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THANK YOU for joining hands against hunger

ONCE AGAIN we put out the call, and once again you responded. We called on our members, branches and employees to Join Hands Against Hunger, and you opened your hearts to those in need. We thank those who joined in this effort to help alleviate hunger in their communities.

To date, 17 WPA branches, listed below, have participated in this year's campaign, donating non-perishable food items, household supplies and money to food banks.

Meanwhile, during this spring's Home Office food drive, our employees donated a total of 302 pounds of food (pictured here) and an additional \$106, all of which was donated to Northside Common Ministries in Pittsburgh.

Our thanks again to the following branches:

- Br. 15 Chicago, IL Maine Township Food Bank.
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- Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ Bayard Street Presbyterian Church food program.

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Letter to the Editor

Member appreciates delightful surprise

IMAGINE MY delightful surprise when I opened my mail and saw the \$50 check indicating I had won Puzzle #151. I could not stop smiling. I am joyful and extremely thankful. Thank you for letting me be a participant in your puzzles. I enjoy playing them.

Sincerely,

Janice Howard Orlando, FL

p.s. Still smiling :-)

Your comments on our magazine and William Penn Association are always welcome. Please write to us at: William Penn Life, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Or, you can send your comments via email to: jlovasz@wpalife.org.



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

If you would like to donate a prize for either or both auctions, please contact Ronda at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, or at *rkonesky@wpalife.org*. Let Ronda know what type of prize you'll be donating and if you will be delivering your prize to the Home Office prior to the auction or bringing it with you the day of the event.

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

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

Help the victims of Hurricane Maria

The devastating effects of Hurricane Maria--the worst storm to strike Puerto Rico in over 80 years--will haunt the island's residents for many years to come. Even eight months after the storm, many Puerto Ricans still lack essentials, such as access to electricity and clean water, and remain in desparate need of help with the hard, long-term work of recovery. And the 2018 hurricane season will be here before we know it.

Please consider helping the hurricane relief efforts by donating to "William Penn Association Foundation," a 501(c)(3) organization. William Penn Association will match all donations received, up to a cumulative amount of \$5.000.

Make your check payable to "William Penn Association Foundation" and write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo section.

Funds raised will be donated to **Brother's Brother Foundation**, a Pittsburgh-based international charity. Last year, they helped deliver dozens of trailer loads of water, food and medical items for those in need in Florida and Texas and continue to assist with relief efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Please send your donation to: **WPA Foundation, Hurricane Relief, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.**

Graduating high school seniors benefit

WE REMIND WPA life benefit members who will be graduating from high school that they may be eligible for our **Graduating High School Seniors Benefit**. This fraternal benefit provides young members free limited term life insurance. To be eligible, at least one of the graduate's parents also must be a WPA life benefit member. This benefit provides \$5,000 of life insurance coverage if one parent is a WPA member and \$10,000 if both parents are members. The coverage begins immediately upon our re-

ceipt of written notice that you have graduated from high school and ends six months from the date of graduation. This insurance coverage may be continued after six months, subject to submission of a satisfactory application and payment of any required premiums. Written notice, including verification of your graduation date, must be submitted to our Home Office within 30 days of graduation. For more details, contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at our Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 128.

PA fraternals seek applicants for scholarship grant

THE SCHOLARSHIP Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) is seeking applicants for its annual scholarship program. The PFA plans to award at least one \$500 scholarship.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must:

- be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of the fraternal benefit society--like WPA--that is a member of the PFA.
- Be a 2018 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school or other accredited post-secondary institution in the summer/fall of 2018 as a full-time student.
- Complete an application form.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from their fraternal benefit society.
- •Submit a 500-word essay on the topic: "What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternals to you and your peers?"

The required application form and more information may be obtained by contacting Joann Blackwell, PFA Scholarship Chair, at 412-261-3550 or at *jblackwell@orderisda.org*.

The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the PFA Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 21 to 23 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Washington, Pa.

LAST CALL FOR 2018-2019 WPFA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

WPA members interested in applying for grants from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation for the school year 2018-2019 must submit their applications and essays to the Home Office soon. All first-time and renewal applications and essays must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2018. Applications and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered. For more information, a complete list of eligibility rules and an application form, turn to pages 28 to 30 of this issue, or visit our website at www.wpalife.org.



Focus on Fraternalism with Barbara A. House

Mark your calendars for WPA events

I KNOW THAT YOU are reading *William Penn Life* often. You will see our many events planned just for you.

WPA is hosting a dinner for the Calvin Synod on May 16 at the Darlington Inn in Ligonier, Pa. The dinner is in honor of the Synod's biennial meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you. So much has happened in the last two years.

I hope you and your family will join us July 13 and 14 at our Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days. It really will be a special weekend this year.

We also hope that you are planning to attend our Hungarian Heritage Experience in August. We have many new things planned for that week to go with our new instruction materials. Get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Plans for WPA Tour 2018 are moving along. Remember, we prefer a smaller group on these tours. You will see many new things this year. I can hardly wait to see you.

It's Scholarship Time! Please get in your applications and essays. As many of you know, we adhere to a strict deadline. Work on your essay and get your paperwork in order. All first-time and renewal students must have their applications and essays postmarked by May 31, 2018.

Our first planning meeting for the WPA Picnic will be held soon. Our picnic committee will make sure you have a great time and plenty of food. Please join us in Hiram, Ohio, on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio. I also ask that you consider volunteering, too. We need many helping hands. Just a couple of hours would be a big help.



What a handsome group! Nearly the entire WPA Board of Directors joined me in welcoming Ambassador of Hungary to the United States Dr. László Szabó and his wife Dr. Ivonn Szeverényi (front, center) to the White Rose Ball held in February in Dearborn, Mich.

Your continued support of your branch and WPA is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you toward our goal of making WPA the best fraternal benefit society. Get involved! Everyone has something to offer! Please contact me anytime with questions or suggestions at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107, or at 734-782-4667, or at 313-418-5572. □



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Aging Well with Cathy Graham

The best plan

I WAS EXCITED about teaching my signature fitness class--"Ba-Boom"--today. I am usually overly enthusiastic when I teach *any* fitness class because I love exercise like nothing else.

A few minutes before class started, I gathered the troops to talk about the hour ahead. I planned for a nice interval workout, switching between slower paced songs for strength training moves and more upbeat music for cardiovascular benefits. Like most instructors, I put a considerable amount of time and thought into every teachable minute.

The only thing that gives me anxiety is the technology of it all. Geez, when I started teaching, it was with a cassette tape--much easier for me to use than the device I have now. I looked down at the screen to get the music started and--WHAM!--that most dreaded of messages popped up: Device is installing the latest update.

NOOOOOOOO!

Semi-panicked, I started pushing buttons and nothing happened. In my life, this is a worst-case scenario. My music is my foundation. I quickly scrambled to another room where I grabbed a CD from 2011 and hoped it would play. I fumbled around a bit, but I got it to play, and we started moving.

During song one, I was leading the warm up and trying to think of a plan for the next 55 minutes. My original plan was Swiss cheese now, full of holes with a slight bite.

Just as I was feeling like I could pull it off and give the members the meaty classes they were accustomed to, the



CD from 2011 showed me why it was in a drawer tucked away. There were only three songs on the whole CD; 13 minutes in and done. For the next 45 minutes, we did our thing without any music at all. Pin dropping quiet and awkward facial expressions filled the room.

I started talking about each movement and described the benefits, muscle involvement and modifications. The members started to truly engage by asking questions, sharing stories of how much stronger they have become and cheering each other on. The teacher took the role of student as I listened intently to their comments and concerns. We kept on task and took the time to learn a few more challenging moves.

In the end, it was a brilliant class, and I thanked them for the rich experience. When Plans A and B come up short, the unwritten plan can be the biggest winner of all.

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



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Thinking long term

Retirement, life insurance among consumers' top concerns

THE INSURANCE BAROMETER is a study conducted annually by Life Happens and LL Global, Inc. This study tracks the perceptions, attitudes and behaviors of consumers across a broad spectrum of age groups in the U.S. The goal of this study is to better understand consumers' financial concerns and how they think and act when it comes to financial products, with a particular focus on life insurance.

The 2017 survey involved 2,100 respondents. Each of the financial concerns addressed were assigned a "financial concerns index number" (or FCI). What follows is a summary of the 35-page study's findings.

The most common financial concern amongst consumers continues to be the ability to afford a comfortable **retirement.** While concern over short-term savings has decreased significantly, savings for retirement has remained the top concern for the last seven years. This seems to indicate that consumers are focusing more time and attention to long-term planning over savings for the shorter term and putting more time, attention and assets into retirement plans, such as 401k, 403b, IRAs or annuity plans.

Healthcare concerns are consistently among the top concerns, but the trends are shifting. The gap between estate and insurance planning versus healthcare concerns has decreased over the last seven years, suggesting there is more room for life insurance planning in the minds of consumers today.

Some financial concerns stick in the consumer's mind (and keep them up at night). There are a number of financial concerns that remain consistent among the consumer studies, including the concern for long-term (nursing home or home health) care, financial security of dependents, overall debt reduction and, as mentioned above, having a comfortable retirement.

More people see the need for life insurance, particularly for parents with young children. Eight out of 10 respondents said that a married person with one or more children needs individually-owned life insurance.

- The top-rated concern in this category was, again, the thought of leaving dependent children with financial hardship due to a premature death.
- The second highest concern was for covering final expenses and burial costs. Several other studies have indicated that this is the number one reason cited for insurance ownership--to cover final expenses and burial.



- Leaving an inheritance was the lowest ranked concern in this category, suggesting that the perceived need for living a comfortable retirement is outweighing the desire to transfer wealth to the next generation.
- When answering questions regarding life coverage, women were more concerned about the financial security of dependents and final expenses than were men.

Consumer demand for life insurance is greater than actual ownership:

- 70% of respondents said they need life insurance, yet only 59% actually own life insurance.
- Of those 59% who have some form of life insurance, most of them have either individual insurance or group insurance (through their employer).
 - Only 20% have both.
- 33% of respondents indicated that they do not have enough life insurance.

On the importance of owning life insurance:

- Respondents deem life insurance more important for married than single individuals, even when presented with identical life situations for both.
- •70% of dual-wage responders indicated that they would have trouble paying living expenses in two years or less if they were to lose their spouse/partner prematurely.
- 40% of respondents indicated that they wish their spouse/partner had more life insurance than they currently have. This is an increase of 10% since the 2011
- Nearly 15% responded that they have no idea how much insurance their spouse/partner has.

Moneywise

- Over 60% of respondents indicated that they have no idea how much insurance their parents have.
- 70% of respondents with deceased parents (one or both) indicated they wish their parents had carried more life insurance.

As I mentioned at the beginning, this study was 35 pages long and included a lot of data that went beyond the scope of the article, but it helped shed some light on the growing trends in our industry today.

Of particular interest to me was the part about the percentage of respondents who have no idea how much insurance their spouse, partner or parents carried, and how many wish those loved ones would/could purchase more. Please do not end up in this category. Take the time to discuss your plans with your spouse or partner and your children so they know what you have and what your intentions are. Tell them how much insurance you carry, who the agent is, who the beneficiaries are and where to find your certificates.

Perhaps it's time to consider buying a little more coverage. In my 40-year insurance career, I have had the good fortune of delivering a number of claim checks-some large, some not so large--and have *never* heard: "Bob, thanks, but dad had too much life insurance"; or, "This is too much money; can you take some back?" The response is usually quite the opposite.

This reminds me of a story I heard early in my career about a man who was crossing a desert. One night while in the desert, he heard a voice. The voice told him

to collect stones as he journeyed across the desert. He began to collect stones, but about halfway across the desert, the burden caused by the weight of the stones became too great, so he started discarding stones to lighten his load. When he reached the other side of the desert, he noticed that the stones had turned to gold. He was both happy and sad: happy that he kept some, but sad that he didn't keep more.

So it is with life insurance. I realize that paying your premiums may seem like a burden at times, and you might even consider dropping your coverage. But remember this story and keep all the insurance you can afford. You, or someone you love, will be happy you did!

Are you among the 70% who said they need life insurance, or the 33% who stated they need more? Perhaps you're in the group that wished their spouse had more insurance or are among the dual-wage earners who would have difficulty making ends meet without the second income. If you find yourself or a loved one in one of these categories, why not give your William Penn Association agent a call today?

Did you know we pay a referral fee for referring a loved one to WPA if they purchase an insurance certificate? Call your agent or the Home Office to find out about WPA's Recommender program.

Until next time, please remember those who made the supreme sacrifice while in service to our country this Memorial Day.





Tibor's Take with Tibor Check, Jr.

Honoring POWs, 100 years later

EARLY IN THE MONTH OF MAY, we honor our dear sweet mothers (*kedves édesanya*). But, the last Monday of the month we reserve for remembering those from our military who made the supreme sacrifice while serving in our nation's military.

On this day rightfully reserved for honoring America's war dead, I often think also of those from other nations who died fighting for their country. I particularly think of those who died during World War I, those who found themselves in a cataclysmic conflict that is now regarded by many as a historic mistake. And, I find myself thinking of Hungary, where a small group of locals preserved a critical piece of POW history from World War I.

A few years back while visiting cousins in Hungary, my family traveled on a dirt road only a minute east of Csót off Route 832. My cousin Géza's BMW bounced like an overinflated soccer ball as we meandered up the one lane road choked on both sides by a forest of tall acacia trees.

We pulled into a grove of overgrown beech trees, wild vines and brown grass. Getting out of the car, we followed our cousin about 50 yards to what appeared to be a very neglected graveyard of several hundred headstones. As we got closer, a weathered sign written in Hungarian lay parallel to the ground. It became clear that this was a cemetery for prisoners of war from World War I. My cousin Géza explained that this was the last part remaining of a huge complex that once housed thousands of Russian, Romanian and Serbian prisoners of war captured by Austria-Hungary on the Italian and Eastern Fronts.

As we wandered through the area, we found an old concrete cistern that was crumbling and collapsed. As shadows of evening approached, we discovered that there were many more graves than we first assumed. Most of the headstones were either damaged, missing or upended by either Mother Nature or vandals.

The cemetery was divided by country of origin, and a few markers bore the names of women. Several stones had Hungarian names, such as István, János or Imre. Initially, I was a bit confused by this until I realized that several countries which were on the Entente side also had





BEFORE restoration, the POW cemetery at Csót was littered with damaged grave markers, unkept plots, fallen branches, unmowed grass and overgrown vegetation.

large Hungarian populations (Romania and Serbia, for example).

As we slowly ambled back to the car, I noticed a few tombstones depicting French and English sounding names. I thought that was rather odd since France and England fought on the Western Front and Hungary battled hundreds of miles to the east and south. I wanted to explore more, but the sun was about to set and the treacherous drive back to a blacktop roadway was best

Points to Ponder....

There are two holidays each year that honor members of our military: Veterans Day (formerly known as Armistice Day) and Memorial Day. Veterans Day honors those who served in our nation's armed forces. On the other hand, Memorial Day remembers those who died while serving in our country's armed forces, a day when we recall that "all gave some, but some gave all."

But, it seems Memorial Day is increasingly observed as a convivial occasion: a day of barbeques, baseball and parades as our society marks the unofficial start of the summer season. Something about this rings hollow, given the reason for the holiday and especially given that we already have a summertime patriotic festival--it's called Independence Day.

Does the increased commercialization and frivolity of Memorial Day detract from the true reason for the day, or is it possible to have both co-exist simultaneously? Let me know what you think. - Tibor





AFTER restoration, the cemetery is a fitting tribute to those who perished in the camp, complete with new displays providing information on the camp and those who were imprisoned there.

done in the daylight.

The next day, my cousins Olgi, Judit and András took us to a small museum in town that housed information about the POW camp. There were a hundred or so artifacts on display. A dozen or so historical photographs helped to explain what life was like in captivity.

Of the 16 or so war camps located in Hungary, most were destroyed after WWI. A few campsites have a small sign explaining that the premises were once POW camps there, but other than that, details about those camps are lost to history.

I remember thinking that if something was not done soon to repair and clean up the graveyard, the only remaining part of what was left of the Csót camp would be lost.

Recently, I found myself thinking about that POW graveyard near Csót and began doing some research on the internet. I learned that the POW camp facility was unique from several standpoints.

Unlike other POW camps, Csót remained opened until 1923, long past the end of WWI, because it had a three-part purpose. From 1915 to 1918, it was used to imprison mostly Russian, Polish, Serbian and Italian soldiers from the hostilities of World War I. In 1918 and 1919, the camp held soldiers running away from the Romanian Royal Army during the Hungarian-Romanian War. Then, from late 1919 to 1923, the Csót camp was a sort of halfway house for returning soldiers--mostly Russians--making their way back from the Italian Front.

The living conditions at POW camps are generally quite severe, but the Csót facility was thought by some to be among the best in regard to living conditions. In 1961, 15 former Csót POWs were interviewed and they nearly all agreed that their confinement there was generally a bearable experience. The prison featured dozens of elevated barracks, a well-equipped mess hall, a post office, an officer's casino and a movie theater. Escaping was usually a minor problem as most of the prisoners considered their incarceration a similar if not better alternative to what they experienced as soldiers in the field or even what was available back at home.

Still, the size of the graveyard showed me that no matter how good conditions were comparatively, there was still a great risk of illness, injury and death in this camp.

Once the final wave of returning soldiers was processed and mustered out, the camp closed and was dismantled by the townsfolk. Only the burial ground remained. By and large, it was not kept up, except for a one-time repair to erect headstones that were lying flat due to weather, seasonal shifts and settling of the ground.

Last Easter, my mother, father and brother returned to Csót for another visit. They were told that some money may be available in the future to restore the graveyard, and an effort was underway to preserve what was left of the prison cemetery.

In mid-summer 2017, a grant was presented to the town of Csót to not only repair the graveyard but also to add additional structures and informational plaques explaining to visitors the significance of that specific internment center.

By the fall of 2017, the renovation and upgrading of the Csót POW camp was complete and a formal ceremony took place prior to Christmas.

Several residents of Csót volunteered many hours of labor as the long process of revamping a 100-year-old historical site became a reality. My congratulations go out to the citizens of Csót in their endeavor to preserve history. May this example remind us of the importance of remembering and honoring those Americans who gave their lives for our freedoms.

Éljen a Magyar, **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.



In the Community with our National Directors

Reports from our National Directors on the people and activities they encounter during WPA's fraternal and charitable outreach

Paprika! serves up a tasty evening of Magyar culture

by Richard E. Sarosi

CLEVELAND -- Paprika! 2018 took place on Saturday, March 10, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel (CHDP) honored and celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Guests--which included members of WPA's Board of Directors, their spouses and members of Branch 14 Cleveland--were invited to dress in attire reflecting 150 years of the Society's existence.

It isn't a Hungarian event until the *pálinka* is served. On this evening it was served in style, flowing through an ice sculpture in the shape of a horse's head which chilled the brandy to perfection.

Guests enjoyed cold and hot hors d'oeuvres--including a drunken chicken liver mousse on a poppyseed edible spoon--while keeping an eye on their silent auction bids.

Then, guests were invited into the dining room where the *palotás* court dance was performed by the Cleveland Hungarian Scouts Dance Group.

The multi-course dinner featured Hungarian *gulyás en croute* and the *saláta* resembled a miniature red, white and green crown. A sour cherry merlot sorbet cleansed the palate in preparation for the main course of braised short rib, raft of peeled jumbo asparagus and rainbow spaetzle.

The excellent meal concluded with a variety of tortes, including *dobos torte*, made-to-order *palacsinta* with a selection of fillings, fresh fruit, coffee and tea.

Dinner and dance music was provided by the Cleveland-based ensemble, Harmonia, who performed a variety of traditional Hungarian tunes.

This was the 28th year for Paprika!, and it was once again an elegant and exciting evening. Proceeds from the evening support business, education, health and social service projects in Cleveland, Hungary and Central Europe.

Since its founding in 1990, the CHDP has distributed over \$1 million to fund grants and scholarships.

WPA is a proud supporter of the CHDP and Paprika!



Representing WPA at Paprika! were (clockwise, from left): Harry Nicholson, National Director Joyce E. Nicholson, Branch 14 Vice President JoAnne Sedensky, Violet Sarosi, National Director Richard E. Sarosi, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt, Branch 249 President Mark Schmidt, Rick Lewis, National Director Debra A. Lewis and Vice Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak.



Guests have some fun with a Hungarian photo cut-out at Weirton's Annual Festival of Nations

Weirton festival offers visitors a 'world tour'

by Joyce Nicholson

WEIRTON, WV -- On March 17, I took a one-day trip to 12 foreign countries. I didn't need a passport, travel plans or a suitcase. I simply drove to the Weirton Millsop Community Center for the 10th Annual Festival of Nations.

I stepped into a delightful world of aromatic smells of delicious ethnic cooking, displays of cultural representations of each nation, and entertaining dances complete with traditional costumes from the represented countries.

My husband Harry and I represented William Penn Association at this collection of many nations proudly representing their heritage, customs and traditions.

This melting pot of diversity is organized each year by a committee from the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

Oh, and did I mention the event was FREE?

We were happy to be able to represent the Hungarian culture and WPA at this festive event.

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City:	State: Zip:	
Phone:	Email	

Deadline for Reservations is June 25, 2018

Reservations received after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$50. No reservations will be accepted after July 16, 2018.

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

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

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Name (as it appears on your passport):_		
Date of Birth:	_ WPA Member: □ Yes (Price \$4,136) □ No (Price \$4,6	36)
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City:	State: Zip:	
Phone:	Email:	
Accommodations: ☐ Single (Add \$700 t	to tour price) 🗖 Double / Roommate's Name:	

Send this form--along with your deposit of \$1,500.00 per person made payable to "William Penn Association"--to:

WPA Tour 2018, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

*Please include a photocopy of your passport's photo page with this reservation form and deposit.

Magyar Matters



The Women's Choir of the Cleveland Hungarian Scouts perform March 18 in Walton Hills, Ohio, during a ceremony commemorating the Hungarian Revolution of 1848.

Hungarian Revolution of 1848 remembered in word and song

by Richard E. Sarosi

WALTON HILLS, OH -- A ceremony commemorating the 170th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848 was conducted March 18 at the First Hungarian Reformed Church in Walton Hills.

The ceremony attracted about 230 participants and guests. Many members of William Penn Association Branch 14 participated in the program.

Rahel Krasznai served as Mistress of Ceremonies and did a wonderful job in keeping the program on time and in order.

Children from the Hungarian classes and Sunday school of the church recited poetry and performed musical selections commemorating the events of 1848.

The Kis Magyar Kórus (Small

Hungarian Chorus) from the Westside Lutheran Church and the Women's Choir of the Cleveland Hungarian Scouts sang beautiful Hungarian songs and hymns.

Guest speakers included: Dr. Zita Bencsik, Hungarian Consul General-Chicago; Dr. Mónika Fodor, Fulbright Scholar Professor of the Hungarian program at Cleveland State University; Zsuzsa Daróczy; Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai; and Endre Szentkiralvi.

A special thank you to the Cleveland United Hungarian Societies and The First Hungarian Reformed Church for organizing and coordinating this beautiful event.

A reception was held after the program where beverages and delicious Hungarian desserts and pastries were served.

HCCNEO releases picnic schedule

HIRAM, OH -- The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) in Hiram recently announced its picnic and event schedule for 2018.

- Sunday, June 10 The Buckeye Road Hungarian and Slovak Reunion Picnic.
- Sunday, July 22 Classic Car Show and Picnic.
- Saturday, Aug. 4 Gulyás Cook-Off. This will be the first year for this exciting and delicious event.
 - Saturday, Aug. 25 WPA Picnic.
 - Sunday, Sept. 9 Fall Festival

Picnic and dance performance.

All of these events are held at the Cultural Center's grounds, located at 12027 Abbot Road, Hiram, and are open to the public.

For more information, contact HCCNEO President Mary Jane Molnar at 330-274-2786 or visit the Center's website at *www.hungarian-club.org*.

The HCCNEO continues to remodel and renovate its facilities and your financial support and attendance at these events will help raise the funds needed to complete this work.

Museum to honor influential Hungarians

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Museum will be paying tribute to influential Hungarian American business leaders, scientists and mathematicians with a new exhibit opening this month.

"Hungarian-American Contributions to American Business, Science and Mathematics" will highlight the many contributions of businessmen, scientists and mathematicians of Hungarian descent working or living in America.

The exhibit will open Saturday, May 19. The museum is located in the lower level of The Galleria in Downtown Cleveland.

As part of the opening, mathematician Zsolt Dömötörffy will present a lecture discussing the life and work of Paul Erdős, one of the most prolific mathematicians of the 20th century. Erdős was known both for his social practice of mathematics and for his eccentric lifestyle. He published around 1,500 papers during his lifetime, a figure that remains unsurpassed.

The Museum will be open that day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The lecture begins at 2:00 p.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the presentation. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Parking is available in The Galleria underground garage.

For more information, call 216-523-3900 or email museum@clevelandhungarianmuseum.org.

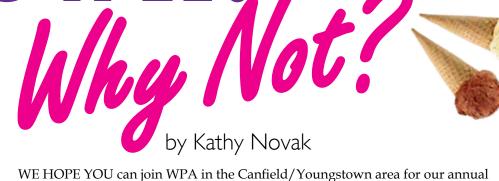
Florida club to host dinner-dance with Imre Rakonczai

VENICE, FL -- The Hungarian Christian Society and the Petőfi Club of Venice, Fla., will host a dinner and dance featuring music by Hungarian musician Imre Rakonczai on Saturday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. For more information and reservations, call 941-786-8675 or email smchisar@gmail.com by May 17. The club is located at 165 N. Jackson Road, Venice, FL 34292.

35th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

Y-Town?





golf tournament July 13-14.

In last month's issue, we highlighted attractions and activities in and around Canfield that could turn the tournament weekend into a family fun weekend. This month, I'd like to tell you about a few more special spots around "Y-Town."

Handel's - A homemade ice cream company, which makes fresh ice cream. There's a Handel's ice cream stand on Rt. 224, the same road connecting the hotel and golf course. It's a little past the golf course. (www.handelsicecream.com)

Youngstown Skate – An indoor roller skating rink featuring a skywalk and indoor play area, located at 7080 Tiffany Blvd., about 15 minutes from the hotel, off Rt. 224, near I-680. (www.youngstownskates.com)

Fellows Riverside Gardens - As part of the Mill Creek Metropark, the garden, at 123 McKinley Ave. in Youngstown, offers a walking garden, which will be show-casing their beautiful roses during the weekend of our golf tournament. (www.millcreekmetroparks.org/visit/places/mill-creek-park/fellows-riverside-gardens/)

The *Canfield Fairgrounds* are located at 7265 Columbiana Canfield Road, about 10 minutes away from the hotel, off Rt. 224. Usually during the summer, the fairgrounds host miscellaneous events, such as auto swap meets, dog shows and classic car shows. On the weekend of our golf tournament, the fairgrounds will be hosting the Mahoning County Saddlehorse Show. (www.canfieldfair.com)

St. Stephen of Hungary Church (part of Holy Apostles Parish) will be holding its summer picnic on Sunday, July 15, beginning around noon. The afternoon will feature live ethnic bands and ethnic food. The church is located at 854 Wilson Ave., Youngstown.

For those staying until Sunday, the area around the hotel and golf course has numerous churches of various denominations.

If you are unfamiliar with Y-Town, here are a few brief facts about the city:

- The City of Youngstown was founded by John Young in 1797 as part of the original Western Reserve of Connecticut, and was officially incorporated in 1802.
- Youngstown was once known for producing iron, steel and automotive parts. Like many cities in the Northeast and Midwest, Youngstown has seen many of its old industries close, but is revitalizing itself.
 - Major commercial railway lines intersect through the area.
- Youngstown State University (YSU) has expanded over the years, attracting many students to this area.
- Sports are a very popular form of entertainment in Y-Town. The YSU football and basketball teams always attract many fans. The Mahoning Valley Scrappers, the Class A minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, draw many fans to its stadium throughout the summer season. And golfers have numerous public courses from which to choose.

The Youngstown area may not be a major tourist destination, but it does have a lot of history and attractions to visit and enjoy.

I hope to see you around Y-Town during our golf tournament weekend!

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35th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days July 13-14, 2018, Canfield, OH

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GOLFERS	REGISTER
1. Name: Phone or Email:	SAVE WITH EARLY REGISTRATION. Must be paid in full by May 25, 2018. All registrations are due by June 15, 2018.
2. Name:	GOLF/BANQUET PACKAGE
Phone or Email: 3. Name:	Package inclues greens fees, cart, and hot dog and beverage at the turn, along with admission to Friday's reception and Saturday's banquet.
Phone or Email:	# of WPA members @ \$88 each (\$75 each <i>IF</i> received by May 25, 2018)
4. Name:	# of Non-members @ \$98 each (\$85 each <mark>IF</mark> received by May 25, 2018)
Phone or Email:	BANQUET ONLY
GUESTS 1. Name:	# of WPA members age 16 and older @ \$25 each # of Non-members age 16 and older @ \$35 each # of Children ages 12-15 @ \$12 each
Phone or Email:	# of Children ages 11 and under @ Free
2. Name:	FRIDAY RECEPTION # of all Golfers attending Friday Reception (Each golfer may bring one guest for free)
3. Name:	Additional Non-golfing Guests # of Guests age 15 and older @ \$10 each
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Phone or Email:	\$ = Total Payment Due

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

□ PAYING BY CHECK. Mail this form & check to: William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 Make check for golf & banquet fees payable to: "William Penn Association"

□ PAYING BY CREDIT CARD. Mail this form to the address listed above and call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149, to complete payment process.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 6690 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406. To reserve your room at our special rate of \$119 (plus tax) per night, call the hotel at 330-702-1900. DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018.

For more information, call Fraternal Director Barbara A. House (ext. 107) or Judit Ganchuk (ext. 149) toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.

All Golf & Banquet Reservations are due no later than June 15, 2018.



Hi everybody! This month's craft is "geared" toward older kids, but you "auto" know that you're going to need adult supervision to make this one....Okay, no more bad puns. Moving on....

While America has the Daytona 500 where race cars speed to prove who is the fastest, Hungary has the Balatonfüred Concours d'Elegance to prove which cars stand the test of time in terms of beauty and craftsmanship. This event is sponsored by the Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens (or FIVA). FIVA is a worldwide organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of historic vehicles and related culture. In honor of the fifth Balatonfüred Concours d'Elegance, which will be held May 4 through 6, we present this month's craft: **building your own (miniature) car**.

What You Need

- A paper towel roll, cut in half
- 4 plastic milk bottle caps
- 4 long beads
- 4 rounded beads
- Thin craft wire
- A thumbtack
- Paint & paintbrush
- Scissors
- A box cutter and adult supervision

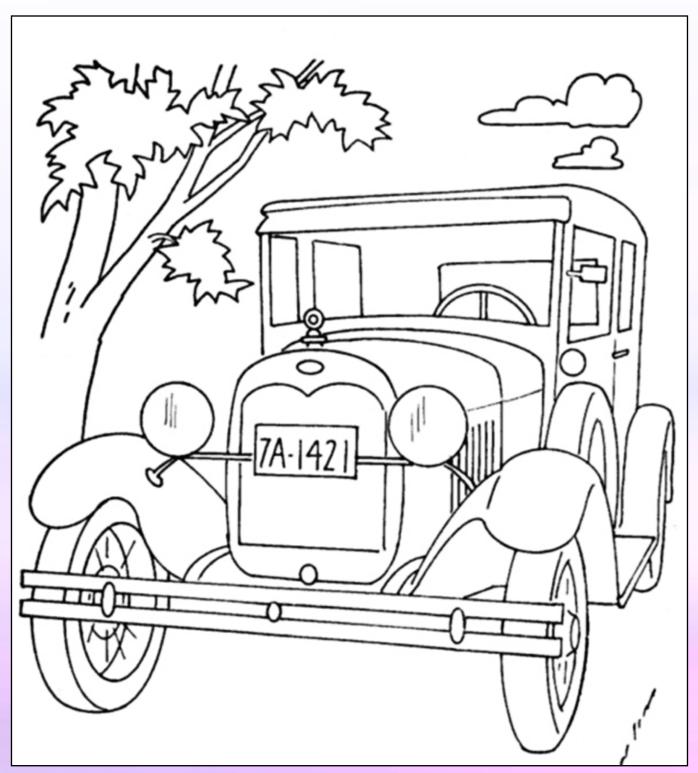
What You Do

- Start by watching a video of how to do this craft.
 Go to: http://www.hellokids.com/c_31744/kidscrafts-and-activities/make-a-car
- Paint the paper towel roll your favorite color.
- Ask an adult to punch a hole in the center of each plastic cap with the thumbtack.
- Cut out the "windshield." To do so, cut three sides of a rectangle with the box cutter, and flip it up toward the front of the car.
- Punch four holes with the thumbtack into the roll. These holes need to be the location of the wheels.
- Cut a piece of wire, pass it through the two holes at the front of the car. The wire has to connect the wheels like the axle on a real car.
- String a long bead on one side, then a cap, and then a rounded bead.
- Pass the wire back through the cap, the long bead, and the roll.
- Inside the car, wind up the wire around itself.
- Start over on the other side of the car, then tighten the wire, but make sure the wheels can still move.
- Now you just need to decorate your car and HAVE FUN!



Coloring a classic!

After you're done racing your new homemade miniature car, why not sit down and have some more fun coloring the classic car below?



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Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Happy spring greetings to you and your loved ones. We hope that everyone had a blessed Easter.

Activities in the Hungarian community should be more plentiful as the weather improves and remains consistent. I have grown tired of the up and down temperatures as well as the snow one day and then 70 degree temperatures the next. The poor daffodils, hyacinths and other spring flowers are so confused. It is time to bid winter farewell.

Paprika! 2018 took place on March 10, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Cleveland. Joining me at this celebration of Hungarian culture were several members of the WPA Board of Directors and fellow members of our branch. For more on this event, see "In the Community" on page 12.

Branch 14 members also attended a ceremony commemorating the 170th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848, held at the First Hungarian Reformed Church in Walton Hills, Ohio, on March 18. You can read more about this event in "Magyar Matters" on page 15.

This month's "Magyar Matters" section also includes the schedule of activities to be hosted by The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio, this summer. We hope to see you there.

Branch 14 will hold meetings on Wednesday, May 2, and Wednesday Sept. 5. Both meetings will begin 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.

Other upcoming activities in the Cleveland area include:

- The 80th Anniversary of the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden on Sunday, June 24.
- Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio on Saturday, June 30.
- The Rev. Imre A. Bertalan Memorial Golf Outing hosted by Bethlen Communities on Saturday, June 30, in Ligonier, Pa., benefitting the Bethlen Communities' Student

Scholarship Fund.

• The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden Golf Outing and Dinner at Barrington Country Club on Thursday, July 19.

• The Third Gala Organ Concert for the benefit of the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Check upcoming issues of *William Penn Life* for more information on these and other events in the American Hungarian community.

The officers and members 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 or dealing with health issues. We send out get well wishes and prayers of healing to Branch 14 members Ernie Sarosi, Alan Varga and JoAnne Sedensky; Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara; Branch 14 Coordinator Violet Sarosi; and WPA member Linda Enyedy for her continued healing and return to good health. Please keep them and all of our WPA 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 May/June birthday or anniversary. We love you and wish you a very happy day. May you be blessed with many more birthdays and anniversaries.

Lastly, your continued support throughout the year of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation is very important and needed as it provides the funds that are distributed to our student members for their college studies. Please support education.

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.

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.



Branch 15 Chicago participated in WPA's Easter Basket program, donating these items to those in need.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy May. It sure is hard to even think "May." On the day I wrote this, we were hoping to reach a high of 32 degrees. I wore my winter coat to church on Easter Sunday as did most of our attendees.

Speaking of which, thank you, Fr. Barnabas, for a beautiful Easter Mass. The church was beautiful. I am so proud to be a Holy Cross member. Come to Detroit one day and see how gorgeous our church is. We even have a beautiful mascot. Her name is Roxy.

I sure hate writing this two months in a row, but I must: we at Branch 18 have lost another true WPA supporter and very active member. Eleanor Kender passed away on April 2, 2018. She kept the Ladies Auxiliary alive and active for many years, and she did all she could to support Branch 18. Eleanor also pulled me into being an active member of our branch. That was many years ago; I won't tell you how many, but it was many years ago. It was due to her that I fell in love with all things William Penn, and I still am. Eleanor really was special. Rest in peace, my dear and faithful friend. You will be missed.

Branch News



On March 31, members and friends of Branch 19 prepared and stocked a "mini-supermarket" on the driveway of the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church, using gourmet food items donated from a food expo held in nearby Edison, N.J.

Remember all our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Christine Nemeth, Emma Schvarckopf Borsa, Louise Posavetz and Karen Beller. Rest in peace, dear members.

A reminder to our members going to college in the fall: all applications and essays for WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants must be in the mail and postmarked by May 31. If you haven't sent yours in yet, do it right now.

Happy May birthday to you all, especially Judy Chakey, Judit Ganchuk, Elsie Kantor, Tamas Markovits, and last, but surely not least, Fr. Barnabas Kiss. We hope that your special day is wonderful.

Get well to all who are ailing, especially Linda Enyedy who is slowly recovering. Her accident was much more serious than we first thought. Get well wishes also go out to Rose Antal, Julie Bubenko, Beata Csaszar, David Bodnar and Doug Truesdell. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Get well soon.

Branch 18 members, mark your calendars. Our next two meetings are on May 23 and June 20. We still meet at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard, in Taylor, at 6:00 p.m. Again, I ask you to remember our furry friends. Please bring food, towels, old blankets, cat litter--anything you can think of. They need so much in animal shelters. I encourage you to attend your branch meetings. We need your input on how we can make our Association even better. Our future

depends on you.

Thank you to all who made our March 14 Christmas party a fun event! I loved my presents, and I thank you.

Our Join Hands Day project is June 9. We will begin at the Cultural Center at 10:00 a.m. We will finish planting at St. Michael's on Champaign Street in Lincoln Park, where we will have lunch. For those who help, you will be included on our bus that travels to the WPA Picnic in Ohio on Aug. 25.

Hello to Ann Sorovetz. I spent a couple of hours with her and just hated to leave. She is truly a wonder. Thanks for helping with the cook-

Also, thank you to Joan Wanat and John Blazo for thinking of WPA for your financial needs.

Hello to my mom in Mississippi. Her home was quarantined for many weeks due to various illnesses. Welcome back to the world and your many visiting family members. Glad you are all better. And, most importantly, Happy Mother's Day too, mom. I love you. Mother's Day happiness to all mothers out there, too. You are all greatly loved.

Welcome home, Tommy. It took Abbie 15 minutes to allow him into HER home. It's getting better day by

Your continued support of your branch and WPA is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you toward our goal to make WPA the best fraternal of all. Get involved, everyone has something to offer!

Please contact me anytime with questions or suggestions at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107; at 734-782-4667 or at 313-418-5572.

My thought for the month: "We are not only here to make a living. We are here to enrich the world.

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Jennifer Orlick

We were happy to receive \$50 from the WPA Home Office to be used for our local food program. Branch 19 matched the funds.

In partnership with members of the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church, our branch participated in several food giveaways to the local community in New Brunswick, N.J.

We had a food giveaway on Feb. 24, and a flea market and clothing giveaway on March 3. Many participants were homeless and needed not only food but also clothing because their clothing had gotten wet from the snow storm. On occasions like these, we see how many people in our area are struggling and in need. As long as this need exists, we will continue to collect clothing and will sell and give away items at the food events.

On March 31, our members again participated in a special food event. Gourmet food items from a food expo in Edison, N.J., were donated to the program. A hardworking team of volunteers from our branch and the church opened and stocked a "mini-supermarket" on the church's driveway.

Thanks to Bodnar's Auction Sales, (owned by Branch 19 member Joseph Bodnar), rows of tables overflowed with donated food, and hundreds in need in the community were served. Many thanks to all who volunteered.

Branch 19 was also represented at a gala in March benefiting GiGi's Playhouse, a Down syndrome achievement center in Hillsborough, NJ. Branch auditors Jennifer Orlick and Kathy Shimmel were in attendance. Both members also volunteer for the organization.



William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation

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.

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

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

Name:

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Telephone:

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Branch 26 Sharon, PA

by Gerry Davenport

Welcome spring (we hope). It will be great to see flowers blooming and hear birds chirping.

Our members decided to donate Easter baskets to four special needs children this year. It was awesome to see their faces when they received their basket filled with chocolate candy and an assortment of Easter items.

We also took part in the WPA food drive. We donated food to the local food bank that helps so many people in need.

It was a great surprise to see USAF SrA2 Alexandra Tew, daughter of WPA Sales Coordinator Barbara Tew. Alex works as a meteorologist for the U.S. Air Force and is stationed in Florida. We would like to thank Alex and all military, past and present, for the service and sacrifice that they give and gave so we can live freely here in the United States of America.

Get well wishes and prayers to all sick members and friends. May you always walk in sunshine!



ABOVE: Branch 26 Coordinator Gerry Davenport and her grandson and WPA member Connor Ross deliver food donated by the branch to the Grove City food pantry as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. RIGHT: Branch 26 donated these cheerful Easter baskets to four local children in need in March.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Congratulations to the Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel for hosting another successful and enjoyable Paprika! event on March 10 in Cleveland. WPA sent representatives to show their continued support of this annual event. For more on this event, see "In the Community" on page 12.

The Youngstown Hungarian Federation held its annual commemorative program of the Hungarian War of Independence of 1848 on March 18 at the Aut Mori Grotto Hall. The program included a recitation of the traditional poem, "Nemzeti Dal," recited by Leslie Polgar Sr. Owen Schauer gave a presentation on the life of the young Louis Kossuth growing up in Hungary. Hungarian melodies were played on the piano by Joe Losoncy, which had audience members singing along. Fellowship and refreshments were shared following the program.

Best of luck to Christina Toth as she takes part in the Youngstown Marathon on June 3. She also served as a promoter for this event, helping athletes train for the marathon.

Nice to see recognition given to Cindy Bakos, head staff nurse of the Northside Regional Medical Center's emergency room, as she was included in a photo promoting the hospital in the *Vindicator*, the local Youngstown newspaper.

Happy retirement to Bettyann Nagy, as she leaves her career as a respiratory technician at St. Elizabeth Medical Center (Mercy Health). Happy days of birding, biking, golfing and all of the other fun things



Branch 28 members Leslie Polgar Sr. (left) and Owen Schauer, along with pianist Joe Losoncy, participated in a program March 18 in Youngstown, Ohio, commemorating the Hungarian Revolution of 1848.

you have planned for your days of leisure.

Remember during this month of May to honor all our loving mothers who have touched our lives in a way that no one else could.

Also, honor all those who have sacrificed their lives to keep our country safe this Memorial Day.

Get well wishes to all those not feeling up to par, including Evelyn Horvath, Alice Nagy, Ernie Sarosi, Margaret Sabo and Linda Enyedy.

Best wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month. Many blessings for a great day.

Thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost a loved one recently.

If you have information to share or questions about WPA, please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.



Branch News



Cousins (I-r) Jaxson Duer, Levi Hanchak, Graham Hanchak, Greyson Duer, Bowen Duer and Claire Hanchak gathered for an Easter celebration last month. All the Duer children are members of WPA Branch 89.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Boy, this was the winter that just wouldn't go away! Spring supposedly sprung, but most of April certainly could have been "April Fools!" Hope April showers will bring lots of May sun and flowers.

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

In preparation for Memorial Day, Andy and some of our branch members, along with our local VFW and American Legion, volunteered to place flags on veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery. Last year, over 14,000 flags were placed during the week preceding Memorial Day. Very proud of my husband and the volunteers. God bless our veterans.

Our charity donation this month is for The Seeing Eye, Inc. This worthwhile organization trains guide dogs to help blind individuals maintain their independence. The individual and dog form a relationship that lasts for life.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays, especially my dear sisterin-law Roseann Vamos. Also, happy anniversary wishes to my brother and sister-in-law and everyone celebrating a special event. Many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

Please remember our deceased

members in your prayers.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskarinec Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

Spring has finally arrived, although you would never know it by the amount of snow we keep on getting. Some of our younger Branch 89 members were so happy with Easter arriving and the sunshine that they couldn't contain their excitement as they prepared for an Easter egg hunt. Members Jaxson Duer, Grayson and Bowen Duer--along with their cousins Levi, Graham and Claire Hanchak--are the great-grandchildren of the late John and Elaine Toth and the nephews and niece of Branch 89 President John S. Toth Jr.

We're told 75-degree weather is on the way. That means it's time to get out, commune with Mother Nature and chase a little white ball all over a golf course or two.

Please join us for our chicken paprikas dinner to be held Sunday, May 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, 416-10th Ave., Munhall. People have been requesting we do this, and who are we not to give the people what they want? And yes, Chef János in all his finery will be preparing the dinner, and we hear through the grapevine that he may even have his sidekick, Chef

Apprentice Endre, and his band of happy helpers preparing this dinner. Price is \$10, and reservations are required. To make a reservation, please call Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec at 412-872-5022 or 412-298-3078, or email him at *mark. maskarinec@bipc.com*. We will also offer takeout for those not able to stay for the dinner.

In addition, we will be holding a raffle for some authentic Hungarian embroidery tapestries donated by Carolyn Slaugh. It promises to be a great day, full of good food, good times and new memories. For those of you who have missed Chef Janos' cooking, now's your chance to come and stock up on some good Hungarian food.

We still have gulyás and kolbász in our freezer. Please contact Mark if you're interested. Price is \$6 per quart for the gulyás and \$5.50 per pound for the kolbász.

On May 25, WPA member Tom Kazar will be hosting another Hungarian night at his restaurant, Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Cafe, complete with the musical accompaniment of George Batyi. It promises to be a great night, complete with good food and great music. Come check out Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Cafe on 8th Avenue in Homestead. For reservations, call 412-464-9023.

Branch 89 was recently saddened by the death of longtime member, Barbara Mertz. Barbara (pictured below) had been in declining health for some years now and was confined



to a wheelchair, but everytime our branch Christmas party was held, she and her late husband, Bert would be there along with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchil-

dren. We extend our sympathies to her family and take comfort in the fact that her suffering is over and she is with her beloved husband, Bert. Godspeed, Barbara; we will miss your smiling face.

On a happier note, we congratulate Branch Secretary-Treasurer Ruth D. Toth on celebrating her 88th birthday on April 7. It was a real joy

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to watch her reaction as some of the wait staff at Yokoso Restaurant performed their birthday song, complete with a brief fireworks display. Ruth (pictured left) and her guests

had a wonderful time, and we wish you many more happy birthdays.

Birthday greetings go out to branch members Robert S. Toth, Helena Lubiano Walochik, Timothy Toth and Keith S. Toth. Seems like April was a popular month for birthdays in our branch.

Get well wishes continue to go to branch members Fred Gabocy, George Kostival, Janet J. Phillips, Jim Findlay, as he battles cancer, and Patricia Walochik.

We will be holding a Join Hands Day project with the Reformed Baptist Church in Munhall. Date to be decided. Plans are for some landscaping to be done and cleaning up and repair in our church parsonage after recent weather damage.

Take care and make every day count. Do something nice for someone and see how good you will feel. It takes more energy to complain about something than it does to correct the problem. Fraternalism is the key! Let's make it count.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello from Columbus!

We are hoping May will bring great weather and the start of beautiful yards of flowers and gardens. The suburb of Grove City where I live had a tornado touch down on April 3. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but there was quite a bit of damage to homes, a church and a school. The storm broke over 20 utility poles, causing thousands of homes to lose electricity. Even a week later, there are still some homes without power.

We would like to welcome our newest branch member, Alexandra Grisamore.

The holidays for the month of May are: May Day (May 2); Cinco de



As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign, Branch 129 members (I-r) Erzsi Wagner, Jordan Hamelers, Rick Lewis and National Director Debbie Lewis deliver food donated by the branch to St. Ladislas Food Pantry in Columbus.

Mayo (May 5); Mother's Day (May 13), on which we honor our mothers for all they do for us; Armed Forces Day (May 19), on which we recognize members of the Armed Forces that are currently serving in the military; and Memorial Day (May 28) on which we honor and remember those who died while serving in the military.

Our branch again participated this year in Join Hands Against Hunger. We purchased and collected non-perishable items for St. Ladislas Food Pantry in Columbus.

We also participated in the Easter Basket program. We helped in buying groceries and household items for a family of seven which had been living at a local shelter and had just moved into a house.

We will be participating in Join Hands Day this month; date to be determined. If you would like to participate, please call Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968, and we will have more information about a date and time to help out.

Don't forget: all those applying for a WPA scholarship grant must have their application and essay postmarked by May 31. This is a wonderful program for all of our eligible members. Also, please consider donating to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Our next branch meeting will be

held on Tuesday, June 5, at Plank's, located at 743 Parsons Ave. We will begin at 4:00 p.m. Please plan on attending.

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 family of our member, Robert Williams.

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

Well, spring has started and Easter has passed, and we are still dealing with snow, cold and very windy conditions here in South Bend. The spring flowers have started to bloom and look very odd sticking out of the snow. With golf and softball leagues set to start soon, I cannot wait for the nice weather to arrive.

Mark your calendars! Our annual summer picnic will be held Sunday, July 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Po-



Tara Vargovic, director of the Bel Air Senior Living Community in Alliance, Ohio, accepts 40 Easter baskets donated by the members of Branch 189.

tawatomi Park Pavilion #1 in South Bend. This event will be held rain or shine as we have a roof to keep us dry. The club will provide Martin's Chicken, Eby's Polish Sausage, sodas, water and utensils. We ask that all attending members RSVP by July 21 so we know how much food to order. For reservations, contact Janos P. Burus at 574-287-0590 or *john.e.burus@honeywell.com.* We ask all those coming to please bring a dish or dessert to share.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on June 5 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road at 5:00 p.m.

Branch 189 Alliance, OH

by Brenda Court

Happy spring...if it would only stop snowing! I hope everyone has adjusted to the time change. It is nice to see a little more daylight in the early evening.

We have been busy at the branch since February. On Feb. 3, we had our branch/club audit. The next day, we sat and watched to see who our next Super Bowl champs would be. Pizza and snacks were supplied by the branch, and we congratulate the Philadelphia Eagles.

For Valentine's Day, there was a special dinner of stuffed shells, and salad with bread. Thank you, Gloria, for cooking for us.

On Feb. 16, Branch 189 held its monthly steak/fish fry.

There was a Valentine's party on Feb. 17, with food, music and dancing.

The following day we held our monthly branch meeting.

And, on Feb. 23, we began our weekly branch fish fry for the Lenten season.

I thank our members who generously donated \$175 that was given to the Alliance Food Pantry.

As March arrived, we continued with our

Lenten fish fry on Fridays, and held a steak/fish fry on March 16.

Our branch St. Patrick's Day party was held on March 17, complete with good old-fashioned Irish food. We were entertained with music, karaoke and dancing, and those who attended dressed in their best St. Paddy's Day attire for our contest. Congrats go out to winner Mandy Skinner! Thanks to all who came dressed for the occasion and had a great time.

Next, our branch prepared for the Easter bunny. For the WPA Easter Basket program, we again chose to donate baskets to the Bel Air Senior Living Community. We filled and delivered 40 Easter baskets to Tara Vargovic, Bel Air's director.

On March 31, the Easter Bunny handed out these baskets to the residents. I am hearing that Bel Air's residents truly enjoyed receiving our special baskets.

As we jumped into April, there were many "spring cleaning" items to be addressed with our building, starting with new electrical boxes and wiring. We're anticipating the installation of a new roof, along with doing some outside clean up. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate and provide good weather.

We had another steak fry in April and also brought back Taco Thurs-

days. You are invited to come to the club to build and enjoy your own taco and relax from cooking. Taco Thursdays begin at 4:00 p.m.

If you cannot join us Thursdays, then join us for Burger Night on Wednesdays, also starting at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the WPA Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days, July 13 and 14, in Canfield, Ohio. More information and a registration form can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this issue. Get your teams together if you're interested. By the way, this is not just for golfing, there are many different family activities, too.

Happy belated birthday wishes to our members and friends with February, March or April birthdays: Jim Ball, Jim Stuchell, Jim Hall, Alice Welch, Branch Vice President, Terry Court, Don Stanley, Janet Syme, Glenda Shellenberger, John Criss, Kim Craig, Mike Dallas, Chuck Mason, Kevin Schafer, Dorothy Whitney, Joe DeGiralamo, Jared Reifsnyder, Dan Haines, Patty Snyder, Randy Alpago, Chuck Dague, Twila Wareham, Ross Court, twins Joyce Pettigrew and Joan Cochran, Jay Shafer, Rick Damiani, Ron Gunias, Jo Ann Marshall, Jim Mylius, Stephanie Hill, Scott Smith, Tim Hayes, Tara Vargovic, Elaine Ringen and Bev Morris.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those experiencing health issues, as well as those of you who have lost a dear one.

For information regarding WPA life insurance or annuities, you can contact Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Members, if you have any news to share, please contact any of our branch officers.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday wishes go out to our branch members celebrating this month, especially Branch President Malvene Heyz! Happy anniversary wishes go out to those special May couples.

We are happy that Branch Vice President Janet Sparico and her family will enjoy a special visit with her

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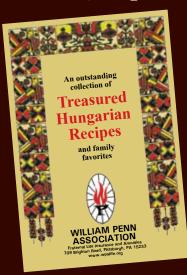
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If you have a child who recently joined WPA, send us his or her photo. We will publish it in an upcoming issue so all our members can welcome your child into our WPA Fraternal Family. All photos will be published as soon as possible.



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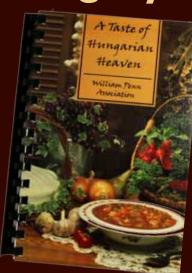


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great-granddaughter. Take lots of photos!

Congrats to one of our Hungarian dancers, Valentina Stein, on her First Communion this past month.

Please keep those who have recently lost a loved one in your prayers, especially the family and friends of Elizabeth Gabersek and Helen Stefanek. May God bless their memory.

We are thinking of our branch members and friends who are under the weather or are recovering: Frank Halas and Shaun Sparico.

Sending sunny wishes to Wayne Nelson and Sally Petras.

A gentle reminder for our members interested in our scholarship program: the deadline is looming. All first-time and renewal applicants must have their application forms and essays in the mail and postmarked by May 31.

We are happy to be able to participate in the annual Easter basket program and share our joys with a family in the McKeesport area.

We want to thank all those who helped make our branch's cooking project a success--from the volunteers who shopped, mixed, rolled, twisted and fried, to the people who purchased over 70 dozen of our pastries. The branch's cooking project went well in March, and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers who gave up their Saturday. The csöröge (fried dough or "angel wings") sale proceeds went to the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport. For orders for the next project, please call Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 or June at 412-673-3573.

Our May meeting is to be scheduled. Please call Malvene for information and directions.

The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers are preparing for their performance season this summer. If you're in the greater Pittsburgh area, we encourage singers and dancers to join us. Please contact Malvene Heyz or find us on Facebook. We need to strengthen and build up our group--you can help by spreading the word!

Please call us with news you want to share here. We want to cheer up other members.



Branch 226 auditor Wayne Nelson helps prepare the branch's donation for WPA's Easter Basket program.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter with friends and family. We did. Besides the usual Easter ham and hard boiled eggs, we made *sajt* and *kalács*. I think we used four dozen eggs. No cholesterol in this meal. But, we survived and enjoyed the rest of April.

And a busy month it was. At our April branch meeting, we consolidated plans for Join Hands Day. We will plant flowers at Queen of Martyrs Church again this year. We are coordinating with the Magyar Club of Dayton since we both use the church for meetings and events. I will publish a date for planting in next month's article.

As we were going to press, the Magyar Club was making final preparations for its 55th annual Spring Dinner Dance at the American Czechoslovakian Club. The plans included a wonderful buffet of Hun-

garian kolbász, paprikás potatoes, cabbage rolls, chicken paprikás and nokedli, with dancing to music by George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings featuring Alex Udvary on the cimbalom following the meal. This longtime Dayton tradition just gets better each year, and I look forward to another 55 years with continued support from WPA Branch 249.

We would like to thank William Penn Association and Fraternal Director Barbara House for their generous donations in support of the Spring Dance by purchasing ads in the dance program. Both continue to support many events of Hungarian heritage.

May will bring two local events to Dayton. First is the 44th World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention Center May 18 to 20. More than 30 countries will sponsor booths and sell ethnic items, food, drinks and desserts. Many countries also present dance groups who perform multiple times each day on two stages.

The Festival Club Dancers of Dayton run the Hungarian booth and will perform several different dances, including the bottle dance, a real crowd pleaser. I am proud to say that many Branch 249 members will attend the event and have volunteered to work at the booth. True fraternalism for a great festival.

If you want to volunteer at the festival, call Cathy Nozar at 937-266-9987. See you there.

On the same weekend, Branch 249 is sponsoring our annual Hungarian Day at the Dayton Dragons game on Sunday, May 20. A grand afternoon game will be enjoyed by 50 members and friends at the Fifth Third Field Café Lounge with a buffet lunch of grilled chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, sweet corn, popcorn, seasonal crudités, cookies, water and pop. Seating for the game is on the right field ground level. A special edition Dayton Dragons ball cap will go to each participant. Call me for the few remaining tickets at 937-667-1211. Each is \$25. Not bad for a more than \$50 value. A big cheer from our group will go up as "WPA" is flashed on the Jumbotron.

Thank you, WPA Home Office, for the always-appreciated matching fund support. This allows a smaller

branch like Dayton's to bring our members and friends together for a wonderful fraternal event.

Don't forget Mother's Day on May 13. Without mom, where would you be?

May 28 is Memorial Day, commemorating all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. It is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season. But, it is much more than that. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials and put out the U.S. flag to honor our military. Parades and marching bands will accompany dignitaries to cemeteries for speeches to honor those who have given all to protect this great country of ours. God bless our military and veterans who give and gave so much for us.

Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries this month. May many more years of wedded bliss follow.

Happy birthday to those with a May birthday. Special happy birthday to my mom and newest member, Marilyn Schmidt. May you always feel like the proverbial spring chicken that you are.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have recently lost a loved one.

Get well to everyone experiencing health issues.

For your life insurance needs, contact Anne Marie Schmidt or myself at 937-667-1211.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact me at the above number or *amschmidt@msn.com*.

That's all for now. Take me out to the ball game!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Here is a final reminder to our Branch 296 members who will be attending college in the fall and wish to apply for a grant through the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Both new and renewal students, please read the eligibility rules before completing and submitting your applications and essays. The updated 2018 rules and application can be found on pages 28 to 30 of this issue and at



Next Deadline

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

our website at www.wpalife.org. This is your last call; don't delay.

Please note that our branch meeting this month on May 3 will begin at an earlier time, 5:30 p.m., at the King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. This meeting will be devoted to our annual Join Hands Day project. All youth and adult members are invited to join us to decorate and pack on-the-go snack bags for families who are temporarily staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. I cannot begin to tell you how much we look forward to this each year! It's an easy and creative project that's sure to warm your heart. A brief meeting follows, along with a meal or dessert. Come, join

I'm pleased to report that for our branch Easter Baskets project, we chose to support a local family. You never know when you will encounter an individual or family who is in need. Oftentimes, that need could be caused by unusual circumstances they could not foresee. They could be your neighbor, the family that sits near you in church, the parent of one of your child's classmates. The working poor really are everywhere.

Sometimes our paths will cross and we will take notice, and that is exactly what happened when one of our terrific members struck up a conversation with a volunteer at an event that she recently attended. As it turns out, this person works long hours to support a family of four, without help from an absent spouse. Branch 296 provided a boost for this family with a grocery gift card, as well as fast food restaurant gift cards as a special treat for the children. It was Branch 296's pleasure to provide some assurance that this

family had a wonderful Easter meal and spent some loving quality time together.

Fabulous birthday greetings to all of our 296-ers who were born in the beautiful month of May. One of our most active members, Helen Slaninka, is celebrating her special day this month, and we wish her a super day.

Very best wishes to our members who are recovering or are infirmed; you are in our thoughts and prayers. Last year at this time, I was wishing Tom Kerek well from a pretty bad tumble on his bike. I think Tom's back on his bike now, out and about and probably viewing the impressive bald eagles nest in Harmar (I drove past you once, coming off the Hulton Bridge, Tom).

Rest in peace to all of our members who have recently departed this life. May their loved ones be blessed with good memories of them.

For all mothers and those who have acted in place of our mothers, we wish you a happy Mother's Day. I'm hoping that each of you are royally spoiled on your day of honor. And, for all mothers who have met their eternal reward, we honor you with remembrance and prayer.

The end of May brings us Memorial Day. While we celebrate the unofficial beginning of summer and enjoy the outdoor activities of the season, let's pause to remember the true meaning of this day. Visit a cemetery and gaze upon the American flags above the headstones of our military veterans. It is a moving sight to see, and we are thankful for their service.

SAVE THE DATE--Mark you calendars for our annual branch bacon roast, which will be held on Sunday,

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William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility Rules for Year 2018 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, 2018.
- 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 2018 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2018.
- 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:
- I. 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: "What one item would you place in a time capsule, and why?" 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 Thursday, May 31, 2018. 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 2018 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by Friday, August 31, 2018.

- f) Renewal applicants must submit the following:
- I. 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: "What is the importance of having a life insurance policy?" 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 Thursday, May 31, 2018. We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

- 3. A copy of the student's latest scholastic record. All renewal applicants must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to qualify.
 - 4. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2018 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by Friday, August 31, 2018.

- 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 and faxed 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 and to the parents and/or legal guardians of the applicant.
- k) All applications and essays must be mailed and postmarked by **Thursday, May 31, 2018**. 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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Sept. 23, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Park in Oakmont, Pa. Watch upcoming issues of *William Penn Life* for more details about this great afternoon of food and fraternal fun.

Please contact me at *makelly367@ verizon.net* or at 724-274-5318 if you have any branch news, birthday, anniversary or get well wishes that you would like to share.

Noreen Fritz, our "Energizer Bunny" of an agent, always makes herself available to answer your questions about WPA life insurance and annuity products. Feel free to contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Enjoy the month of May. "The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale (American naturalist, photographer and writer, 1899 – 1980).

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Greetings from WPA Branch 349 in the Ohio Valley area!

IMPORTANT DATE REVISION: The date for our joint branch picnic with the Ohio Valley Hungarian Club at Warren Township Park in Yorkville, Ohio, has been changed to Sunday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dessert or side dish to share. And, if you plan to roast bacon around the fire pit, bring your own chair and bacon fork. Everything else will be provided. Again, the new date is Sunday, May 20!

William Penn Association was represented at the 10th Annual Festival of Nations in Weirton, W.Va. on March 17. It was a day of "Unity in Diversity" for all nations. Member Tom McGirty made a special trip to stop by and see us at the WPA booth, find out about the festival, and talk about researching his Hungarianside's ancestry. We're hoping he finds what he is searching for!

The branch outing to the Wheeling Nailers Hockey game ended in a big win for the Nailers against the Manchester (N.H.) Monarchs, by a score of 5-2. Although they had a resounding victory and looked good



Branch 349 member Tom McGirty visited National Director Joyce Nicholson at the 10th Annual Festival of Nations held March 17 in Weirton, W.Va.

against the Monarchs, the Nailers failed to capture a play-off spot despite their ending the season with an exclamation point.

We wish happy birthday to branch members with May birthdays, as well as to two employees at our WPA home office, Judy Chakey and Judit Ganchuk.

Best wishes to members with anniversaries.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones recently.

We want to wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day this month. Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." I second that sentiment!

And, don't forget to fly your flag on Memorial Day in remembrance of those who lost their lives while serving in the military. Say a prayer for those who are currently active in the armed services and away from their families and loved ones.

Keep checking your *William Penn Life* for dates, locations and other information about all of the activities going on this year. Try to attend as many as you can because they're all good fun and entertaining!

For more information about Branch 349 activities, or if you have any news you wish to share, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238. You can call Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

May has finally arrived and with it warmer weather. We can now look forward to nicer days and enjoy the outdoors. Soon, planting season will begin. Time to get down and dirty!

There are two special holidays that are celebrated in the month of May. The first is Mother's Day which falls on May 13 this year. If you get a chance, read Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation. Although Ms. Howe is not credited with the movement to have Mother's Day declared nationally as a holiday (that distinction belongs to Anna Jarvis), her proclamation imploring women to seek peaceful resolutions to conflict worldwide is well worth reading.

The other holiday is Memorial Day, celebrated on May 28 this year. We must remember the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives while serving in our nation's armed forces. Remember to thank a veteran for their service. We must also remember those who serve as a policeman or fireman. They, too, are put in harm's way for our safety. May the families of those who have lost a loved one in the service of our country be comforted.

Join Hands Day is officially celebrated on May 5 this year. Look for further information on Branch 352's plans for Join Hands Day in the June issue of *William Penn Life*. Come, join us! We would love to meet you and spend some time getting to know you. All ages are welcome.

Information on WPA's upcoming golf tournament can be found on pages 16 and 17 of this issue of *William Penn Life*. The dates this year are July 13 and 14. Maybe some Branch 352 members can form a team, or perhaps two teams, and join us at this year's golf tournament. Please participate in as many fraternal events as possible. Only with your participation can WPA continue to offer these fraternal benefits to you, our members.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month. May you have many more and may all of

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them be healthy. Happy birthday to my granddaughter, Lilly, who turns 14 this year. You are beautiful and loved more than you know.

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

If you have any news to share with our WPA family, please contact me so that the information can be published in a future issue.

If you have any questions on your insurance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at *dmckinsey@hotmail.com*. Now is a good time to review your current beneficiary information and make any changes that need made. Contact me if you need assistance with this.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

May is a very, very special month in our country as we honor two groups of people--mothers and those who died while serving our country. Take time to demonstrate your sincerest appreciation to both. Share treasured childhood memories of your mother and attend a local Memorial Day ceremony. Your efforts



Doug Sloey, co-founder of Blair Hope for Families (center), accepts a WPA Easter Basket program donation from Branch 800 President Dan Greiner (right) and Branch Coordinator Bob Jones.

will be noticed and serve as a model for others.

Branch officers voted to send a contribution to St. Dismas Parish at the State Correctional Institute in Huntingdon, Pa. The money will be used to purchase items for the facility's religious program.

As part of WPA's Easter Basket program, we gave two needy families supermarket gift cards. In addition, branch officers chose to donate to Blair Hope for Families. This charitable organization assists in meeting the needs of the county's foster children.

All of the above recipients expressed their gratitude.

Branch 800 thanks the Home Office for providing the inspiration and incentive to be generous and to provide for others.

Time is running out to apply for a WPA scholarship grant for the 2018-2019 year. All applications and essays must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2018.

Much happiness is wished to those celebrating joyous occasions this month, such as birthdays, anniversaries of all kinds and even a tax refund!

We hope that members who have been ill, hospitalized or in rehab are experiencing better health and progress toward their goals.

May our Lord be with all who have lost a loved one, especially the family and friends of Clarence A. Becker. You are in our prayers.

For your life insurance and annuity needs, call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661. Spring is a great time to review your policy needs.

In Memoriam

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

FEBRUARY 2018

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT Frank S. Floridia Julius Kish, Jr.

0005 PHOENIX, AZ Richard F. Deist 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA

0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA Phyllis Stasko

0014 CLEVELAND, OH Charlotte Bliscik Noah Edward Hankins Imre A. Lesko Anthony M. Manfredi Lois Raines

0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI Karen L. Beller Emma Schvarckopf Borsa Christine M. Nemeth Louise E. Posavetz 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ Irene Perri

0023 POCAHONTAS, WV lames M. Dorton

0026 SHARON, PA Charles C. May Lex Prindle, Sr.

0034 PITTSBURGH, PA Flora L. Davis Donald J. Kinasz Irene Pollak

0044 AKRON, OH Carol J. Hornak

0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA Evelyn M. Alston

0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA Jo Ellen Lasko

0089 HOMESTEAD, PA Leona C. Klaus Irene Piskor

0129 COLUMBUS, OH Robert C. Williams 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA John Erdelyi

0209 ST. LOUIS, MO Magdolna Jankovich

0226 McKEESPORT, PA Elizabeth Gabersek Helen E. Stefanek

0296 SPRINGDALE, PA Lois E. Kovaly

0336 HARRISBURG, PA Peggy A. Miller

0349 DAYTON, OH Carole J. Hall Vincent J. Mannarino Mary M. Tankovits

0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA George Kuric Ruth E. Mlikan Leonard W. Steiner Elizabeth Yost

0383 BUFFALO, NY Louis M. Bordas 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL Nellie J. Daniele Helen Lazay Wilfred A. Lumpkin Mary D. Tepel

0705 MAYVILLE, WI Laura S. Emmerling

0720 DEDHAM, MA
Elena C. Alcaro
Janet L. Connor
Donald H. Jones
Henry R. Larose
Charlotte M. Ruszczyk

8036 SCOTTDALE, PA Mary E. Keefer Lillian H. Martin



Puzzle Contest #155 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

WWI POW Camps

Hungary was home to numerous POW camps during World War I. Most of the camps were destroyed following the Great War. The largest and best preserved POW camp in the country can be found in the village of Ostffyasszonyfa, about 20 miles west of the city of Pápa in Vas County. Most camps were located primarily west of the Danube River. POWs held in Hungary were fighting on the Eastern Front and were mainly from Russia, Romania, Serbia and Italy.

All camps were under the control of the army in Vienna as Hungary was subdivided into three regions of lesser authority: Budapest, Pozsony and Temesvár.

One camp, Arad, was reserved for civilians only, while another in Csót remained open well past the end of the war as it held POWs from the Hungarian Romanian War of 1919 and served as a disembarkation site for soldiers returning to their home countries.

All of the POW camps were either destroyed or used for other purposes. Very few photos and records remain of these facilities and only a few camps have been reclaimed and preserved for posterity's sake. What documentation does remain is limited to the number of prisoners and lists of names of those held in captivity.

It has been 100 years since the "war to end all wars" took place. We dedicate this month's puzzle contest to the soldiers who died while being held prisoner of that war and ask all our readers to take time this Memorial Day to remember them as well as those who died while serving in our nation's military.

If you'd like to learn more about the POW camps of World War I, you can find numerous websites containing information about such camps.

The May 2018 wordsearch contains 16 clues. Each clue names one of the POW camps that were located in Hungary during WWI. Good luck, and see you in June!

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

Puzzle Contest #152 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #152 were drawn April 5, 2018, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Barbara A. Blasic, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA Mary Komives, Br. 129 Columbus, OH Kay K. Lesnick, Br. 590 Cape Coral, FL Deborah S. Smith, Br. 525 Los Angeles, CA Each won \$50 for their correct entry. WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #155 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"WWI POW Camps" Word List

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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 #155 709 Brighton Road Pittsburgh, PA 15233

- 4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by June 29, 2018.
- 5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about July 5, 2018, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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