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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.

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Mark your calendars

and start making plans to attend these great fraternal events in 2017:

- **WPA Annual Bowling Tournament**, April 28-29, The Meadows Race Track & Casino, Washington, PA (See page 11 for information and registration form)
- **Hungarian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains** baseball game, July 1, Eastlake, OH
- **34th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days**, July 7-8, Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center, Blairsville, PA
- **Hungarian Heritage Experience**, August 6-12, Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp, Bowersox Enrichment Center, Boswell, PA
- **WPA Picnic**, August 26, Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio, Hiram, OH
- **WPA Tour 2017**, September 6-22 (See inside front cover for more details and reservation form)

Letters

WPA donations to Ronald McDonald House help families feel at home

THANK YOU very much for your donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh. Gifts like yours enable us to continue our mission of providing a safe, affordable and comfortable place for families to stay while seeking medical care for their children.

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

We hope our hospitality allows each family to forget their everyday worries and concentrate on the health and healing of their child. We always strive to do more for the families we serve and to offer them moments of fun and joy during their stay.

Your support of our charity makes you a part of all our endeavors.

Thank you again for thinking of the Ronald McDonald House and our families. Your donation is truly

appreciated by us and by those who benefit from our services--the children, parents and guardians who stay here.

Eleanor B. Reigel

Executive Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Pittsburgh

ON BEHALF of the families of the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh, I would like to thank you and the members of William Penn Association for the food donation (*six turkey dinners with all the trimmings, including six pies*). Our families certainly appreciate your generosity. We are grateful to you, our friends, who help us to provide a warm and caring environment for our guests.

Your contribution helps us maintain a "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment using our area hospitals. It is only with support from the community that we are able to continue to provide a home for all families regardless of their ability to pay.

Nanci Twardowski

Programs & Services Director
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Pittsburgh

Article generates interest in Louisiana Hungarian settlement

KATHY MEGYERI PENNED a wonderful article on Arpadhon, La., which appeared in the September 2016 issue. We called and asked for extra copies of the September issue of *William Penn Life* magazine and they sent what they had. The article was great, and we enjoyed it very much.

As a result of this article, we have received three calls from folks who have read the article. One is donating \$10,000 worth of Herend porcelain with glass cabinet. Another lady is ordering two books and giving a donation. Another is ordering a book.

So, many thanks for letting people know we exist and helping us to inform the world about our endeavors here in Arpadhon. We plan to open the first Hungarian Settlement Historical Museum in our area soon.

Kathy is to be commended for the fine article.

Many thanks again.

Alex & Royanne Kropog

Holden, LA
via email

Travel with us and rediscover your roots

The Home Office recently announced it is accepting reservations for the **WPA Tour 2017: Rediscovering Our Roots**. As the name implies, this year's tour will take place entirely within the Land of the Magyars, featuring visits to many of Hungary's most famous, interesting and historical cities and places.

More information and a reservation form for this year's tour can be found on the inside front cover of this issue.

But, while that information may answer some of your questions about this year's tour, you still may be asking: "Why should I go on a tour with WPA?"

We certainly could give you many reasons why you should join our happy band of travelers, but, instead, we ask you to read what your fellow WPA members who traveled with us in 2016 had to say about our tour.

"It is very enjoyable to travel with this group. The focus is on heritage and companionship," said Robert D. "The highlight of my trip was the delicious food and fantastic wines and pálinka."

Michelle P. enjoyed experiencing Magyar culture by "using different currencies, moving about abroad on trains, subways and buses." She also said she would recommend future WPA-sponsored trips to friends and family members because, "it's a wonderful opportunity to travel to places you wouldn't on your own. All the plans and arrangements are made for us... and what about that Schnitzel?!"

"There were many highlights" said Barbara Y. "We especially enjoyed the cruise on the Danube and the Budapest days--Castle Hill, spas, markets...also the farewell dinner and show....I would recommend this trip. It was so well planned and enjoyable. We had a great adventure. I



A wonderful memory from the WPA Tour 2016.

reunited with my Hungarian background and culture and renewed my love for the Hungarian experiences I had as a child."

"I would recommend WPA trips," said Arlene G. "The trips are reasonably priced and culturally sound."

Ann C. found it was "easy to get along with a variety of people" on the trip. "I would recommend future WPA-sponsored trips to friends and family members....It was a great trip for the price."

So, you don't just have to take our word for it--take the advice of your fellow WPA members who know: WPA tours are a perfect way to visit Hungary at a reasonable cost.

For more information about this year's tour, see the inside front cover of this issue. To learn even more, call either Barbara A. House at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107, or Judit Ganchuk at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149. You can also email Judit at jganchuk@wpalife.org.

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Resolve to be prepared

Proper planning will make things easier for your loved ones

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome 2017!

This is the time of year for resolutions. According to Nielsen surveys, the most popular New Year's resolutions are to get in better physical shape and lose weight. But, most such resolutions are short-lived, and people typically revert to old habits within one month. The third most popular resolution is the easiest to maintain: to not make resolutions at all.

You have to go pretty far down the list of resolutions before coming across ones that involve getting in better financial shape or taking some time to properly plan for your and your loved ones' financial future.

In 2016, we all lost friends, relatives and loved ones. Recently, one of my associates attended the funeral of a close friend, and she told me how shocked the family was at the total cost of the funeral. She recommended I write a column regarding the preparation and costs associated with your average funeral.

So, in the spirit of helping our members "resolve" to make better plans in the coming year, I'd like to share some interesting data with you.

Many times you'll hear people say that the average funeral costs around \$6,000. That estimate, however, is typically based on old figures. Basic funerals today typically cost anywhere between \$8,000 and \$12,000 and like everything else, the costs go up annually due to inflation. While cremation is gaining in popularity, the traditional funeral is still the most popular choice.

I lost my mother-in-law last year. Her instructions included a request for a simple cremation rather than a traditional funeral. She was very proud of the fact that she had purchased a "pre-paid" plan and always told us that "everything was taken care of." After she passed away, the funeral director told us her plan was valid only at that particular funeral home, which was in Florida where she had resided for many years. She purchased the plan there before returning home to New York to live out her last years with family. After tallying all the fees and other costs related to the funeral, our expenses exceeded \$7,000 – not including the cost of hotel rooms and meals while the family was there. We did, however, (after a lot of screaming and yelling) receive a small refund of the premiums she pre-paid to the funeral home in Florida. That was one great learning experience for us all.

While it's important to realize that costs can vary considerably between funeral homes and geographical areas of the country, here's a ballpark estimate of the main costs associated with a funeral today:

- Funeral director's services - \$1,500
- Casket - \$2,300
- Embalming - \$500
- Funeral home services (viewing) - \$500 to \$1,500

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56-60	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000
61-65	\$4,900	\$6,800	\$9,800	\$13,600
66-70	\$4,100	\$5,600	\$8,200	\$11,200
71-75	\$3,300	\$4,700	\$6,600	\$9,400
76-80	\$2,500	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$7,600
81-85	\$1,700	\$2,900	\$3,400	\$5,800
86-90	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$4,000

- Grave site - \$1,000 to \$2,000
- Grave site services - \$600
- Grave liner/container - \$1,000
- Headstone - \$1,000 to \$1,500

In this example, total costs would be between \$8,400 and \$10,900, and that's just for the main items. There are additional charges for things like flowers, clergy, musicians, a post-funeral reception or dinner, and placing an obituary in the local newspaper. There are also costs that many don't anticipate, such as travel, meals and (possibly) hotel rooms for out-of-town family and guests.

Speaking again from personal experience, I lost my mother four years ago. She passed away in Florida but wanted to be buried in the Pittsburgh area. Our entire family flew to Florida to be with her when she passed; then we held services in Florida before having her transported back to Pittsburgh, where we again held services and the actual funeral. Although this isn't the norm, that experience is not uncommon and certainly illustrates how additional expenses can be incurred when your family is spread out like ours was.

Here at William Penn Association, we are often asked

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Keep the joy flowing

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME of the year has come and gone once again. The tree that just weeks ago was the focal point of the living room is now stripped to nothing and pouting at the curb: no ornaments to speak of, just a few stray strands of tinsel drifting in the wind.

I think that tree may represent people in many ways. So many of us are filled with love, promise and hope in December only to feel deflated and overstuffed simultaneously when January is ushered in. The holiday let down is as mystical as holiday hype. Why we do it to ourselves is a mystery. If we could only be "December joyful" all year around.

Here's a fun thought, we can be. Those feelings of faith and love and that sense of family are always with us. But just like the big sweaters covered with Santa faces or snowmen, we only bring them out for show for a few short weeks of an entire year.

Instead of New Year's resolutions, I vote for "New Year's will nots":

I will not lose my anticipation for having a special day every day.

I will not put my faith or my love for mankind in a box and store it in the attic.

I will not turn my head when someone is in need, suffering or hurting.

I don't think anybody willfully tucks their Christmas spirit away, it just happens when it's no longer on top of your mind. Let's not put it away, the spirit that soars so



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high in the twelfth month. Keep one ornament out as a reminder all year long. Place it on the mantle, beside the television or on the kitchen windowsill as a reminder that we need that love, that compassion, that peace on earth, every single day.

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

Moneywise

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if we have a type of certificate that is commonly referred to as a "final expense" or "burial" policy that will provide additional assets to help offset the cost of the funeral, or final expenses. While "final expense" type policies come in various shapes and sizes, one thing they all have in common is that they are actually *life insurance* policies.

Some companies issue final expense policies in which the insured must survive for a period of two years before receiving the full benefit. These are typically called "graded benefit" policies, in that the benefit is "graded" upwards to the full value, typically after a two-year period. These types of plans offer a reduced benefit during the first two years, but I have seen some that offer nothing more than a refund of premiums should the insured die before the expiration of the two-year period.

If you or a loved one find yourself searching for this type of policy, I'd first consider a plan that is "fully underwritten," or is a true "guaranteed issue" contract, that pays 100 percent of the death benefit from day one.

One of WPA's most popular choices for a "final expense" type of coverage is known as our **Ordinary Life**

Senior Special. This plan was designed for seniors that are in generally good health, with standard risks accepted through Table 4. This means that you don't need to be 100 percent healthy, and we consider applicants who may have diabetes, high blood pressure, build issues or many other ailments that could cause you to be less than a standard risk. Please see the chart on the previous page to see how much coverage you may qualify to receive whether paying \$200 or \$400 per year. It's also important to realize that smokers and non-smokers pay the same rates under this program. You can also pay your premiums monthly, quarterly or twice a year.

Your WPA agent or broker can help you determine if this type of policy fits your needs, and can help determine if you qualify based on a few simple questions. Don't have an agent or broker currently assigned to your account? Please call our Sales Department at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366 to have your questions answered or to have an agent assigned to you. We're always here to help!

From Bob and Laurin in the Sales Department, we wish all of our members a safe, happy and prosperous New Year! □



The 25th year gift

JANUARY IS A COLD and snowy month for many of us. For those living north of the Mason-Dixon Line, the season can be a longer struggle. Living in DC, a citizen has to deal with lesser amounts of snow and prolonged cold temperatures compared to WPA members in the snow belt of the Great Lakes. Each winter season, the DC area gets four or five snow accumulations that merit shoveling or plowing. The temps generally hover 10 degrees above or below the freezing point. But sometimes, a cold, rainy day of 40 degrees can feel more frigid than a dry 20-degree day.

I learned early on that a nice glass of Tokaji Aszú offers a respite from winter's chill. I became familiar with this particular wine when the adults would enjoy a bottle or two at holiday celebrations at my *nagyapa's*. Their Tokaji preference was for either 4, 5 or 6 *puttonyos*. For those of you who may not know, Tokaji Aszú is one of the most celebrated sweet wines in the world. *Puttony* is a Hungarian term for a grape harvesting basket, which indicated the number of baskets of Aszú grapes used to make a particular barrel of wine. The term has come to indicate the level of sweetness in the wine, with 3 being the least sweet and 6 being very sweet. There are two categories above 6. *Aszú Esszencia*, which is sweeter yet, and the Holy Grail of all Tokaji, the *Esszencia*, made entirely from Aszú grapes.

Recently, I joined a wine tasting group that meets informally at either an upscale beverage shoppe or at the home of one of the participants. Each of us is responsible for bringing a bottle for sampling. There usually is a theme, and I try to bring something that comes from Hungary.

For Christmas, Monika and I decided to invite the group to our townhome, and since we were the

hosts, it was our prerogative to name the theme. I originally was going to have a Hungarian wine night but realized my wine-loving counterparts would have a difficult time finding a bottle from *Magyarország*, since I've learned that Hungarians greedily keep most of their *bor* (wine) for themselves.

So, we decided to host a "dessert wine night." Our guests brought German, French and American varieties. There was sherry, sauternes, riesling, beerenauslese, ice wine and, of course, our Tokaji Aszú #6. We provided a variety of foods for pairing, such as Pick Salami, dobos torte, pogácsa, fresh pears and apples, chocolate and cheese.

As the night progressed, we shared our tasting notes, and one member asked me where I acquired the Tokaji and what it cost (\$65). He was puzzled as to why the Aszú would be twice the price as the Niagara Ice Wine he had provided, especially since both are harvested in sub-freezing temperatures.

Essentially, ice wine comes from grapes that have sat on the vine and are only picked when the temperature has stayed below freezing for several days. Once harvested, the juice from the grapes is extracted by huge wine presses.

In comparison, Aszú is the result of fungus that invades the skin of the fruit causing the water inside to escape while the sugar remains. This natural occurring process is called "botrytis" or "noble rot" and is one of the most labor-intensive methods of winemaking. The amount of noble rot rendered each year is dependent upon many factors that are controlled by Mother Nature. Each individual grape is selected and hand picked. Oftentimes, only a few botrytised grapes are collected from an entire bunch.

The process only gets more complicated from that point on. I could write several more pages about the

Point to Ponder....

Hungarian television commercials are much different compared to those we see in the States. Over the years, the Zwack-Unicum family of distilleries has produced some iconic spots offering an eclectic repertoire of messages that essentially sell ideas and not their products. The ads have addressed a full spectrum of subjects: some have been funny while others have been sad, sentimental or even patriotic. Many of these messages have been archived for viewing via YouTube.

For the 2016 Christmas season, a special family-oriented commercial aired and found immediate international popularity. When watching it for the first time, you will not know it is a Zwack production until the very end as there are no spoken words, just pleasant background music. I suggest a Google search to watch this fantastic message of multiple generations sharing a special Christmas moment. Scroll down the list of various websites until the YouTube address is found, as there are many European sites offering web-surfers the same commercial, but the download time is much longer. - Tibor



"Wine of Kings, The King of Wines," but the purpose of this *Take* is not intended to present the readers with technical aspects of Tokaji production.

Once I completed my explanation of noble rot, guests said they were impressed by my vast knowledge concerning Tokaji. I stressed that my expertise was small in comparison to what my mother and father know about the wine. As the question and answer session continued, another participant asked how it became my parents' drink of choice? "As good American-Hungarians," I explained, "we feel it is our duty to know as much as we can about the culture."

Although that answer satisfied my guests, the truth is I wanted a more satisfactory answer for myself. So, the next day I contacted my parents and asked them how Tokaji Aszú became their favorite wine? Surprisingly, their reply was not a straightforward one.

Before my grandfather shared Aszú as a special occasion treat, my father's love for the delectable liquid formed when he served as an altar boy. At that time, altar boys were assigned the duty of disposing of any wine left over in the cruets once Mass was completed. Being a responsible server, my father, along with a fellow altar boy, would volunteer to conduct the task and did so not by dumping the leftover wine down the drain but rather by drinking it. The wine they "disposed of" was a sweet wine which the Hungarian pastor once mentioned was like a Hungarian wine called Tokaji Aszú.

In several of my recent *Takes*, I have been sharing stories about the many items that have been stored away in my parents' basement. One such discovery felt as if I had found a previously hidden chamber in an ancient pyramid. My siblings and I were given several bottles of Tokaji that until this time had been squirreled away in a remote corner of the cellar.

Recently, it came to light that, for several decades, my parents have been sporadically obtaining wines that are predominately Hungarian and mostly Tokaji Aszú. I learned that my dad began collecting wine in the early 1970s. His first bottle of Aszú was given to him by his Aunt Gena after returning from a WPA tour. That inaugural bottle is still in his possession as are dozens of other vintages obtained for occasion-specific reasons (birthdays, anniversaries and graduations).

My siblings and I each were given four bottles with my parents informing us that many more bottles were being held in reserve. Who knows what secret varieties lay hidden yet in the warrens of my parents' cellar? I learned that if stored properly, Tokaji Aszú can last for centuries and improves with aging. Tokaji is a perfect time capsule-type gift as it can be passed down generation to generation.

For my 25th birthday, my parents presented me with a bottle of 1991 Puttonyos #6 Aszú (I was born exactly a 12:00:03 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1991) and was told to open it on a special occasion. I served that bottle to my wine tasting group. My mom and dad were less than overjoyed about my decision to do so—though I suspect that they had secretly wanted me to serve it the next time they came down for a visit.

I have learned my lesson and have stowed away a few bottles in my cellar--the apple does not fall far from the tree, I guess.

Stay warm everyone, and see you in February!

Boldog Új Évet 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.

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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.

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.

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.

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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

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7. E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

Name of School	Location	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
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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



2017 WPA Annual Bowling Tournament

April 28-29, 2017, Washington, PA



BOWLING REGISTRATION & BANQUET RESERVATIONS

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: () EMAIL: _____

BOWLING & BANQUET

NAME	AGE 0-12 \$15.00	MEMBER AGE 13 & UP \$50.00	NON-MBR AGE 13 & UP \$60.00	TOTAL
				\$
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TOTAL - BOWLING & BANQUET = \$				

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands**. All bowlers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s), call the hotel at 724-222-6200, or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. Use the group code "WPA" to receive our special rate of \$139 per night.

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2017.

BANQUET ONLY

NAME	AGE 0-12 \$10.00	MEMBER AGE 13 & UP \$30.00	NON-MBR AGE 13 & UP \$40.00	TOTAL
				\$
				\$
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TOTAL - BANQUET ONLY = \$				

SPECIAL NOTE ON WPA ANNUITY OWNERS

WPA annuitants will pay the WPA life benefit member rates for the banquet if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity by April 1, 2017.

PAYMENT INFORMATION • TOTAL OF ALL FEES = \$

PAYING BY CHECK: Make check for bowling & banquet payable to: "William Penn Association." Mail this form & check to Barbara A. House, Fraternal Director, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

PAYING BY CREDIT CARD: Mail this form to the address listed above and call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, to complete payment process.

All bowling & banquet reservations must be received at the Home Office by March 31, 2017



JUST 4 KIDZ

HAPPY NEW YEAR, BOYS AND GIRLS! That's right, it's a brand new year: 2017. And with a new year comes new ideas...and we want to hear yours!

We're building a new **JUST4 KIDZ** section, and we need your help. We'd like to know what kind of things **YOU** would like to read about in these pages each month.

What kind of activities would you like to learn about?

What kind of crafts do you like to make?

What type of food you'd like to learn how to make for yourself?

Share your ideas with us and you could win one of three gift cards. The kid with the best idea will receive a \$25 gift card. We'll also be awarding a \$15 gift card and a \$5 gift card to the next two best ideas.

All you need to do is write down your best idea for fun activities, crafts or recipes and send it to:

Just 4 Kidz
c/o William Penn Association
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

OR, tweet your idea by tagging **#WPALife** with the help of a grown-up.

OR, send your idea in an email to jlovasz@wpalife.org

But, don't wait! All ideas must be sent to us by **April 1, 2017**.

The top three entries will be published in the May issue of William Penn Life.



How to make a mitten wreath

Here's something warm and friendly to make when it's 10 degrees below zero outside!

What you need:

- 10-12 foam sheets, available at craft stores
- A ball-point pen
- Scissors
- Foam stickers, glitter, anything to decorate your mittens
- White glue
- 7" ribbon to hang wreath

What you do:

1. In pen, trace the outside of your hand in the shape of a mitten on foam sheets.
2. Cut out the mitten and decorate it with foam stickers or glitter, or cut out other shapes out of your leftover foam sheets.
3. Cut out small rectangles from a foam sheet of another color to be the mitten cuffs. Glue them to the bottoms of the mittens. You will need 12 mittens total to make this wreath.
4. When you are done with the individual mittens, glue the bottom corners and a little bit of the side to each other to form a circle. Alternate the mittens when gluing: under, over, etc.
5. Let the wreath dry.
6. Use a large foam sticker or white glue to adhere the ribbon to the back of one of the mittens to form a hook to hang up your wreath.



If you tried this craft, send us a photo and tell us how you made your wreath personal to you!

Send your photo to:

*Just 4 Kidz
William Penn Association
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233*

or email your photo to: jlovasz@wpalife.org

Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

by Alexis Yuhas Kozak

Happy New Year from Branch 8!

I cannot believe it is that time again. The years go by so fast. Seems like Santa was just here, and we were again celebrating another year. We need to thank God that we are here with our friends and families. This is something I think we all take for granted.

God bless you all who lost a loved one last year. I know our family did, and we will hold them near and dear to our hearts. Let the memories of your loved ones bring you comfort. The most important thing is to carry on and never stop the traditions. Traditions keep the family alive and together. I know that you all have your family traditions, and coming from a Hungarian Family, there are too many to list.

Branch 8 had the BEST Christmas party ever. We worked Santa Claus overtime. The children created beautiful crafts, thanks to Janel Kozak as the "working elf." Dorothy Kedves and Judy Grasa were a huge help in the kitchen. Thanks to all for helping put this event together.

I hope everyone had fun and enough to eat. You know, whenever you go to eat at a Hungarian home or Hungarian function, if you left hungry, it was only your fault!

This was our first Christmas party following the merger of our Branch with former Branch 59 of Windber, Pa. The Windber members are wonderful people, and we are so glad that we are now one big family that got even bigger. We're looking forward to working together and making Branch 8 even stronger.

Again, keep those traditions going! I am thinking of many ventures we can do in the future. Stay tuned.

Thank you, WPA, for your support and generosity to allow us to have this wonderful annual fraternal event.

Here's something to think about as we begin a new year: What if you woke up one morning and the only things you had were the things you thanked God for yesterday?

Blessings to all of you for a wonderful new year with good health



Members of Branch 8 welcome Santa to the branch's annual family Christmas party.

and much happiness. We're looking forward to a very Hungarian and active 2017.

If you have any questions about WPA life insurance or annuity plans, please give me a call at 814-242-0000.

Branch 13 Trenton, NJ

Branch 13 once again participated in Join Hands Day by knitting hats for premature babies born in local hospitals. This year, our volunteers created 400 hats.

As in the past, this year we worked in conjunction with the Bordentown branch of the Order of the Eastern Star. They collect hats twice a year from our branch and deliver them to local hospitals, where they are sanitized before distribution.

Our thanks to those who helped with this project.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017. If you made New Year's resolutions, good luck in keeping them.

My dad, Ernest Sarosi, and I were asked to help with the Radiothon for Cleveland State University's station WCSB-89.3FM, which took place Nov. 12. *The Hungarian Hour* radio program, hosted by Bob Kita, serves the Hungarian community of Cleveland by announcing activities taking place, including WPA events. This fundraising effort helps to con-

tinue the operation of public radio, including the ethnic stations, as they promote Hungarian culture, music and activities. Please support public radio.

The Branch 14 Christmas party took place Nov. 19 at the First Hungarian Reformed Church's Bethlen Hall. Flower Clown turned balloons into rainbows, swords, Christmas trees, flowers, bugs and hats, while Joy the Clown painted butterflies, cat faces, dog faces, flowers and more on the arms and faces of the children and the adults.

Dr. U. R. Awesome amazed us with his bubble creations that are large enough to enclose children and adults. He is waiting to receive certification from the Guinness Book of World Records for his world-record size bubbles.

Santa Claus was the guest of honor, and the children (and adults) loved him. The island smoothies, pizza, chicken nuggets, french fries, cookies and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

The Red, White and Green Raffle prizes were won by the following: first prize (\$400) went to Marty Fortes, second prize (\$300) went to Joshua Hovanec, third prize (\$200) went to John Kandzer and fourth prize (\$100) went to Helen Goczó.

Next year, we plan to make some changes to the party and the raffle that I hope will be enjoyed by all. Watch for additional information.

The election of the Branch 14 officers took place on Dec. 7. The results are as follows: Caroline H. Lanzara, president; JoAnne Sedensky, vice president; Richard Sarosi, secretary-treasurer, and Paul Varga



Branch 14 members Cole Welker (left) and Nathan Corrigan watch as Taylor Welker receives a balloon rainbow from Flower Clown at the branch's Christmas party.



The young members of Branch 18 welcome Olaf, a character from the movie "Frozen," to the branch's annual family Christmas party.

and Richard Jacob, auditors.

The holiday open house at the Nationality Rooms of the University of Pittsburgh, was held Dec. 4 in the University's Cathedral of Learning. This wonderful event featured displays of ethnic costumes, customs, dance, song and food.

Mark your calendars for these Branch 14 activities for 2017:

- The first Branch 14 meeting for 2017 will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend.

- Saturday, July 1 - Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains with fireworks after the game. More details to follow.

Please check *William Penn Life* in the coming months for more information about Branch 14 and WPA events and activities.

Congratulations to Branch 14 member Keve Pigniczky who won third prize among new students in the 2016-2017 essay contest held by the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. Keve's parents are Eszti Pigniczky and Endre Szentkiralyi, also from Branch 14. Keep up the good work!

Please support the Scholarship Foundation in 2017. It provides grants to our eligible student scholar WPA members. If you or your student received a WPA scholarship, please help pay it forward so that other WPA students might enjoy the

benefits of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. May God bless our members and their families at this difficult time, and may our dearly departed rest in peace.

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 also send out get well wishes to Violet Sarosi who was released from rehab on Nov. 19 and was able to celebrate Thanksgiving at home after more than three months of hard work. We love you, Mom, and we were so happy to celebrate Thanksgiving with you at Lynn and Bob's new home.

Please continue to 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.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating a January/February birthday and/or anniversary. Happy birthday to Ernie Sarosi and Gillian Benns who share the same January day.

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

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Boldog Új Évét! Happy New Year!

2017. Wow! Can this be true? I remember everyone worrying about Y2K, and that was 17 years ago. I hope your holidays were the best ever.

The year 2016 was a very eventful one for me and William Penn Association. There were many firsts, and they were all accomplished and were wonderful.

The Hungarian Heritage Experience was held at Camp Sequanota for the first time, and we loved the area. We all pitched in, and the week flew by.

The WPA Picnic was held in Hiram, Ohio, for the first time. Many thanks to Mary Jane Molnar and her crew from the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio for making all of our WPA members feel so welcome at their beautiful picnic area. By the way, I recently spoke with Mary Jane, and she mentioned that the HCCNEO's board has approved our next WPA Picnic date on Saturday, Aug. 26. Mark your calendars, folks.

The WPA Tour to Europe was my first as tour planner and chaperone.

Thanks to Judit Ganchuk, the National Officers and our Board for all their support. We had a marvelous time.

Now, onward and upward to another spectacular year.

Special hello to Rev. Jack McKinsey. You always know what to say and when to say it. Thank you so much; your words are always special.

Another special hello to Kathy and Les Megyeri. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful support. Your articles are always the best, Kathy. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Judy Mosteller. Your gift was wonderful and made me feel very special. I will wear it often.

Our Branch 18 Christmas party was the best ever. We had 92 children and countless adults. Thank you to all who showed up at 10:00 a.m. to decorate and make things run so smoothly. I will not name names, but you know who you are. I don't know what we would do without all you wonderful members. As always, it takes a village.

We had magic and balloon man Jeff, Santa with Christmas Carol, and even Olaf. We also had a space set aside where we turned the kids loose. "Loose" was the word, but, you have to remember, it is the kids' party. I only hope next year's will be even better. Thank you, everyone.

Many WPA members attended the Szüreti Bál at the Hungarian American Reformed Church in Allen Park. We had a marvelous time. There was a three piece band called "Hungalat," and they were wonderful. We danced our feet off! Dinner was catered by the Hungarian Rhapsody restaurant. The menu offered something for everyone and was delicious, as always. A great harvest dance that made everyone smile. Reverend Varga and his wife Kati and their many members made everyone feel very welcome. Looking forward to next year.

Welcome to new member Denise Funti. She has jumped in with both feet. A great member, Denise is also a super recommender. We have three new family members pending. Again, thank you and welcome.

Happy January birthdays to



The young and young-at-heart gather around the Clauses at the Branch 28 Christmas party.

National Director Jim Robertson, Megan Keller, Ronda Grotefend, John Toth and Ralph Manning. Very special people. Have a wonderful birthday, each of you.

Get well wishes to George Schvarckopf, Joe Csereklye, Doug Truesdell, Julia and Julius Bubenko, Albert Frate, Arlene Csoman and Beata Csaszar. Hope you all are better soon.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers. May they all rest in peace.

Branch 18 is on winter break. We don't want to have members drive in bad weather and early darkness. We will resume branch meetings on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. We continue to meet at the Hungarian American Cultural Center (HACC) on Goddard in Taylor. I am going to miss seeing you. Our wonderful communications officer, Helen Sryniawski, will be calling to remind you.

The HACC serves wonderful Hungarian food every Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are very lucky here in Michigan because the Hungarian Rhapsody in Southgate also serves authentic Hungarian food. They are open every day but Monday. We can always have our Hungarian food craving satisfied. I can say they both serve the best. Come and join us.

The Hungarian Arts Club's White Rose Ball is right around the corner. This is always such a special and wonderful night. What makes you feel more special than getting all dressed up formally? Yes, men must wear tuxedos and ladies floor-length

gowns. That is all part of making us all feel so wonderful. I hope you are planning to join the festivities. Again, congrats to Olivia Soter. We are proud of you.

My thought for the month: Opportunity is circling you like luggage at the baggage claim carousel. Let go of the moment that's already passed so your hands are free to grab the new opportunity as it goes by.

Remember to offer your help to your branch. We need your ideas to keep every member interested.

We had only a few branches support Join Hands Day. I know that there are many opportunities out there for you to volunteer. Please feel free to call me anytime and I will be happy to help. I can always be reached at: 734-782-4667 or 313-418-5572 or at 800-848-7366, ext 107.

Happy winter. Stay warm. I can't wait to see you all again.

Think bowling.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

I hope this finds everyone rested up from your holiday celebrations and that 2017 will be just as enjoyable and good to you as the past year.

We thank Brenda at Rossford Lanes for all her help with our Christmas party. We had a very good turn out and hope everyone had a good time.

The next branch meeting is Jan. 14 at 1:00 p.m. at The American Table Restaurant in Oregon across from St.



A young member makes a new friend at the Christmas party hosted by Branches 34, 71 and 352.

Charles Hospital. This is a mandatory meeting for all officers and auditors. All members are welcome to attend.

Congratulations goes out to Steve Kinsey on his retirement. Enjoy it to the fullest; you deserve it.

I am so sorry, Justin Vanko, for missing your birthday last month. Hope you had a good day.

Wishing these members and friends happy birthday: Theresa Beres, Samantha Comperchio, Margaret M. Demko, Cynthia Evancho, Nancy Farrow, Andrew Feyes Jr., Ryan Gombash, Kay Grandey, Veronica Henahan, Paul Henretty, Alex Kekes, Julie Kerekes, George Kline, Deborah Knudson, Gregory Knudson, Victoria Knudson, Kenneth Lewis, Rozalia Lorenc, William Lorenc, Jean Mesteller, Michael Nagy, Margaret Nemeth, Margaret Pipoly, Thomas Poland, Elizabeth Prebler, Dolores Rasar, Mary Russell, Leslie Szavuly Jr., Irene Szavuly, Mary Szollosi, Dorothy Varkoly, William Vasko, Carolyn Vassar and Beth Ann Veres. Sure hope I didn't forget anyone this month.

If you have an announcement you would like to have published, please contact me at 419-460-7214 or email me with William Penn in the subject line at pooh9382@bex.net.

Until next time, please stay well and warm.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak
Happy 2017!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Thanks so much to the Home Office for providing financial support and gift items to our branches and helping us host successful, fun-filled family Christmas parties.

A very cold but dry day allowed safe travels for guests attending our branch party. Those attending were entertained by the Aut Mori Clowns (featuring WPA member Mike "Boo-Boo" Dankovich). This organization raises funds with their performances to financially assist children with medical needs.

A lunch was served, followed by raffles. Each child received a free raffle ticket with the chance of winning one of 20 prizes. For the adults, a split-the-pot raffle was held and won by Elaine Hellman and Irene Nemeth.

Winners of our annual holiday scholarship raffle were: first prize (\$100) - Dora McKinsey; second prize (\$75) - Brandon Palomaki; third prize (\$50) - Barbara House; fourth prize (\$25) - Dora McKinsey; and fifth prize (\$25) - Joyce Nicholson. Five other donated items were given as additional prizes.

After the raffles, we sang Christmas carols. As we sang "Jingle Bells," Santa (Matt Lewis) and Mrs. Claus (Amanda Ference) arrived. The group photo was taken by Frank Schauer. Then, Santa and Mrs. Claus chatted with each child and gave each a goodie bag, gift card and a monetary gift.

We thank the party committee and members who helped make this year's branch party another successful event. Leftover gift items were donated to Youngstown-Akron Children's Hospital.

In accordance with the WPA By-Laws, 2016 was an election year for Branch 28 officers. The officers elected during our November meeting and who will serve for the next two years are: Steve Novak, president; Frank Schauer, vice president; Kathy Novak, secretary-treasurer; and Maria Schauer, Mickey Schauer

and Leslie Polgar, auditors.

Congratulations to retired Vice Chair of the Board Nick Kotik on being honored by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance as the 2016 recipient of the John Jordan Upchurch Award.

What a wonderful day it was Dec. 4 when the University of Pittsburgh hosted the annual Nationality Rooms holiday open house. The Hungarian Room once again hosted a pastry shop. The sweet treats were very popular. It's always so nice meeting so many people at these events.

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

Get well wishes go to all those not feeling up to par, especially Mary Lou Tokar and Jeff Toth.

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

For inquiries about branch activities or WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please call Kathy at 330-746-7794 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Happy and healthy New Year to everyone! We hope you had a blessed Christmas surrounded by loved ones. Please take a moment and pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way.

Our grandson, Donovan McNelis, in his first season as starting right guard, is celebrating his team winning the Great Midwestern Conference Championship. Alderson Broadus University had a record setting 9-2 season. Donovan started every game this season. He is also working toward both his bachelor's in nursing and his physician's assistant degree. His mother, Valerie McNelis, is both a proud mom and a WPA member.

Our annual family Christmas party with Branch 352 and Branch 71 was held on Nov. 20 at the Sports Haven Bowl in Bridgeville, Pa. There was some snow on the ground, but the roads were fine. Everyone who attended enjoyed the bowling, food, prizes and especially the



Santa shares a moment with a young member at the family Christmas party hosted by Branches 40 and 349.

arrival of Santa Claus. Great job as always!

Branches 34, 71 and 352 thank the Board of Directors and Home Office staff for helping to make the holiday season enjoyable for our young members.

We wish happy birthday to all branch members celebrating a birthday. We hope you all are happy and healthy.

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

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

Our branches held a Christmas party on Dec. 3 at King's Restaurant in Wintersville. Santa saw many good girls and boys this year. Par-



Branch 51 member Maria Mozer (left) congratulates the newly elected officers of Branch 51 (l-r): Marian Rubin, treasurer; John Mozer, auditor; Ernest J. Mozer Jr., president; Marta Smith, auditor; and Christine Baldyga, secretary.

ents and children dropped by the restaurant throughout the morning for our open house Breakfast with Santa event to stop and talk, grab a bite, visit Santa to confirm their wish list, play games for prizes and receive their William Penn Association gift bags. Adults and kids alike had a lot of fun with Santa!

Later that day, we also donated our holiday gift cards and baskets to organizations and individuals who really needed a boost for their Christmas celebration dinners. They were very thankful and grateful that WPA remembered them during the holiday season.

Our sympathies to those who lost loved ones.

Get well wishes go to those who are not at their physical best.

Happy birthday and anniversary to those celebrating in January!

Stay warm and bring the pets in. Warmer weather will be here before you know it!

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

Branch 51
Passaic, NJ

by Marian Rubin

Branch 51's Christmas party was held Dec. 4 at the American-Hungarian Club in Garfield, N.J. Magic by Marco entertained the crowd with a variety of specialty magic tricks. John is still trying to figure out how Marco got his dollar bill inside the orange. The magic was enjoyed by both the children and the adults.

We also enjoyed some Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus. Santa spent time with each child. The children received gifts from the branch and McDonald's gift cards from the Home Office. The adults enjoyed receiving their 2017 calendars with the pictures from all the other branches. The event was followed by pizza and soft drinks.

Thanks to the WPA Board of Directors and the Home Office for their support. A special "thank you" to everyone who helped to make this a very enjoyable afternoon.

Before the party, our branch held its election of officers for the years 2017 and 2018. Re-elected were: Ernest J. Mozer Jr., president; Marian Rubin, treasurer; Christine Baldyga, secretary; and Marta Smith and John Mozer, auditors.

The officers agreed that a Mass for deceased members of the branch would be held on March 11 at St. Stephen's Church in Passaic, N.J.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Branch 88
Rural Valley, PA

by Joe Chobody

Members and guests of Branch 88 gathered on Dec. 4 for our family Christmas party. Christmas carols played as the children lined up to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. Treat bags were distributed, and refreshments were served. Thanks to all who attended the party.

Special thanks to the Home Office for the generous financial help and



Young members attending the Branch 88 family Christmas party were happy to have the opportunity to meet Santa Claus.



Members young and old wait in line to tell Santa their Christmas wishes during the family Christmas party hosted by Branch 89.

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

Plans are being made for the annual Founder's Day party to be held in March. Branch members will be notified when details are finalized.

Here's hoping all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

What a wonderful success our Christmas party was. Although we had to compete with the Steel Valley Christmas Parade, our attendance was better than expected. It was great to see both the children and adults alike bowling and having a great time. It was especially nice to see a group of children escort Santa into the bowling lane and help him to his chair. It was a very special day.

Branch 89 donated Holiday Baskets to those less fortunate for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec presented a gift card to Monica Kaufold of Eighth Avenue Ministries (see photo at right). Monica's husband, Rev. Keith Kaufold, is responsible for bringing this min-

istry to the Steel Valley Area and is responsible for helping many of our less fortunate citizens.

We also will be supporting the Coins for Charity Collection recently established by Rev. Kerestesi. This quarter's donations will go to the Rainbow Kitchen. It is important to remember, as we begin a new year, those in need and to try and do something to brighten someone's day.

And on another positive note, it's back! And, we have a date! Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11. That's when our very own Branch President John S. Toth Jr. (a.k.a. Chef János) has agreed to make gulyás for our first fundraising project of the year. The gulyás will be made at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. Orders can be made by calling either Branch Vice President Mark S. Maskarinec or Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskarinec at 412-872-5022. Please leave a message if we don't answer. Additional information to follow.

We will also be accepting donations of take-out containers and the ingredients necessary for making the gulyás (meat, potatoes and vegetables). No donation is too small.

There's nothing better on a cold day than a good bowl of gulyás.

We congratulate our officers for



the upcoming year: John S. Toth Jr., president; Mark S. Maskarinec, vice president; Ruth D. Toth, secretary-treasurer; and Justin T. Toth and Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec, auditors. Well done, guys!

We at Branch 89 wish everyone the healthiest, happiest and most prosperous of New Years.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

We hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year shared with family and friends. Hope it was a holiday season creating many cherished memories. May all be blessed with good health and happiness throughout 2017.

As a new year is here, please



Santa spends some time with young members of Branch 129 during the branch's annual family Christmas party.



Branch 226 member Tim Holtzman (second from left) and his wife Tara (third from left) celebrate the baptism of their daughter, Raya, along with godparents Tanya Scheffer and Dean Holtzman.

reach out to family and friends who you haven't seen or talked to in awhile. Give them a call, or better yet, visit them. It will brighten their day and hopefully yours, too!

We welcome our newest branch member, Neil Gilliland.

Our newly elected officers for 2017 and 2018 are: Debbie Lewis, president; Erzsi Wagner, vice-president; Margaret Leonardo, secretary; Diane Walker, treasurer; and Don Boso and Jimmy Lewis, auditors. Congratulations to all.

We had another successful Christmas party attended by about 160 members and guests. We started off with a magician to entertain the children. That was followed by a delicious Hungarian meal, catered by the Hungarian Cultural Association. After the meal, Santa arrived and visited with the children. Each child received a toy and cash from the branch as well as a McDonald's gift card and bag of goodies provided by the Home Office. Door prizes were given out to 25 adult members. We thank everyone who helped set up for the party and all who stayed to help clean up. Also, a big thank you to the Home Office for all its help.

The Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus, will have a program on Sunday, Jan. 8, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served at 11:15 a.m. followed by the program.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and

additions to their families.

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

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the families of members Art Bartfay and Dan Wagner. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

We are settling in for a long, cold winter, and there is talk that we will have more snow than usual.

The branch family Christmas party held Dec. 4 turned out very well as we had about 40 people attend. All who came shared a meal and a good time. Everyone's looking forward to next year, as seeing members is always a pleasure. Pictures should be ready for the next issue.

Branch 132 also sponsored three Holiday Baskets. One was given to a local individual and the other two went to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on March 7 at



Branch 132 prepared these three Holiday Baskets which helped people in need during the recent Christmas season.

the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m.

Branch 132 would also like to extend get well wishes to Anna Horvath.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

We hope your Christmas and holidays went well. Be thankful for the good memories and great people in your life.

Cheers to a Happy New Year in 2017! Boldog új évet kívánunk!



Members of the embroidery class at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, Pa., gather in front of the "Hearts of Hungary" tree they decorated with their handmade ornaments and which won first place at the city's annual Festival of Trees. Gathered are (clockwise from top, left): Sandy Ghrist, Gerry Nelson, Wendy Dorman, Malvene Heyz and Denise Hurley.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes to all our members celebrating their special day this month--stay warm!

Big congratulations to new parents Tim and Tara Holtzman on a beautiful and healthy baby girl, Raya. Best wishes on this challenging journey of parenthood, full of heart-warming memories.

Keep those who have lost a loved one in your prayers; this is not an easy time for their families and friends.

Keep our military, here and abroad, in your thoughts and prayers.

Our branch was able to participate in the annual Holiday Baskets Program and donated three baskets: one each to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, the Sonshine Kitchen and the McKeesport Intersection.

I will report on the children's Christmas party and branch elections in the February issue. Photos coming soon!

The embroidery class at the Free



Members of Branch 249 welcome Santa to Dayton, Ohio, and the branch's Christmas party.

Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport won first place in the adult handmade category with their creation, the "Hearts of Hungary" Christmas tree, at the Festival of Christmas trees contest in McKeesport. The students created handmade, embroidered decorations for the tree. This is an annual event. Visit them next year.

The time for our branch meetings has changed. Our February meeting will be held the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 if the weather is bad. We welcome all members.

Until then, stay warm and cozy!

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

I hope all had a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. All the presents are being used, the holiday decorations are waiting until next Christmas, the tree is laying at the curb or in a box in the basement and your New Year's resolutions are being stubbornly held to. It's 2017--a brand new year full of hope and the promise that even though the weather is cold and nasty, your fraternal family at WPA is here for you.

Speaking of being here for you, at our November meeting Branch 249 elected officers. Ready to serve you for the next two years are: Michele Daley-LaFlame, president; Steve

LaFlame, vice president; Anne Marie Schmidt, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Kabel and Mark Schmidt, auditors. Please feel free to contact any of us with ideas or thoughts for the branch.

Or, come to the next branch meeting at McAuley Hall in Queen of Martyrs Church at 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 28 to discuss your ideas.

We will have a luxury suite at a Dayton Dragons baseball game at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. Pricing is not determined yet, but mark your calendars.

Our local fraternal family turned out in large numbers for our annual Christmas party held Dec. 11 at the American Czech Club. Over 50 people came to watch comedian, magician, juggler and ventriloquist Mike Hemmelgarn give a very entertaining show. The food was delicious, as usual, and Santa had a big welcome from the 20 children as they gladly told him what presents would make them the happiest on Christmas morning. All-in-all, everyone left filled with the holiday spirit.

With the holiday let down of January, we sure don't want to forget to wish everyone having a birthday or an anniversary a very special day. May you have many more.

Get well wishes go out to those under the weather or hospitalized. May 2017 find you in better health.

As always, please remember with your thoughts and prayers those who have recently lost a loved one. This time of year can be especially



Young members of Branch 296 spend some quality time with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the branch's annual Christmas party.



Children and adults eagerly await the arrival of Santa Claus at a family Christmas party hosted jointly by Branches 34, 71 and 352.

painful. Please call them or send them a note.

That's all for now. Until next month, stay warm.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

My goodness, here we are in 2017! Each new year can be viewed as a chapter in our lives, open to possibilities and adventures. The older we become, the more we realize that not everything has promise, and we can experience a multitude of troubles along the way. And, adventures can have challenges, but can bring fulfilling outcomes, too. No matter your age we all anticipate possibilities and adventures. Throughout 2017, may we aspire to be generous, patient and optimistic and appreciate the talents and gifts in everyone. Our world needs all of these attributes for they open our world to possibilities and adventures.

Our Branch 296 family Christmas party had a smaller turnout than in past years, but it was time well-spent. We not only saw familiar faces but also welcomed a number of newer members, which was terrific.

After a year of hibernation in my desk drawer, the magic snowball was finally returned to its rightful owner, Mrs. Claus. That snowball truly was magical as it never melted. I returned it to a delighted Mrs.

Claus, extra fluffy, and with it smelling "mountain fresh." She joyfully used it in her snowball toss at the end of her magic show.

That perky Mrs. Claus certainly knows how to bring out the best in everyone. The children were taken with her wacky personality and eagerly wanted to participate in her act. Her tree decorating contest, during which several children and a mom decorated one another with garland and ornaments, was hilarious. Thank you, Mrs. Claus, you really know how to tickle our funny bones!

Your husband was really well-received, too. He thoughtfully listened to every child's wishes and was even able to read "The Night Before Christmas" to the group, (what good listeners they were!) as we awaited our delicious meal.

This very enjoyable afternoon was a perfect way to kick-start the holiday season. Happy children, smiling faces, great food, treats and fellowship--that's what it's all about, isn't it?

This party was made possible due to lots of help from Diane and John Torma, Marge and Toni Kosheba, Noreen Fritz, and John and Leanne Lovasz. We also appreciate our branch members who generously donated non-perishable items for New Kensington's Mount Saint Peter and Lower Valley Community Food Bank ministries. They feel blessed because you remembered

them.

Prior to the party, we re-elected our branch officers for the next two years: Diane Torma, president; Marge Kosheba, vice president, Toni Kosheba, treasurer, Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, secretary; and John Lovasz and John Torma, auditors. Thank you, officers, for your willingness to fulfill these duties for another term.

Happy birthday wishes to all 296-ers who were January babies. Have a wonderful year!

Good thoughts and get well wishes go out to each of our members and loved ones who are recovering, including: my father-in-law John Lovasz, Irene Charles, John Torma Sr., Kim Bonifield and Tracy Fritz. As you recover, we wish for you healthy minds, bodies and spirits.

Condolences to all who have lost loved ones. May God grant them eternal rest and bless you with cherished memories.

As Branch 296 welcomes our newest members, we remind everyone that WPA, as a fraternal benefit society, cares about each member. Fraternalism is a spirit of mutual support.

With that in mind, why not start the new year by becoming an active participant? We're always looking for fresh ideas and welcome members to attend our meetings and join us for events. Our meetings are laid back, and we'll be happy to see you. After our winter break, meetings will resume on Thursday, March 9, at



Branch 352 members Julia (front), Lilly and James Barra volunteer to sort donated clothing at Tammy's Closet.

tributed to a food bank. Many thanks to all those who brought food donations to the party. Such a small gesture can mean so much to so many.

Recently, a clothing drive was held here at the WPA Home Office to support a small ministry in eastern Pennsylvania called Tammy's Closet. Gently used clothing was donated by Home Office employees and some of their friends and family members. WPA members Sara, Lilly, James and Julia Barra volunteer at the "Closet"

and help sort and display donations. All clothing is given away free to those in need. A big "thank you" to all who graciously spent time going through their closets and donating their unwanted, but still usable, clothing items.

Please remember to report any community volunteer work you perform so that we can share it here in *William Penn Life*.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month. May you be blessed with many more, and may all of them be healthy.

Remember those feeling under the weather. Maybe you can help make their day a little bit better by offering to take them to a doctor's appointment or make a trip to the grocery store for them.

If you have any news to share or have any insurance questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by e-mail at dmckinsey@hotmail.com. WPA offers some of the most competitive insurance plans and premiums in the industry. We have special plans for people of all ages, young and old.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

Since last month, we have seen winter officially arrive. Many people saw snow flurries for the first time this season. It was a signal to get out the heavy coats, hats and gloves. Is your vehicle ready for cold and freezing temperatures? Perhaps it's

time for a tune up.

The weather outside did not have a negative influence on Branch 800's Christmas party held Dec. 4 at the Altoona Hampton Inn. Members were attired in festive clothing, which added to the gala. We enjoyed a tasty meal of chicken, pasta with meatballs, haluski, baked beans, fruit salad, potato salad, macaroni salad, rolls, cupcakes, juice and coffee. There was plenty of food and time to relax and socialize with members and guests.

Dennis and Dan Greiner hosted the event, and branch member Paul Lasher played the accordion, including Hungarian carols. Victor Ballash led the group in singing. Santa Claus and one of his elves appeared with gifts and posed for photos.

We send special greetings to Olive Savino who is 95 years of age and enjoying every moment.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Home Office for its assistance in making our Christmas party so successful.

Branch 800 participated in the WPA Holiday Baskets Program. Thank you to the Home Office for enhancing and encouraging our efforts to assist needy individuals.

Altoona's Bishop Guilfoyle Marauders defeated the Clairton Bears Dec. 9 in Hershey to win their third straight PIAA Class A Championship. The win extended the Marauders winning streak to 46 games.

Congratulations also to Penn State for a winning team!

Happy birthday wishes to all who were January babies and best wishes to other members celebrating special occasions this month.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, Jan. 16. Take advantage of this three-day weekend to visit friends or relatives you haven't seen for a while.

Next month, we'll report on the results of the branch election and introduce readers to those who hold office. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month. For information or to submit news, call Joan at 814-941-8863.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to review current insurance and determine if changes are necessary. Are your needs the same

6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington.

Meanwhile, you may contact me at 724-274-5318 or at my email address makelly367@verizon.net if you have any news or personal milestones to share.

Our agent, Noreen Fritz, is ready to hit the ground running in 2017 with the answers to all of your life insurance and annuities needs. Contact her at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net or 412-821-1837.

Stay positive, keep smiling and keep warm. I hope to hear from you!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Happy New Year to all! May the new year hold much hope, happiness and good health for us all. I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and was blessed to spend some time with family and friends.

Our branch Christmas party was held on Nov. 20 in conjunction with Branches 34 and 71. Once again, good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Santa made his annual appearance and was once again the hit of the party. Thank you to the WPA Home Office for supplying the gift items for the children and for its generous financial support. It is through the support of WPA that we can offer this wonderful fraternal event for our members.

We requested that attendees bring nonperishable food items to be dis-

Branch News

now as they were a year ago? Have any new members been added to your family? Bob Jones is ready to address any insurance issues and can be reached at 814-942-2661.

We wish all Branch 800 members a holy, healthy and happy 2017.

Branch 8036 Scottdale, PA

by Jerry A. Hauser

Branch 8036 held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Darlington Inn in Ligonier, Pa. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious Hungarian buffet prepared by Elizabeth and Laszlo Kastal. Both are branch officers and do a superb job in hosting our events. The entrees and desserts were delicious!

Prior to dinner, a brief meeting was held recapping branch activities held during the year.

The branch provided financial support to WPFA Scholarship Foundation via sponsorships at WPA's bowling and golf tournaments and

the WPA Picnic.

The branch also participated in the Holiday Baskets Program with donations to several needy families in the local area and to the Union Mission of Latrobe, which helps homeless men get back on their feet.

It was mentioned that four branch members received WPA scholarships in furthering their education.

Our members agreed to make a donation to the Scott Bashium Children's Memorial Fund in memory of the fallen Canonsburg police officer killed in the line of duty.

The meeting concluded with the election of branch officers along with expressing thanks to the WPA Home Office for offering fraternal programs in helping those in need.

Wishing all a happy, healthy and safe New Year!



The young and young-at-heart enjoyed meeting Santa at the Branch 800 family Christmas party.

Next Deadline January 10

In Memoriam

We ask you to pray for all our recently departed members listed here:

NOVEMBER 2016

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Robin Lynn Saksa
- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Rose Pasierb
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ
Gabriel Matyok
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Helen Beres
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Charles M. Wehler, Jr.
- 0024 CHICAGO, IL
Isabelle J. Ewen
- 0026 SHARON, PA
Nicholas J. Kusich, Jr.
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Pearl H. Korenoski
Owen C. Matisz
- 0044 AKRON, OH
Erma Cselle
- 0048 NEW YORK, NY
Marjorie Porter
- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Frank Brettschneider

- 0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Margaret H. Boso
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Mary Bayusz
Jeanne R. Keresztes
- 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Joseph F. Lisicky, Jr.
Wasyl Romanyshyn
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Theresa Filipovits
Frederick Galle, Jr.
- 0349 WEIRTON, WV
John J. Vargo
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Mary Barsody
Helen M. Denardo
Helen Jankowski
George W. Kasimirsky
- 0383 BUFFALO, NY
Margaret Gabel
Victor J. Kocsis
Susan C. Riley
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
John D'Angiolillo
Eleanor T. DiGiulio
- 0723 WORCESTER, MA
Wanita M. Boulay
Edward S. Wojas

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through Premium Payments NOVEMBER 2016

Branch - Donor - Amount

- 1 - Maria E. Bryon - \$3.00
- 1 - Oswald Walker - \$2.00
- 8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$5.00
- 8 - Margaret I. Martin - \$2.00
- 8 - Janos I. B. Wilson - \$10.00
- 8 - Alma F. B. Wilson - \$10.00
- 14 - David A. Valentine - \$20.00
- 18 - Elena C. Kraepel - \$3.60
- 18 - Nancy L. Willim - \$10.00
- 19 - Ethel Dudas - \$4.20
- 26 - Joan M. Gualtieri - \$1.00
- 28 - Marlene D. Panigall - \$2.00
- 28 - Joyce R. Kish - \$3.40
- 28 - Christine M. Allison - \$3.10
- 28 - Frank Schauer - \$1.10
- 89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$17.20
- 89 - James M. Ujevich - \$31.11
- 159 - William Scherfel IV - \$1.71
- 216 - Barbara Lang Yates - \$100.00
- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
- 226 - Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Borsay - \$25.00
- 226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00

- 296 - Jay A. Blizman - \$5.00
- 336 - Ernest B. Molnar - \$2.00
- 336 - Zita F. Prowse - \$4.24
- 349 - Lucille E. Brown - \$10.00
- 352 - Stephen J. Hornyak - \$5.00
- 352 - John H. Townsend - \$1.00
- 725 - Janet G. Turban - \$3.00
- 8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$4.00

TOTAL for Month = \$296.00

Additional Donations

NOVEMBER 2016

Donor - Amount

- M/M John M. Recktoosh Jr. - \$20.00
- Joseph McGrath - \$100.00
- WPA Cookbook Sales - \$105.00

TOTAL for Month = \$225.00

Donations In Memoriam

NOVEMBER 2016

Donor - Amount

(In Memory of)

- M/M Dennis A. Chobody - \$50.00
(Margaret H. Boso)
- Ed DePersis - \$125.00
(Frances A. Furedy; Peter Kuhn, vice president of the former Catholic Knights of St. George; and Roger G. Nagy)
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Victor T. Bonora and Rose M. Adams)

TOTAL for Month = \$275.00



Puzzle Contest #139 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

The Vintners of Tokaji

Happy New Year 2017, or in Hungarian, "Boldog Új Évet Kívánok 2017." I hope your next 12 months are the best ever!

A few months back, our puzzle featured towns and villages of the Tokaji region of Hungary. This month's puzzle contains clues naming the various wine producers of the area.

Sweet Tokaji wine is considered one of the oldest and most valuable varietals in world. Bottles of this type of wine are still drinkable from vintages dating back to the 1700s. The precious and rare essencia wines contain less than 3% alcohol and are consumed in very small portions by sipping the thick nectar using miniature sized silver or crystal spoons.

Thomas Jefferson stocked his wine cellar with several cases of Tokaji each year. Composers Liszt, Schubert, Strauss and Wagner oftentimes celebrated the public releases of new compositions by hosting parties that featured Tokaji. The royal families of England, as well as the Habsburgs, owned several vineyards that produced Tokaji exclusively for their courts. Czarina Theresa Petronova of Russia so loved the wine that she had a company of troops stationed in the Tokaji region to protect her personal stock from thieves. Louis XIV of France was enamored with essencia and is credited with originating the phrase: "Tokaji, The King of Wines, The Wine of Kings!"

The Tokaji region has been producing wine since the 1300s, but it was not until Chaplain Laczkó Szepesi perfected the process of harvesting botrytised grapes that the first ever Aszú was produced and given as an Easter gift to Prince Rákóczi's wife Zsuzsanna Lorantffy in 1631.

Finding Tokaji wine may be a challenge but several online merchants can be found by conducting a Google search.

There are 20 clues in the January 2017 wordsearch. Each clue is the name of a particular winery that produces Tokaji Aszú and the names of the villages or towns they are located. Good luck, stay warm, BÚÉK and see you in February.

The answers to the December 2016 puzzle ingredient list are as follows:

The savory recipe is for "Chicken Liver Noodle Pudding," from Jolie Gabor's Cookbook, page 49.

The sweet is for "Raspberry Whipped Cream Torte" (Tejszínhabos Málnatorta), from The Hungarian Cookbook, published by the Culinary Arts Institute in Chicago, page 48.

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

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #139 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"The Vintners of Tokaji" Word List

Andrássy	Erdőbénye	Sárospatak
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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 #139
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Feb. 28, 2017.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about March 6, 2017, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #136 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #134 were drawn Dec. 7, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Derek M. Greenwald, Br. 278 Omaha, NE
Benjamin E. Nakagawa, Br. 48 New York, NY
Jodi L. Puett, Br. 525 Los Angeles, CA
Sandor Tollas Jr., Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

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