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How did Flag Day start?



THE IDEA OF AN ANNUAL DAY specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. B. J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for pupils in Fredonia, Wisc., to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday."

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings.

Meanwhile, in Illinois, an organization known as the American Flag Day Association was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until Aug. 3, 1949, that President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

Easter baskets spread the fraternal spirit

THIS EASTER SEASON, WPA branches and their members once again spread the fraternal spirit to those in need in their local communities by participating in the Association's annual Easter Basket program.

Our sincere thanks go to the members of the following 18 branches who prepared and donated a total of 77 Easter baskets, including 40 prepared by the members of Branch 189 Alliance, Ohio. All the baskets made the holiday a happier one for many.

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Fraternalists meet with legislators

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) held its Legislative Luncheon in Harrisburg, Pa., on April 30. This annual event brings together state legislators and fraternal representatives to increase the awareness among legislators of fraternal organizations and their charitable works and to discuss any legislation that may impact the operations of fraternal benefit societies in the state. This year, much discussion focused on recently-proposed House Bill No. 1016 regarding solvency issues and mergers that will benefit fraternalists and their members. It appears the bill has gained much support from both sides of the aisle and will eventually receive approval. The PFA is a non-profit umbrella group representing fraternal benefit societies doing business in Pennsylvania. Pictured above are (l-r) WPA National V.P.-Secretary, Jerry A. Hauser; WPA National Director David M. Kozak; State Rep. Chris Sainato (District 9, Lawrence County); and WPA National Sales Director Robert G. Bisceglia.



PA members can apply for statewide scholarship

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 2019 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school or other accredited post-secondary institution in the summer/fall of 2019 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 fraternalists to you and your peers?"

The required application form and more information may be obtained by contacting Linda Strom, PFA Scholarship Chair, at 800-488-1890 or at lstrom@nsslife.org.

The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the PFA Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 20 to 22 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pa.

NJ-NY fraternalists seek applicants for annual youth volunteer award

ONE OF THE MOST important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNYFA) is its Youth Volunteer Award Program.

Each year, the NJNYFA chooses deserving young students from a member society, based on their volunteer achievements with their society as well as the community at large.

Thanks to the generosity of the Recreation Farm Society, each award winner will receive \$500 with an additional \$500 award to their designated charity. The number of awards will be based on the proceeds raised by the Alliance's Annual Meeting ad book.

To qualify for consideration, an applicant must:

- be a resident of either New Jersey or New York;

- be a member of a fraternal benefit society within the NJNYFA;
- be between the ages of 16 and 22 at the time of application;
- obtain a recommendation letter from their fraternal benefit society; and
- sign and return the application form, postmarked no later than Sept. 2, 2019.

Judging will be done by the Youth Volunteer Award Committee of the NJNYFA.

The name of the recipient will be announced at the 86th NJNYFA Annual Meeting on Oct. 10.

For more information and to request an application form, contact: Yuriy Symczyk, NJNYFA Youth Volunteer Award Committee, Ukrainian National Association, Inc., 2200 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

PA, NJ & NY to honor top fraternalists

DO YOU KNOW of a WPA member residing in either Pennsylvania, New Jersey or New York who provides outstanding volunteer service to their community? If so, that member may be eligible for the 2019 Fraternalist of the Year award presented by either the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) or the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNYFA).

Each honoree will be presented a certificate and medalion during either the 2019 PFA Annual Meeting luncheon this October or the NJNYFA Annual Meeting Luncheon on Oct. 10. Each honoree will also receive two complimentary tickets to their fraternal alliance's luncheon along with \$250 to help defray the cost of attending.

Fraternal benefit societies, such as WPA, that are members of the PFA and NJNYFA, may submit one nomination for each award. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact National Vice President-Secretary Jerry A. Hauser at the WPA Home Office by Aug. 1 to receive further information and the appropriate nomination form.

Please note that full-time insurance sales representatives, officers of fraternal benefit societies and fraternal leaders within the PFA or NJNYFA are not eligible for this award.



Meeting the needs of our children

WELCOME SUMMER! Since June is the time of year when most students begin their summer break, I thought that I would dedicate this month's article to our children and how we can serve them. Specifically, I'll be discussing one of WPA's most popular fraternal benefits--our scholarship grant program--and what you can do to be sure your children and grandchildren will qualify for these grants in the future. I'll also provide some options for insuring our children's financial future as well.

Our scholarship program

Our Association and our nation have no more valuable resource than our children. The more carefully we nurture our children, the better the chances for a bright future for all of us. It is with this thought in mind that in 1969, our Association founded the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. For 50 years, the Scholarship Foundation has assisted thousands of deserving college-age members further their education, prepare for worthwhile careers, broaden their understanding, and ultimately, become better members and citizens.

The Scholarship Foundation continues to widen its scope and increase the level of assistance to our young members. All scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic record and membership status. Selections are made by the Grant Awards Committee, which also serves as the Executive Committee of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Such support for our young people would be impossible if not for the generosity of our members and branches. Contributions through premium payments, fraternal gatherings and memorial donations continue to serve as a vital source of revenue for the Scholarship Foundation.

As the cost of attaining a higher education continues to escalate, so too does the need for programs like our Scholarship Foundation. Meeting the challenges and needs of modern educational economics will require great effort by all of our members. But, with your help, we can continue this worthwhile project and further increase its impact and goal.

Full eligibility requirements can be found in *William Penn Life* in the months leading up to the entry deadline and on the Association's website. One of the most commonly misunderstood caveats to the qualification requirement is that of "life benefit" membership. Both the student applying for a grant AND either a parent OR grandparent must be life benefit members for a minimum of four years as of Jan. 1 of the year for which the grant is paid. That means this year's recipients, and at least one of their parents or grandparents, must have been insured under a WPA life insurance certificate issued before Dec. 31, 2014. Student applicants whose parents or grandparents own only WPA annuities--but no life insurance--will not qualify for a scholarship grant.



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Types of insurance for your children

In the past, I have discussed various life insurance options for adults, both permanent and term plans. Now, let's look at the plans available for young members.

• Juvenile term insurance

One of our most popular--and lowest cost--options for insuring your young loved ones is our Juvenile Term to Age 25 plan. This plan insures your child for \$20,000 and can be purchased by a parent or grandparent on children and young adults ages 0 to 21. (Note that applicants for insurance who are age 16 and older must sign their own application.) One of the things that make this plan special is that the annual cost is the same--\$25 per year--regardless of the child's age or sex at the time of purchase. Or, the premium can be paid off in one lump-sum rather than making \$25 annual payments. For example, the one-time cost for a newborn child is \$288.20. Compare that to the \$625 you would pay if paying the \$25 annual payment, and you can see that's a substantial discount for using the single-pay option. Of course, the older the child is at the time of purchase, the less the single payment would be.

Also under this plan, there are guaranteed conversion rights and credits at age 25, a very important feature should the child become uninsurable before age 25.

• Permanent insurance options

While any of our permanent certificates--Ordinary Life, Life Paid Up at Age 65, 20-Year Payment Life and Single Premium Whole Life--can be issued for children, we're going to focus on our two most popular plans for young members.

- *20-Year Payment Life*. As the name implies, this plan is fully paid up in 20 years and continues to build value for

the rest of the insured's life. This plan can be issued for as little as \$5,000, but since we already looked at the \$20,000 juvenile term plan, let's use that figure to compare. A parent or grandparent could purchase a 20-Year Payment Life plan with \$20,000 of coverage on a newborn male for \$174.60 per year. If the child qualifies for preferred rates, (i.e., has no medical ailments), he could actually be covered for \$25,000 for \$135.75 per year. That's \$5,000 of additional insurance for \$38 less per year. Fully paid up in 20 years, the \$20,000 plan would have over \$2,000 of guaranteed cash value at that time and grow to over \$10,000 with no further payments by the time the child reaches age 65. The \$25,000 certificate would have over \$2,500 in guaranteed cash at age 20 and grow to over \$12,750 by age 65.

- *Single Premium Whole Life.* Another excellent and quite popular option would be for the parent or grandparent to purchase a Single Premium Whole Life (SPWL) certificate on the newborn child or grandchild. For a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,340, the child would receive \$20,000 of life insurance coverage that would be fully paid-up from day one, and increase in value each year. Similar to the other two options, the SPWL would have over \$2,000 in guaranteed cash available in 20 years and over \$10,000 at age 65.

Plus, with a minimum SPWL purchase of \$10,000, WPA is currently offering an additional \$5,000 of coverage for all juveniles under age 15 at no additional cost. All benefits and values are based on the original face amount (not including the extra \$5,000), and this special fraternal benefit

can only be added one time per child.

For all of the plans listed above, dividends, while not guaranteed, could also add to the certificate value beginning in the second year.

In addition, we used a newborn male for the above projections and comparisons. Your WPA agent or our Home Office can give you the cost and projected values for any different issue age for either males or females, as these factors will impact the cost and future values.

As you can see, there are a number of great options to consider when considering insurance for your children or grandchildren, and any of them would qualify the child for our scholarship program, provided all other requirements have been met. Any of these options would also give your child or grandchild a solid start towards their financial future.

Please remember: to qualify for a scholarship grant, both the young member applying for the grant AND either one of the child's parents or grandparents must have been a life benefit member for a minimum of four years prior to the year of the grant. That's just one of the reasons why we recommend purchasing life insurance coverage for your children (and yourself!) as early as possible.

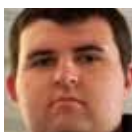
With the myriad of options available, it's probably best to call on your WPA agent or broker to help you find the plan that fits your budget and goals. If you don't have an agent or need to have one assigned to you, please call the Sales Department at the Home Office. We'd be glad to help.

Until next time, have a great summer! ☐

Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this, we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 800 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 21 states. The states include: CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. Good agents are the lifeblood of any association, and WPA is a strong and growing association that has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us. If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Bob Bisceglia at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 134. Thank you.





Remembering our American-Hungarian Fathers

LAST MONTH, I examined the impact my mom had on my upbringing as a young American-Hungarian. This month, I look back on how my father, dearly departed grandfather and several other father figures carved a bit of Magyar character into my overall persona. This month's *Take* is dedicated to them.

My *apa* is a consummate do-it-yourselfer. I'd say that, without any fear of exaggeration, at least 10% of my waking hours as a child were spent in a Home Depot, a Lowe's, an Auto Zone or a hardware store. Whether changing the oil on my Ford Mustang, replacing a broken window or making his own *hurka*, my dad displays a spirit of independence and a strong sense of satisfaction gained from doing things on his own. This attitude extends to Magyar cultural matters as well.

My dad retired from teaching after 30 years, so he has an educator's way of providing detailed explanations and context on almost everything. For example, when my brother and I would drive the family's antique tractor during hometown parades, my dad would quickly point out that the Fordson tractor was primarily developed by a Hungarian. When making *kolbász* or *hurka* by hand, he recounts how our 100-year old cast iron sausage stuffer has traversed the decades: several generations of Checks have used the old machine to make a good century's worth of sausage.

Many years ago I wrote about how my earliest lessons in reading took place during the 90-minute broadcast sessions of our family run American-Hungarian radio program (which has recently celebrated its 40th year on the air). As a little boy, the liner notes on each record helped me to pronounce and understand words both in English and Hungarian. I recall one show when



With my apa and nagyapa

Frank Borisz and his band dropped by the studio to pay their respects to my *apa* and *nagyapa* while on the way to a gig in Pittsburgh. The impromptu jam session filled the studio with melodious sound: it is a hazy--but cherished--memory from my childhood.

Music has always been a big part of my life, especially Romantic-era classical music. My failures to master the cimbalom, and later, the saxophone instilled in me a great appreciation for the art. Early on, I learned from my dad that the old Schunda cimbalom that sits in our living room was my great-grandfather Cseh's, who played it only for relatives and a few close friends. After his passing in 1964, the cimbalom went to my grandfather (he did not play) and then my dad (who also only likes to play at home). However, my brother Andras II has embraced the instrument and has been performing for nonprofit events for over 15 years, galvanized by the sudden passing of my grandfather.

My dad has always discussed the lives of the many prominent musicians, composers and conductors of Hungarian ancestry. Recently, I learned from him that he has been collecting for decades autographs and memorabilia of those many musical greats and has been taking them out of storage in order to display them in the family home. One wall of my parent's liv-

Points to Ponder....

Just as last month, I would love to hear the story about your American-Hungarian father figure(s) and what he/they did to help or inspire you when growing up. Send your recollections via the web or drop me a line or two in the mail through the WPA Home Office. - Tibor

ing room now looks like a museum exhibit.

Back in 2014, my *apa* took our family to Hungary. Having been there several times before, my father used his previous travel experiences to assemble a jam-packed itinerary. It was always his dream to share these travels with his children and show us Budapest at its very best. We ate at the Mátyás Pince and Gundel. We toured the Grand Market, the Unicum Museum, the House of Terror, Memento Park, the Citadel and Castle Hill. Sweets were numerous: we tasted treats from Gerbeaud's, Ruzswurm, the New York Café, Molnár's Kürtőskalács and Szamos' Candy Factory. The trip to our ancestral village of Csót took on a transcendent quality for us. My dad was able to translate and explain the meaning of local customs and traditions. Without him as a guide, I am sure that our trip would not have been as special as it was.

As with many fathers, my *apa* has been there whenever I needed him. As I quickly near my 10th year of writing *Tibor's Take*, I recall how often he has casually offered ideas for my column. Watching my dad interact and socialize at Hungarian events has inspired several columns. I recall one specific *Take* entitled "Kindred Spirits" about my dad's adventures with best Magyar buddy, Sonny Tollas. When it comes to *Tibor's Take*, my dad has been both toughest critic and staunchest supporter—I pity the fool who unfairly criticizes his children's writing, playing or baking.

I was fortunate enough to have a loving and supportive mom and dad who took the time to make me appreciate my culture and the community of which we are a part. Remember to thank your own *édes apa* for being a *great dad*! Happy Father's Day!

Researching Hungarian Music Masters

Last month, word limits meant that I had to delete the personal study portion of the Magyar masters of music. Last month's research topic was to have been about the many Hungarian women who have left their footprints in musical history. This information will be presented in a future issue.

In a salute to American-Hungarian fathers, the June research topic is about "the four Magyar fathers of the American philharmonic." Fritz Reiner, Sir Georg Solti, Eugene Ormandy and Cleveland's own George Szell used their influence and expertise in vaulting the Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland orchestras into world-class symphonies.

My favorite is George Szell. A childhood musical genius, Szell used his charm, strong personality and international reputation to transform the Cleveland Orchestra into a premier classical music ensemble. His recordings are among the greatest, and even after almost 40 years since his passing, are still used as the benchmark for other classical music groups.

Éljen,

Tibor II

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

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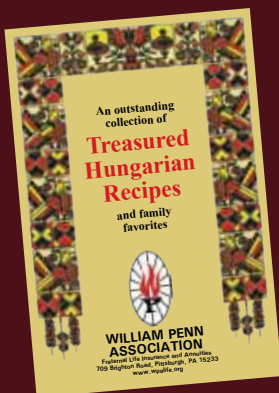
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Deadline for Reservations is June 24, 2019

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A humble tribute

A new book by WPA member Endre Szentkirályi offers a critical examination of the Hungarian community in Cleveland

CLEVELAND -- Cleveland has been a major U.S. hub for all things related to Hungary and Hungarians since the 19th century. In his latest book, *Being Hungarian in Cleveland--Maintaining Language, Culture, and Traditions*, WPA Branch 14 member Endre Szentkirályi, Ph.D., examines the history of his own community and offers both a humble tribute to its past and a sobering look at its future.

Born and raised in and near Cleveland, Dr. Szentkirályi grew up speaking Hungarian at home. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Cleveland State University, a master's in English from the University of Akron and a doctorate in literary and cultural studies at the University of Debrecen. He teaches English and German at Nordonia High School in Macedonia, Ohio. He also authored the book, *Cold War to Warm Cooperation: the Military Service of Cleveland Hungarians 1950-2014*.

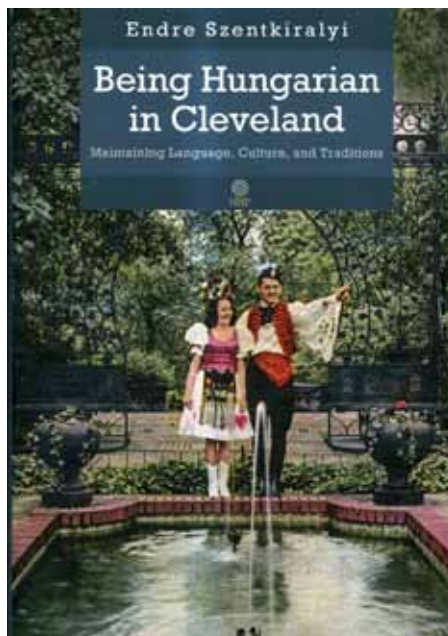
In his new book, Dr. Szentkirályi (pictured below) examines the concept of "being Hungarian in Cleveland"



using a variety of methodologies and drawing on his life as an active member of that community. He looks at the community historically and sociologically via in-depth research

into its language and literature, culture and traditions, with a focus on the years from 1950 to the present.

"This wonderful book tells the story of how an ethnic group came to the United States, and quickly and successfully became Americans contributing to their new home, while at the same time maintaining, preserving and passing on their rich Hungarian culture from generation to generation," said Ferenc Koszorus Jr., chairman emeritus of the American Hungarian Federation.



"It is a story of how these new Americans built churches and social and cultural institutions that are still in existence today. Endre Szentkirályi's research shows us how the Hungarian American community of Cleveland has changed with each succeeding generation but how it has nevertheless successfully managed to maintain its Hungarian culture and institutions," Koszorus said.

Dr. Szentkirályi's strong connection to his Hungarian heritage was instilled in him from birth by his parents, who fled their Hungarian homeland in 1956. "We spoke only Hungarian at home," he once wrote. "They sent us to Hungarian church, we attended Hungarian scouts, and on Monday evenings we went to Hungarian school.... Instead of assimilating into American society as many children of immigrants do, I, my wife, and many of our friends were able to completely fit into American society while nevertheless maintaining a very strong sense of Hungarian identity. We consider ourselves both 100% American and 100% Hungarian."

Being Hungarian in Cleveland is available on Amazon.

Missouri Hungarians invited to special 'meet & greet' event

ST. PETERS, MO -- Hungarian-Americans in the St. Peters area are invited to a "Hungarian Meet & Greet" on Saturday, June 29, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County, 5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Peters. The event offers an opportunity for all generations to discover, celebrate and share their rich Hungarian heritage and learn more about those who walked before them. There will be complimentary appetizers, Hungarian wines, Hungarian gifts and Hungarian music. For more information, contact Magyar Marketing at 1-800-786-7851 or Laszlo Corporation at 636-447-1312.

Youth orchestra to perform Bartok in Cleveland & Budapest

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra will be performing Béla Bartók's *Dance Suite*, written to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the union of the cities Buda and Pest, on June 19 at the MOM Cultural Centre in Budapest. This performance will be the final concert on its upcoming European tour.

Before they embark on their tour, the youth orchestra is inviting Cleveland's Hungarian Community to join it at Severance Hall in Cleveland for a free tour send-off concert on Friday, June 7, at 8:00 p.m.

For information on how to get your free tickets to this concert and wish the orchestra *bon voyage*, log onto the youth orchestra's website at www.clevelandorchestrayouthorchestra.com/ or call 1-800-686-1141.



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WHEN YOU HAVE TOO MUCH on your plate, take some off! I mean this both literally and figuratively. Heaping food on your plate, having a to-do list a mile long or volunteering for everything under the sun will most certainly suck the life out of you.

Experts say take on less to feel more engaged and satisfied. Having time to appreciate your efforts and delight in the actual experience is the best choice for your overall health and well-being.

Take some time to think about what is the most important and thoughtful way to expend your energy. Assign points to your daily activities and grant yourself a maximum of 100 energy points per day.

So, let's say one day you want to paint the porch, wash and wax the car, attend a meeting *and* catch a little league game all before dinner. Now, assume it will take 60 points of time and energy for the paint job. That leaves you a balance of 40 energy points for the other items. The meeting will eat up 25 points, and the ball game is a joyous effort so it has low points. Still, you won't have enough points left that day to tackle the wash and wax job, so it's best to leave that for another day.

Attending to the shine on your car, like most things, can wait, and there are probably a few things you can skip all together.



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We are a society of more, more, more. The perception that being superhuman means success is an untruth. Being present, catching the little things and hanging out to see the sunset equates a life well lived.

Do less, eat less, laugh more and stare into space. No apologies or excuses needed when you just want a little time to breathe.

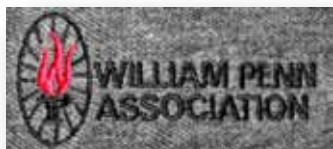
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Welcome to June, also known as **Graduation Time**! This is a hopeful time of year when high school (and middle school) graduates look back at their accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities. I have seen an exciting new trend in schools across our country in the past few years. Graduating seniors return to their elementary schools and parade through the hallways in full cap-and-gown attire. When the younger students see this, they feel that they, too, can achieve their goals. The high school seniors should feel proud of their accomplishments, and it warms the heart to know they are helping to encourage the younger students who will follow them. This month, we'd like to show you how to make **Graduation Caps**. They're tasty treats to celebrate with the grads in your family!

What You Need

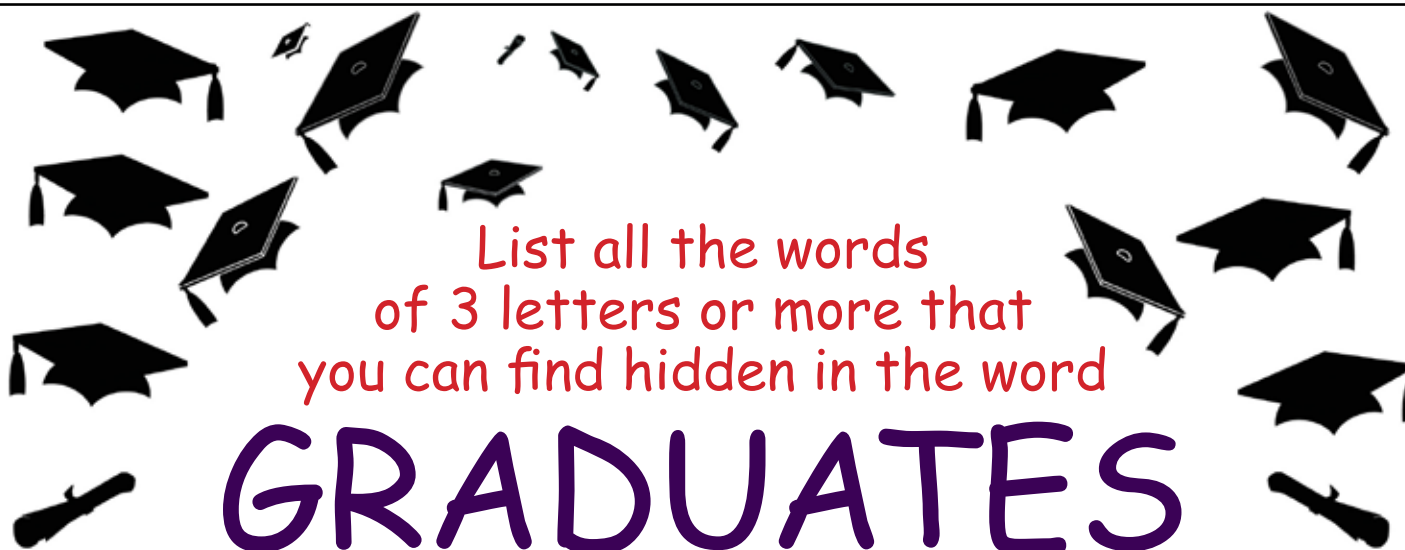
- 24 miniature peanut butter cups
- 1 tube (6 ounces) of decorating frosting or licorice
- 24 chocolate squares, like Hershey's or Ghirardelli
- 24 milk chocolate M&M's
- Waxed paper

What You Do

- Spread a large sheet of waxed paper on a table.
- Remove paper liners from the peanut butter cups and place the peanut butter cups upside down on the waxed paper.
- Place a small amount of frosting on each peanut butter cup.
- Center a chocolate square on each peanut butter cup. (The frosting acts like a "glue" to hold the chocolate square in place. And, make sure you turn the chocolate squares upside down so the company's name can't be seen.)
- Using the frosting or licorice to make a loop for each cap's tassel, with one end of the loop in the center of the chocolate square and the other end hanging a bit over the edge of the chocolate square.
- Place an M&M on top of each loop in the center of the chocolate square.
- Serve to your favorite graduate, their family and their friends!



Graduating Caps idea and basic recipe courtesy of www.tasteofhome.com.



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Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

by Jim Ballas

Members of Branch 1 and the United Church of Christ in Bridgeport participated in the Greater Bridgeport Annual Crop Walk, a three-mile walk at Seaside Park to raise funds to fight hunger.

A determined group of seven individuals collected funds from our very generous congregation and members of our community. This group included Eric Gramse, Sandy Stasko, Holly Kruzshak, Shelley Visinski, Barbara Poruban, Petronia Knight-Martin and Ann Ballas.

Following a fellowship lunch on May 5, we shared a time of prayer and thanksgiving and went off to meet the challenges of a very rainy, cold and windy afternoon.

Despite being wet and cold, our fortitude was maintained, and we were able to submit our collective donation of \$1,044.

It took a few days for our shoes to dry, but I hope that all will be willing to participate again next year.

Many thanks to all who were involved in making such a significant difference in the fight to feed the hungry. Thanks to coordinator Ann Ballas for all her work and for this report.

Our branch members also participated in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign by collecting non-perishable food items during the month of May. We donated these much-needed items to Bridgeport area food banks. Thanks to all our members for their generous donations.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard A. Sarosi

We hope that all moms had a wonderful Mother's Day. We wish a beautiful Father's Day to all of our dads.

The 63rd Annual Cleveland Hungarian Scout Benefit Ball (*Clevelandi Cserkészbál*) presented by The American Hungarian Friends of Scouting took place on May 4. The evening activities included a formal dinner,



Members of Branch 1 and the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, Conn., participated in the Greater Bridgeport Annual Crop Walk to raise funds to fight hunger.

dancing to the music of Harmonia, the presentation of debutantes, a new version of the *Regős Csoport Új Palotás* (new court dance) presented by the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble and a "Midnight Indulgence" table. It was an enjoyable night with a delicious dinner, music that filled the dance floor with dancers and an opportunity to visit with friends and family.

The Hungarian Scout movement offers programs for youth focusing on Hungarian heritage, culture and language skills, while cultivating an appreciation of nature and maintaining faith, values scouts carry with them for their entire lives.

Cleveland is lucky to have this cultural gem in its midst. Please support the Hungarian Scout program and all of the other Hungarian activities in Cleveland and surrounding area with your attendance and donations.

I recently served as a question giver on a local show called "Academic Challenge" on WEWS-TV5. This show has been a Cleveland staple for many years. It is similar to "Jeopardy" but features competing teams of high school students from Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. The show on which my question appeared was taped on May 1, but my question was actually recorded in November at the Hungarian Cultural Garden. The subject was "gardens." I was happy to hear the student answered my question correctly.

Our branch meetings are in recess for the summer. Our next Branch 14 meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethlen



Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa, was very proud to present this Easter basket on behalf of William Penn Association to well-deserving families in the Johnstown area.

Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains vs. the Lansing Lugnuts on Saturday, June 8, in Eastlake, Ohio. Fireworks after the game weather permitting.

- The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden will hold the free Liszt Concert on Sunday, June 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden. For more information, log onto www.hungarianculturalgarden.org.

- The Buckeye Road Nationalities Reunion Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 23, from noon to



Frank Hrabar Sr. and his son Frank presented this Easter basket from their fellow members at Branch 16 Perth Amboy, N.J., to staff members of Hackensack Meridian Nursing & Rehab-Bayshore in Holmdel, N.J., for use by patients at the facility.



At this time, we remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to Branch 14 member Michelle Day, who is healing from her recent surgery, and to all WPA members and friends who are dealing with health issues. Please keep them and all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent out to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and our WPA members who are celebrating a May/June birthday and/or anniversary. May all

our members be blessed with many more birthdays and anniversaries.

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. Also, remember those who are in the hospital, rehabilitation facilities and extended care facilities; they like to have visitors.

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 16 Perth Amboy, NJ

by Frank Hrabar, Sr.

The members of Branch 16 participated in WPA's Easter Basket program by sponsoring one \$50 basket. The basket was presented to Hackensack Meridian Nursing & Rehab-Bayshore in Holmdel, N.J., for use by the patients there.

The staff and patients were very excited to receive our gift, which included coloring books, puzzle books, crayons, playing cards and a few stuffed animals. And, they were

very happy that we spent some time with them.

We thank the Home Office and Board of Directors for the chance to participate in a great, heartfelt program like this.

Representing Branch 16 were Frank Hrabar Sr., his wife Caroline and their son Frank Jr. Sadly, Caroline, who was receiving long-term care at this facility, passed away two days after the basket was presented. May she rest in peace.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy summer...at least, I think it's summer. Just last Saturday, we had snow. Now, we have had a giant amount of rain. I'm glad we have a boat, and I sure hope we don't need it.

Branch 18 is back in "branch mode." We are ready for Join Hands Day on June 1. Rain day will be June 8. We will meet at the Hungarian American Cultural Center at 10:00 a.m. Some of us will go on to Paragon, and the rest of us will do all we can to beautify the Cultural Center. We will then go to Saint Michael's Church where the grounds will be ready for us. Then, we will have lunch. Many thanks to you who always show up. Remember, many hands make our work quicker and easier.

On June 8, the Cultural Center is having its annual Gulyás Cook-Off. Come out to support the club and your favorite gulyás maker.

Our annual Soaring Eagle overnight trip is July 24 to 25. I didn't plan it that way, but it's my birthday, too. There is no one I would rather spend it with than you, our loyal Branch 18 members. Your cost is \$90 per person. I know that Helen has contacted many of you, so let me know as soon as possible.

Get well wishes to all who are not feeling their best, especially my husband Tom who has been in the hospital, but is now feeling better. Carol Truesdell is coming along slowly. Get well, George and Doris Schwarckopf. Hope you are all better soon.

Happy birthday wishes to our

6:00 p.m. at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (www.hungarianclub.org) in Hiram.

Congratulations to Branch 14 member Endre Szentkirályi, Ph.D., on the release of his new book, *Being Hungarian in Cleveland*. Dr. Szentkirályi appeared at the Cleveland Hungarian Museum on April 13 to discuss his newest book which looks at the Cleveland Hungarian Community from 1950 to the present. (For more, see the "Magyar Matters" section on page 9.)

In honor of its 39th General Convention, WPA is offering a special guaranteed issue insurance policy. See the back cover of this issue for more details.

The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2019. Your donations support the Scholarship Foundation's efforts to provide funds to our student members for their college education. If you or your child was a recipient of a WPA scholarship, please pay it forward by donating to the WPA scholarship fund. We want to see the Scholarship Foundation grow in this 50th anniversary year and beyond.

June celebrants, especially my brother Joe (hang in there, I love you), Anne Marie Schmidt, Richard Sarosi, Kerri Kramer and Debbie Evans. Thank you for all the help and hugs. Also, happy birthday to Abigail. Yes, Abbie is four years old. She is still a trip but a much-loved dog. We wish you all many more birthdays.

A special hello to Papa Lovasz.

Please remember our deceased members and their families in your thoughts and prayers, especially Arthur Clum. May they rest in peace.

I can always be reached at 313-418-5572 or 734-782-4667 for all your insurance needs and to register for our July trip.

Remember, "there is a time to work, a time to relax, a time for fun and a time to just let things be--a wise person knows the difference." Thank you, Father Barnabas.

Enjoy the summer. Call me anytime.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

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

Looking forward to seeing some familiar faces on June 8 at the Lake County Captains Hungarian Heritage Night at Classic Park. The game and fireworks always provide an enjoyable evening with the Hungarian touches of food, music and information added to the evening.

On April 7, a Latin Mass and luncheon was held in honor of Blessed Karl at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, Pa., hosted by the Knights of Columbus Woodlawn Council No. 2161. The main speaker was Suzanne Pearson of Washington, D.C. The Knights of Columbus Council was very appreciative of the generous donation and the continued support WPA gives to this event.

Thoughts go out to Steve and Mary Lou Takacs who recently relocated to the Carolinas to be closer to family.

Cleveland-Marshall College held a "Facial Recognition and Privacy Workshop" on March 29. The workshop brought together government

officials, privacy and civil liberties advocates and other experts who work with the concerns involved with using facial recognition and other surveillances. Branch 28 member Terrence Check, Attorney Advisor and Deputy Ethics Official of National Protection and Programs Law Division Office of General Counsel, DHS, was one of 14 speakers invited to participate at this workshop.

Congratulations to Austin Schauer who received his state degree, leadership award and a scholarship for his four years as a member of FFA at the Envirothon for forestry students. Austin and his sister Jordan's team placed sixth out of 50 teams who took part at the Envirothon.

Get well wishes to all those members who haven't been feeling up to par lately, especially Gloria Stack, Irene Devlin, Alice Nagy and Mary Rose Purton.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes to everyone celebrating another wonderful year.

Special thoughts to everyone who may have recently lost a loved one.

Insurance or annuity questions? Please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

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

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

Special congratulations also to our great-niece and branch member Gabriella Medina. She graduated from Point Park University with a Bachelor of Science-Business Man-



WPA Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak presents a donation from the Association to Sam Belli, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Woodland Council No. 2161, supporting efforts to honor Blessed Karl.

agement/Marketing degree. She accepted a full-time position with Highmark, Inc.

It was great to visit with our good friend and longtime branch member Mitzi Berei and her grandsons from Germany, Michael and Marcus.

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

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

This month, Branch 34 donated monetarily to the Animal Rescue League.

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

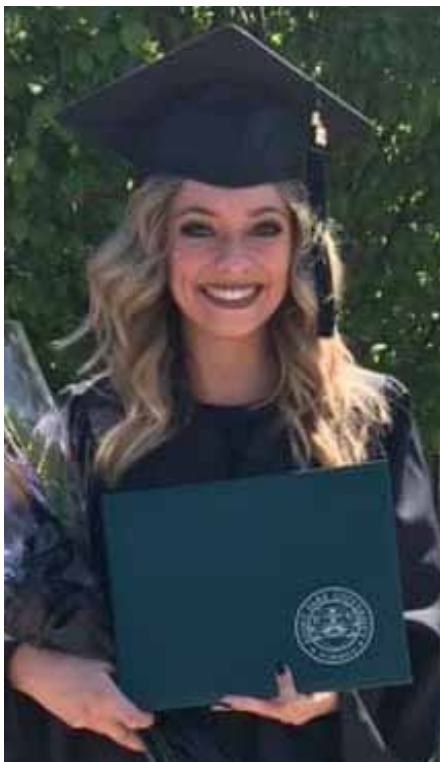
Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth Darago

Happy Summer--sun and flowers and fun!

Cheryl Stadler wants to convey her delight at being able to work on the Easter Basket activity with the Kepich family. Cheryl said it's a great feeling to be doing something for someone who really needed and appreciated the assistance...not to mention she got to see the new baby!

We must be having the "summer lazies"...you know: let's sit out in the shade, go swimming or have a



Congratulations to Branch 34 member Gabriella Medina who graduated from Point Park University in Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science-Business Management/Marketing degree.

barbeque. We'll have more news in July.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who are celebrating.

Get well soon for all who are ill.

Our deepest sympathies for those who have lost a loved one.

And "come home safe" for all our military personnel.

Need Insurance? Call Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec

Once again, we are gearing up for our annual golf outing, which will be held at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa., on Aug. 11.

We appreciate all the help we have received from WPA, the Board of Directors and individual members over the years. Because of these efforts, we were able to raise close to \$20,000 for the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. That is a feat to truly be proud of.

Our hole sponsorships are only \$50, so don't be shy--sign up! Take two; they're small.

As usual, we have some new things to keep things interesting. We will be using a three-tiered system for winners based on scoring. This gives everyone a chance to compete to the best of their abilities. More on this next month.

Also, we pride ourselves on having a Chinese auction that is second to none. Prizes include beer, wine, lottery tickets and a night's stay at a Hampton Inn. More on these as well in future articles.

All you golfers might also be interested to know that we are organizing a golf outing for the benefit of The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead to be held Saturday, June 29, at Champion Lakes. This won't be as big an event as our outing with the Rotary in August. But, it will still give golfers what they want: that is, a chance to play at Champion Lakes and socialize with former Pirate Dick Groat. Dick and his daughter are phenomenal hosts. The highlight for us is going up the night before, staying in their bed and breakfast and partaking of the gigantic breakfast buffet the morning of the golf outing.

We hope you were able to join us at May's Hungarian Night at Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café. We enjoyed some good Hungarian food while listening to the sounds of George Batyi and his ensemble.

Come help us celebrate Mark Maskariniec's birthday at Butler's Golf Course on Sunday, June 9, with another of Chef Al's chef's tasting dinners. The menu will feature a Mardi Gras theme. For a mere \$30, one can escape to the sounds of the bayou and New Orleans while dining on Mardi Gras food. Sounds like a fun way to celebrate a birthday, if you ask me.

April 11 was a very sad day for our branch with the death of Branch Secretary-Treasurer and former Branch Coordinator Ruth Toth and the death of Nicholas S. Finikiotis, father of branch Member Dr. Michael W. Finikiotis. May they rest in peace.

Many remember Ruth from her many years of being involved with

William Penn Association when her late husband Elmer was Vice Chairman of the Board. Ruth was a very hard worker and was never one to sit by and do nothing.

For many years, she could be found manning the pastry booth at the WPA Picnic at Scenic View with her best friend, Betty Vargo. They were inseparable. It was not surprising that when Ruth's rapid decline was evident, she hung on long enough for one last conversation with her best friend Betty. Although she could no longer speak, when Ruth's caregiver put the phone to Ruth's ear, her face lit up, she pointed with her finger, and smiled with that twinkle in her eye that we all knew and loved. Less than two hours after Betty and Ruth said good bye, Ruth was gone.

Ruth cared about William Penn and her friends until the very end. She will be missed at the annual Christmas party, our quarterly meetings and at various events.

Ruth was known for calling the Home Office with insurance questions for various policies she would write. She was a good agent, and she will be missed.

Mark would like to thank everyone who has asked about him during his recent health issues. It's been a long and winding road. He's not out of the woods yet, but at least he has started on a path that will get him there. So, keep those prayers and good wishes coming. He will take them all.

We will plug along. We look forward to our June 1 meeting to elect delegates for the WPA General Convention and to all of our upcoming events.

We hope all our mothers enjoyed Mother's Day last month, and we wish all dads a very happy Father's Day. Please, call your father and let him know how much he means to you while you still can. Treasure those moments you still have with him because in the blink of an eye, things can change.

Rest up because we have a summer packed with fun-filled activities. We hope to see all of you over the next few months.

Most importantly, stay healthy and happy.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello all, from Columbus, Ohio. Hope everyone has been having beautiful spring weather. We hope also that you and your family have been blessed with the best of health and continued happiness.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our newest branch member, Brian Omara.

Important days for the month of June include: Flag Day (June 14), display your flag proudly; Father's Day (June 16), thanks to all our fathers and grandfathers for all you do for your families and we hope you all have a great day; and the first day of summer (June 21).

Over the next few months, many families will be taking vacations. Please be safe in all your travels.

School is out for the next few months, so while you drive please keep an eye out for children playing outside. Also watch out for motorcycles as they can sometimes be hard to see. Please don't drive distracted.

Our branch participated in the Easter Basket program again this year. We donated a gift card to two families to help pay for their Easter dinner.

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

On Sunday, June 9, the Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus will be hosting another Soup and Learn Program. It will be held at St. Ladislav Church, located at 277 Reeb Ave. Soup will be served at 11:30 A.M. followed by a program. Also, save the date for the Taste of Hungary Festival to be held on Saturday, July 20, at the church.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and additions to their families. Special congratulations to members Stan and Renee Ash on the birth of their daughter, Kinsley Ann, born on May 2.

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

We also extend our sincere sym-



Next Deadline

All articles & photographs for the July issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by June 7. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Where, oh where, is spring? I fear we will go right to summer yet again this year!

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on June 4 at Martin's Supermarket Deli in Erskine Plaza (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend at 5:00 p.m.

Branch 132 is again sponsoring a men's softball team in the city of South Bend. If you have a chance, stop by the Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park on Wednesday evenings in June. It is located off Mayflower Road just north of the U.S. 31 bypass. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- June 5, 8:00 p.m., Byers Red, v. Belleway Trucking (doubleheader).
- June 12, 8:00 p.m., Byers Green, v. Dazed & Confused (doubleheader).
- June 19, 6:00 p.m., Byers Green, v. Smith's Auto (doubleheader).
- June 26, 6:00 p.m., Byers Red, v. Belleway Trucking (doubleheader).

Our annual summer picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion #1 in South Bend. This get-together will be held rain or shine as we have a roof to keep us dry. The branch will provide Martin's chicken and Eby's Polish sausage, sodas, bottled water and

utensils, as in the past. We ask that all members contact Janos P. Burus by July 26 and let us know the number of people in their party who will be attending. You can contact Janos at 574-287-0590 or via email at john.e.burus@honeywell.com. We ask each family attending to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes to our members celebrating their special day this month. We wish all fathers a happy Father's Day.

Congratulations to our branch's high school graduates, including Joshua Balogh and Shelby Harris. All of that hard work was truly worth it.

If you missed the deadline for our scholarship program, mark your calendars for next year. Also, don't miss out on the Graduating High School Seniors Benefit. Please call the Secretary's Department at the Home Office for more info toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, extension 128.

We are sending warm thoughts to Branch Auditor Frank Halas, who is under the weather but recuperating. Get well soon!

Our branch will participate in a delegate district election meeting on Sunday, June 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, 101 University Dr., McKeesport. We will be electing two delegates to represent us at the WPA General Convention this October. There is free parking in the church's lot, so we hope to see many mem-



For their Join Hands Day project, members and friends of Branch 296 decorated and assembled snack bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.



Welcome to our fraternal family P. J. Ganchuk of Branch 226 McKeesport, Pa., son of WPA Activities Coordinator Judit Ganchuk and her husband Perry.

bers attend.

Please call our Branch President Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 for more information.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Vacation time is here. School is out, people are driving and flying all over the place, and summer is officially here. Even those having a staycation are in a hurry to get

somewhere or do something...and so am I. So, this article will be short and sweet--just like summer always seems to be.

On May 31, we gathered for Branch 249's annual Dayton Dragons Baseball Game at Fifth Third Field. We hope the Dayton Hungarians from Branch 249 and the Magyar Club who attended had a great time at the game and rooted the Dragons to another victory. This year, we went to a Friday night game. I'll have pictures next month.

Our branch will plant flowers again for Join Hands Day at Queen of Martyrs Church on June 1 at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be supplied by Branch 249. All volunteers are welcome.

Don't forget Flag Day on June 14. Help celebrate this great country of ours.

Also, don't forget dear ol' dad on Father's Day, June 16. Mom gets most of the glory, but dad deserves some, too.

Get well wishes to those sick or in the hospital. May the better weather bring you good health.

We extend our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to those grieving a lost loved one. It seems there has been a rash of deaths of people we know.

On a more pleasant note, happy birthday to those celebrating this month, especially my lovely wife, Anne Marie.

Happy anniversary to you June

love birds. May you have many more.

Call me at 937-667-1211 or email at amschmidt@msn.com with ideas or info to share.

Remember: "Isn't it amazing how much stuff we get done the day before vacation?" - Zig Ziglar

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Finally, we've reached the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. Longer days and beautiful weather are always welcome around here. But, if you live in Western Pa., you're familiar with the weird, bad weather pattern that develops around this time of the year. Torrential downpours and high winds generally coincide with the annual Three Rivers Arts Festival in downtown Pittsburgh. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather cooperates for once during this event that so many anticipate.

We send greetings to our newest members of Branch 296 and look forward to meeting you at one of our branch events.

Happiest birthday wishes to each of our members celebrating their special day in June, including Branch Vice President Marge Kosheba, Mary Ann Slaninka, Terry Panaro and Angela Wislie Misera.

June is also a popular month for weddings, and we wish happy anniversary and congratulatory wedding wishes, too. Last year at this time 296-er Brittany Kellar from our WPA Home Office was married. Your first year of marriage flew by very quickly, Brittany and Bob, and we're wishing you many fabulous years ahead!

We're remembering all those who are recuperating and send encouraging thoughts to each of you for a quick and lasting recovery.

And, for our members who have recently lost a loved one, you are most certainly in our thoughts and prayers.

On May 9, Branch 296 conducted our annual Join Hands Day project for Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House. This has become a favorite branch project, and I will write more

of it next month.

To all dads, paps, step-dads and those acting in place of a dad, you are truly loved and appreciated! We want each of you to have a tremendous Father's Day and hope that you are royally spoiled. Also, we want the happy memories of those who have left this earthly life to always remain with us, and ask God to grant them eternal rest.

Save the date for Branch 296's Bacon Roast on Sunday, Sept. 22, once again at Oakmont's Riverside Park. As a gentle reminder, since the park is a "dry" facility, please refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages. Right now we're in the planning stages of our *szalonna sütés*, so I will keep you posted as plans develop.

Branch 296 is now on its summer vacation. Join us at our next regular meeting, Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m., at the New Kensington King's Family Restaurant. Our awesome agent Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, generally attends our meetings and can answer your insurance and annuity questions and tell you about WPA's outstanding products. Noreen can be reached at 412-821-1837 or at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

In the meantime, keep in mind all of the things that June has to offer: the sound of the lawn mower, lush green trees and maybe your neighbors who you've hardly seen during the chilly and snowy months. Welcome, lovely June.

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

by Nicole Starnier

Can you believe we are in June already?

Every Monday, members head to the Verhovay Home Association for its wings special from 5:00 to



Branch 336 members enjoy a Kentucky Derby party at the Verhovay Home Association.

9:00 p.m. and, boy, do the members like them! On Wednesdays, we gather for a Texas Hold'em tournament starting at 7:30 p.m. There's no buy-in, and prizes are awarded to the first and second place winners. Thursdays, we enjoy free darts anytime after 5:00 p.m. Fridays, everyone is throwing bags during our cornhole tournament. We do a blind draw for partners and just have a great time together. Games start at 7:30 p.m. Then, it's time to yell "BINGO!" every Sunday starting at 2:00 p.m. We also like the dinner specials!

On June 1, the club will celebrate the one-year anniversary of being reopened. The party starts at 3:00 p.m. with a DJ and lots of yummy food available for everyone. Join us for the celebration!

Please join us at the club June 29 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a special event: a pop-up market to support suicide awareness in honor of Eric King. We will have vendors selling products, food, 50/50 and raffle prizes with proceeds being donated.



It was bingo with a Mexican flair for members and friends of Branch 336 at the Cinco de Mayo party held at the Verhovay Home Association.

We had a great time at the Kentucky Derby party with Timeless on stage on May 4, and the Cinco de Mayo celebration with bingo was a big hit.

Get well wishes to all who have been or are under the weather. We hope for a speedy recovery.

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

If you have anything you'd like to share or would like to receive

Next Deadline June 7



Members of the Hungarian band Söndörgő perform April 24 at the Brillbox in Pittsburgh, a concert attended by local Hungarian-Americans and members of Branch 349.

weekly email updates from the club, please contact Nicole Starnier at verhovayhomeassn@gmail.com.

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Greetings from WPA Branch 349 in the Ohio Valley Tri-State area!

The warm days of summer will soon be upon us, and all those days of sunshine will be celebrated with vacations, picnics and outdoor activities. Enjoy the beautiful weather while it's here.

On April 1, hundreds of people in Budapest took part in a Monty Python-inspired "silly walk" parade in the capitol of Hungary to mark April Fool's Day. The flamboyant-style walk comes from the 1970s comedy sketch by the Monty Python comedy troupe where people walk in rather weird fashion. Organizers said it provided an opportunity for people to forget about their daily problems, just let off steam and be silly--something we can all occasionally aspire to.

Branch 349 member Emily Nicholson and Christian Nelson got an opportunity to hear the Hungarian band Söndörgő play a long set at the Brillbox in Pittsburgh on April 24. Söndörgő is one of the most interesting music groups in Hungary, cur-

rently touring around the world.

They play a style of music that is little known and quite different from the traditional, fiddle-led Hungarian repertoire. This band combines rock'n'roll with their signature instrument, the Hungaro-Serbian tambura. The tambura is a small stringed instrument similar to the mandolin. Söndörgő's repertoire is made up of material gathered from Béla Bartók and Tihamér Vujcsics, as well as from old masters of the tradition.

The group was founded in 1995 in Szentendre, a small Hungarian town near Budapest, and is made up of three brothers--Áron, Benjamin and Salamon Eredics--plus cousin Dávid Eredics and Attila Buzás, the only non-family member, on bass tambura. There was a great attendance of both Hungarian and non-Hungarians in the crowd listening to Söndörgő play their current hit music.

Flag Day is June 14, so fly your flag proudly and remember all the men and women in the military who protect our freedom and the right to fly that flag.

Don't forget, Father's day is June 16. A wise person once said: "To the world you are a dad. But to your family, you are the world." Make that personal visit if you are able, or call if you cannot be there.

Sunday, Aug. 25, is the date for

the next joint WPA Branch picnic with the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Cultural Society at Warren Township Park in Yorkville, Ohio. Just 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. The picnic begins at 1:00 p.m.

We extend good wishes to those members with birthdays and anniversaries this month. Birthdays for June include Anne Marie Schmidt, Richard Sarosi, Ashley Toth and Anna and Daniel Cermak.

Harry and I were married in a June wedding, so I want to wish my loving and supportive partner a happy anniversary!

Condolences are extended to the family of Ruth (Walochik) Toth, wife of the late Elmer W. Toth.

For additional 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 on Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Here it is June already, and half of the year is almost over. Where does the time go? There must be some truth to the saying that time goes faster as we get older! It certainly has been going too fast for me, personally.

Officially, summer starts June 21 this year. Take time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Be safe!

For our Join Hands Day project, Branch 352 will be planting flowers in the planters at the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society on Saturday, June 8. The Humane Society is located at 1101 Western Ave. on Pittsburgh's North Side. If you are interested in helping, please contact me for details. Come and join us; we would love to see you. Planting starts at 9:30 a.m.

This month, we celebrate several holidays.

June 6 is D-Day when the allies invaded the beaches of Normandy in France. Let us not forget those

brave men who fought so that others might be free of tyranny.

Flag Day is June 14 on which we commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States.

The other holiday is Father's Day, which is June 16 this year. Happy Father's Day to all of those dads out there. There is no more important job for men than being a loving, supportive dad to their children.

Congratulations to all the graduates, both high school and college. All of that hard work will pay off. May you be guided as you take your next step, whether it be further education or that first job.

The school year will soon be over, so there will be many young ones playing outside. Please drive carefully. Also, be safe in your travels if you are going on a vacation.

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

Our condolences to all those who have lost a loved one recently. May your memories carry you through this very difficult time.

June 28 is Insurance Awareness Day. Now would be a perfect time to check your current life insurance and make sure you are fully covered. It would also be a good time to check and make sure your beneficiaries are up-to-date. If you have any insurance needs or questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 525 Los Angeles, CA

by Sarika Gotz

On April 7, our branch and the Bloomington Hungarian Club celebrated Easter early with 24 children and the Easter Bunny. What a fun time was had by all. We made and decorated Easter baskets filled to the brim with all kinds of stuffed Easter bunnies, candy and colored eggs.

The Easter Bunny hid around the club's front and back yards a total of 114 colored plastic eggs filled with candy for the children to find. I think some of those eggs are still somewhere outside the club.

The ladies cooked a delicious Hungarian Easter dinner.

The weather was beautiful with



Young members of Branch 525 joined other children in welcoming the Easter Bunny to an Easter party hosted by the Bloomington Hungarian Club on April 7.

80 degrees and lots of sunshine.

We hope everyone enjoyed the special day. With many of the Hungarian clubs and churches closing, we need to keep our club and WPA going and promote our Hungarian traditions.

I was so happy to see the recipe for Easter cheese in the April issue of *William Penn Life*. This is one of the Easter traditions I was brought up with. A lot of Hungarian people here in California said they have never heard of it. I make it every year. It's not Easter without *sárگا túró!*

We hope all mothers enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day. Next, Father's Day will be here on June 16, and we wish all dads a special day.

We hope you can attend the Delegate District election meeting on June 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Hungarian Club to select our delegate to the WPA General Convention to be held this October.

If you have any news to share, please call me at 909-350-1620.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 16, is an opportunity to let dads and father figures know how much they are loved and appreciated. Celebrate the day by contacting your dad. If

this is not possible, share memories about him. God bless all fathers.

Flag Day, June 14, commemorates adoption of the original flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Educate yourself regarding flag etiquette and fly the flag proudly.

Happy 60th birthday to Branch President Dan Greiner and happy 61st birthday to Branch Vice President Dennis Greiner. We hope you and all others observing birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. will do so in the loving presence of family and friends.

Flu season is over, and we like to think our readers are enjoying good health. For those who are ailing, you are remembered in our prayers. Get your rest.

Branch 800 meetings are suspended for the months of June, July and August and will resume in September. Remember, the annual branch picnic is Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park, rain or shine. Cost is \$5 per person. Come for food and fellowship.

Sincere sympathy is extended to members who have lost a loved one recently. We pray your sorrow will be replaced by hope in the Resurrection. May all deceased fathers rest peacefully.

If you have any questions about life insurance or annuities, Bob Jones is the one to contact at 814-942-2661.



Puzzle Contest #168 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

Hungarian Heritage Night

ON JUNE 8, hundreds of like-minded Hungarian-Americans will assemble in Eastlake, Ohio, for The Lake County Captains Hungarian Heritage Night. In addition to watching great baseball, they'll experience a large dose of warm fellowship, Magyar hospitality and camaraderie. The game begins at 7:00 p.m., but you will want to get there early to experience all the evening has to offer, including a parade through the outfield, the unfurling of a giant Magyar flag, live cimbalom music, Hungarian foods, the singing of the National Anthem and Magyar Himnusz and meeting representatives from organizations of Hungarian interest offering insight and complimentary gifts.

This great family-oriented gathering is sponsored in part by William Penn Association. Because of our Association's generous support, Hungarian Heritage Night has become one of the premier events of the Captain's home game schedule.

My best advice is to come early and stay late because, following the game, a spectacular fireworks show takes place with a vibrant red, white and green pyrotechnic display that is coordinated to lively Hungarian folk music.

And, as I said, there will be plenty of great baseball being played. It is fun to speculate which of these young players will advance to a Major League team in the future.

There have been numerous American and National League players that at one time wore a Captains uniform before advancing on to the big leagues. The June 2019 Wordsearch puzzle consists of 14 clues, all the last names of Major League players who were Captains at one time during their careers. Most of the contest names are currently playing for the parent club in Cleveland, but a few are now on other teams.

Good luck! I hope to see you at the game.

Also, remember Flag Day is June 14!

Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #165 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #165 were drawn May 6, 2019, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Jacqueline M. Los, Br. 15 Chicago, IL
Sharon R. McDonald, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Elizabeth Melhorn, Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ
Earl A. Spencer, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #168 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Hungarian Heritage Night" Word List

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

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4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by July 31, 2019.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Aug. 5, 2019, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

In Memoriam

RUTH D. TOTH
MUNHALL, PA -- Members of Branch 89 Homestead, Pa., and across the Association were saddened by the death of Ruth D. Toth, secretary-treasurer of Branch 89 and wife of the late Elmer W. Toth, former vice chairman of the WPA Board. Ruth, 88, passed away April 11, 2019.



For many years, Ruth was happy to volunteer at many WPA events, often

found selling raffle tickets or Chinese auction tickets, spotting holes with her husband at golf outings or manning the bake sale booth at WPA picnics.

Shortly after Elmer's death, Ruth sold insurance. She loved keeping her ties open with WPA and working with its employees. Ruth appreciated all that WPA did for her husband and her, and she treasured the friendships she made. She truly cared about William Penn Association.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Lisa and son-in-law Mark; two sons, Keith and Tim; grandson Justin; step-granddaughter Casey; two step-great-granddaughters, Jaiden and Peyton; and her beloved best friends, Al and Betty Vargo. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and godchildren, including nephew John S. Toth, Jr., Home Office employee.

Memorial donations may be sent to the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, c/o 517 Brierly Lane, Munhall, PA 15120.

May she rest in peace.

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

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