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## General Convention News



As promised, in this issue you will find the official listing of all delegates to the Association's 39th General Convention. Turn to pages 15 to 17 and you will see the names of the elected delegates and alternate delegates chosen during the Delegate District election meetings held throughout the country this June, as well as the names of the ex-officio delegates, namely, the National Officers and Board of Directors of the Association. All will be convening in Pittsburgh this month at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Green Tree October 12 through 14. The Convention will be a time to reflect on WPA's 133-year history of fraternal service to its members, our Hungarian heritage and the greater community, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., and to plan the future of our great Association. All William Penn Association life benefit members are invited to observe the Convention proceedings from the gallery. But, even if you are unable to join us in Pittsburgh, we ask all our members for their continued support of both our Association and its Scholarship Foundation. And, to our Convention delegates, we extend our best wishes for a productive meeting and safe travels.



**JOHN L. LOVASZ**  
*Home Office Employee  
1947-1984  
National Treasurer  
1984-1986  
Consultant to WPA  
2006-2011*

## WPA mourns loss of John L. Lovasz

PITTSBURGH -- Members throughout the Association were saddened by the death of former National Treasurer John L. Lovasz, who passed away Aug. 23, 2019, at the age of 90.

Mr. Lovasz began his career with the Association in 1947 as a branch premium collector for the Rákoczi Aid Association in his hometown of Bridgeport, Conn. When Rákoczi merged with the Verhovay Fraternal Insurance Association in 1955 to form the William Penn Fraternal Association, he moved to Pittsburgh, where he worked in the society's Treasury Department.

He was unanimously elected National Treasurer at WPA's 30th General Convention in 1983, assumed that office on Jan. 1, 1984, and retired in 1986.

After working as a consultant for several Pittsburgh-area agencies which served small businesses, he returned to WPA in 2006 as a part-time consultant in the Treasury Department, a role he fulfilled until retiring for good in 2011.

His dedication to the Association was

matched by his love for his Hungarian heritage. He traveled to Hungary twice, including once as a member of a WPA tour group, and he served as secretary-historian for the Hungarian Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and earned a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Florence; his second wife, Betty; and a son, Kenneth. Surviving are his daughter, Catherine (Lee) Fedner; his son John (Mary Ann); his step-children Janet (Tom) Wertz and Richard (Gail) Iams and their families; and grandchildren Leanne, Michael and Joshua.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Susanna Church in Penn Hills, Pa., on Aug. 29, with interment in Calvary Cemetery, Hazelwood, Pa.

The family suggests donations be made in his memory to the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

May he rest in peace.



# It's never too late to age well

I HAVE WORKED with the 50-plus age group exclusively for the past nine years. Although I have trained and coached a vast variety of people from all over the map, the facts are always the same. My expertise is in working with healthy adults living with mild to moderate disease. I work with individuals as well as groups.

It shouldn't be a surprise that the participants who have the most success with positive lifestyle changes are the ones who show up and make an effort to do well. While this may seem like a no-brainer observation, I am reminded everyday of how disconnected a vast number of people are from their role in their own health.

With summer coming to an end, familiar faces are coming back into the center to exercise. They leave feeling winded, weak and out of shape. They shake their heads and complain about getting older. While some folks walk or play with the grandkids here and there, most ride in golf carts, sit at the pool, get on the riding mower or just take it easy.

Our bodies slow down naturally as we age. So, why in the world do we stop moving intentionally and then be puzzled when our bodies give up?

On the flip side, I have two female members, one age 96 and the other 99. They never miss a class; they are working out three times a week, sometimes four. The 96 year old does 25 sit ups on the floor every single morning followed by 25 toe touches. The 99 year old had a very serious health scare early in the spring. After a lengthy hospital stay and home recuperation, she is back to her



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sassy self. She has to have someone bring her here, but she does it with a smile. They both eat mindfully and have full social calendars.

I know a few more people just like them. They get it. No one else is more responsible for your health than you are. You are in charge of the food you eat, the amount of rest you get and how much you exercise. Be one of the people who get better with age, it's never too late to start.

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# Making sense of Medicare

OUR MEMBERS OFTEN ASK about Medicare and the different types of plans they should be considering if they are already on Medicare. They want to know what their options are when they turn age 65 and become “Medicare eligible.” Since WPA doesn’t offer any type of Medicare supplement insurance, I called Jeff Johnstone, WPA agent and CEO/Agency Principal at Senior Healthcare Specialists, LLC to answer some of the questions that our members often ask.

**Bob Bisceglia:** First off Jeff, thank you for agreeing to help our members by contributing to our Moneywise column this month. I’d like to begin asking for a general overview of Medicare – what is Medicare and what does it cover?

**Jeff Johnstone:** Well, Bob, Medicare is a federal insurance program that provides health insurance for people over age 65 and also for younger individuals that may qualify due to disability. There are four different parts to Medicare: Parts A, B, C and D.

**BB:** What is Medicare Part A?

**JJ:** Medicare Part A provides coverage for inpatient and hospital care, skilled nursing and hospice care and some home health care.

**BB:** What does Medicare Part B cover?

**JJ:** Medicare Part B provides coverage for outpatient medical procedures, such as physician services, outpatient care, durable medical equipment and many preventive services, such as regular physicals and check-ups.

**BB:** What is Medicare Part C?

**JJ:** Medicare Part C—also known as Medicare Advantage plans—are privately managed, federally approved health insurance plans. Part C plans combine the benefits of Parts A and B into one plan and may also include prescription drug coverage, dental, vision and hearing coverages as well as wellness programs and telehealth services.

**BB:** Finally, what is Medicare Part D?

**JJ:** Medicare Part D plans provide Medicare beneficiaries with privately managed, federally approved prescription drug coverage. Part D also helps manage prescription drug costs and provides discounts at “in-network” and preferred pharmacies.

**BB:** Why is this such an important time of the year for our members who are current Medicare beneficiaries?

**JJ:** The upcoming “annual election period” (or AEP) runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. This is the only time of the year where current Medicare recipients can make any changes to their plans for the upcoming 2020 plan year, unless they have a special enrollment situation.

**BB:** What about our members who might be turning 65 in the coming year?

**JJ:** People turning 65 and becoming Medicare eligible for the first time can enroll throughout the calendar year

based on their eligibility status. You will automatically qualify for Medicare Part A coverage when you turn age 65 if you have qualified by having 40 quarters of full-time employment. They would then need to purchase Medicare part B at the current cost of \$135.50 per month. If they are on Social Security, that premium is automatically deducted from their monthly benefit check.

**BB:** Are there costs associated with Medicare Parts A and B?

**JJ:** Part A is provided at no cost if you have met the requirements of eligibility. Part B has a monthly cost associated with it. Most people will pay \$135.50 per month (in 2019) for Part B coverage.

**BB:** What options are available to our members who are over age 65 and already on Medicare?

**JJ:** If you are already on Medicare and covered under a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can only make changes to your plan during the annual enrollment period that runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. If you have a “life event” during the year, such as moving to another state or losing your health insurance, then these events may qualify you for what’s known as a “special enrollment period” (or SEP) where you can enroll or change plans outside of the annual enrollment period.

**BB:** OK, you’ve used the title “Medicare Advantage Plan” a few times. Just what is a Medicare Advantage Plan and how do they work?

**JJ:** Great question! Medicare Advantage Plans (or MA plans) must cover all the services that original Medicare Parts A and B cover, with the exception of hospice care. It’s important to understand that Medicare covers hospice care, even if you are in a MA plan. In all MA plans, you are covered for emergency and urgent care and all plans must offer emergency coverage outside of your plan’s area—but NOT outside the U.S. Many MA plans offer extra benefits, such as dental, vision and wellness coverage and most also include prescription drug coverage. MA plans and benefits can change from year to year, so it’s important to review your coverage each year to understand how a particular plan works for you before you join or change plans. Consulting a qualified Medicare Specialist is the best thing to do if you are entering eligibility or considering a change of plans.

**BB:** We hear a lot about Medicare “supplement” plans. What are they and how are they different from Medicare Advantage plans?

**JJ:** A Medicare supplement (or Medigap) plan is a privately issued insurance policy that “supplements” your basic Medicare Part A and B coverage. These types of policies help pay some of the health care costs that Medicare doesn’t cover, such as deductibles, copays and coinsur-



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A graduate of North Hills High School in Pittsburgh, Jeffrey earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Gannon University in Erie, Pa. He is a lifelong member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity.

He has been a resident of the Pittsburgh area for 50 years. He currently resides in McCandless Township with his fiancée and four adult children.

For more than 35 years, Jeff has been playing and coaching dek hockey. He trains referees and serves as a board member and administrator for local dek hockey tournaments and organizations, helping to grow the game.

In his spare time, he enjoys being a Pittsburgh Penguins season ticket holder. □

ance. If you have both Medicare and a Medicare supplement plan, Medicare will pay its share of the approved amount, then the Medicare supplement policy will pay its share of the remaining balance. The best time to purchase a supplement plan is during your seven-month "open enrollment" period that begins three months before you turn age 65, includes your birth month and extends three months beyond your birth month. Your open enrollment window will be extended if you are still working and/or have other creditable coverage. In that case, you will receive a special enrollment period to move to a Medicare plan without penalty. During your open enrollment period, you are guaranteed to qualify for supplemental coverage regardless of your health, but must medically qualify if you are seeking to purchase a supplement outside of your "window." In other words, there is no open enrollment period for supplement plans. Although all supplement plans must offer standardized benefits no matter who provides the coverage, there are a number of different "levels" of coverage identified by letters A through N. Each state offers different plans, so we suggest contacting a Medicare specialist who works in your state to help explain the different plans, benefits and costs.

**BB:** What is the first thing that someone entering Medicare for the first time should do?

**JJ:** We always recommend that you contact a qualified, licensed Medicare representative in your area. Many WPA agents are also Medicare qualified agents, or partner with agents that specialize in Medicare plans, so that might be a good place to start.

To wrap up, here are some "Do's and Don'ts" when it comes to Medicare:

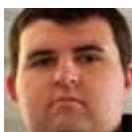
- DO become educated regarding Medicare.
- DON'T wait until you turn 65 to start looking at your options.
- DO contact a qualified Medicare rep at least six months before turning age 65 or becoming eligible for Medicare.
- DON'T buy anything from the TV or over the phone.
- DO your research and call on an expert with any questions.
- DON'T give out personal information over the phone.
- DO ask questions regarding plan designs, doctor networks, prescription coverages and plan costs.

**BB:** Jeff, thanks again for sharing your thoughts on Medicare and the options available. Realizing that this is a very important time of the year for anyone considering making any changes to their plans, what else should our members be thinking about at this time of the year?

**JJ:** You're quite welcome, Bob; glad to be of service to your members. Along with the upcoming annual enrollment period, this is a great time of the year for your members and those turning age 65 to have a thorough review of their life insurance and "final expense" type coverage. Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare supplements and life insurance should all be part of your members' plans as they consider their options in retirement.

**BB:** Will you, or someone you know, be one of the more than 3 million Americans turning 65 this year? Now is the perfect time to call on your WPA agent or broker. They can answer your questions and help point you in the right direction. If you have any questions regarding your options for Medicare coverage, you can reach Jeff Johnstone at 888-412-9990 or by using the information in the Agent's corner bio.

Until next time, Happy Halloween! □



# Hungarians in America

*Never consider an immigrant to become a loyal American citizen, unless he retains his love for his motherland.*

- Abraham Lincoln

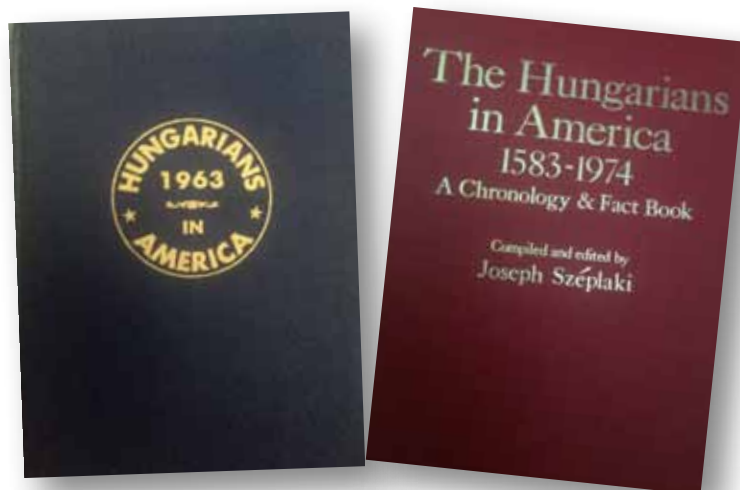
USUALLY, THE OCTOBER EDITION of *Tibor's Take* is dedicated to the thousands of heroes who fought against Communist oppression in October 1956. Over the years, I learned about that time from dozens of Freedom Fighters and Hungarian refugees who came and settled in America in the aftermath of the Revolution.

A few years back, I wrote a three-part short story about a guy who escaped Hungary and, with the help of the governments and citizens of the countries of Austria and Canada, eventually settled in Youngstown, Ohio. The character and his name were fictitious, but the events portrayed in those stories were a composite of real experiences related to me via informal interviews I had with several "56ers." That story not only told of a daring escape from Communist oppression but how life and the lives of those who escaped changed once they arrived in America.

This month, I want to focus on the many other Magyars who came here prior to and following the 1956 Revolt.

I recently discovered three factbooks, all published between 1963 and 1974, that show an incredible number of Hungarians immigrated to America and other locations in the Western Hemisphere outside the time frame of the 1956 revolution. Each book contains raw facts and figures pertaining to persons of prominence and shows how large the American-Hungarian community was at that time.

A while ago, I wrote a *Take* about how "Hungarians are Martians." This month, my exploration continues into the huge number of top notch professionals from all disciplines who settled in the Americas. I can only imagine how this exodus of brain power negatively impacted the quality of life in Hungary. When I visited Hungary in



2014, media sources lamented the fact that in a five-year span, over 3,000 medical doctors left Hungary because other countries offered more money and financial stability. Sadly, that exit of 3,000 medical professionals is a drop in the bucket compared to what occurred from about WWI through the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Books #1 and #2 form a two-part series and were written three years apart. The author was a gentleman named Tibor Szy (1908-1991). Each volume is appropriately titled *Hungarians in America*. The second volume has many more entries of professionals than the first, but I find the first volume to be more informative due to the supplemental information that was included. The introductions to both volumes were written by scientist and discoverer of Vitamin C, Albert Szent-Gyorgyi. The bulk of each edition offers lists, in alphabetical order, of those who departed Hungary, along with his or her birth place, school-

## Point to Ponder....

In my *Take*, I mention three great books written about Hungarians in America. Each of those books discusses how many persons from our ancestral homeland contributed immensely to the growth and expansion of this country. A more recent entry to the bookshelves is a new masterpiece by WPA member Dr. Endre Szentkiralyi entitled, *Being Hungarian in Cleveland*. This thorough book presents an updated history and appraisal of the current status of the American-Hungarian community of Northeast Ohio.

Back in April, I had the opportunity to see and hear Dr. Szentkiralyi speak about his book and research from the comfort of my home in Virginia. Thanks to my brother Andras II and his cell phone video camera, I was able to view most of the April lecture presented by Szentkiralyi at the Cleveland Hungarian Museum. Being that Cleveland boasts one of the highest concentrations of Magyars outside of Hungary, this book gives an accurate portrayal of how the American-Hungarian community in Cleveland is adapting and changing and is an indicator of how our particular ethnic community is maintaining its culture and traditions as well as other smaller communities nationwide. Written with plenty of facts, figures and official government data, Szentkiralyi's work is able to show trends dating back several generations. - Tibor





ing, spouse/children, awards, job titles and residence/workplace(s)—all listed with little or no explanation or fanfare. I looked up the biographies of a few of the more noteworthy Magyars, such as Edward Teller, George Szell and Joseph Pasternak. Because of their fame and accomplishments, I expected huge and elaborate biographies describing their many accolades. Instead, their portrayals were no more distinguished than any other of the persons listed in the books.

Being that my knowledge of persons in those books was limited, I asked my dad if he could give me the names of persons he knows who might be included in the book. Local Youngstown fixtures like Msgr. Dezso Torok, the Rev. Janos Vasko, Dr. Laszlo Domonkos and Dr. Milan Halmos were listed in the same modest and fact-only style as Teller.

My mother told me to look up Dr. Alphonz Fescik, who also had his own modest entry in "The Who's Who of Hungarians." I asked why she had me look up this random entry. My mom laughed and said he was the doctor who delivered me at Euclid General Hospital. Thus, another personal connection to the *Hungarians in America* collection was made.

Tibor Szy compiled both volumes in conjunction with the Hungarian University Association and the Kossuth Association in New York City. There must have been dozens of collaborators as this was an exhaustive undertaking. As mentioned earlier, the first of Szy's books garnered more of my attention as the last portion of the book featured much more information than a personal directory of notables. Along with many interesting advertisements there were alphabetical listings of churches, clubs, organizations, clergy by affiliation, various Hungarian publications and many others.

William Penn Association had a full page ad that explained how the Verhovay Fraternal Insurance Asso-

ciation of Pennsylvania and Rakoczi Aid Association of Connecticut merged to form the William Penn Fraternal Association in 1955. The people mentioned in the books were also categorized by their field of expertise as well as a list naming the hometowns for every book entrant. *Hungarians in America* highlights literally thousands of people now residing in America. Just think if *all* Hungarian immigrants were listed: it would have required dozens of volumes!

The third book in this trio of American-Hungarian fact-books is titled *The Hungarians in America: 1583 to 1974* and was compiled and edited by Joseph Széplaki (1932-2010).

This book contains a chronological list of how Hungarians became part of American history, from small numbers coming here in the 1500s through the American Revolution, the 1840s visit by Kossuth, with the first large waves of Magyars starting with the Civil War, then the Great Migration of 1870 to 1917 and the third wave made up of political refugees from WWI, WWII and 1956. The book includes several documents written by the likes of Teddy Roosevelt, Lajos Kossuth and others.

As we settle into another winter season, books such as these are a welcome addition to any personal library and are a highly-coveted addition to our family's growing collection. Each are available online at reasonable prices and can be printed on demand if original copies are sold out.

*Éljen Amerikai-Magyar,  
Long live the American-Hungarians,  
**Cseh Tibor, Jr.***

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

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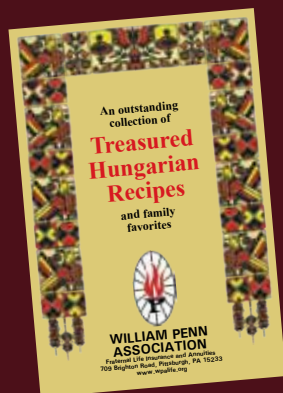
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Remembering  
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# Blood in the Water

by Judit Ganchuk

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**M**any young Hungarian students and workers were tired of the Soviet Communist way of doing things--slow bureaucracy with hands greased by money. On Oct. 23, 1956, they gathered peacefully but loudly, declaring an uprising. This revolution against the Communists lasted 12 days, but its effects were long-lasting.

Hungarians are well-known for their skills in water polo, seeing as they have won 15 Olympic, 11 World Championships and 24 European Championships. Hungary is known for its prowess in water polo, but in 1956 the team and its supporters were in competition for something more than gold: freedom from the Soviet Communists.

After the 1956 revolution was quashed, the world turned its eyes to the Winter Olympics held in Melbourne, Australia, where on Dec. 6, 1956, Hungary had to play against the Soviet Union in water polo, defending their 1952 gold medal.

Hungary won 4-0, defeating the Soviet Union but not before a Soviet player, Valentin Prokopov, punched Hungarian player Ervin Zádor (pictured right) in the face during the last two minutes of the game. This angered a few spectators who then rushed the pool's sides to further taunt the Soviet players, forcing the referees to stop the game. After this match, the Hungarians went on to beat Yugoslavia 2-1 to win the gold medal that year. It was a difficult pill for Hungarians to swallow knowing their team had won gold but the revolution had failed.

In 2006, in honor of the Revolution's 50th anniversary, two films were released describing this Olympic match: the documentary *Freedom's Fury* produced by Kristine Lacey and Thor Halvorssen and the film *Children of Glory* directed by Krisztina Goda and produced by Andrew G. Vajna. Both films are available for purchase on Amazon, but like many smaller films, are not available on major streaming devices.

As another year passes on the somber occasion 64 years ago, we remember that freedom is not free and that for us as Americans, the American military is constantly fighting whether we realize it or not.

If you are interested in this and other aspects of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, go to your local library and check out other DVDs or books on this topic. Discuss this with your children and grandchildren and spark their patriotic interest in the fight for freedom (here and elsewhere). □







### Sharing the fraternal spirit in Toledo

*Spreading the word about the fraternal mission of WPA with guests attending the Birmingham Ethnic Festival Aug. 18 in Toledo were (l-r) Mark Schmidt, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt, Sandor Tollas Jr., WPA Sales Representative Alan Szabo, Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak and Chrissy Kobasic (along with National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia, who took this photo).*

## Hungarian groups selling fresh kolbász and hurka

PITTSBURGH -- Hungarians living in southwestern Pennsylvania are in for a true Magyar treat this month as two organizations will be making and selling fresh kolbasz and hurka.

Both the McKeesport Hungarian Social Club and the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead will be conducting fundraisers featuring the traditional Hungarian sausages.

The McKeesport club will be accepting orders from now through Oct. 10. Call Kathy at 412-664-4042 for more information and to place your order. Orders can be picked up at the club, 3004 Walnut Street, McKeesport.

Meanwhile, the Homestead church will be accepting orders from now through Oct. 18. Orders can be picked up at the church on Oct. 26, at 416 Tenth Ave., Munhall. Call Lisa at 412-872-5022 for more information and to place your order. If you'd like to help make the sausage, call Lisa for details.

## Florida society hosts October events

VENICE, FL -- The Hungarian Christian Society recently announced its schedule of events for October. First is the Harvest Ball with the Dessert Band on Oct. 5. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Also, on Oct. 20, all are welcome to an Ecumenical Worship and 1956 Commemoration and lunch. Lunch tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, call the Society at 941-786-8675 or email [petoficlub.fl@gmail.com](mailto:petoficlub.fl@gmail.com).

## Sarasota prepares for 13th Hungarian Fest

SARASOTA, FL -- Everyone is invited to the biggest Hungarian festival in Florida Oct. 12 and 13 at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. The event will feature Hungarian food, live concerts and entertainment, sports, dance, archery, a goulash cooking competition, arts and crafts and games. For more information, call Erika at 941-320-8253 or Zsolt at 941-447-5842.

## Museum to host annual vintner dinner

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Museum will hold its annual Vintner Dinner on Oct. 19. Guests will taste great Hungarian wines and also support the mission of the Museum. For more information and reservations, contact the museum via email at [museum@clevelandhungarian-museum.org](mailto:museum@clevelandhungarian-museum.org).

If you would like to include information about your church, club or organization in "Magyar Matters," contact John E. Lovasz at [jlovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jlovasz@wpalife.org).



# Feeling right at home

Members rave about the WPA Picnic's new location

by Judit Ganchuk

The WPA Picnic was held on Saturday, Aug. 24, in Cheswick, Pa., at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center's pavilion. Judging from the reactions and comments of the more than 400 members and guests who attended, we have found a new home for the Association's largest fraternal event.

Granted, some of that positivity could be attributed to the weather we enjoyed that day. We had blue skies and sunshine with low humidity, a rare occurrence for Pittsburgh this summer.

But, the facility itself, coupled with the friendliness and fraternal spirit extended to all by our wonderful volunteers, truly made everyone feel at home.

WPA members and picnic guests utilized the Center's paved parking lots and some rode the complimentary golf carts to and from the covered outdoor pavilion. This pavilion housed our live music with dance floor, a kitchen and food serving stations, beverage stations, raffle tables, vendor tables, a WPA Sales Department welcoming station and, most importantly, the pastry sales table!

Just outside the far end of the pavilion, there was a playground, restrooms building, volleyball net, cornhole and children's activities, which included face painting, rock painting, bracelet making and more.

On a gravel lot outside the pavilion's kitchen, we hosted a traditional Hungarian *szalonna sütés* where guests roasted bacon over wood fires, featuring fresh local vegetables from Janoski Farms in Clinton, Pa., and bacon from

Lampert's Market in McKeesport, Pa.

Being that our picnic was held at a new location, we offered some tried-and-true Hungarian favorites along with more traditional American picnic foods and experiences.

Violin virtuoso and primas George Batyi, and his Ensemble played lively music throughout the afternoon. They took a break about mid-afternoon as the William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers—including dancers as young as four years of age—presented a program of traditional Hungarian dances and songs. At the end of their program, the dancers paired up with members of the audience to dance the *csárdás*.

A favorite place for many picnic guests was the pastries and baked goods table. All proceeds from the sale of these goodies was donated directly to our scholarship program. We thank all those who donated baked goods, including *csöröge* (fried dough pastries), nut rolls, poppy seed rolls, *dobos tortes* and other tasty baked goods.

After finishing their treats, guests were able to hunt for treasures offered by our picnic vendors: Magyar Marketing and local Pittsburgh vendors like Jan from The Craft Nook, Cindy and her light-up carved pumpkins, Joan and her placemat and potholder gift sets, and Jodi with her handmade greeting cards and rice socks (the kind you heat up in the microwave like homemade heating pads).

Long-time WPA Sales Agents Alan Szabo and Noreen Fritz were among those greeting guests as they entered the pavilion. At this welcoming station, guests could purchase

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(except where noted)







WPA polo shirts and Hungarian cookbooks as well as enter a free prize drawing and find information about WPA life insurance and annuity products.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of our William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., we had raffles in addition to the pastry sales, with all proceeds exclusively benefiting our Scholarship Foundation. There was a 50/50 raffle, a raffle for a guitar signed by members of the country music group Lonestar, and a specialty item raffle featuring a large-screen TV, gift cards, Nintendo Switch and more.



The Shriners are known for their hospitals--over twenty of them--but in Pittsburgh, we were able to see their hospitality shine.

We were truly grateful for a picnic filled with fun and fraternal fellowship. We have received many compliments about this picnic, but we owe its success to the guests who attended. Thank you for your support in this fraternal event which strengthens our American-Hungarian values of family, heritage and friendship.



Our picnic's success was also due to our volunteers' strong fraternal spirit. Thank you to the volunteers who helped in the kitchen and selling tickets and everywhere in between!

We thank the volunteers at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport for making the Hungarian *kolbász* (sausage) and *káposztás tészta* (cabbage and noodles). We also served hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos and cheese, vegetarian baked beans and watermelon.

We hope you will all join us again next year when the picnic returns to the Shrine Center on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020. We also hope you'll bring your family members and friends. We promise we will take your suggestions to heart, including expanding our menu of Hungarian food items, to make our picnic even better. □





# WPA PICNIC











# JUST 4 KIDZ

Stop us if we've said this before, but October is one of our favorite months. The weather is (usually) neither too hot nor too cold. The leaves on the trees turn all sorts of beautiful colors. We're learning new things and making new friends at school. All of our favorite sports--baseball, football, basketball, hockey and soccer--are all going on at the same time. And, at the end of the month, we get to dress up in a fun costume and go trick-or-treating. No wonder why we LOVE October!

Few things symbolize October and the fall season better than pumpkins. They're everywhere now, aren't they? We might as well join the fun! So, here's a fairly simple way to create your own pumpkin decoration to brighten up your fall season. This craft idea comes from the good folks at **Easy Peasy and Fun** ([www.easypeasyandfun.com/paper-pumpkin-craft/](http://www.easypeasyandfun.com/paper-pumpkin-craft/)), who tell us: "We love it when crafts are quick and fun and that's why this paper pumpkin craft is one of our favorites this season! Simple paper crafts are great for all ages. Preschoolers and kids in Kindergarten can practice their scissor skills while older kids can just have fun making a whole bunch of fall pumpkin decorations."

We couldn't have said it better. Have fun!

## What You Need

- orange paper (regular or construction paper)
- green paper (same as above)
- black construction paper (optional)
- scissors
- glue

## What You Do

- Cut orange paper into thin strips; you will need 4 per pumpkin, more or less depending on how you want your pumpkin to look and how wide your strips are (photos #1 & #2).
- Glue two strips together, adding the glue in the middle, making a cross (#3).
- Glue another two strips in the same manner and glue them on top of the first cross at a 45 degree angle – as you can see in the picture (#4).
- Now take the bottom strip, join the ends and glue them together, making a circle (#5).
- Take the second "bottom" strip, one end only, and glue it to the first circle. Repeat with all other strips until you get a nice orange ball (#6).
- Cut the leaf out of green paper and glue on top. If you want to display your paper pumpkin craft, we suggest you place a small pebble or a coin on the inside (on the bottom) so that it won't wobble around or get moved around by the wind.



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# 39th General Convention **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

## **Certification of Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Ex-Officio Delegates to the 39th General Convention**

The Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected at the June 2019 Delegate District meetings are herein listed. This is in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association, Article 2, Section 205 (8), which reads as follows:

### **Certification of Delegates Election and Publication**

The names of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates elected, together with the names of the ex-officio Delegates to the General Convention, shall be published in the official publication of the Association in the issue preceding the Regular Session of the General Convention. Such listing shall constitute an official list of Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the next Regular Session of the General Convention, and upon the election and qualification of Delegates to the General Convention, the term of office of previously elected Delegates shall cease. The aforesaid publication shall be deemed sufficient notice to all Members, Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

I hereby certify that the members whose names appear on Pages 16 and 17 of this issue of the official publication have been duly elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 39th General Convention to be convened October 13, 2019, in the DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh - Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I further certify that the duly elected Alternate Delegates are listed in the order in which they shall be called in the event an elected Delegate from their district is unable to be present at the Convention. Also listed are the ex-officio Delegates.

This constitutes the official list of voting Delegates at the 39th General Convention.

Dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this 10th day of September, 2019.

**Jerry A. Hauser**

National Vice President-Secretary

## 39th General Convention **OFFICIAL LISTING OF EX-OFFICIO DELEGATES**

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| District | Branch                       | Branch Location  | # of Delegates | Delegates   | Alternate Delegates  |
|----------|------------------------------|--|----------------|---|--|
| 1        | 0525                         | Los Angeles, CA  | 1              | Schorlis J. Gotz  | Ami M. Graf  |
| 2        | 0015<br>0024                 | Chicago, IL<br>Chicago, IL                                 | 2              | Laslo Corba<br>Hyesun Corba   | Terezija Corba<br>David Corba  |
| 3        | 0018                         | Lincoln Park, MI   | 4              | Barbara A. House<br>Thomas F. House<br>Ursula Markovits<br>Tamas L. Markovits                         | Carol A. Truesdell<br>Pauline A. Frost-Kulcsar<br>Linda Enyedy<br>Rita A. Marchelletta |
| 4        | 0132                         | South Bend, IN   | 2              | John E. Burus<br>Susan M. Marshall  | Lindsey N. Burus   |
| 5        | 0014                         | Cleveland, OH  | 5              | Caroline H. Lanzara<br>JoAnne L. Sedensky<br>Richard J. Jacob<br>Violet E. Sarosi<br>Cynthia L. Smith | (None)   |
| 6        | 0027<br>0028                 | Toledo, OH<br>Youngstown, OH                               | 4              | Frank Schauer<br>Miklos R. Schauer<br>Noah P. G. Szabo<br>Sandor Tollas, Jr.                          | Mary R. Purton<br>Bettyann Nagy<br>Maria E. Schauer<br>Alyssa M. Schauer               |
| 7        | 0044<br>0129<br>0278         | Akron, OH<br>Columbus, OH<br>Omaha, NE                     | 4              | James R. Lewis<br>James R. Lewis, Jr.<br>Erzsebet K. Wagner<br>Diane M. Walker                        | Margaret M. Leonardo<br>Patricia S. Boso<br>Renee A. Ash<br>Lindsay M. Hammond         |
| 8        | 0023<br>0209<br>0249<br>0310 | Pocahontas, VA<br>St. Louis, MO<br>Dayton, OH<br>Lynch, KY | 2              | Mark C. Schmidt<br>Bruce Miller   | Mary Ann Kabel<br>Catherine A. Heitman   |
| 9        | 0189<br>0349                 | Alliance, OH<br>Weirton, WV                                | 2              | Emily E. Nicholson<br>William Harry Nicholson   | Ashley N. Toth   |
| 10       | 0352                         | Coraopolis, PA   | 3              | Dianne A. Charles<br>John P. McKinsey, Jr.<br>Justin L. McKinsey                                      | Jeffrey W. Holmes<br>Kathleen A. Bennett   |
| 11       | 0009<br>0159                 | Hazleton, PA<br>Phoenixville, PA                           | 2              | Sara C. McKinsey-Barra<br>Beverly A. Rehtorik   | Joseph L. Barra  |
| 12       | 0226                         | McKeesport, PA   | 2              | Leslie F. Petras<br>Frank J. Halas  | Perry J. Ganchuk<br>Judit Borsay   |
| 13       | 0089                         | Homestead, PA  | 2              | Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec<br>Mark S. Maskarinec   | Justin T. Toth<br>John M. Recktoth   |

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| District | Branch                       | Branch Location  | # of Delegates | Delegates  | Alternate Delegates  |
|----------|------------------------------|--|----------------|--|--|
| 14       | 0296                         | Springdale, PA   | 2              | John J. Torma, Jr.<br>Antoinette M. Kosheba  | Christopher Keller<br>Leanne E. Lovasz   |
| 15       | 0034<br>0705<br>8020<br>8036 | Pittsburgh, PA<br>Mayville, WI<br>McKees Rocks, PA<br>Scottsdale, PA | 5              | Marguerite T. McNelis<br>Gary G. Vamos<br>Roseann M. Vamos<br>Rebecca L. Williams<br>Gabriella C. Medina         | Nicole R. Healy<br>John G. Gergacs, Jr.<br>Robert E. Healy III<br>Andrew W. McNelis III<br>Charmaine Masztak   |
| 16       | 0026<br>0088<br>0383<br>8114 | Sharon, PA<br>Rural Valley, PA<br>Buffalo, NY<br>Clarion, PA         | 5              | Dennis A. Chobody<br>Kathy M. Chobody<br>Jessica L. Chobody<br>Suzanne Krzeminski<br>Thomas J. Krzeminski        | Joseph D. Chobody<br>Michelle K. Chobody<br>Viola M. Baculik<br>Samuel E. Mikita<br>Sandra L. Mikita           |
| 17       | 0008<br>0800                 | Johnstown, PA<br>Altoona, PA   | 3              | David S. Kozak<br>Alexis C. Kozak<br>Charlotte L. Sipos  | Dorothy H. Kedves<br>Carol Tyler<br>Judith A. Grasa  |
| 18       | 0216                         | Northampton, PA  | 1              | Betsy J. Griffith  | Charles D. Griffith  |
| 19       | 0336                         | Harrisburg, PA   | 1              | Nicole M. Starner  | Charles S. Johns   |
| 20       | 0001                         | Bridgeport, CT   | 2              | William J. Bero<br>Sandra H. Stasko  | Byron E. Bero<br>Kenneth E. Walewski   |
| 21       | 0005<br>0076<br>0720<br>8340 | Phoenix, AZ<br>Philadelphia, PA<br>Dedham, MA<br>Baltimore, MD       | 6              | Matthew J. Charles<br>Lynn M. Charles<br>Marcia K. Gagner<br>Paul T. Kovacs<br>Karen L. Walker<br>David L. Vargo | Donald L. Walker<br>Diane L. Malloy<br>Martin S. Malloy<br>Ann O. Vargo<br>Edward M. Straka<br>Helen D. Straka |
| 22       | 0048<br>0051                 | New York, NY<br>Passaic, NJ  | 4              | Ernest J. Mozer, Jr.<br>Rose M. Mozer<br>Marian L. Rubin<br>Christine K. Baldyga                                 | Maria Mozer<br>John Mozer<br>Richard A. Mozer<br>Katherine C. Mozer  |
| 23       | 0013                         | Trenton, NJ  | 1              | Steven F. Beke   | Eileen P. Smith  |
| 24       | 0016<br>0019                 | Perth Amboy, NJ<br>New Brunswick, NJ                                 | 2              | Joseph G. Bodnar<br>Evelyn B. Bodnar   | Joseph A. Bodnar<br>Jennifer L. Orlick   |
| 25       | 0400<br>0590                 | Charlotte, NC<br>Cape Coral, FL                                      | 2              | Heather M. Kay<br>Rebekah L. Heilman   | (None)   |



### Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

We send "spooktacular" wishes to our members who like to take part in Halloween. Have a safe celebration and enjoy the treats you receive.

It is hard to believe that the 39th WPA General Convention will be taking place from Oct. 12 to 14 in Pittsburgh. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends.

As the Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio picnic season nears an end, we would like to share our experiences at a few special events.

The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio held its *falusi lakodalom* (village mock wedding) on Aug. 18. We enjoyed a beautiful, dry day filled with music by Harmonia and delicious Hungarian food, including some crowd favorites available for purchase. The pastries, *lángos* and Transylvania Bakery selections were a hit. Additional information and pictures on the club activities can be found on the club website at [www.hungarianclub.org](http://www.hungarianclub.org).

On July 28, the Bethlen Communities Annual Picnic took place at the hilltop campus of the Bethlen Communities nursing home. The beautiful weather made for an enjoyable afternoon. The menu included kolbász, gulyás, burgers, hotdogs, palacsinta, *kürtőskalács* (chimney cakes), beverages and pastries. The Hungarian music added to the festivities which included our own William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers who entertained the crowd. It was good to see our friends from the Ligonier area.

The WPA Picnic took place on Aug. 24 at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick, Pa. The new location was located right off the PA Turnpike and about 1½ hours from Cleveland's eastside. The grounds were paved, which made them very friendly for those using canes, walkers and wheelchairs. The tables and chairs were nicely spaced under a pavilion larger than the one at WPA's former Scenic View facility. Dining, dancing, food and drink service, plus the raffle items and the vendors were all located under the pavilion.



Scouts gather Sept. 1 in Parma, Ohio, for the flag raising ceremony opening the American Hungarian Friends of Scouting 64th Annual Hungarian Festival.

I had the chance to see friends from the 2018 WPA Trip to Hungary and from the language camps I have attended. It was a nice afternoon to meet friends and family as well as to enjoy an afternoon of music and fraternal fun.

Be sure to mark Aug. 22, 2020, for our next picnic at the Shriners facility. A big thank you goes to the Board of Directors, the National Officers, and the Home Office Staff for all of the hard work that went into organizing and working at this picnic.

The One World Day Celebration at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens took place on Aug. 25. There are currently 27 gardens with five more under construction and up to 10 more being proposed. The Hungarian Cultural Garden was one of the first gardens built and covers almost four acres on two levels.

The festivities began with a parade of nations with participants in ethnic costumes carrying the flags of their ancestral homelands. The day also included a naturalization ceremony during which we welcomed 20 new citizens to the USA. The Budapest Café was serving pastries, kolbász and schnitzel sandwiches. Hungarian dancers, *csárdás* dance lessons, Hungarian storytelling and Rubik's Cube demonstrations were offered throughout the day.

My mom, Violet Sarosi, and I had the opportunity to serve as "passport control" and information officers to answer questions of travelers

arriving at the Hungarian Garden and to provide a Hungarian stamp to those travelers who brought their Garden Passport to verify their visit. We met a lot of world travelers that day,

For more information about the Hungarian Cultural Garden, please visit the website at [www.hungarianculturalgarden.org](http://www.hungarianculturalgarden.org).

The American Hungarian Friends of Scouting 64th Annual Hungarian Festival took place Sept. 1. The Cleveland area Scouts did an incredible job of preparing for the crowd of more than 3,000 people, making this event the largest Hungarian festival in Ohio. A flag raising ceremony began at 10:30 a.m. under sunny skies and by early afternoon the skies began to darken and the rains arrived. The wet weather never dampened the spirit of the crowds nor the lines entering the festival. Among the musical groups performing were Harmonia, Hegedeös, Udvary and Szente along with award winning Hungarian musicians Gonda László and Báder Ernő. The Regösök-Csatatok performed their dances in their regional costumes. The food served was Hungarian all the way: *csirke paprikás*, *gulyás*, *töltött káposzta*, *debreceni torták*, *rétes* and pastries.

The Cleveland area is fortunate to have the Scouts and so many other Hungarian organizations with their celebrations to preserve our customs.

Branch 14 meetings are held in the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Al-



exander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend. Upcoming meetings will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The Branch 14 Breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bethlen Hall. Information will be mailed soon.

Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 4, when the Chagrin Falls Documentary Film Fest will feature the Hungarian film *Alla Zingara*, a film about the 100-member Budapest Gypsy Orchestra. Contact the Chagrin Falls Film Fest at 440-247-1591 or check their website for more information.

Check your *William Penn Life* for information on events and activities in our local Hungarian communities. It is very important to support and make donations to the churches, clubs and organizations in your local communities that still continue our Hungarian customs, activities, traditions, music and food.

Time is running out to take advantage of WPA's Guaranteed Issue Convention Year New Member Special. Please check the ad in this month's issue for more information on the special life insurance offer.

The WPFA Scholarship Foundation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2019. Your donations are very important and really needed as they provide funds that are distributed to our student members for their college education. If you or your student was a recipient of the WPA scholarship, please make donations to the WPFA scholarship Foundation. We want to see the scholarship fund grow in this 50th Anniversary Year and for the future!

At this time, we remember those members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. We extend our deepest sympathy to WPA Publications Editor John E. Lovasz and his family on the death of his father John L. Lovasz, who passed away Aug. 23. I had the opportunity to travel with Papa Lovasz on my very first trip to Hungary with WPA in 2008. He was a great travel buddy and an excellent source of Hungarian information. May John and those we have lost rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our members and friends dealing with health issues, including WPA Home Office employee John S. Toth for his continued recovery and to Elaine Shappell, Tom House and Alexis Kozak. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are being sent out to all who are celebrating an October birthday or anniversary. Birthday wishes to Kathy Novak, E. E. "Al" Vargo and Betty Vargo. May all be blessed with many more celebrations.

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

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 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Halloween to all our little goblins. Be safe and get a lot of goodies.

Is it really October already? This has been a pretty rough year for us. We had more than our share of illness and death. The only way we can go from here is up.

Say a prayer for the Bahamas and anyone else suffering from Hurricane Dorian. We planned to visit Paradise Island this winter. We sure hope everyone is okay.

Tommy is still rehabbing. He has two more weeks and, God willing, he will be doing a lot better.

Happy birthday to all our October celebrants, especially National President George S. Charles Jr., Branch Treasurer and friend Carol Truesdell, and *William Penn Life* Managing Editor John E. Lovasz. We wish you many more. Happy belated birthday to Krista Broderick. I hope your day was wonderful.

Get well prayers are being said

for Tom House, Tamás Markovits, Ursula Markovits and Carol Truesdell. Carol is slowly becoming the Carol we all know and love. We hope you all get well very soon.

Congratulations to Carol's granddaughter, Ashley Haas, on her marriage to Nathan Church. The wedding was one of the best we have ever attended. It was perfect from start to finish. A golf cart was even provided for Tommy. Good luck you two; you are so loved. I bet Jamaica was gorgeous.

Branch 18 and the Detroit Hungarian American community lost a dear friend last week when Louis Krajcz Sr. passed away. Our sympathy to Erzsi, Louie Jr., Eva, Erica, Elizabeth and their families. This was very sudden and a shock to us all. We all love you and wish you peace.

Remember the families of our deceased members in your prayers, especially the families of Mary Jane Karnaz and Barbara Prizgint. May they rest in peace.

Welcome back, Father Barnabas! You were missed. I feel so much better when you are home.

Mark your calendars for upcoming Branch 18 meetings to be held on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Our meetings are held at the Hungarian American Cultural Center in Taylor at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to your attending our meetings. Please put on your thinking caps to help us with ideas for next year's Join Hands Day project. Planting flowers is getting a little stale. We welcome your suggestions for next year. We will always help Paragon, as usual.

Also, mark your calendars for our branch family Christmas party to be held on Nov. 24 at the P.R.C.U. Hall on Oak. More information and invitations will be mailed out later this month.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the WPA General Convention in Pittsburgh this October.

Here is my thought for the month: A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out and brings out the best in me. Thank you, Father Barnabas, as always.

### Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn Bodnar

This spring, all the officers of Branch 19 attended the Carousel Ball at the Pines Manor in Edison, N.J. Those attending included Rev. Joseph and Evelyn Bodnar, Joseph and Maureen Bodnar, Jennifer Orlick and Kathy Shimmel. The ball is a fundraising event sponsored by the American Hungarian Foundation. Rev. Bodnar offered the invocation. The event featured a performance by Hungarian dancers and Hungarian music provided by a talented orchestra. The director of the Foundation, Melissa, and her committee did an outstanding job.

On Aug. 31, Rev. Bodnar and the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church distributed food to 200 people from the New Brunswick community. In addition to food, 87 backpacks with many supplies were given out to school children from the area. The WPA matching funds program supported this project. The church did not know how many children would show up for the program, yet, in the end, the number of children and backpacks matched. We credited it to an act and blessing of divine origin.

The children served are poor. When asked by Rev. Bodnar if they had gone to Seaside Park this summer or if they had gone to the beach during vacation, the blank, quiet response informed us that the children had no clue what those locations were and had not visited them. Lack of funds and no car made such excursions impossible.

### Branch 26 Sharon, PA

by Gerry Davenport

Summer is now over, and we are welcoming fall. Time sure does fly.

Our branch participated in Join Hands Day by donating a large basket of goodies, books and puzzles to the Anthology Senior Care Home near McCandless, Pa. Thanks to member Cindy Ross for suggesting this project idea.

Several branch members attended



Young volunteers help pack school supplies at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, N.J., a project supported by WPA and Branch 19.

the WPA Picnic Aug. 24 in Cheswick, Pa., and enjoyed listening to George Batyi and his ensemble and eating the delicious food that was served. It was also great to see many faces that we had not seen in a while.

We have observed far too many mass shootings and the aftermath of so many natural disasters. May we all be safe until next time.

### Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

Sure hope everyone is ready for this crisp fall air. The leaves have started to change colors and are looking beautiful.

Our next Branch 27 regular meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at 11:00 a.m. at American Table Family Restaurant, 3026 Glendale Ave., Toledo. Please make note of the time change for our meeting. All branch members are welcome to attend these meetings: the more the merrier.

Also, remember that we will be collecting items at the Christmas party for donating to the needy families in our area. We will take anything from food, personal hygiene, used clothing and gift cards. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

If anyone has any questions about anything or would like something posted in the magazine, please contact me at 419-460-7214.



Branch 19 President Rev. Joseph Bodnar presents a backpack full of school supplies to a neighborhood child.

### Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Well, here we are looking back with fond memories of so many wonderful summer activities.

The annual Birmingham Ethnic Festival held Aug. 18 started out with a bright, sunny day but surprised everyone with an afternoon downpour. But, prior to that storm, people were happy to stop and say "hi" while receiving the WPA blue bags. The WPA booth volunteers enjoyed a wonderful day of meeting and greeting those attending this wonderful festival. WPA Vice





For their Join Hands Day project, the members of Branch 26 assembled these baskets of goodies, books and puzzles for the residents at Anthology Senior Living near McCandless, Pa.

Chairs of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and Kathy Novak, National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia, sales agent Alan Szabo, Branch 28 Vice President Sonny Tollas and Chrissy Kobasic spent a very enjoyable day in Toledo promoting WPA.

New venue, new menu, new friends. The WPA Picnic held Aug. 24 at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center featured all that and more. All those attending seemed to agree the grounds were very accommodating. The return of the bacon roast was very well received. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful fundraiser for our Scholarship Foundation. Special thanks to everyone who shared their baking talents with us. Congrats to those who prepared and made the arrangements for this fraternal event. Special thanks to Bob and Maria Bisceglia for being such great hosts for a sightseeing tour of the Oakmont area Friday evening.

The local Canfield Fair was held for six days ending on Labor Day. This fair, the largest county fair in Ohio, has hosted an international pavilion for more than 55 years. Hungary has been one of the countries to participate since the pavilion

started. Paula Horvath does a very nice display and has volunteers sitting at the booth to meet and greet visitors. It's always a fun experience chatting and answering questions of those stopping by the booth.

In spite of a rainy afternoon, hundreds of people attended the American Hungarian Friends of Scouting 64th Annual Hungarian Festival in Parma, Ohio, on Sept. 1. The food and festivities allowed everyone to have a great time. Branch 14 once again promoted WPA by having a display table offering information about WPA. Thanks to National Director Richard Sarosi and Branch 14 Coordinator Violet Sarosi, as well as sales agent Alan Szabo, for volunteering at this event.

Special thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by hurricanes over the past few months.

Healing thoughts are extended to all those not feeling up to par, especially Branch 28 President Frank Schauer, Branch 28 Vice President Sonny Tollas, Michael Chobody, Alexis Kozak, Tom House and John Toth.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes to all those celebrating their special days this month. Special wishes to Shelley Toth and her daughter Chrissy who recently celebrated milestone birthdays.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of John L. Lovasz, former National Treasurer. Mr. Lovasz was very involved with the Hungarian Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh.

For your insurance and annuity needs, call Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994 or Kathy Novak at 330-746-7704.

As the beauty of the fall foliage appears, be sure to take time to enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature.

### Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

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

What a picnic! The new location

at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick, Pa., was perfect. The people there were extremely welcoming and helpful. Thank you, Paulette and staff, for all your help. We had fantastic weather and a great turnout. It is very rewarding to see so many people enjoying themselves. The food (we will expand our Hungarian cuisine next year), the *szalonna sütés* (bacon roast), music, raffles and seeing so many families and children makes everything worthwhile. We appreciate all the compliments, ideas and thoughts from people who attended.

It was great to see longtime friend and branch member Mitzi Berei, her grandson Michael, his wife Barbara and great grandson Max. They were visiting her from Germany and came to the picnic.

Congratulations to all the delegates. See you at the Convention!

Happy and healthy birthday wishes go out to everyone celebrating their birthdays in October.

On a sad note, former National Treasurer John L. Lovasz passed away. "Papa" Lovasz was the father of John E. Lovasz, WPA Publications Editor, and father-in-law of Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, Administrative Assistant to the National Vice President-Secretary. Our condolences go out to the Lovasz family. May he rest in peace.

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

### Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Marilyn Darago

Hope everyone enjoyed the summer, now that fall is here. In Ohio, this time of year is glorious with the turning leaves and beginning of crisp autumn nights.

I was looking at the calendar and noticed that Columbus Day (Oct. 14) and Halloween (Oct. 31) are this month.

Don't forget to come help us make sandwiches for the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, Oct. 28. Call me at 330-604-1264 for the time and place.

In November, we'll be sending out notices for the branch family



Among those enjoying this year's Branch 89 golf outing were (above left, l-r) Branch 89 members William Ardale, Carolyn Hanchak, Ronnie Rubinsak and Richard W. Toth along with (above right) Branch 89 member Bobbi Schneider and other guests.

holiday party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. Be sure to get your reservations in for the branch party.

In early December, we'll be prepping goodie bags for the party and wrapping gifts for our young members. Let me know if you're interested in being a "party prep angel."

Congratulations to all members with happy events.

Our condolences to all those who have experienced a loss.

If you've been ill, we hope you get better soon!

Starting school? What a great time in your life!

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

### Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

Well, it's here. Fall. The end of golf season and enjoying the great outdoors without having to have a multitude of clothes on. Then that dreaded four letter word: snow. Ugh. Say it ain't so.

Again, as we wind down for the summer, we again want to thank everyone for making our golf outing such a success. We are already talking with the management of Butler's to get ideas on making next year's outing even better! Mark your calendar for Aug. 9, 2020. That will be the date of our annual golf outing next year. Each year, we are blessed to grow our outing by 20%, which in these difficult times is hard to do. And, we are so appreciative of everyone for their continued support of this outing.

It's back again, this time in time for the beginning of fall....Our branch, in conjunction with The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, will be making authentic Hungarian kolbász and hot sausage for sale. Thanks to the efforts of Endre Csoman and knowing the right people, we are able to keep the price the same as last year, \$7 per pound. The deadline for orders is Oct. 19. Call Mark or me at 412-872-5022 (leave a message if we're not there) or leave a message on the church voice mail 412-461-1184. We do get your messages. You can also email me at [tothmaskarinec@gmail.com](mailto:tothmaskarinec@gmail.com).

Which reminds me: Elsie Kantor, please call me. We still have your kolbász and hurka. We didn't want to ship your meats. We will gladly deliver it to you after the Convention.

We are sorry to report that, after recuperating from one stroke and returning back to work, Branch President John Toth suffered three more strokes on Sept. 1. Johnnie is coming along nicely and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention. His main complaint is the quality of hospital food just doesn't measure up to the food he is used to eating or making. But, Johnnie, the main thing is that you get your strength back and recover. We need you. And hunting season is just around the corner, and for those of you who know Johnnie, you know how much he loves hunting.

Get well wishes also go out to Branch Vice President Mark S. Maskarinec who continues to battle back after his bout with Graves disease.

We look forward to the time when your vision will be back to 100%.

Special get well wishes go to members and friends, Jim Findlay, Colleen Wroblewski, Rudy and Janet Phillips and Dianne and Bob Schneider. Come on, guys; get better! We need to see all of you up and around. Johnnie and Jim started the return at our golf outing. We need to see the rest of you healthy at our next branch activity.

Plans are under way for another chef's tasting. This one will transport us to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Price will be \$30 per person and will include wine and a complete meal. If any of you have been to any of the previous chef tastings at Butler's, we know you won't be disappointed. Call me for details.

Birthday greetings go out to branch member John Recktoth (who celebrated his special birthday on Sept. 7 with a humongous grilled steak dinner), and to branch members Linda Kubancsek, Carolyn Hanchak and Richard Toth who will celebrate their birthdays in October. May all of you have many more happy, healthy and wonderful birthdays.

Let's not forget, we still have Hungarian Night at Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café in Homestead the last Friday of the month. Come enjoy a tasty meal and bask in the wonderful relaxing atmosphere, with music provided by George Batyi and his orchestra.

Take care and do something nice for someone out there. Remember, it takes less energy to smile and have a positive attitude than be negative. And you will feel better doing so.





Branch 189 member Nancy Brimlow grills food for the branch's appreciation day.

## Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Fall has arrived. This is my favorite time of the year--cooler weather, leaves changing colors, football and the holidays of Halloween and, especially, Thanksgiving.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Michael Niner.

Congratulations to all our branch members who received a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Good luck in all your continuing education. The WPFA Scholarship Foundation needs your continuing support to help provide financial assistance for all eligible WPA members. If you or your child was a recipient of a WPFA scholarship grant over the years, please remember to give back so others can enjoy the same great benefit.

The WPA Picnic was a huge success this year. The new location was a great place to have an outdoor event. The food was great, as always, along with the music and dancing. It is always enjoyable to see old friends and meet new ones. That's what fraternalism is all about.

Our 39th General Convention will be taking place Oct. 12 to 14 in Pittsburgh. We will also be celebrating

WPA's 133 years of service to our members. Hope all those attending have safe travels to Pittsburgh and then back to your homes.

The holidays for October are Columbus Day on the 14th and Halloween on the 31st. We hope the weather will be good for all the kids going out trick-or-treating. Please be careful if you are driving during this time.

The Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus will hold a commemorative program honoring the 63rd anniversary of the October 1956 Hungarian Fight for Freedom. This will take place on Sunday, Oct. 20, at St. Ladislav Church. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by dinner. Call Erzsi by Oct. 13 at 614-738-4415 to make your dinner reservations.

Please mark your calendars for our branch Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7. Information will be mailed out in November.

We extend congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Congratulations to all who have new additions to their families.

Get well wishes to those who have been ill or hospitalized. We wish to extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the families of our deceased members, Donna Fields and Ronald Moore. Please remember them in your prayers.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, please contact Branch Coordinator Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968. If you have any news you would like to share about yourself or family members, please contact Debbie at the number above or e-mail [DAL9968@aol.com](mailto:DAL9968@aol.com).

## Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Fall is here and so is the beginning of the colder temperatures. So hard to believe summer is already over. Hope you all have a festive autumn before the snow flies!

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on Dec. 3 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli Erskine Plaza (first floor) on Ireland Road,

South Bend at 5:00 p.m. We will finalize plans for the annual Christmas party at that time.

The branch family Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the South Bend Barnaby's Pizza Pub from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is open to all members, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to Janos Burus at 574-287-0590. We hope to see you all.

## Branch 189 Alliance, OH

by Rhonda Mobley

Greetings from Branch 189. Wow! Can you believe it's October already? Although I love the beautiful autumn colors, pulling out the Halloween decorations and cooking all our favorite fall comfort foods, I do not look forward to impending winter. Am I right? Fortunately, we have plenty of things going on at our branch to keep us busy, warm and entertained all fall and winter.

On Sept. 7, our branch held



Bryan Kurena sits in the Browns victory chair he made.

our annual appreciation day with another record turnout. We had one of our amazing feasts, and if you missed it, you really missed a great time with great music and great food. We had hamburgers, bratwurst, hot dogs and corn on the cob, all cooked on the grill. The club provided shrimp cocktail, macaroni salad, veggie trays, baked beans and several other desserts. Plus, a lot of our members brought their own dishes to share. YUM!

We also had a DJ and a prize drawing, with each member in attendance entered. The grand prize was a new 40" TV. We had a blast! It always feels like our WPA family reunion! Thanks to all of you who came out and made it such a success, and congratulations to all the winners. Extra special thanks to Branch Auditor Nancy Brimlow for being our grill chef that day. It was so good! Also, thanks to all of you who donated to our 50/50 drawing. All the proceeds from this special drawing went to Rob Knaggs who recently lost everything in a house fire.

Football season is huge at our branch. Although a lot of our members are Cleveland Browns fans, we love the rivalry every week with opposing teams. We started our annual football 33 boards, and we also have weekly football squares for all Cleveland Browns games and the hot rivalry of the week if they are on a bye. Bryan Kurena even constructed a special Browns victory chair for us this year. We have such a good time on our "Sunday Funday's." Come join us!

On July 20, our branch lost a wonderful friend and member. Mark Smith passed away after injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident. Mark was an active member of our branch. Beloved father, grandfather, brother and friend, we will all miss Mark's special light. Our branch held a celebration of life for Mark on July 27, and it was obvious by the turnout he was loved by many. We continue to keep his family in our prayers.

I've been telling you for months about all our hall renovations. Remember to keep us in mind for your next event!

Don't forget our steak and fish fry on Friday, Oct. 18, and our Halloween Monster Mash Bash on Saturday, Oct. 26. We will have a DJ, food and cash prizes for the best costumes. So, mark your calendars and get those costumes ready!

Happy birthday to all celebrating this month, and as always, peace to all!



Ron Harris was among those helping Branch 226 repair the parking lot chain at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, Pa., as part of a Join Hands Day project.

## Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

The WPA Picnic is but a memory now: the sunshine, food and fraternal fellowship was a welcome change from the rain that Pittsburghers had gotten used to this summer.

The staff at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center and our WPA volunteers worked hard to make the picnic go smoothly...but nothing beats the pastries! It was great seeing all of the young kids and young families enjoying this WPA event together.

For WPA members age 12 and under, keep your eyes peeled for the complimentary safety flasher from WPA. Be careful while trick or treating; be safe and have fun!

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate this month.

Get well wishes to Branch Vice President Janet Sparico and to all those under the weather.

We offer condolences to the families and friends of James Kempert and Michael Kmetz, who recently passed away. Please keep them and all of our members who have lost a loved one in your prayers; they need it more than they will say.

Branch members and church members gathered for a number of small Join Hands Day projects throughout August, mulching areas and maintaining the grounds and property of the Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport. Someone had driven through the



Branch 226 member R. J. Harris spreads mulch at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, Pa., during the branch's Join Hands Day project.

church's parking lot chain, so the chain needed to be replaced with rope.

If your friends or family members don't have life insurance coverage, show them our WPA Guaranteed Issue special featured in this magazine. For the people in your life who have no coverage, this may be a good time to review their needs... and WPA asks no medical questions





Branch 249 President and Coordinator Mark Schmidt managed the bacon roast during the WPA Picnic Aug. 24

for this plan. The deadline is Halloween, so don't forget to talk to them TODAY!

We will start branch meetings again. Please call our Branch President Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 for information on our next meeting. Call her to share your news with us also!

## Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

I'm back! Did you miss me? I return to my writing duties after my very capable substitute author and loving wife, Anne Marie, gave her blessing to some "guy time" fishing, eating all fried foods and drinking adult beverages. I think she just wanted/needed a vacation from me! But I digress.

What a wonderful WPA Picnic! The weather was perfect, the food was great, the beer was cold, George Batyi and the music were wonderful and the WPA Magyar Folk Dancers couldn't have been cuter. Over 1,000 pastries were made and sold for the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, helping our young members realize their dreams of attending college. I think I met nearly everyone there as I think you all came through the bacon roast tent. With all the bacon that was consumed at the

roast, Pennsylvania is missing a couple of pigs! The fire rings were busy until all the bacon was cooked. As busy as I was, I still got to meet many members and friends from all over the country. Many of you have never or haven't recently had a bacon roast, so I had a good time teaching newbies the basics and listening to the old pros on how their family held a roast in the back yard every Sunday. As Tevye sang in *Fiddler on the Roof*: "Tradition!"

And, speaking of tradition, the Magyar Club of Dayton held its annual bacon fry Sept. 15 at Art Van Atta Park. Members and friends brought a covered dish, and the club supplied all the bacon roast ingredients. All had a great time under the shelter house. Great people, great food, great times!

Upcoming locally is the Gulyás Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. or until the kettle runs dry. This is at the American-Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton. Branch 249 is sponsoring the music by Steve Hegedeos, so I want to see many branch members there.

The WPA 39th General Convention is Oct. 12 to 14. Bruce Miller and I were elected as delegates from our district, and we will represent you proudly.

Halloween is at the end of the month, so stock up on candy for the little trick-or-treaters and watch out as they cross the streets. Excited kids forget about proper road crossing rules as they dart across dimly lit streets.

Happy birthday to those with their special day this month, especially our daughter Cassie Heitman.

Happy anniversary to those wedded this month. Here's hoping for many more.

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers for those who have lost a dear one recently. May our

thoughts and prayers help you through this time of loss and grief.

Please contact me at 937-938-0198 or [amschmidt@msn.com](mailto:amschmidt@msn.com) with any announcements for this article or suggestions for future branch activities.

Remember: "There is something in October sets the gypsy blood astir: We must rise and follow her, when from every hill of flame she calls, and calls each vagabond by name." (William Bliss)

## Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovas

We welcome autumn with open arms. Outdoors, we are greeted by colorful leaves and crisp, cool air. No wonder this is my favorite month.

Our annual Branch 296 bacon roast occurred near the end of September, so next month I'll share our memories with you. This has become an enjoyable branch tradition, and I sure hope that you were able to join us.

Mark and save the date for our Branch 296 family Christmas party on Sunday, Nov. 24, at noon. Join us at the Springdale VFW Hall on Pittsburgh Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus are excited to bring their special Christmas cheer, along with a fun magic show. Plus, we'll have more activities for the kids. A delicious catered lunch will be served, too. An enjoyable afternoon is planned, and we invite you to join us for our meal, entertainment and fellowship. RSVP to Diane Torma at 724-882-3802 or by email at [dtorma@wpalife.org](mailto:dtorma@wpalife.org) by Nov. 15. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable items as a donation to one of our local food pantry ministries.

Birthday cheer to our 296ers who will celebrate their special day this month. Terrific birthday greetings to Dorothy Dinzeo and my husband John who were October babies.

Happy anniversary wishes also to all who walked down the aisle during this month.

For our branch members who are recovering from recent surgeries and illnesses, we wish you well. Rest, and recover.

Condolences to anyone who has

experienced the loss of a loved one recently. On a personal note, in late August, my father-in-law, John L. Lovasz, passed away at the age of 90. For decades, he had been a devoted WPA Home Office employee and had retired as our National Treasurer. John was a branch member and thoroughly enjoyed our bacon roasts and holiday parties. May he and all of the faithful departed rest in peace.

As a reminder, if you have any personal milestones that you would like for me to share in future branch news, please feel free to contact me at: 724-274-5318.

Our next two branch meetings are on Thursday, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14, both at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room at New Kensington's King's Family Restaurant. Don't be shy, come join us. Stay for dessert and some lively conversation afterwards.

As always, our outstanding WPA sales agent, Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, is available. Noreen also attends many of our branch meetings and is known for her helpfulness at Branch 296 events and to our members. Contact Noreen at 412-821-1837, by email at [noreenfritz@comcast.net](mailto:noreenfritz@comcast.net), or see her in person at a meeting.

### Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Summer has come...and gone. It flew by so fast this year. Between the raindrops coming down most of summer, we enjoyed many picnics, festivals and celebrations. Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa., experienced beautiful weather on July 28 for the annual Hungarian picnic. As always, the William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers performance was great. Thank you, Judit Ganchuk, for your dedication in teaching the next generation about Hungarian dances, songs and traditions.

The weather wasn't as cooperative on Aug. 13 for the International Village Festival in McKeesport, Pa. The WPA Magyar Folk Dancers were rained out from the outdoor stage performance in Renziehausen Park again this year. But, they were able to perform in the Hungarian Reformed Church in front of an en-



## Next Deadline

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thusiastic crowd. The International Village featured over 21 exhibits of various ethnic foods, workshops and crafts. It just so happens that the Hungarian booth always tugs at my heartstrings and my tastebuds. And the food didn't disappoint. It was delicious!

The annual WPA Picnic on Aug. 24 was at a new location: the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick, Pa. The large pavilion held the ample, well-fed crowd with scrumptious foods and great entertainment by George Batyi and his ensemble. The WPA Magyar Folk Dancers program was delightful. They were quite busy this year.

This was a great place for the picnic as there was plenty of room for the many children participating in outdoor activities, a large floor for dancing, plenty of comfortable seating, several vendors and everything under one roof! The raffle and guitar (autographed by Lonestar) raised money for the WPFA Scholarship Foundation which benefits our young adults going to college.

Kudos to the many people who volunteered to set-up, work, serve and clean-up. It takes a lot of planning to make the picnic happen. But it is well worth the efforts to see everyone enjoying the day with family and friends. Thanks to all who made the picnic a wonderful event. If you missed it this year, save the date for next year: Aug. 22, 2020.

I'm beginning to see a theme here! Great food and wonderful company. But isn't that what fraternalism is all about? Associating with members for mutual benefit or aid. If you aren't currently active in your branch, why not give it a try? You might be surprised at all the fun

you'll have.

Leaves are falling, red, yellow, brown; leaves are falling to the ground. You know then Halloween is soon around! So, beware of little goblins running through town; feed them well so they won't frown. (Robert Frost, I'm not.)

Happy birthday to all who have birthdays in October, including National President George S. Charles Jr., Publications Editor John E. Lovasz, Lew Musso and Kenneth Toth. Our sympathy to John and his wife Mary Ann on the passing of his father, former National Treasurer John L. Lovasz.

Welcome to our new branch members.

Glad to see you on the road to recovery Joe Skocik. Home sweet home is always a good place to get some rest.

Check next month's article for the date and location of our branch Christmas party.

Since the last WPA General Convention in 2015, much progress has been made in celebrating and encouraging fraternalism and the wonderful benefits of being a WPA member. I am honored to be a part of this Association and excited about the future of this time-honored organization. The 39th General Convention will convene in Pittsburgh beginning Oct. 12.

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.





Members enjoy the annual picnic hosted by Branch 800 at Highland Park in Altoona, Pa.

## Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Fall has arrived, and it is a most beautiful time of the year. Nothing can rival the colorful display we witness each year. Try to get outside and take a walk in the cool air.

It's time for Halloween already. Make sure all the little ones have bright costumes that can be seen at night. William Penn Association will again be sending out a safety gift for all of the juvenile members to be used on Halloween. If you have recently moved and have a young one under the age of 12 who will be receiving a Halloween gift, please let the Home Office know of your new address as soon as possible so that your child will be assured of receiving the gift.

We congratulate the members of Branch 352 who received a William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. grant for the 2019-2020 school year. They are: Rachel DeSantes, Derek Halbedl, Joshua Leins, Jayna Palumbo, Kayla Veith and Jensen Walker. We wish all of you much success as you continue your education. Remember to "pay it forward" and donate to the scholarship foundation after you graduate. Do your part to help make the William Penn scholarships available to other students in the future. We congratulate all of the students who received a scholarship grant

this year.

Look in the November issue of *William Penn Life* for details about the children's Christmas party our branch holds each year in November.

Congratulations to Branch 352 members Donna Brown and Summer Tissue. Both won \$50 in the June WPA monthly puzzle contest. On a side note, Summer Tissue founded the organization Military Connections in 2003, which sends care packages and essential supplies to members of our armed forces who are deployed overseas. Military Connections is 100% volunteer run and depends on donations to ensure that our troops have the supplies and support they need while deployed. Check their website, [www.military-connections.org](http://www.military-connections.org), to see how you can help support this ministry.

If you give of your time and volunteer in any way, please let me know so that I can share your passion with all WPA members.

Happy birthday wishes to all those who have a birthday this month. May you have many more, and may all of them be healthy.

Our prayers and condolences to all those who have lost a loved one recently. May memories hold your loved one close in your heart.

We welcome all new members of Branch 352. Remember, if you have any news to share or need help with any insurance questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at [dmckinsey@hotmail.com](mailto:dmckinsey@hotmail.com).

## Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

About 40 people enjoyed the annual Branch 800 picnic, hosted by Branch President Dan Greiner and his brother Dennis at Highland Park in Altoona. All Occasion Catering furnished the usual tasty food. Everyone took home a prize, and the weather was perfect. Members of all ages participated.

Thank you to the delegates attending our WPA 39th General Convention this month in Pittsburgh. We appreciate your interest and efforts on behalf of the membership of our Association.

Happy birthday and many more to those marking another year this month.

We also extend our best wishes to those members celebrating an anniversary of married life, freedom from addiction, years of service or other significant achievement.

Keep in mind our Jewish friends who will observe Yom Kippur on Oct. 9.

At the end of this month, most communities will celebrate Halloween with a designated trick-or-treat night. Please watch out for the costumed little ones as they make their way from house to house.

May our Lord give eternal rest to loved ones who have recently passed away and bring comfort to their surviving family and friends. We remember the late John Kenawell, former Executive Vice President of William Penn Association and former National President of the Catholic Knights of St. George. We extend our condolences to his family.

Columbus Day is often forgotten. Let's remind people of it this year on Monday, Oct. 14.

Let us pray for individuals who are experiencing illness of any kind. We hope they are able to find appropriate treatment at an affordable cost with a nearby provider.

And, speaking of providers, Branch Coordinator Bob Jones is ready to answer your questions about life insurance and annuities. Call him at 814-942-2661.

## In Memoriam

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

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## Visiting Budapest's Jewish Quarter

There are so many great places to visit in Budapest that it takes several trips to see even the most important spots. One often overlooked place to discover is the Jewish Quarter in District VII. The crown jewel of this area is the Dohány Street Synagogue, also called The Great Synagogue. Recognized as the largest synagogue in Europe, it can seat 3,000 and is considered the center of Neolog Judaism. Built in 1859, the building seems more like a church than a temple with a Moorish style architecture.

Currently, Budapest is home to more than 100,000 followers of Judaism, divided among three distinct sects: Orthodox, Status Quo and the previously-mentioned Neolog. (Neolog is an interesting segment of Magyar Judaism and merits more extensive study than can be discussed in this limited space.)

Although relatively small in area, the Jewish Quarter is jam-packed with things to see and places to eat and is easily accessible by public transportation. Besides being home to many of Budapest's 16 synagogues, the Quarter features cemeteries, restaurants, coffee houses and small museums.

The October Wordsearch consists of 14 clues, each a person, place or word associated with Budapest's Jewish Quarter. If you are contemplating a trip to the capital of Magyarország, plan on spending at least a day in this historically significant locale.

As for learning more about the Budapest Jewish Quarter, a simple Google search using any of this month's puzzle clues will yield literally hundreds of interesting websites.

Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

## WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #172 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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### "Budapest's Jewish Quarter" Word List

|              |                  |               |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Dessewffy Ut | Museum           | Rumbach Ut    |
| Dohány Ut    | Neolog           | Status Quo    |
| Hanna        | Orthodox         | Szimpla Kert  |
| Kazinczy Ut  | Prayer Room      | Theodor Herzl |
| Mikveh       | Raoul Wallenberg |               |

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1. ALL WPA members are eligible to enter.
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4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Nov. 29, 2019.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Dec. 4, 2019, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

## Puzzle Contest #169 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #169 were drawn Sept. 4, 2019, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

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**George A. Fronheiser, Br. 159 Phoenixville, PA**  
**Timothy J. Lippert, Br. 705 Mayville, WI**  
**Frank Schauer, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH**

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

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