life in any way, you were a lucky person. Sue will be forever missed by all. May she rest in peace.

Our condolences also go out to all members and their families who have lost loved ones.

The club held a steak/fish fry on March 17 followed by a St. Patrick's Day party. Music was provided by DJ Mike. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

Happy belated birthday wishes for March go out to our members and friends, including Don Stanley, Deb Saeger, Janet Syme, John Criss, Kim Craig, Mike Dallas, Chuck Mason, Kevin Schafer, Joe DeGiralamo, Rick Rhome, Jared Reifsnyder, Dorothy Whitney, Dan Hines and Randy Alpage.

Anniversary wishes also go out to everyone celebrating their day.

With Easter right around the corner, we are working on baskets which will be delivered to the elderly.

Any suggestions are always welcome. Let's work together to keep this branch a happy and prosperous one.

Need life insurance? Contact Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Happy spring from the officers and members of Branch 189.



Recently volunteering at Sonshine Community Ministries in McKeesport, Pa., were (l-r) Taylor Dorman, Branch 226 Treasurer Leslie Petras, Branch 226 Auditor Wayne Nelson, Branch 226 Secretary Gerry Nelson, Branch 226 President Malvene Heyz and Wendy Dorman.

### Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday wishes to all our members sharing their special day this month.

We extend our sympathies to members and families who have lost a loved one; it is never easy to lose someone dear.

We are thinking of and sending get well wishes to Branch Auditor June Coyne after her recent injury.

Sending warm thoughts to Branch 226 member Sally Petras, former branch auditor.

Thank you to Branch President Malvene Heyz, Branch Secretary Gerry Nelson, Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson, Branch Treasurer Leslie Petras, and friends Taylor Dorman and Wendy Dorman. These branch officers and friends volunteered at the Sonshine Community Ministries food pantry in McKeesport. Our branch was able to donate funds to this worthy group under WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. Sonshine Community Ministries is a not-for-profit 501c3 faith-based ministry run and supported by volunteers and community partners.

Branch members can attend our

next meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 for directions.

Good luck to the bowlers at the annual bowling tournament at the Meadows Racetrack and Casino.

On Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport and their neighbor, Holy Family Polish Catholic Church, will host a spring flea market, rain or shine. Free parking and food sales -- it's the start of flea market season! Call 412-672-7298 to buy a table for \$15 to sell your wares.

The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers are preparing for another summer season of performances around the Pittsburgh area. Please contact us if you know someone who is interested in joining this group.

It's hard to believe, but it's almost time to submit your scholarship application essays and forms. The deadline is less than two months away, as all forms and essays must be postmarked by May 31. Check pages 14 to 16 of this month's issue and make sure you are eligible for this great fraternal benefit to WPA members going to college this fall (or returning college students who



National Director Debbie Lewis (left) and Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt meet Dan Varga, a renowned Columbus chef often referred to as "The Hungarian Butcher."

need grant money). Don't let time run out on this fraternal benefit!

Please call us with news you want to share here. We want to cheer other members up this spring. There is so much good in the world; sometimes the bad news drowns out what people and groups are doing to improve their local communities.

Best wishes for a blessed Easter among friends and family. In Hungarian, you say: *Kellemes és Áldott Húsvéti ünnepet kívánok!*

## Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Spring is in full bloom. Daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs are in full bloom. Trees have started to leaf out, and birds are starting to nest. All of God's glory reminds us that this is the time of Easter, when the good Lord sent His son to save us from ourselves. What a wonderful time to count our blessings.

We had the pleasure of attending the Soup and Learn luncheon presented by the Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus on Feb. 12 at the Hungarian Reformed Church. The speaker was Dan Varga, better known as the Hungarian Butcher.

Dan is a renowned Columbus chef who has opened a charcuterie business, providing a modern

twist on recipes taught to him by his grandmother, a first-generation Hungarian immigrant. Dan makes kolbász and sausages of all types, *szalonna* (bacon), *sonka* (ham) and specialties like head cheese and liverwurst pâté. He uses Mangalica pasture-raised, heritage breed hogs from local farms.

Stop by the North Market at Two Brothers Butcher Shoppe (59 Spruce St., Columbus) to check out his selection of Hungarian meats and specialties. Contact Dan at 614-805-0760 or visit his website at [www.hungarianbutcher.com](http://www.hungarianbutcher.com) as product offerings change frequently.

This is a pleasant drive from Dayton, and there are other vendors at the North Market.

Anne Marie and I had the pleasure of going to Cleveland to Paprika! on March 4. The dinner-dance was a gala affair presented by the Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel. We had a sumptuous Hungarian meal, pastries and entertainment and danced the night away to the beautiful music of Harmonia. A silent auction featuring many Hungarian delights and other beautiful items was held.

This month, there are many national and local events. First, there is the Branch 249 meeting on April 8 at 1:00 p.m. at McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs Church. We will be discussing upcoming events and Join Hands Day. See you there.

Second, the WPA Bowling Tournament will be held April 28 and 29 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa.

Third, the Magyar Club of Dayton will host its Annual Spring Dance on Saturday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Czechoslovakian Club on Valley Street in Dayton. Dinner is available before George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings play away the evening. Cost is \$15 for club members, \$20 for non-members. Call Gail Robison at 937-836-2549 for reservations.

Fourth, Branch 249 will hold its annual Hungarian Day with the Dayton Dragons baseball team on Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. The game will include food and drinks as we join another record-breaking sell-out crowd at 5/3 Field. We will have a climate-controlled suite in the

upper deck to watch the game. Cost is \$15 for Branch 249 members, \$25 for guests. Call Mark Schmidt soon at 937-667-1211 as tickets are going fast.

Get well wishes go to those hospitalized or ill, especially Branch President Michele Daley-LaFlame, Jesse Stefanics and Dennis White (husband of member Karen Vance), Frank and Pearl Murin, Elizabeth Hewitt and Donald Dugan.

We extend our sympathy to those who have recently lost a loved one. Our prayers are with you.

Contact Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211 for information about the WPA's Guaranteed Issue 131st Anniversary Year Special offering life insurance with no medical questions asked.

That's all for now. Until next month, enjoy the warm weather.

## Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

A warm welcome to all of our to WPA members, especially those new to Branch 296. Our next two meeting dates are April 6 and May 11. We meet at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings are very casual. We'll be tossing around more ideas for our next branch Join Hands Day project, thinking about our annual branch bacon roast in the fall and even pre-planning our branch family Christmas party. (Never too early to look ahead!). Please join us!

For our April meeting, we invite you to join in our WPA Easter Basket project as we collect items for Beverly's Birthdays. A Pittsburgh-based non-profit founded by Megs Yunn, this inspiring organization provides birthday celebrations for homeless children.

Beverly, the inspiration for this organization, is a beautiful young girl from the Pittsburgh area. Megs learned that Beverly had never had her own birthday party or even her own slice of birthday cake. Megs thought everyone has a birthday, right? It's a shame if your birthday is not celebrated in some way, especially if you're a child without a home to call your own.



So, for our branch Easter Basket project we will collect items that Beverly's Birthdays generally requests for birthday celebration treat bags:

- new reading books (age 0-young adult)
- new coloring/activity books (adult coloring books and Sudoku, as well)
- new coloring utensils (crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- individually packaged soft toothbrushes (youth and adult types)
- individually boxed tubes of toothpaste

As noted, all of these items must be new since they are being given as a gift. Please bring them to our next meeting (April 6) or you may contact me at my email: [makelly367@verizon.net](mailto:makelly367@verizon.net) or call me at: 724-274-5318 if you have any questions.

You may visit the Beverly's Birthdays website at [www.beverlysbirthdays.org](http://www.beverlysbirthdays.org). Won't you please be a part of Branch 296 helping to create exciting birthday memories for these children?

Attention all WPA high school seniors: please check your eligibility status for our WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants. Eligibility rules and an application can be found on pages 14 to 16 of this issue and the WPA website at [www.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org). Be aware that we now require all students -- new and renewals -- to complete an application. It's important that you review all of the rules.

All applications and essays must be postmarked by May 31.

Lastly, please note the Sept. 15 deadline for any outstanding documents requested.

The scholarship grant is a terrific fraternal benefit for our college-bound members that should not be overlooked!

Celebrating his 98th birthday this month is John Torma Sr. It is a pleasure mentioning Mr. Torma, a WWII vet who truly served above and beyond the call of duty. We salute you, sir, and sincerely wish you a happy birthday.

And, may those of you celebrating your birthdays and anniversaries in April have a memorable day.

We also remember those who are not feeling well, especially those

who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. God bless each of you.

For our May 11 meeting, when we will be doing our annual Join Hands Day project, we will start at 5:30 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. During this brief meeting, we'll decorate and assemble snack bags to deliver to Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House, which is right next door to Childrens' Hospital. This has become a nice tradition for Branch 296, and we're asking for volunteers, both youth and adult. If any youth members need community service hours for school, we will be happy to sign off on that for you. This is a fun and easy project that demonstrates our fraternal spirit; we'll have great conversation, compliment and encourage one another, and finish with a treat from King's. Please mark May 11 on your calendars and "join hands" with us.

Our local agent, Noreen Fritz, is happy to assist you with any of your life insurance and annuity needs. Email Noreen at [noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net](mailto:noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net) or call her at 412-821-1837. Noreen attends most of our branch meetings, and if you have any questions, I know that she would happily spend time listening.

Happy Easter to all of you. After a very confusing winter, spring has officially arrived! Enjoy the milder weather, and let's begin to cheer on our Buccos!

### Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora McKinsey

Happy Easter to all! Easter is April 16 this year, and I hope the weather is warm enough so that the Easter bunny doesn't have to wear a winter coat!

April showers bring May flowers. I hope this old saying turns out to be true. There's something calm and peaceful about seeing those first buds push through the soil.

This is the time of the year when we look forward to all the fraternal events coming up. Make sure you check out each issue of *William Penn Life* to keep updated on all the details for each event.

Just a reminder for any Branch

352 members who are eligible to apply for a scholarship grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Be watchful of the deadlines to send in the necessary information to apply for a scholarship. See pages 14 to 16 for all the details.

Special prayers and get well greetings go out to all our members who are ill. May God's grace carry you through to good health.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday in April. May you have many more, and may all of them be healthy.

Our condolences to anyone who has lost a loved one recently. May your memories sustain you through this difficult time.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards and offered prayers on the death of my sister, Cindy. Cindy battled ovarian cancer for over seven years and lost her battle in February.

The small certificate she had with WPA was the only life insurance she had. It can't be stressed enough that everyone should have enough life insurance to cover, at a minimum, burial costs. If you would like to discuss additional life insurance coverage, contact me, and I will be able to help you apply for additional insurance.

If you have any news you would like to share, or if you have any insurance questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at [dmckinsey@hotmail.com](mailto:dmckinsey@hotmail.com).

If you are involved in any volunteer work, please contact me so that your efforts can be posted in *William Penn Life*.

### Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

We wish all readers a very holy and happy Easter. We also remember our Jewish friends as they celebrate Passover.

Thank you to the Home Office for once again encouraging us to assist those in need by conducting the Join Hands Against Hunger campaign and providing incentives for branches to participate. We responded by donating to the St. Vincent de

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## Songs, games, poems & plays for children

I recently learned that in Hungary there are literally thousands of songs and other leisure time activities that children enjoy either at home or in school. Many of these activities are over a hundred years old. Some plays and poems were unique to specific regions, but due to the advancement in technology, most are now available on a nationwide basis. Within Hungary a resurgence of interest in culture, music and history have made these simple forms of childhood entertainment popular once again. Several schools now offer classes specifically dedicated to the study of the music and games of Hungary.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of Zoltán Kodály. Special educational programs will take place throughout Magyarország that highlight his archiving of music for children.

This month, the wordsearch highlights a few of the traditional games that children play in Hungary. There are 16 clues to this puzzle. Many of these songs and lullabies can be found on Facebook and other internet sites being performed in a casual setting.

Good luck, and see you next month.

Boldog Húsvét 2017! Don't forget to sprinkle that special person with perfumed water on Easter Monday.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar,  
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

## Puzzle Contest #139 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #139 were drawn March 6, 2017, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

**Stephen Beers, Br. 13 Trenton, NJ**  
**Eniko Horvath, Br. 132 South Bend, IN**  
**Bernard T. Moulin, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH**  
**Maureen P. Schenk, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA**  
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

## WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #142 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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### "Song, Games, Poems & Plays" Word List

Anyu	Cini-Cini Muzsika	Koszorú
A Part Alatt	Csön-Csön Gyűrű	Mókuska
Borsót Főztem	Esti Dal	Süss Fel Nap
Cickom	Hinta Palinta	Szép Álmokat
Cifra Palota	János Bácsi	Szólj Síp Szólj
	Jár A Baba Jár	

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WPA Certificate No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES

1. ALL WPA members are eligible to enter.
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 #142**  
**709 Brighton Road**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15233**
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **May 31, 2017**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about June 5, 2017, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

## Branch News

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Paul Food Bank in Altoona and the American Rescue Workers in Holidaysburg.

Branch officers voted to sponsor two frames at the WPA Annual Bowling Tournament. We are proud our sponsorship aids the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Save the date! The Branch 800 summer picnic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Highland Park, Altoona, at 6:00 p.m., rain or shine.

We offer condolences to the family of longtime member Bob Aiken,

who recently passed away, and to all those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Remember that Easter is about the Resurrection.

Vince Frank, former branch president, is now out and about after having knee problems. Get well wishes to Bob Jones, branch treasurer and coordinator, who just underwent knee surgery. We pray for all members who are ailing and for their caretakers. Pray for Olive Savino, also.

Congratulations to all who are celebrating anniversaries, birthdays,

weddings and other happy occasions.

We would like to see more members attend our branch meetings, held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education Center in Altoona. For more information, please call Joan Ballash at 814-941-8863.

Bob Jones is well enough to take your calls and answer your questions about WPA life insurance and annuity products. Call Bob at 814-942-2661.

## In Memoriam

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

### FEBRUARY 2017

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT  
George F. Cahill
- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA  
Elizabeth Bearjar  
Andrew Levchik
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ  
Robert Bianelli  
George Boynton  
Joseph J. Dallabrida
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH  
Jerry J. Eaton  
Stephen J. Klinko  
Agnes E. Mirch  
Edward Yambor  
Richard E. Zdotshek
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL  
Ernest L. Owens

- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI  
Sandra A. Black  
Merina L. Moran  
Ethel M. Rosta
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ  
Gerard J. Toth
- 0024 CHICAGO, IL  
Blanche Hankus
- 0026 SHARON, PA  
Frances Williams
- 0027 TOLEDO, OH  
Walter F. Harkness, Jr.  
Ronny L. Harvey
- 0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH  
William Guidosh
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA  
Betty M. Bele  
Elizabeth J. Paros  
Joseph A. Scorpion
- 0040 MARTINS FERRY, WV  
Elizabeth L. Febo  
Helen M. Pinter

- 0048 NEW YORK, NY  
Valdemar Sarauw
- 0051 PASSAIC, NJ  
Eileen A. Kitanovski  
Hilda Marie Sowdon
- 0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA  
Thomas A. Reifer
- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA  
Edith M. Horvath  
Mary H. Shearer
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN  
Stephen Arch  
Davis C. Nagy, Jr.
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA  
Albert E. Gossler  
Stella Onuschak  
Mary T. Smith
- 0226 MCKEESPORT, PA  
John T. Woods
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA  
Mary C. Scheboth
- 0336 HARRISBURG, PA  
Henry Brinkerhoff, Jr.

- 0349 WEIRTON, WV  
Lela R. Kafton
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA  
Joseph J. Gidaro  
Loretta Jankowski
- 0383 BUFFALO, NY  
Sheila A. Kuryla
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL  
Corinne Cadogan  
Joseph H. Taylor
- 0720 DEDHAM, MA  
Rosemary T. Saraceno
- 0723 WORCESTER, MA  
Robert H. LaFlamme, Jr.
- 0725 SPRINGFIELD, MA  
Jane J. Konopacki
- 0800 ALTOONA, PA  
Robert V. Aiken  
Lillian Jones
- 8014 PITTSBURGH, PA  
Elizabeth M. Rugiel
- 8340 DUNDALK, MD  
Alan M. Bell

## Recent Donations

### WPFA Scholarship Foundation

#### Donations Through Premium Payments

#### FEBRUARY 2017

#### Branch - Donor - Amount

- 1 - Albertine McCrorey - \$4.70
- 8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$5.00
- 8 - Margaret I. Martin - \$2.00
- 13 - Frank Papp - \$5.00
- 14 - Almut S. Zvosec - \$25.00
- 26 - Lex Prindle Sr. - \$4.00
- 26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
- 27 - Jaxson E. Davis - \$10.00

Since 1972, WPA has awarded over \$2.6 million in grants to members attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Our scholarship program is just one of many benefits available to our members. To learn more on how membership in WPA can benefit your family, call your local WPA representative or our Home Office, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.

- 28 - Maria E. Schauer - \$1.90
- 28 - Mary P. Balash - \$1.61
- 34 - Jeffrey A. Worrall - \$5.00
- 89 - Audrey M. Swartele - \$25.00
- 129 - Jean A. Boso - \$5.05
- 129 - Stephanie L. Koser - \$8.24
- 159 - William Scherfel IV - \$1.71
- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
- 226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
- 226 - Letitia Hrehocik - \$20.00

- 296 - Alexis J. Whitfield - \$1.13
- 296 - Thomas E. Whitfield - \$1.05
- 296 - Connor T. Whitfield - \$0.63
- 336 - Charles S. Johns - \$4.21
- 352 - Kaitlyn R. Macie - \$25.00
- 352 - John W. Bush Jr. - \$10.00
- 352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$2.00
- 720 - Loretta M. Mahoney - \$2.00
- 8075 - Christopher Phillips - \$5.00

**TOTAL for Month = \$182.63**

### Additional Donations

#### FEBRUARY 2017

#### Donor - Amount

- Eric Berger - \$10.00
- Margaret E. Rizzo - \$50.00
- WPA Cookbook Sales - \$195.00

**TOTAL for Month = \$255.00**

### Donations In Memoriam

#### FEBRUARY 2017

#### Donor - Amount

#### (In Memory of)

- M/M Tamas Markovits - \$25.00  
(Charles House)
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00  
(Deceased Members Elizabeth Varga & Walter Goldsmith)

**TOTAL for Month = \$125.00**





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# **WPA PICNIC**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 26 • 12-6PM**

Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio  
12027 Abbott Road, Hiram OH 44234





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*\*Family of sales agents living at the same address as the agent do not qualify for a Recommender Award.*

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### WPA RECOMMENDER

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to: Recommender, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**