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LIFE INSURANCE can do some pretty amazing things for people. It can buy loved ones time to grieve. It can pay off debts and loans, providing surviving family members with the chance to move on with a clean slate. It can keep families in their homes and fund a child's college education. It can keep a family business in the family. It can provide a stream of income for a family to live on.

Life insurance can do all of these wonderful things for your family. There's just one small catch: You need to own life insurance. According to one industry research group, 30 percent of U.S. households have no life insurance whatsoever. A majority of families either have no life insurance or not enough, leaving them one accident or terminal illness away from a financial catastrophe for their loved ones.

What if you were suddenly gone and your family had to manage on their own? When was the last time you did the math to make sure your loved ones would be okay financially?

Have you checked with your employer to find out what kind of life insurance benefit you have through work and whether you have the option to increase your coverage?

When was the last time you had your life insurance needs reviewed by an insurance professional?

Each September, WPA joins leading insurance companies in supporting Life Insurance Awareness Month. We encourage you to think about your needs and the needs of your family.

If you find that you have a need for coverage, we strongly urge you to act by contacting your local WPA agent or our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366 to find an agent in your area.

WPA mourns former National Director Albert Frate



Albert Frate

National Director
2015-2017

by Richard E. Sarosi

WICKLIFFE, OH -- Members of Branch 14 Cleveland and the WPA Official Family were saddened by the death of Albert Frate, former National Director and Branch 14 Auditor, who passed away July 17, 2017 at the age of 68.

Albert fought a courageous battle for over 16 months against illness and a serious stroke. He was cared for by his sister Rosemary and brother Frank, who provided him with care, love and support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Albert taught in the Cleveland Public School System for over 25 years, specializing in helping students with reading disabilities. He continued his involvement with students during his retirement in many ways, including tutoring, substitute teaching and monitoring exams.

A Master Gardener, Albert helped develop the gardening program for the Lake County Juvenile Justice Center as

well as the Wickliffe Clean City Commission (now known as Keep Wickliffe Beautiful). His love of gardening began during his elementary school days when he became involved with the City of Cleveland's Garden Program at Harvey Rice School, first as a student and later as a student assistant. Those visiting Albert in the summertime usually ended up checking out his garden and small greenhouse. Albert planted the last garden at his home in the summer of 2015.

In 2009, Albert participated in the WPA Tour to Hungary, Vienna and Bratislava. He nearly caused an international incident when he ordered *lángos* with powdered sugar. The shop owner was in disbelief as the locals always ordered their *lángos* with sour cream, garlic and cheese.

In addition to his gardening and involvement with WPA, Albert kept himself active in retirement serving as Vice Chief

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In the Community *with our National Directors*

WPA supports library's summer reading program

by Andrew W. McNelis

PITTSBURGH -- On Aug. 3rd Chair of the Board Andrew McNelis and his wife Marguerite delivered a check from William Penn Association to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Hazelwood. This generous donation will be used to fund the Summer Reading Program and activities at the Hazelwood library.

Research has shown that if children and teens read between four and six books over the summer, they will be more likely to retain or even improve the skills they learned the previous year. Students who read in the summer go back to school ready to learn. With better reading skills, they have improved academic outcomes when school resumes.

Summer reading provides important learning opportunities to all families with children in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. This program is especially important to lower income families who, without the library, might go without access to books, educational materials and technology.

The Summer Reading Program, which is offered free of charge, is designed to help children and teens develop lifelong reading habits and enables parents to take an active role in the fun and learning that reading provides. The library offers a wide range of summer reading materials and programs for targeted age groups at each of its 19 neighborhood locations to support lifelong success



Mary Ann McHarg, Library Services Manager (far left), and Deanne Heller, Manager of Individual Giving and Donor Relations, accept a donation on behalf of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in Hazelwood from WPA, presented by Marguerite and Andrew W. McNelis.

through reading. The library staff also brings resources of the library to youth in the places where they spend large portions of their summer time, including city parks, day camps and community organizations.

The check was delivered to Deanne Heller, Manager of Individual Giving and Donor Relations, and Mary Ann McHarg, Library Services Manager. They were overwhelmed by the gracious gesture and stated that, "it will definitely be put to good use." They wanted us to especially "thank" National President George S. Charles Jr. for facilitating the donation. □



Focus on Fraternalism *with Barbara A. House*

After a busy summer, it's time for a trip!

Many of us are leaving on our annual trip to Europe on Sept. 6. I can't wait! National Director Richard Sarosi and I will begin to work on our 2018 trip while we are there. Next year's trip will include Croatia along with Hungary. We plan on traveling later in September and early October. That time of the year is during harvest when there are so many festivals and celebrations. I have already talked to our agent to reserve plane tickets. Please let me know if you want to join us. I promise you a wonderful time!

As you can tell from all of the pictures in our last issue, our annual WPA Golf Tournament was a wonderful success. Thank you to the National Officers, Board, employees and donors for all of your help. Special thanks to Steve Charles for staying with me through it all, rain and shine. We had a wonderful time. Look out for next year. We will have many surprises planned for you.

WPA was honored at the Calvin Synod's Hungarian Reformed Youth Camp on July 19 for all of the many donations we have made through the years to ensure that this

wonderful camp continues for the deserving youngsters. WPA increased its donation this year, and I can't tell you how grateful everyone was. I took my husband Tom with me this year because I have always been so impressed with this event. It looks like he will go with me next year, too. It was a wonderful day. A special hello to the Michigan attendees whom I met.

We at William Penn Association lost a special friend. Former National Director Albert Frate lost his very hard-fought battle and passed away on July 17. He had traveled to Europe with us many times and was a wonderful friend and member. Rest in peace, dear friend. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

I nearly forgot to mention all of the help that Dave Valentine was with making all of the sausages and *gulyás* we enjoyed at this year's Hungarian Heritage Experience. I could not do it without you. I will tell everyone about it next month. □



Diabetes and life insurance

PERHAPS IT'S TIME to cut out the donuts, sweets and soda at company functions.

According to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 13% of all U.S. adults currently have diabetes, and the shocking news is that 25% of that group may be unaware of their condition. The numbers are much worse for older Americans. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) estimates that nearly 26% of all Americans over the age of 65 are diabetic. They also state that another 33% of Americans have some level of "pre-diabetes," a condition where a person's blood glucose level is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetic. According to my doctor, nearly EVERY American could be labeled as "pre-diabetic" to some degree, if tested.

These findings are part of the CDC's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Prevalence Data for the years 2011 to 2016. The survey data indicates a wide disparity in diabetes rates across the country. Puerto Rico has the distinction of being the leader in diabetic prevalence with a 16.5% rate, while Colorado claims the lowest

prevalence rate of just 6.8%.

Typically, diabetes can lead to other health problems. Diabetes diagnoses are typically linked to hypoglycemia and high blood pressure. It can increase the risk of heart attacks, strokes and kidney related issues. Diabetes was responsible for over 76,000 deaths in 2014, making it the seventh leading cause of death in America. And the situation is getting worse. The ADA reports nearly 1.5 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year.

Diabetes can also cause financial problems, such as increased rates for some types of life insurance. Individuals with Type 1 and 2 diabetes are typically facing an uphill battle in terms of purchasing life insurance at standard rates. For example, a 35-year-old male who was diagnosed with diabetes at age 16 (known as "Juvenile Onset Diabetes") would have a very hard time receiving a standard rate from most insurance companies, regardless of how well the condition is controlled. Typically, diabetes with onset age under age 35 presents a higher degree of insurability problems than those with onset at the older ages.

Here are a few steps that diabetics and pre-diabetics can

ALMOST GUARANTEED ISSUE SPECIAL ORDINARY LIFE

Age Group	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	Add'l \$1,000
MALE NON-TOBACCO					
21-24	\$114	\$138	\$162	\$186	\$7.13
25-34	\$126	\$156	\$186	\$215	\$8.58
35-44	\$155	\$200	\$244	\$287	\$11.50
45-55	\$207	\$276	\$348	\$417	\$16.70
MALE TOBACCO					
21-24	\$130	\$162	\$194	\$225	\$9.04
25-34	\$141	\$179	\$216	\$253	\$10.07
35-44	\$182	\$240	\$298	\$355	\$14.20
45-55	\$251	\$353	\$448	\$543	\$21.74
FEMALE NON-TOBACCO					
21-24	\$105	\$125	\$144	\$163	\$6.48
25-34	\$118	\$144	\$170	\$195	\$7.78
35-44	\$142	\$180	\$218	\$255	\$10.16
45-55	\$186	\$246	\$306	\$365	\$14.60
FEMALE TOBACCO					
21-24	\$117	\$142	\$168	\$193	\$7.64
25-34	\$129	\$161	\$192	\$223	\$8.88
35-44	\$165	\$215	\$264	\$313	\$12.46
45-55	\$222	\$300	\$378	\$455	\$18.24

ALMOST GUARANTEED ISSUE SPECIAL LIFE PAID UP AT AGE 65

Age Group	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	Add'l \$1,000
MALE NON-TOBACCO					
21-24	\$125	\$155	\$184	\$213	\$8.47
25-34	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$9.34
35-44	\$170	\$222	\$274	\$325	\$12.98
45	\$254	\$348	\$442	\$535	\$21.36
MALE TOBACCO					
21-24	\$141	\$179	\$216	\$253	\$10.07
25-34	\$152	\$195	\$238	\$280	\$11.16
35-44	\$200	\$267	\$334	\$400	\$15.96
45	\$311	\$434	\$556	\$678	\$27.06
FEMALE NON-TOBACCO					
21-24	\$119	\$146	\$172	\$198	\$7.84
25-34	\$127	\$158	\$188	\$218	\$8.64
35-44	\$159	\$206	\$252	\$298	\$11.84
45	\$228	\$309	\$390	\$470	\$18.76
FEMALE TOBACCO					
21-24	\$127	\$158	\$188	\$218	\$8.70
25-34	\$137	\$173	\$208	\$243	\$9.67
35-44	\$178	\$230	\$288	\$346	\$13.49
45	\$285	\$395	\$504	\$613	\$24.47

take to reduce their risk and improve their overall health:

- Stop smoking. Being tobacco-free for at least a year not only improves your overall health, it may also qualify you for non-tobacco insurance rates.

- Diet and exercise. Diabetics can improve their overall health with a healthy diet and regular exercise, and often receive a more favorable rating for life insurance.

ORDINARY LIFE SENIOR SPECIAL

Issue Age	Face Amount for \$200 Annual Premium*		Face Amount for \$400 Annual Premium*	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
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

- Control your diabetes. See your doctor at least annually; know your numbers and check them regularly.

- Use today's diabetes technology. Insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring systems (CGMs) make monitoring and staying on top of your condition easier than ever.

Did you know that William Penn Association currently has two product offers that may be a good fit for those with adult onset (over age 35), controlled diabetes? Both our Almost Guaranteed Issue and our Ordinary Life Senior Special can provide those with less than favorable health conditions with ordinary (whole life) insurance at standard rates.

Our Almost Guaranteed Issue (AGI) plan was developed for people between the ages of 21 and 55 with underwriting risks accepted at standard rates through table 4. Rates for our AGI Ordinary Life and AGI Life Paid Up at Age 65 plans appear on the previous page.

Our Ordinary Life Senior Special was developed for seniors between the ages of 56 and 90, with underwriting risks accepted at standard rates through table 4. Rates for this plan are found on the table on the left.

Of course, not all applicants will qualify, and all applications are subject to our standard underwriting practices and medical guidelines.

Interested in hearing more about these plans? Contact your local William Penn Association agent or broker and ask if you would qualify for one of these exciting offers.

Don't have a local agent? Call us here at the Home Office, and we'll be happy to answer all of your questions or assign you a local representative.

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 1,000 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 21 states. The states include: CA, CT, DC, DE, 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.





A dream come true

COMING FROM A FAMILY of amateur historians, I have grown to appreciate memoirs that tell of personal struggles and survival during difficult times. First-hand recollections offer a unique look at history that cannot be effectively expressed through textbooks or data.

Many such diaries or personal recollections were written by soldiers who were either held as POW's or fought on the front lines. There are thousands of stories written by soldiers encompassing just about every military action that has taken place in the last 300 years or so.

However, written accounts of how simple folk lived on a daily basis are few and far between. Sure, we have famous descriptions written by Laura Ingalls Wilder and Anne Frank, but stories of how Hungarians lived and worked in the first half of the 20th century are uncommon at best.

Recently, a gentleman from WPA Branch 28 Youngstown, John D. Dankovich, gave my family a beautiful booklet that was published from the handwritten memoirs of his father, John A. Dankovich. The elder Dankovich describes how his father, mother and siblings spent over eight years overcoming many adversities as they made their way to America.

The booklet is a masterpiece, offering a graphic portrayal of a young man dealing with many responsibilities and challenges usually reserved for men at least 10 years his senior. In a simple, grammatical style, it opens a treasure trove of information and revelations into how everyday Magyars lived in the earliest stages of the previous century. I have read the 24-page booklet five times, and each time I gain new insight.

John A. Dankovich began to jot down on paper his life experiences during the early stage of the Great Depression as he sat in his Meadow Street home in the Smokey Hollow section of Youngstown, Ohio. Written in brief segments, the timeline is fragmented as "Jack" would recall certain snippets of his life as a teen in the towns of Kassa, Diósgyőr, Miskolc and Ónod.

The story begins in 1914 in Kassa (today, Košice, Slovakia). The Danbovicz family (it is presumed the family name was revised at Ellis Island) consisted of father Louis (age 34), mother Veronika (31) and children John (9), Dezső (1) and newborn Elizabeth (aka, Eleanor). Another child, Louis, was born about a year before the family finally made it to America, and a fifth Danbovicz child,

Albert, was born in America.

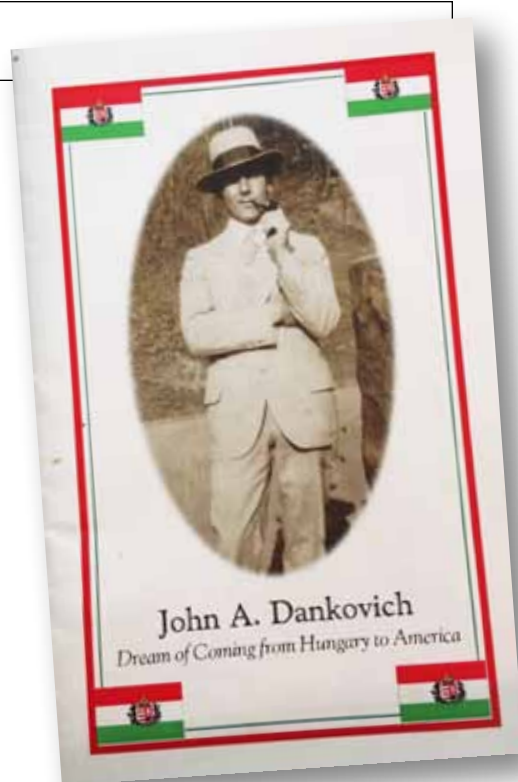
Louis Donald Danbovicz had traveled and worked in America before and was about to embark on a second trip back to the States in May 1914. He knew what America had to offer a person who was willing to work hard.

As he preached about the virtues of America, his most devoted listener was his oldest son, John, and as the youngster grew older, the desire to come to America grew exponentially.

Just a few weeks before the start of WWI, Louis decided to return again to America with the intent of amassing enough money to have his family join him in America. As Louis left for his second tour of work in America, he entrusted John to become the man of the house during his absence. In eager anticipation, John was more than happy to help his mother in whatever was needed to keep the household functioning.

Louis wrote to his wife Veronika regularly. Being a graduated railroad fireman endorsed by Hungary, Louis found demand for his skills was high. In a letter to the family, he wrote: "Be good children and in a short time you will come to me in America, the wonderful place that I have told you so much about."

For a time, Veronika received money regularly from her loving husband, who explained in his letters that the monetary windfall came from his winnings at playing cards. Unfortunately, those funds and letters abruptly stopped after World War I began. Eventually, the letters resumed, but each was censored to a point to where the content was only a hello and goodbye. At that time, most Magyars assumed that the war was just a skirmish and would be over before the first snowflakes would fall in late autumn of 1914.



If you're interested in learning more about the history of World War I and the Hungarian-Romanian War, I would suggest visiting the following websites:

www.vox.com/a/world-war-i-maps (40 maps that explain World War I)

www.war-memorial.net/Hungarian-Romanian-War-of-1919-3.36

With several hundred dollars Louis had sent, Veronika was able to purchase a modest home in Diósgyőr, about 60 miles from Kassa. The family's belongings and household items were brought to the new home via horse drawn wagon. Young John so loved his new home and the beautiful features of the surrounding area that he wrote a descriptive observation of his new residence and surrounding areas. The family never returned to Kassa.

As the oldest of three children, John was responsible for much of the cooking, cleaning and upkeep of the home as well as watching and guiding his younger siblings. Mother Veronika confided in her oldest son and was oftentimes away from home for extended periods of time as she worked for several well-to-do families in Miskolc.

During the second year in Diósgyőr, little communication and no money whatsoever came from Louis in America. John's grandmother had died in Ónod, which was about a dozen miles away. Veronika was forced to be away from home for over a week at a time without being able to communicate with her children. Once again, John held things together at home in his parents' absence.

That spring, John saw the family was in dire straits financially. One day, a few weeks before school let out for summer recess, he hid his books under a bridge and asked a bricklayer constructing a new house if he needed a laborer. For the next week, John worked while his mother assumed he was at school. On the following Friday, John was paid and he immediately presented his mother with what she thought was booty. She did not believe his story and was only convinced when the bricklayer told her he had worked for him. Veronika's doubt turned to scorn as she was informed by her eldest child that he would not return to school but seek other employment.

Hungary was spared from the bulk of World War I's battles, but it would experience the harsh realities of military action during the Hungarian-Romanian War which followed. John writes a stark, graphic explanation of sheer brutality recounting his first-hand experience of biplanes dropping bombs on the cannon works where he worked.

In another excerpt, he describes how a Hungarian soldier shot and killed a Romanian adversary and how the invaders threatened, intimidated and maimed the local civilians into revealing where the soldier was hiding. When the Romanians found the Magyar soldier, they crucified him but only after having him dig his own grave.

Following WWI, Communists ruled the landscape. Their mentality was "what is yours is mine," or "if you have six chickens, I should get three." If a family owned something of worth, the Communists would use brute force to take it or would steal what they wanted while shrouded in the darkness of night. It was common for them to kill their victims.

John's neighbor, a diehard Communist, plotted to take away the Dankovich house and belongings with the help of his two shiftless sons. Fortunately, Veronika overheard their plot and threatened the collaborators with a pitchfork. This neighbor threatened that the family would

soon be arrested and hung from telephone poles, but this failed to happen as the Communists were driven out a few days later. John learned what the word "comrade" meant.

In October 1920, after six long years of being away, Louis returned to his family with the intent of selling off their land, livestock, furniture and most of their belongings in preparation to leave Hungary for America. However, a series of unfortunate events occurred that prevented a smooth departure west. John and his dream of coming to America was squelched several times.

First, Louis had a change of heart. He and Veronika began thinking about staying in Hungary. Although they were not rich, they now owned parcels of land, a nice home and an impressive array of cows and fowl, and most importantly, they had substantial employment. But, with rampant inflation and an unstable government, the idea of staying was soon extinguished.

Their departure was delayed again when they realized their passports had expired.

John learned about "wine money," graft and pay-to-play politics.

Louis and Veronika were nearly killed trying to save son Dezső from being trampled by a rampaging calf. The incident almost ended the dream of coming to America permanently.

This story does end happily, however. After a month of recovery for both parents, and replacing more expired passports, the entire family finally left Hungary and landed in America in November 1922. It took over two years for Louis and his devoted wife to finally overcome an almost endless series of misfortunes.

Neither Louis, Veronika, John or any of John's siblings ever returned to Hungary. John D. Dankovich, the son of the author, will be the first family member to visit Hungary when he embarks in just a few days on the WPA Tour. He hopes to see the areas of Diósgyőr and Miskolc, the places where his father and grandparents once called home.

My synopsis here covers just the tip of the iceberg of what's inside the booklet. I hope in the future Mr. Dankovich will make copies available for others to read and enjoy.

Happy Labor Day 2017!

Éljen a Amerikai-Magyar,

Tibor

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.

A lasting impression

The impact of Louis Kossuth's visit to America

by Les Megyeri

John H. Komlos' 1973 book, *Kossuth in America 1851-1852*, revealed to me remarkable information about Louis Kossuth's travels in our country.

He was invited to visit the United States by President Millard Fillmore in 1851. Kossuth was greeted as a hero upon his arrival on Dec. 4, 1851 in Staten Island, N.Y. The next morning, a military band played enthusiastically as numerous citizens welcomed him to America.

I never realized what a great speaker of English Kossuth was until I read this book. He often spoke for one or two hours to the rapturous attention of the audience.

While in New York City, he received 33 delegations from various states of the Union.

On Dec. 11, 1851, New York City officials hosted a dinner in his honor which was attended by over 400 people. His speech was covered by *The New York Times*. In addition to several banquets and numerous parades, torchlight processions took place in the city.

I did not know until reading this book what a magnetic and winning personality he had. It can truly be said that he took the city by storm.

He traveled to Philadelphia and

Baltimore where, as in New York, he was greeted with great admiration. He went to Washington, D.C. where he met with President Fillmore to advocate for freedom for Hungary. He then traveled throughout the East coast, visiting major cities, among them Pittsburgh.

He traveled by train and stopped in many railroad stations, where he spoke as if he were running for elected office here in America.

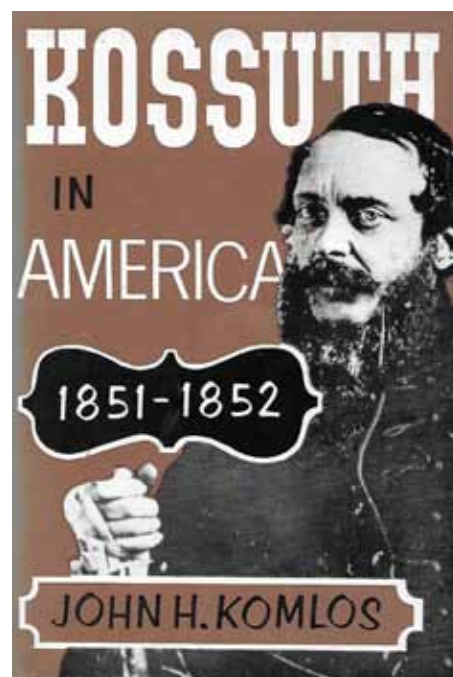
He also stayed in Cleveland and traveled to Columbus with Gov. Reuben Wood.

In addressing the General Assembly of Ohio, Kossuth said: "The spirit of our age is democracy. All for the people and all by the people. Nothing about the people without the people. That is democracy."

Echoes of these sentences would be heard some years later in Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

I was also surprised to learn that Kossuth visited the areas of the country where there are now substantial numbers of Hungarian-Americans. Back in his time, the Hungarian-American population was miniscule and hardly noticed in the U.S. Census.

His visits reminded me of the favorable reception Hungarians re-



ceived in America after the 1956 Revolution. As a Hungarian refugee and former Freedom Fighter, I believe that Kossuth paved the way for us to be embraced by the American public. For this, I am forever grateful to Kossuth Lajos.

I consider it only fitting that Kossuth is honored with a statue in the U.S. Capitol which I recommend that every Hungarian-American visit when in Washington, D.C. It will make you proud.

BELOW: Kossuth addresses a banquet held in his honor in Southampton, NY





Hungarian Settlement Museum ready to open in Louisiana

by Tori P. Svaoy/*The Daily Star*

ALBANY, LA -- The Hungarian Settlement Historical Society plans to officially open its museum in Albany Sept. 27 after several years of renovations and collecting artifacts.

The Hungarian Settlement Museum will include almost three dozen cases and hundreds of artifacts donated by 98 individual families.

Society President Roy Kropog said the society plans to hold a grand opening with local dignitaries and refreshments.

Initially, the museum will likely be opened two days a week and one Saturday a month. The rest of the week will be by appointment only. Local schools have already scheduled field trips this fall.

Visitors will have the option of doing a self-tour or take part in informative group tours led by one of 10 rotating volunteers.

They will learn how the Hungarians came from working in the coal mines up north in 1896 to work at the Brakenridge Rail System that hauled lumber from Springfield to a mill in Albany.

Several years after settling here, the Hungarians began to raise strawberries to ship north by railroad.

The museum also pays tribute

to the two churches that kept the community together through the years, St. Margaret Catholic Church and Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church.

The building is a piece of history in itself. Built in Springfield in 1906, it was used as a schoolhouse until 1927. The building was then moved to the Hungarian Settlement to replace the school that had burned down.

From 1945 to 1976, the building served as the Our Home nursing home. After that, the building fell into disrepair until the historical society obtained it in 2000.

"The project has taken longer than first imagined. When all things are considered, the completed museum will be a jewel for Livingston Parish," Mr. Kropog said.

The society has received about \$350,000 in grants for the museum. Some funds were raised through the sale of Royanne Kropog's book, *The Story of Arpadhon*, which tells the full story of the Hungarians settling in Albany.

To learn more about the museum and the history of the Hungarian settlement in Arpadhon, visit the website of the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society at www.hungarian-museum.com.



This building, which originally served as a school for Hungarians living in Arpadhon, La., has been renovated and will reopen this month as the home of the Hungarian Settlement Museum.

Cleveland society to host lecture series, Christmas program

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society continues its series of lectures and programs on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 2:00 p.m. with a presentation on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The lecture will describe how the anniversary is being commemorated and how its legacy is understood by scholars and theologians, both Catholic and Protestant. The Society's schedule for the remainder of the year will include a lecture on Oct. 14 celebrating the life, music and legacy of composer and music educator, Zoltán Kodály, and a special program on Hungarian Christmas traditions Dec. 9, featuring a visit by Mikulás Bácsi. All lectures and programs are held at the Hungarian Heritage Museum, located in The Galleria, downtown Cleveland, with coffee and refreshments following the presentation. For more information, visit the Heritage Society's website at www.clevelandhungarianmuseum.org.

Ohio museum seeks prize donations for Chinese auction

FAIRPORT HARBOR, OH -- The Hungarian Heritage Museum located in Fairport Harbor is planning a Chinese auction during Fairport Harbor Community Days on Sunday, Sept. 17. The museum is seeking donations of new items as prizes for the auction. Donations can include gift certificates, money, crafts, household items, small appliances and similar items. All donors will be recognized for their contributions. Donations can be dropped off at 635 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor, OH 44077 by Sept. 10. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation by contacting Karen Bidlack at 440-251-3150 or Kristine Butsko at 440-251-1882. Monetary donations should be made payable to "Hungarian Heritage Museum" and mailed to Karen Bidlack at the address listed above. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Hungarian Monument Courtyard initiative.

Tree of Knowledge



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

Our Newest Leaves

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

**In Memory of
Paul Varga**
Fondly from,
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**In Precious Loving
Memory by the Family
And Friends of
Paul John Varga**
(Bronze Level)

**In Loving Memory of
Irene B. Charles**
Dave & Judy Chakey
(Bronze Level)

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

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'I knew I was at home'

by Loretta Nemeth

BOSWELL, Pa. — First-time student Patty Soltes spoke those words when asked her opinion of the Hungarian Heritage Experience, sponsored by William Penn Association and held in the Bowersox Enrichment Center of the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp Aug. 6 to 12. She felt like she never really fit in anywhere, she said, but when she walked into the Enrichment Center to begin her week there, she said she knew she was at home.

That sense of familiarity and camaraderie was expressed by the other new students this year, too. Rosemary Benson said she "enjoyed it immensely and felt at home right away." Sherry Dial said she enjoyed being with similar people, of Hungarian origin, on equal footing. She also enjoyed learning some Hungarian history and, of course, eating the Hungarian food.

Another new student, Theresa Girhiny, said she appreciated the organization of the week: students could choose which class, beginner or advanced, to attend and move back and forth between the two if they chose. She appreciated hearing stories she didn't know. "I learned so much," she said. "Kudos to the students who aren't married to Hungarians" for desiring to keep up with their heritage.

Carole Hanic, who accompanied on piano as the students sang Hungarian folk songs at the Friday night program, said she enjoyed the music, the classes, the variety of activities and meeting people from different places.

This year, 17 students came from Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Seven students were there for their fifth, sixth or even seventh year. Five others had attended in prior years but not consecutively. The age range was from 40 to returning Ted Bolla, 89.

After coping with the sweltering heat of last year's Experience, attendees this year arrived well equipped with fans and light clothing, only to be greeted with chilly weather, which didn't warm up much during the week. While the camp offered the use of the pool at designated times each day, no one took advantage of the offer.

The days were spent attending two



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classes, morning and afternoon, learning the Hungarian language from instructors Emery Marcus (for beginners) and Tamás Markovits (for the advanced students). They began the week with a history of the Magyar people and continued to intersperse information on history and culture into their classes. Time was also spent each afternoon practicing poems, songs and dances for the Friday evening program.

Ursula Markovits, Tamás' wife, was the cook for the week, providing delicious Hungarian meals, with the assistance of WPA National Directors David Kozak and James Robertson. Markovits also gave a presentation on the regional foods of Hungary. Longtime student David Valentine brought his homemade *kolbász* and *hurka* (two types of Hungarian sausage) to add to the menu. A local Hungarian church made *csiga* and *tészta* (two types of noodles) for meals.

Evenings were spent making *csiga* and *palascinta* (crepes), supervised by Valentine, and doing other crafts, including coloring placemats and painting or appliqueing white shirts. Student Linda Enyedy gave a presentation on the embroidery of the various regions of Hungary. She also taught students a circle dance to perform at the Friday night program, the highlight of the week.

The program began with Fraternal Director Barbara House, organizer of the Experience, introducing guests, including WPA Chair of the Board Andrew McNelis and other WPA officials. Then, Rev. Gabor Nitsch, director of pastoral care at Bethlen Communities in nearby Ligonier, gave the invocation before dinner was served. Rev. Nitsch said he was pleased to be with the group during his special year of anniversaries. He said 50 years ago, he graduated from high school and entered the seminary; 40 years ago, he was married and ordained; and he has been at Bethlen Communities for the past 10 years.

Valentine cooked the main course, *gulyás*, in a big outdoor kettle. Other foods included his *kolbász* and *hurka*, potatoes and salad. Desserts included a huge decorated sheet cake, courtesy of Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa., along

with criss-cross squares, *zserbó* (a Hungarian cake) and *pogácsak* (cheese biscuits), baked by Elizabeth Krajcz.

After dinner, student Nancy Martinsen extended a welcome from the students and thanked the WPA Board for providing this Experience. Then, she led the students in singing "God Bless America" and the Hungarian Himnusz. This was followed by the students' recitation of a selection of poems by Petőfi Sándor, a brief biography of Petőfi, singing of traditional folk songs, including solos by Rosemary Benson and Theresa Girhiny, and concluding with dancing the *csárdás*.

House, assisted by the instructors, passed out graduation certificates to the students and a gift bag from WPA, including a group picture that was taken earlier in the week. Each student also received a small bottle of wine decorated with a special congratulations label and mortarboard and tassel top, courtesy of National Director Joyce Nicholson. Music for listening and dancing was provided by the George Batyi Ensemble.

Students and staff brought items for a raffle, and a profit of \$218 from that plus \$100 from a 50/50 raffle was donated to WPA's Scholarship Foundation. McNelis spoke about the scholarship program and how it benefits students. He also echoed Girhiny's comment about the dedication of students not married to fellow Hungarians. "It's easier to be a Hungarian than to be married to one," he jested.

Rev. Nitsch's wife, Ilona, commented on the level of Hungarian language spoken by the students during their performances. She said this was one of the best Hungarian camps she has seen.

It ended all too soon. New friends and old said their good-byes Saturday morning and vowed to return next year.

"This was a great week; the best group we've ever had," said House. And it was.

Loretta Nemeth is a member of Branch 14 Cleveland, OH.



JUST 4 KIDZ

It's back to school time! Hope you kidz are ready to learn and discover new things this year!

We celebrate a lot of special days in September: Labor Day, Patriot Day, Constitution Day and more. Our favorite September holiday is **Grandparents Day**. Grandparents Day started in 1978 and is celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, which this year falls on Sept. 10. It's a perfect time to celebrate those special people who are always there for you with a hug and a kiss! If you're lucky, you have more than one grandparent with whom to celebrate.

In honor of your grandparents, take some time to talk with them and discover things about them and their lives. To get you started, here are some questions you could ask:

What stories did you like when you were a kid?

Where did you go to school?

What was my mom/dad like when he/she was my age?

What were your parents like?

What were some of your favorite foods growing up?

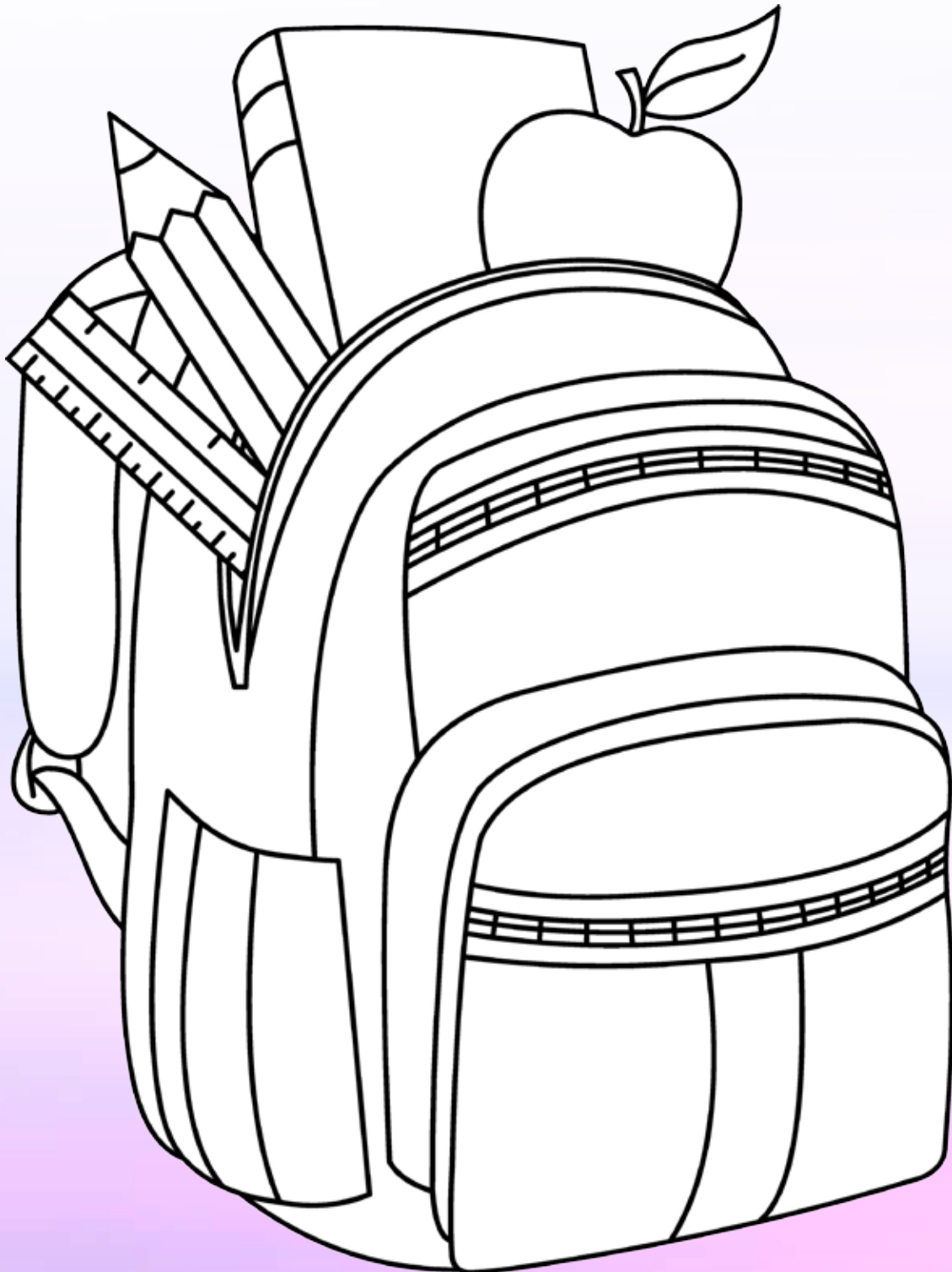
How did you and grandma/grandpa meet?



Take a selfie with your grandparents and tag us -- use **#WPALife** to share the joy!

Packing up for school!

Once you're done with your homework, why not have a little fun coloring the backpack below? What kind of things do you put in your pack everyday before heading off to school?



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Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

I am saddened to share the news that Albert Frate, former National Director and Branch 14 Auditor, passed away on July 17, 2017, at the age of 68.

An obituary I wrote about Albert appears on page 2 of this issue, but I would like to add a few more personal notes about my fellow member and friend.

As I mention in his obituary, Albert's love of gardening began when he became involved with the City of Cleveland's Garden Program at Harvey Rice School. That was the same program that his sister Rosemary and his brother Frank participated in, as well as me, my sister Caroline and our cousins.

We all lived in the Cleveland's Hungarian neighborhood of Buckeye Road and the summer garden programs were something that a majority of the children participated in.

The size of the gardens were based on age and grade level and would grow as we progressed through the grades. We were taught so many things about how to plant, when to plant, which plants grow well together, garden bugs, plant diseases, flowers and displays and arrangements.

We use our garden knowledge and skills to this very day, and our gardens still look like it did back in our elementary school days.

In the fall of 2015, I asked Albert if he could take some cuttings off of a beautiful vibrant red geranium that I had and see if they would take root over the winter. In the spring of 2016, his brother Frank gave me the cuttings. I was able to plant them, and they bloomed last summer. I got them to survive this past winter, and they are blooming once again. The last flower pot of the red geraniums went into bloom the day of Albert's burial.

My sister Caroline, Albert and I traveled together during the 2009 WPA trip to Hungary, Vienna and Bratislava. It was a great time, and we had many funny stories from our journey. There were many travel stories, church events, WPA events,



Preparing to enjoy a meal during the 2009 WPA Tour were (l-r) National Director Richard E. Sarosi, Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara and the late Albert Frate, who would be elected to the WPA Board of Directors in 2015.

gardening points and cooking stories to share that have taken place over the years.

It is hard to lose a friend that you have known since childhood and then to see how an illness took away the life and vitality of a strong individual. This is not the circle of life that I want to start dealing with now. When friends and family members, in your age range, start to pass, you know that you are no longer immune from this part of life's journey.

As I say at the end of my article, 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. You won't be able to have those visits and memories if your family and friends are not there.

In other news....

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden held its annual golf outing at Barrington Country Club in Aurora, Ohio. The field of golfers had a beautiful sunny day, starting their round with a pálinka toast and a bit of pogácsa. They also enjoyed some kolbász with lunch. After their round, a dinner was served which included stuffed cabbage and strudels. The awarding of prizes and a silent auction and raffle followed. The proceeds of this event went to support the Cultural Garden's endowment fund. All monies raised help to maintain the garden.

The Cultural Garden will host an

organ concert on Sunday, Oct. 8, in a private residence which houses a 7,500-pipe organ. Also, preparations are underway for the Cultural Garden's 80th Anniversary in 2018. More details on both events to come.

The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel will hold the 2018 Paprika! Bál on Saturday, March 10, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Cleveland. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The Branch 14 meeting scheduled for Sept. 6 has been cancelled.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. William Penn Association Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend our branch meetings.

The remaining branch meetings for the year will be held on Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, both at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Our branch Christmas party, "Breakfast with Santa," will be held Saturday, Dec. 2.

Please support the Hungarian organizations, churches, museums, events and activities in your local community. Become an active member and participant, if you aren't one already. Encourage others to join you. Otherwise, we risk losing that which has been brought to America by our Hungarian ancestors.

We also ask for your continued

support of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. You are helping to build a young person's future with your support.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. May they 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 send out get well wishes to Branch 14 member Jenny Varga, who is recovering from a recent fall, and Michelle Day. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent out to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating a September birthday and/or anniversary. May you be blessed with many more.

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

As always, please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. 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

Branch 18 had a wonderful time at our FireKeepers trip. We have booked another trip for Oct. 17. The cost is \$30. You will receive \$25 back on arrival at FireKeepers. Our communications officer, Helen Sryniawski, will be contacting many of you. Please plan on joining us. Please let us know as soon as possible.

We are trying to start trips again. You know what I always say: "If you don't support, we won't be able to offer you anything, anymore."

Happy September birthday to all of our wonderful members, especially Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak, Home Office employees

Toni Garofalo and Krista Broderick, and my sister-in-law Wanda Gall. Hope you all have many more.

Happy belated anniversary to Carol and Doug Truesdell.

Special love and anniversary wishes to my husband Tom. Can you believe how the time has gone?

Thank you to all of my wonderful friends, especially Tamás and Ursula Markovits for planning and actually pulling off a surprise party for my birthday. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts and hard work. My greatest gift is to have so many truly wonderful friends! Thank you again.

Thank you Kathy and Les Megyeri. So glad we're friends.

The very next day, I was invited to a birthday party for Helen Sryniawski. I won't say her age because you wouldn't believe it anyway.

Happy birthday, Helen.

Congratulations to the Gross family on their celebrations. Jacob Gross was student of the month, Nicholas Gross graduated to middle school, Mama Gross Lori celebrated her 50th birthday and Grandma Schvarckopf-Borsa turned 88. Much love and best wishes to all of you.

Condolences and prayers to all the families of our deceased members. May they rest in peace.

Due to the WPA Tour and Board meeting, our next Branch 18 meeting has been postponed until Oct. 11, at 7:00 p.m. That is the Wednesday before our next FireKeepers trip.

Please contact me anytime at 313-418-5572 or 800-848-7366, ext. 107. I love hearing from all of you.

Please support all the *szüret* (harvest) celebrations in your area. They are wonderful celebrations.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

Can you believe that it's already Labor Day? Hope everybody had a good summer. Time for those kids to return to school. Please drive safely and look out for our little ones as they travel to and from school.

I would like to wish the following members a happy birthday: Debra Brown, Lydia Cousino, Ildiko Crawford, Diane Cser, Stephen Danisovszky, Darlene Evancho, Lester

Evans, Lois Gombash, Alexa Hanus, Victor Hanus, Andrew Horvath, Charles Horvath, Toby Huber, John Hudak, Barbara Lavender, Mary Ellen Nagy, Nicholas Pasztor, Douglas Paul, James Peer Jr., Marissa Phillips, Elizabeth Powers, John Sanders, Diane Schindorff, Robert Shepard, Carolyn Smith, Nathan Stierman, Hunor Sukei, Thomas Szollosi, Margaret Takacs, Jeffrey Vargo, Jason Wong and Gregory York. I hope I didn't miss anybody and everybody has a great day.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 14, at 1:00 p.m. at American Table on Wheeling Street. Remember, everyone is welcome at the meetings.

If you have any questions about life insurance or annuities, call Alan Szabo at 1-888-428-8452.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

It's hard to believe that summer 2017 is almost a pleasant memory. Schools are back in session, so drive more carefully, as the students are out and about.

What a great day the annual Hungarian Day was this year! Great food, music, pastries and fraternalism. Thanks to all those who helped the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation prepare this annual event. Nice of National Director Joyce Nicholson and her husband Harry to come to join in on this event.

Congratulations to all those who completed their week at the Hungarian Heritage Experience. Once again, a special presentation was held on the final evening with guests attending to show their support of the attendees.

WPA was well-represented at the Bethlen Communities summer picnic on July 30. Special thoughts are sent to Rev. Imre Bertalan, with his recent health issue. The WPA dance group provided the entertainment for the picnic. Their leader, Judit Ganchuk, does a great job teaching these youngsters dances, poems and songs.

Welcome home to Betty Ann Nagy. She recently completed a

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week-long bike trip from Buffalo, New York to Albany, New York.

Get well wishes to Susan Breznai, Alice Nagy, Violet Sarosi and Evelyn Horvath.

Best wishes to all those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Sincere condolences go out to all those who recently lost a loved one.

Special condolences are extended to the family of former National Director Albert Frate. He was a very dedicated educator and touched the lives of many young adults.

For questions about WPA life insurance or annuities, call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Hope everyone is enjoying the last of their summer activities. Hard to believe the youngsters are back in school. Autumn officially begins on Sept. 22. Time really flies!

Please take a moment and pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way. Remember when you see a veteran to thank them for their service because they paid for our freedom.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients. Enjoy this new phase of your life but study and learn because your future depends on it! Also, remember WPA and its generosity. When someone does something nice for you, "pay it forward" as the saying goes.

We are looking forward to visiting our friends and definitely enjoying the bacon roast with Branch 296 on Sept. 17.

Our branch made a donation to the Meals On Wheels program at St. Stephen's Parish as our charity for the month of August.

Special birthday wishes go out to my daughter-in-law Valerie and my nieces Nicole and Gabriella and everyone celebrating their birthdays in September.

Our sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to the family of former National Director Albert Frate.

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



Vietnam-era veterans were honored during a picnic sponsored by the Jefferson County (Ohio) Veterans Association July 22. WPA Branches 40 and 349 helped provide the food and service.

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.

As you may know, our branches perform "Join Hands" projects throughout the year. In July, we worked on another event--the Jefferson County Veterans Association's annual picnic on July 22 at Friendship Park in Smithfield, Ohio. Vietnam-era veterans were honored with a delicious picnic lunch, cake, and patriotic songs played by the Tri-State Community Band. About 130 veterans and family members attended the picnic. Our branches helped provide food and service for this event, which paid respect to the military who proudly served during the 1960s and 70s.

Where there is good Hungarian food, you'll find my husband Harry and me. We took a road trip to join in the annual Hungarian Day Festival (*Magyar Nap*) in Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday, Aug. 6. The churches and societies of the greater Youngstown area come together for this wonderful day of genuine, authentic Hungarian cuisine featuring chicken paprikás, kolbász sandwiches and pastries. Kathy Novak,

Vice Chair of the WPA Board, was hard at work in the kitchen cooking, preparing and serving. I hope she eventually got to enjoy the delicious food because the crowd just kept coming through the doors. Thank you, Kathy and all the folks who put this event together. We enjoyed it.

It's hard to believe that summer is over and school is back in session. My goodness, the back-to-school sales began back in July. Pretty soon, we will be focusing on fall and winter holidays and events. But in the meantime, have a great end-of-summer weekend this Labor Day; fly the flag, and stay safe.

We extend good wishes to those members with birthdays and anniversaries this month. Birthdays for September include Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak and Home Office employees Toni Garofalo and Krista Broderick.

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

Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth Darago

Happy late summer to all branch members. How can it be September already? Your officers have been busy planning (if you can believe it) the family holiday party scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9. Thanks to branch officer George Naswadi for making the reservation.



Tricia Mollohan sorts through donations for two food baskets which Branch 44 distributed to families in need in the Akron area this summer.



The officers of Branch 89 met legendary Pittsburgh Pirate Richard "Dick" Groat (center) when they visited Champion Lakes Golf Course to play in the Bethlen Communities annual golf outing.

Congratulations to George and Jean Naswadi on the marriage of their son in July. And congratulations to Alex and Sharon Darago on the marriage of their oldest grandson, also in July. Happy news all around.

Our branch put together two food baskets for families in need this summer. The first basket went to a young couple: he's a day laborer, and his wife works in a shoe store. Both are working hard, and thanks to WPA Branch 44 members, we could help this couple.

The second basket went to a single mom with two children, ages 15 and 9, who works part-time.

Thanks again to our members who contributed, and don't forget to bring those non-perishable food items to the family holiday party in December.

Thank you also to Branch 44 Vice President Bob Chula for a cash donation which allowed us to purchase additional fresh items for these baskets.

Members from Branch 44 attended the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio, last month. We hope that we saw you there!

Enjoy the late days of summer and the start of fall in September.

Call and tell us about what's happening with you and your family at 330-604-1264.

Need life insurance? Call our local WPA sales representative Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec

Our annual golf outing held Aug. 13 has come and gone. We did our best to make this golf outing bigger and better. Looks like we met our goal of 110 golfers. Wow! Who would have thought this could happen?

We offered many ways to participate, including our Chinese auction featuring prizes like an assortment of homemade (or, in this case, church made) Hungarian foods, a Hungarian gourmet basket with some of Chef János' personal creations, an imported beer basket, wine baskets, lottery baskets, golf bags, balls and assorted sports memorabilia. Other prizes included a New Year's basket, a drone, a parade of meats from Omaha Steaks and, of course, the now infamous Mystery Basket.

We once again provided pre-golf wings (courtesy of Buffalo Wild Wings) and complimentary soft drinks in all golf carts. Our new friends at Dorothy 6 agreed to be a hole sponsor and donated \$500 to our cause and \$300 in gift certificates. And it's great to note that the owner of Dorothy 6 is a WPA member, and his aunt and uncle worked at the Home Office for many years.

We have people asking us to make donations for the Chinese Auction and Golf. What a refreshing change to have people come to us and ask what they can do for us!

The reason why our golf outing continues to grow is that we give the golfers affordable golfing, good food and terrific prizes. Butler's Golf Course takes excellent care of our group, and we are very pleased with the relationship we continue to have with them. Did we mention that Butler's donated a Callaway Golf Bag, valued at \$350 for us to use in our Hula Hoop Challenge?

We thank branch members John S. Toth Jr.; Mark S. Maskariniec; Vera S. Recktoosh; Billy, Sandy and Sara Ardale; Ronnie Rubinsak; Mary Jane Hermansderfer; Memory Joll; Lisa Toth-Maskariniec; and Justin and Ruth Toth for volunteering and participating in our annual golf outing.

See the next issue for more pictures from the golf outing and a report on who won our 50/50 raffle.

Special thanks to John Toth, Justin Toth, Mark Maskariniec, Ruth Toth and Lisa Toth-Maskariniec for going to the golf course on Saturday night and making sure everything was set up and ready for the outing on Sunday.

In other news, Branch 89 attended Hungarian Night at the Dorothy 6 Restaurant in Homestead. Great to go there and see a bacon roast going on in their courtyard, then going inside the restaurant for stuffed cabbage and chicken paprikás. What a nice way to end the work day. (Not to pump them up too much, but they do a terrific Sunday brunch!)

Our branch was also spotted at the Bethlen Communities golf



Memory Joll (left) and Branch 89 member Mary Jane Hermansderfer congratulate Bethlen Communities' scholarship winner Brandon Silvis during the Communities' golf outing in July.



Members enjoy the good food and fraternal fellowship served during the annual summer picnic hosted by Branch 132.

outing in July. We are very much involved in this and have been for almost 10 years now. It's good to see so much fraternalism among so many people. One of the highlights of the event was when former Pirates great and College Basketball Hall of Famer Dick Groat graciously took a picture with our Branch 89 officers.

For outings, Champion Lakes is the place to be. The Groat family can't do enough to ensure your outings are a success. Dick's daughter, Allison, is on hand during the outing to ensure everything goes well.

For those of us who went the night before to set up, it was a sheer joy to spend time with Dick Groat sitting around watching the Pirates game, sipping a beverage or two, and talking baseball. What a wonderful time.

On a serious note, please extend your prayers and get well wishes to our good friend, Rev. Imre Bertalan. We know that God will extend His healing arms down and wrap them around Rev. Bertalan during this time.

Our branch also participated in Mulligan's Sports Bar and Restaurant's Annual Golf Outing on Aug. 26. Mulligan's has been an active participant in our golf outing for a number of years, and we are very happy to be able to return the favor.

We continue to extend get well wishes and prayers to Mike Parks, son-in-law of branch member Dianne Schneider, who is battling brain cancer in California. We continue to ask God to watch over Mike, Dianne and their family.

We also extend get well wishes to branch member Janet Phillips as she

recovers from back surgery.

Stay cool and happy. Please support not only our branch events but also the various events sponsored by William Penn Association. They're for a worthy cause and always fun.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello, all! This month marks the end of summer with fall beginning on Sept. 22. I can't believe how summer has flown by.

Students are back in school, so please drive safely and watch your speed in the school zones.

Congratulations to our members who received scholarship grants for this year. If you haven't submitted your transcript or proof of enrollment, you must do so by Sept. 15.

Important dates in September include: Labor Day on the 4th, Grandparents Day on the 10th and Patriot Day on the 11th.

We wish a warm welcome to our newest branch members: Mark Stewart, Martha Moore, Ronald Moore, James Hysell and Patience Kovacs.

The WPA Tour 2017 to Hungary is from Sept. 6 to 22. We wish safe travels to all those going on this trip.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 4:00 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus. We will be discussing plans for our Christmas party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2. We will be mailing out information in November.

The Hungarian Cultural Association will host another Soup and Learn program on Sunday, Sept. 10, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served at 11:15 a.m. followed by the program at 11:40 a.m. This will be held at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus.

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. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Happy Labor Day to all WPA members and fellow Americans. Hard to believe summer is almost over.

The summer picnic on July 30 was a success! Fun was had by all, and the weather was perfect. We had plenty of food and desserts, many of which were Hungarian.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on Sept. 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road. We will begin planning for the Christmas party, which will be in December. More



Members of the WPA Magyar Folk Dancers teach children how to dance during Bethlen Communities' annual picnic.

information to follow.

The Branch 132-sponsored softball team finished the season with a 12-8 record. They also participated in the city tournament on July 26 and finished fourth out of eight teams with a 2-2 record. No championships this year, but I hope they try again next year.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday wishes to all our members sharing their special day this month, especially to my own dear mother!

Happy anniversary to all those celebrating this month!

We extend our sympathies to WPA members and their families who have lost a family member or friend; it is never easy to lose a loved one.

We pray for former National Director Albert Frate's family and friends in their loss; may Albert rest in peace.

We also send our deepest sympathies and prayers to June Coyne, Branch 226 Auditing Committee member. June's youngest daughter, Lorri Madeya, recently passed away. Our prayers go out to Lorri's husband and three children, family and friends in this difficult time.

We send get well wishes to Margaret "Manci" Kiraly, her husband Joe Kiraly and our other branch members who are coping with ill-

nesses. We're happy that Branch Secretary Gerry Nelson is out of the hospital after a little scare. Glad to have Auditing Committee Member Frank Halas on his feet again. Sending a smile to Sally Petras, former branch auditor.

We're looking forward to this year's picnic in Hiram, Ohio. We're sending a great basket for the picnic's huge Chinese auction.

The WPA Magyar Folk Dancers performed at the Bethlen Communi-

ties' annual Hungarian picnic at the end of July. They will be performing at two more shows this year: at McKeesport's International Village and the WPA Picnic.

International Village is a huge, three-day ethnic music and food fest that brings together the McKeesport community and other towns south-east of Pittsburgh. Dozens of branch members prepare for and volunteer at this festival: cooking, baking, freezing, cleaning, lifting and hoisting. We're proud that American-Hungarians can come together for three days straight and work together for one goal: supporting the local church.

The dance group is always looking for more singers and dancers. We help the younger generation learn the Hungarian language and culture through dancing and singing. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us.

Our next meeting in September will be at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 for directions.

Have some good news you'd like to share with us? Please call to spread some cheer!

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

I know it is the season for vacations, because we just got back from traveling out west; and I think we saw half the world's population there. We saw many of the spectacular

national parks, lots of wildlife and people from all around the world who just wanted to experience the beauty, peace and grandeur that God has bestowed on us. We are truly blessed to have this bounty. After nearly 6,000 miles on the road, we were ready to be home.

It's hard to believe, but we were even busier after we came home. The Birmingham Ethnic Festival was on Aug 19 and 20; always a good time in Toledo, and who doesn't love to see the original Tony Packo's. Then, there was the solar eclipse on Aug 21. These only occur a couple of times in your life, and you always have to worry about the weather to view one. Marvelous.

The month ended with the WPA Picnic in Hiram on Aug. 26 which brings together hundreds of Hungarians and their families to celebrate all things Magyar and have a good time. Gallons of food and drink are consumed, all delicious, and the smell of bacon and *lángos* drifts across the picnic grounds, making mouths water in anticipation. Pastries and nut rolls fly off the counters as families look for the kind that *nagyimama* used to make. Lots of money is raised to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

I need to again thank all the Branch 249 and Magyar Club of Dayton members for donating money, time, and supplies and for baking many of the wonderful pastries and nut rolls. You truly are "paying it forward" by making sure our young people have the help they need to further their education. I hope I saw you at the pastry booth, and you said "Hi"!

Labor Day is Sept. 4. Enjoy the day off; celebrate the working man that day, don't be one.

To all on the WPA trip to Hungary, have a safe trip and return with a lot of great stories. I envy you.

The Magyar Club of Dayton will hold a bacon fry at Sinclair Park on Sept. 10 at 1:00 p.m. The park is located at 685 Shoup Mill Road where the north end of Riverside Drive dead-ends. All are invited but please call David Boston at 937-602-1240 or Gail at 937-836-2549 so the club can plan on how much food to prepare.

The Magyar Club is also taking reservations for the LaComedia The-

ater Supper Club on Sept. 13 to see *Mamma Mia*. Contact David or Gail for reservations.

Branch 249 and the Dayton Magyar Club are throwing the annual Gulyás Fest on Oct. 21 at 4:00 p.m. I will have more details next month.

Welcome to the WPA family new members Rae Ann and Nicholas DiBaggio. I hope to see you at some of the events.

Happy birthday to all the September born, especially our new grand baby! Happy anniversary to those celebrating this month. I wish you many more years of happiness together.

Get well wishes to those under the weather or in the hospital, especially Elizabeth Daley-Hewitt, Donny Dugan and Rae Ann DiBaggio.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to those who have passed away, especially for family members of Edward Kish and Irene Harting. May good memories ease your pain.

For any life insurance needs, call Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211.

That's all for now. See you at the next football game. Go, Buckeyes!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

First things, first--a reminder that Branch 296's bacon roast (*szalonna sütés*) returns on Sunday, Sept. 17, once again at Oakmont's Riverside Park. The grills will be ready for 1:00 p.m., and we'll continue until around 5:00 p.m. The park is located behind Riverview High School at the end of the Hulton Bridge. For GPS users, plug in the address 200 Hulton Road, Oakmont. Parking is available in the lot behind the school, just a short walk from the pavilion. Follow the signs with the red, white and green balloons. We'll be waiting for you with smiles, hugs and great food! Please come hungry.

Branch 296 will again provide the bacon, hot dogs and fixings, and if you would be kind enough to bring a side dish or dessert to share, that would be terrific. Back by popular demand, I'll bring a crock of my homemade baked beans.

RSVP by Sept. 8 by calling me at

724-274-5318 or Diane Torma at 724-882-3802. Beautiful Riverside Park awaits you! Friends from neighboring branches are welcome, as are other like-minded folks. If you'd care to play tennis or basketball before or after your meal, there are courts available. Bring the little ones, too, for the super-fun playground. A relaxing time is planned, and it'll be even better if you'll join us.

Birthday wishes to all of our 296-ers in the month of September, especially Josh Borland, a great helper and an Eagle Scout in the making. Belated wishes to his cute, little nieces, Cadance and Lily, and to Branch Treasurer Toni Kosheba.

Get well wishes to both Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka. You two are such tremendous assets to our branch, and we want you to feel strong and better. The same goes for all of our members who are experiencing health issues at this time; we wish you a speedy recovery.

Heartfelt condolences to each of you who have lost a loved one recently, as well.

A special welcome to our new Branch 296 members. I see that we have a nice number who are now in our fold. We hope to see you at our events!

Please save the date Nov. 26 for our annual branch family Christmas party. More details will follow.

By the time you read this, school will be in session. Learning is a lifelong process, and we hope that all students have a successful and worthwhile academic year. Next month, I'll congratulate our Branch 296 new WPFASF, Inc. grant recipients.



James Barra, along with his sister Lilly and his mother Sara (in background) – all members of Branch 352 – recently volunteered to help spruce up a local park.

Branch 296 resumes its monthly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m., at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. As always, we welcome you to join us. Please come to our meeting if you have life insurance coverage or annuity questions. Our dynamic agent Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, will be in attendance to help you, if needed. You can also contact Noreen by phone at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen-bunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Go out and enjoy September, everyone. We're entering football season, so I'll cheer on our local high school teams: Go, Dynamos, Lancers, Golden Rams, Vikings, Blue Devils, Yellow Jackets, Foxes, Gators, Mustangs and Raiders!

You're Invited Branch 296 Springdale, PA **BACON ROAST**

Sunday, Sept. 17, 1:00 PM • Riverside Park
200 Hulton Road (off 3rd St.), Oakmont, PA
For more information, call Diane Torma at 724-882-3802



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Branch 8036 members gather at Stone Villa Winery for their annual "Meet & Greet."

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora McKinsey

The beginning of fall has arrived and with it some cooler temperatures. Enjoy the outdoors while you can. Appreciate the coolness of the early morning and the evening and get out and take long walks if you can. This time of year is especially enjoyable because of all the harvest festivals in our area. Labor Day on Sept. 4 officially closes the summer season. Autumn begins Sept. 22.

Start looking in the January 2018 issue of *William Penn Life* for instructions to apply for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. From what I understand, the rules will be changing slightly.

My grandson, James, granddaughter, Lilly and daughter, Sara, recently helped out in their community. In addition to painting a wall in their local park, they helped to decorate picnic tables in red, white and blue patriotic designs. If you have performed any community service projects or have achieved any type of accomplishment, please forward the information to me so that it can be published 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!

Hope anyone feeling under the weather will soon be feeling well.

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

If you need help with any insurance question, whether to change

a beneficiary or report a lost policy, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com. I will be happy to assist you.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

Branch 800 hosted its annual picnic on Aug. 2 at Highland Park in Altoona. Guests included Evan Chadbourn, a graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle High School and winner of Branch 800's Religious Education Award. Evan's parents, Doug and Amy, and brothers, Brandon and Adam, joined him. Richard Kiowa, a well-known musician, was also in attendance.

It was nice to see senior branch members Olive Savino, John Conti and Bob Coblér. Paul Lasher treated the group to his accordion music.

We all enjoyed a picnic meal of hot dogs, corn on the cob, baked beans, tomatoes, punch, various teas, coffee and cupcakes.

Hosts Dan and Dennis Greiner made sure there were prizes for everyone.

The last holiday of the summer, Labor Day, Sept. 4, is fast approaching. Let's all have one last outing with family and friends.

Branch 800 is now back to regular meetings, the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Education Center. Members are welcome.

It is never easy losing a loved one, and we extend sincere sympathy to all branch members who have experienced the passing of a person dear to them.

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by Debbie Hauser

Once again, Branch 8036 held its annual "Meet & Greet" at the Stone Villa Winery near Acme, Pa. This event coincided with the Winery's "Sangria Weekend," which included various door prizes.

After a few raindrops, the skies cleared as members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of refreshments, relaxing music and great fellowship.

Attendees were informed of qualifications for WPA's scholarship program, along with details on the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio, Aug. 26.

Special thanks to our branch officers and Darlington Inn owners, Elizabeth and Leslie Kastal, for providing a variety of tasty meats, cheeses and crackers.

Also, thanks to Joanne Brahosky for sharing her delicious homemade almond dip and fresh fruit.

This event is growing each year, and we hope to make it even bigger next year!

NEXT DEADLINE

All articles & photos for the October issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by September 8.

In Memoriam

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Elder of the First Hungarian Reformed Church and Commander of VFW Post 559. He had so much more to do and to give.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Helen (nee Kovach).

Services were held July 21 at the Schulte & Mahon-Murphy Funeral Home in Lyndhurst, with Rev. Frank A. Endrei officiating. Burial was in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman.

Albert is now in charge of the Lord's greenhouse,

creating beautiful gardens as only he can do. Al, now that you are no longer suffering, rest in peace, our friend, rest in peace.

We ask you to pray for Mr. Frate and all our recently departed members listed here:

JULY 2017

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Richard G. Rand
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ
William H. Gilbert
Edward P. Graham, Jr.
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Leontine E. Vaneck
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL
Mary Boka
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Mary Maurer
- 0025 BECKLEY, WV

- Bernice M. Bloch
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
John Fodor
Gerard H. Nath
- 0044 AKRON, OH
Joseph A. Mack
- 0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Edith L. Birchette
Lillian Puskas
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Danica Bayus
Waldo Grigoroff
Lillian Grzezinski
John F. Pollock
- 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Maria T. Varga
- 0174 SCRANTON, PA
Francis M. Anonia
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Edward Miksits
- 0226 McKEESPORT, PA
Francis J. Chandler

- Alexander A. Veland
- 0249 DAYTON, OH
Michele Daley-LaFlame
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Linda A. Fiedler
Harry C. James
Mary L. Kruk
Nancy Stapleton
Jeff C. Wojciechowski
- 0310 LYNCH, KY
Albert R. Stevens
- 0383 BUFFALO, NY
Patricia Taravella
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Frank Belle
Clement J. Czerwinka
- 0720 DEDHAM, MA
Antonetta Sposito
- 0725 SPRINGFIELD, MA
Felix J. Szymcik
- 8036 SCOTTDAL, PA
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- 8340 - Aaron J. Holdsworth - \$15.00
- 8340 - Christian D. Sugg - \$15.00

TOTAL for Month = \$271.48

Additional Donations JULY 2017

Donor - Amount

- M/M Gordon J. Rice Jr. - \$15.00
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TOTAL for Month = \$160.00

Donations In Memoriam JULY 2017

Donor - Amount (In Memory of)

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(Paul J. Varga)
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(Paul J. Varga)
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- Ernest & Violet Sarosi - \$50.00
(Albert Frate, Former National Director)
- Ernest & Violet Sarosi - \$25.00
(Paul J. Varga)
- Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Paul J. Varga)
- Richard E. Sarosi - \$100.00
(Paul J. Varga, Br. 14 Auditor)
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(Paul J. Varga)
- Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$100.00
(Paul J. Varga)
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Mary Tirpak, Michael F. Vasas, Mary Helen Hastedt & James R. Kiacz)

TOTAL for Month = \$610.00

Donations Received From Annual Golf Tournament

Received as of July 31, 2017

Donor - Amount

- (In Memory of, if applicable)
- Anonymous - \$4.00
- Bethlen Communities - \$100.00
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(Our Parents)
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(Our Parents)

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(Kathleen Sarosi)
- Richard E. Sarosi - \$100.00
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- Violet Sarosi - \$100.00
(Kathleen Sarosi)
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(Deceased Branch Members)
- Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$100.00
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$200.00
(In Honor of Our Members)
- Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ - \$200.00
- Br. 28 Youngstown, OH - \$150.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
- Br. 40 Martins Ferry, OH - \$25.00
(Deceased WPA Members)
- Br. 349 Weirton, WV - \$25.00
(Deceased WPA Members)
- Br. 8036 Scottdale, PA - \$50.00

TOTAL for Month = \$4,601.00

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- Steve & Darlene Szatmari - \$100.00

TOTAL for Month = \$100.00



Puzzle Contest #147 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

Hungarian Grapes

Last month, Barbara House mentioned this is the time for Szüreti Mulatság (Grape Harvest Dances). There are many such events held here in our own American-Hungarian communities and throughout Hungary. One of the first grape harvest festivals of the season will take place in Hiram, Ohio at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio on Sept. 10.

In 2014, I was part of a spectacular celebration in the sleepy little town of Nagygymót, Hungary. Hundreds of dancers, musicians, hunters, horseriders and townsfolk took part in a procession that meandered through the streets of the village. We stopped every few hundred yards to partake in homemade wine, pálinka and pastries while area politicians recited official proclamations from Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. A highlight of this memorable day occurred just prior to the event when a young man dressed as the legendary Yuletide character Fekete Péter went from person to person rubbing coal dust on each attendee's face. My Magyar cousin Endre G. (who is regarded as the area's most prominent sportsman) drove into the staging area in a pickup truck carrying a payload of a 640-pound buck newly-harvested from a nearby cornfield. This noble animal served as the parade centerpiece and was recognized as a good luck omen for the town to have a bountiful autumn harvest.

The focal point of every Szüreti Bál is the careful hanging of grapes from tree branches located above the dance floor as wine is served. As the band plays a fiery csárdás, couples quickly fill the dance floor trying to steal a bunch of grapes without the rendőrség (sheriff) noticing. The grape thieves are caught and put in "jail" until a loved one pays a small fine to bail them out.

This month, we focus on the many varieties of grapes grown in Hungary. Some may be familiar, such as Furmint, Hárslevelű and Muscat which are blended together to create Tokaji. Other varieties of the fruit of the vine are less familiar and rarely available to the public. The vintners of Hungary produce as many grape varieties as their counterparts in America, Spain, or France.

There are 14 clues in this month's puzzle. Each word clue is a type of grape grown in Hungary. Good luck, and attend a Szüreti Mulatság near you.

Happy Labor Day, and see you in October.

Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #147 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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C	K	K	G	A	K	E	K	F	R	A	N	K	O	S
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"Hungarian Grapes" Word List

Furmint	Kékfrankos	Olaszrizling
Hárslevelű	Kéknyelű	Pearl of Csaba
Irsai Olivér	Királyleányka	Portugieser
Juhfark	Leányka	Pozsony
Kadarka	Muscat Lunel	

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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 #147
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Oct. 31, 2017.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Nov. 6, 2017, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #144 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #144 were drawn Aug. 8, 2017, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:
Emma M. Schvarckopf Borsa, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
Judith J. Faher, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
Lois A. Gazdag, Br. 89 Homestead, PA
Janice M. Hovevar, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

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