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An Urgent Appeal To Our Members & Friends

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As you are aware, the coronavirus pandemic has forced William Penn Association to make the difficult decision of cancelling all our national fraternal events for the year, including our Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days and the WPA Picnic. The cancellation of these events saddened us greatly because it meant we could not experience our shared fraternal spirit with you, our fellow WPA members and friends.

Unfortunately, these cancellations also negatively impact one of our most cherished fraternal programs: the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

In 2019, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our beloved Scholarship Foundation. Since its founding, the Scholarship Foundation has awarded grants worth a total of over \$2.9 million to more than 6,500 members. That is nearly \$3 million of **promises kept** to our young members—truly an amazing accomplishment!

The pandemic, however, has made keeping that pledge of assistance to our young scholars more challenging. The WPA and branch gatherings we all enjoy raise tens of thousands of dollars each year for our Scholarship Foundation, but because of the pandemic-related cancellations, the Scholarship Foundation did not receive those much-needed funds this year. Therefore, if you are able, we respectfully request your financial support to our fundraising efforts. Donate now and your contribution can have double the impact. How?

From now until the end of this year, **WPA will match your contributions to our Scholarship Foundation, dollar-for-dollar, up to a total of \$25,000.** Every dollar you donate is tax-deductible and will go directly toward providing valuable scholarships to our student members. No donation is too small. All donations for this matching fund campaign will be recognized in the pages of our official publication, *William Penn Life*.

This matching fund campaign will also include purchases of WPA cookbooks and donations made to WPA's Tree of Knowledge. Donations for leaves on our Tree can be made at three levels: Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500) and Bronze (\$250). Each leaf can be inscribed with your name and be dedicated to a loved one. And remember, purchasing a leaf and/or cookbook now will have double the impact.

Please use the form below when submitting your kind contribution. Our Scholarship Foundation has been blessed with tremendous support throughout the past 50 years, thanks to the wonderful relationships built with friends like you. On behalf of our past, present, and future scholarship recipients, we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

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Holiday Baskets 2020

THE PANDEMIC has forced us all to rethink traditional activities, meaning Thanksgiving and Christmas will be celebrated just a little differently this year.

What has not changed is that the Home Office is preparing for our annual Holiday Baskets program.

Thanksgiving and Christmas traditionally are the "giving time" of the year. We know that many families and individuals in your local communities may still be suffering from job loss or lost wages. It's hard to imagine Thanksgiving and Christmas without family, but because of the pandemic, it's even more disheartening to imagine families not able to celebrate because of financial hardship.

We fraternalists can shine a light in the darkness by giving to those hit the hardest.

That's why we are happy to announce that the Association will reimburse our branches up to \$50 per basket for a maximum of four bas-

kets per branch, for a total reimbursement of up to \$200.

If you have identified a family in your community who would benefit from receiving a Holiday Basket, feel free to combine that basket with a 134th Anniversary "Feed Your Community" tote bag full of family meals. To receive tote bags, contact Judit Ganchuk at the Home Office at 412-231-2979 ext. 149 or email [Judit at jganchuk@wpalife.org](mailto:jganchuk@wpalife.org).



Our branches did an amazing job last year, distributing Holiday Baskets worth a total of \$3,820 to people and families in their local communities. Let's see if we can do even better this year.

Whatever your branch and its members can contribute to this effort, WPA sincerely appreciates your continued good will and support.

Deadline for branches to submit their Holiday Basket reporting form, receipts for goods purchased and photos of complete baskets are due at the Home Office by Dec. 16.



Andrew W. McNelis, Jr.
*Chair of the Board
2015-2019
Vice Chair of the Board
2019-2020
National Director
1995-2015*

WPA mourns loss of Andrew W. McNelis

PITTSBURGH -- Members throughout the Association were saddened by the death of Andrew W. McNelis, Jr., Vice Chair of the WPA Board of Directors and former Chair of the Board, who passed away Sept. 6, 2020, at the age of 73.

Andy, as he was known by one and all, was a humble but fiercely loyal and devoted member of the Association for many years. His dedication and leadership abilities made him a valuable addition to the Association's Board of Directors when he was first elected National Director in 1995. Twenty years later in 2015, he was elected by his fellow Directors to lead the Board as its Chair. He served one term as Chair before "retiring" and assuming the position of Vice Chair, a position he held at the time of his passing.

Andy honed his leadership skills while serving as a staff sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He would use those skills, along with his knowledge of engineering, as chief inspector for Centerline Engineering, Inc., and, later, as project manager for Orbital

Engineering, Inc., retiring from the latter firm in 2013.

He was an active member of both the American Legion Post 538 and VFW Post 274.

As much as he loved the Association and the Corps, Andy's great love was his wife of 51 years, Marguerite, and his family: son Andrew III and his wife Valerie; grandson Donovan; sister Ellen Medina; nieces, nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Mary (Peretin) McNelis, and siblings Richard, Gene and Alice.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 9 at the St. Stephen Church worship site of St. Paul Cathedral Parish, where Andy served as a lector. Interment followed at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 538, 27 Tecumseh St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207, or to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

May he rest in peace.

Branch Christmas parties and elections of officers cancelled

PITTSBURGH - As many of you are already aware, the Association has made the difficult decision of cancelling all of our fraternal activities on both the national and branch levels for the remainder of the year. Among the activities cancelled were the annual branch family Christmas parties and the bi-annual election of branch officers. Please rest assured that this decision was made in the best interest of all our members and in accordance with the advice of health experts and government officials.

While we are disappointed to not be gathering with our fellow members during the upcoming holidays, we are eagerly making tentative plans to resume our normal schedule of fraternal activities in the coming year. Naturally, any such plans will not be finalized until the pandemic has ended. Whatever may come, you can always find the latest information on WPA programs and events in the pages of *William Penn Life* and online at our Facebook page.

Speaking of our magazine, please keep your eyes open for our next issue, which will be a combined January/February 2021 issue. We're making a few changes to our magazine, and we hope you will like them.

Join WPA's Home Office Team

Annuity Clerk

The Association's Home Office in Pittsburgh has an opening available for a full-time clerk in our Annuity Department. If you live in the Greater Pittsburgh area and would be interested in joining our Home Office team, please email your letter of interest along with your résumé to: Cassandra Holmes, National Vice President-Secretary at:

cholmes@wpalife.org

ATTENTION ALL WPA JUVENILE MEMBERS!

We invite you to enter our very first

Ghastly Gift Card Giveaway

Are you sad that there won't be a WPA Christmas party this year? We are, too! So, the WPA Boo Crew wants to do something extra fun for you. Just send us a picture of you posing with one or all of the WPA Halloween gifts we sent to you in October, and **you'll be entered in a drawing for some great gift cards.** All photos received will be published in the January/February 2021 issue of *William Penn Life*. So, put your Halloween costume on and pose with your Pumpkin Tote Bag...or, have your picture taken while completing the fingerprint card from the ID Kit...or, show us how strong you are while opening a jar with your Dollar Bill Jar Opener!

Email your photo to contest@wpalife.org by **December 14**





Annuities: The Safe Choice

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE that by the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be upon us and the Christmas holiday will be just around the corner. What a different holiday season this will be. Despite the ongoing pandemic, take some time to relax, enjoy the holiday season with family and friends (taking all the proper precautions, of course) and remember to give thanks for all that we have in this great nation of ours.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic brought so much change to our daily lives. We can only assume that much of this change will cause permanent alterations in our lifestyles, including the way we work, socialize and interact with others.

The pandemic has also caused many of our members to review their investment portfolios and, given the recent turmoil in the financial markets, consider if it might be time to leave the market and move to something with much less volatility: a guaranteed annuity contract.

I'm reminded of something a client once told me during another very tumultuous time in the market. "Bob," he said, "at this point, I'm much more concerned about the return OF my money than the return ON my money." That concern rings true today, especially if you are in or nearing retirement.

The chart below compares the benefits of owning an annuity to other popular investments. But first, let's review some annuity basics.

What is a guaranteed annuity?

An annuity is a contract between a living person (the annuitant) and an insurance company. The annuitant deposits money with the insurance company and typically

receives a guaranteed rate of return on their deposited funds during the accumulation phase, along with an option for a guaranteed lifetime income in the distribution phase.

For example, WPA currently has a five-year annuity that is paying 3.0%* interest and a nine-year annuity paying 3.5%* interest on all money deposited into the annuity, regardless of the amount. (Some companies only pay their highest interest on amounts in excess of a declared minimum, like \$10,000, \$25,000 or even more).

Most contracts include both a "current" as well as a "guaranteed" rate. While both of our annuities guarantee the current rate for an initial period of six months, the "bottom-line" guarantee is 2%***, meaning that your earnings rate can never go below 2%. Although our interest rates are subject to change following the initial six-month period, we have maintained our high rates of return since August of 2011.

Are there any costs associated with the purchase of a guaranteed annuity?

While there are different types of annuities that have a variety of charges and loads (and are beyond the scope of this discussion), WPA annuities do not have any investment fees, sales load or maintenance charges. All of your investment starts earning interest from the day of deposit.

Are there any "back-end" or surrender penalties when purchasing a guaranteed annuity?

Most annuity contracts include a "surrender charge" period during which you would incur a penalty for early withdrawal. For example, the WPA five-year annuity has

	ANNUITIES	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CDs)	STOCKS	BONDS	MUTUAL FUNDS AND ETFs
Protected monthly lifetime income Offers a guaranteed and predictable stream of payments for life--may be available for both you and your spouse.	YES	NO	NO	NO ¹	NO
Can protect against market loss May offer a fixed return or principal protection that avoids market downturns.	YES	YES	NO	YES (if held to maturity)	NO
Tax-deferred growth for retirement² Beyond what's provided by 401(k) or similar employer-type plans or IRAs.	YES	NO	NO	NO (though some are tax-exempt)	NO
Access to your money³ Can allow you to keep control of your money and get access if you need it.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Guaranteed death benefit Can offer a guaranteed death benefit for your beneficiary when you pass away.	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO

¹ Except to the extent of periodic interest payments. ² All of these investments are equally tax-advantaged in qualified retirement plans. ³ Other than stocks or bonds, may be subject to fees or limitations based on the type and structure of the investment. See your advisor for details.

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Tim has been a member of William Penn Association since 1976. He grew up in Branch 705 Mayville, Wisc., introduced to WPA by his father, Jack. Tim has served as a Delegate to the WPA General Convention every four years from 1979 to 2015.

Upon his father's death in 2006, Tim assumed the duties of Branch Coordinator for Branch 705 until 2016.

Tim is licensed and well-versed in William Penn Association life insurance and annuity products. He is ready, willing and eager to help all existing and potential WPA members in Wisconsin.

Tim and his wife Sue live in Pleasant Prairie, Wisc. He would be happy to serve you with any insurance or annuity needs that you might have. ☐

a five-year declining surrender charge that starts at 5% in the first year and reduces by 1% per year through the fifth year. Likewise, the WPA nine-year annuity has a first year surrender charge of 9% that reduces by 1% per year through year nine. New deposits are NOT subject to a new surrender period and would only be subject to the withdrawal penalty remaining on the original contract.

How am I taxed if and when I DO take a withdrawal?

All withdrawals are taxed as "earning first" and may be subject to an IRS penalty if you are under the age of 59½ at the time of withdrawal. Consult with your tax advisor on how the withdrawal may impact your current situation.

Am I taxed on the earnings from my annuity if I don't take any withdrawals?

No. Unlike interest earned from savings accounts, money markets, CDs, bonds or stock dividends, annuity accumulations are tax-deferred. The tax is paid when funds are withdrawn, and you are only taxed on distributions that represent earnings, not principal (non-IRA accounts only).

What if I need access to my money before the end of the surrender charge period?

Both of our annuities include an annual 10% "penalty-free withdrawal" benefit that gives you access to a portion of your funds on a penalty-free basis each year. For those needing immediate income, an "interest only" payout option is available on both of our annuities.

What if I die before the end of the surrender-charge period? Will my beneficiary incur the penalty?

No. WPA does not charge the surrender penalty on the

death of the annuitant, regardless of when the death occurs.

What are my options at the end of the surrender period?

You have a variety of options at the end of the surrender period. You can:

- leave the funds on deposit and continue earning the current interest rate at that time;
- surrender the contract for its full surrender value; or
- annuitize the contract and take a lifetime income under a variety of income options, income that is protected from ongoing market volatility.

How does the guaranteed annuity differ from other investments such as CDs, money markets or mutual funds?

See the chart on the previous page for a comparison of an annuity to other popular investment products.

How do I get more info on WPA guaranteed annuities?

If you would like more information about WPA guaranteed annuities or are interested in opening a WPA guaranteed annuity, call your WPA agent, broker, or our Home Office. We'd be happy to provide you with answers.

I want to thank agent Tim Lippert (Branch 705 Mayville, Wisc.) for his input and inspiration for this edition of *Moneywise*. You can check out Tim's bio in the Agent's corner above.

Until next time, I wish all of our members, sales agents and friends a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year! ☐

*Current rates as of October 1, 2020 and subject to change.

**For WPA annuities issued after January 1, 2019.



Namedays & other interesting bits

THE COOL BREEZES OF AUTUMN seemed to arrive a few weeks earlier than usual this year, leading me to turn on my furnace earlier than planned. From the warmth of my home, I watched as the leaves turned vibrant shades of gold and red in a slow reveal over the course of several weeks. Meanwhile in Ohio, the limited-edition, pumpkin-flavored *krémes* slices were on the shelves of Farkas Pastry Shop a little early this year, as well.

The early change of season seemed to be Mother Nature's way of telling us to prepare for a long and harsh winter and to stay safe by staying home and away from the ravages of COVID-19, especially as cases continue to rise and the pandemic spirals out of control.

I hope these following observations bring you a little taste of normalcy in abnormal times. Perhaps things will be a bit better by the time this issue of *William Penn Life* arrives in your mailbox. One can hope.

Just about every little town, church or organization in Hungary composes and distributes an annual name day and holiday calendar. The sleepy little town of Csót (hometown of my father's grandparents) gives to its residents and supporters a heavy, bound glossy 11 x 14 inch calendar showing the liturgical holidays and name days for the upcoming year. Various portions of the calendar include photos of points of interest in the city and, on occasion, highlight the church of Szt. Mihály as the calendar's centerpiece. Other photos feature village life: a newly-built community pavilion, a large Hungarian-style baking oven, a children's playground, a new horse training grounds for the Bakonyalja Lovas Klub, and a re-dedicated Csót memorial for the village's WWI war dead.

Recently, I reviewed the 366 name-day holidays on the calendar and noticed a large number of uniquely Hungarian names, a finding I shared with my sister in Ohio. Aside from traditional names like Attila, Géza, Csaba and Tünde, we noticed the inclusion of modern, cosmopolitan names like Dzsesszika (Jessica). Such observations reminded us of our family trip in 2014--the last time I was able to make the trip. We wondered if or when

such trips could ever occur again with growing families and the rampages of COVID-19?

Perhaps unsurprisingly, I am still interested in how our readers have made Hungarian-style masks to help fight the spread of COVID-19. My *anya* (mother) made a three-layer mask with the aid of her trusty Singer sewing machine. This mask featured a Matyó table cloth given to us by cousins in Hungary.

My *apa* (father) purchased two full-sized masks at a discount store in Pápa, Hungary. One mask displays the Magyar Coat of Arms and the other is a Matyó embroidery mask with a black background.

You can see my parents and sister modelling all three of these masks below.

I am hoping someone out there has made their own unique version of a COVID-19 mask with Hungarian flair so we can share the photo with all of our readers of *William Penn Life*. Please share and remember to wear your mask with pride: it's the patriotic thing to do!

Many years ago, a now-dearly departed friend of Hungarian extraction, Kalman, told me the Hungarian language has many words, phrases and folk songs that are so complicated in meaning that it takes several pages of English translation to fully explain what is said in just a few Hungarian words.

Many of the words that take a long and complicated interpretation have to deal with emotions and patriotism. Here are a few words that take a lot of paraphrasing to get a basic meaning conveyed into another language. The short definition follows the word.

- *Tutyimutyi* - a weak-minded person that fears change and reaction.
 - *Aranyhíd & Ezüsthíd* - Gold and silver bridges (a hopelessly romantic point of view).
 - *Káröröm* - happiness one has for others' failures or suffering (the Hungarian version of *schadenfreude*).
 - *Nebáncsvirág* - easily offended person (literally, the Hungarian name for the impatient flower, a notoriously fragile plant).
- My brother András once told me of two famous



folk songs in particular that have a similar linguistic impact, provoking deep sentiment and feeling.

One is "*Vén Cigány*" ("Old Gypsy"), a song vocalized beautifully by Károly Solti. It is about an old violinist who was once famous and honored but whose skills and ability to earn money have been eroded by time. He tells his wife he will return to the tavern to play one last time, only to be thrown out on the street by young hooligans who have no taste for such music anymore. In the street, the violinist dies in the loving embrace of his wife, his last wish to perform left unfulfilled. I think it is a haunting meditation on the passage of time, the haughtiness of youth, and the nature of one's own legacy.

The other song is "*Galamb Szívet*," which means "Dove's Heart" or "Pigeon's Heart." This is a more obscure tune (George Batyi's 1970s instrumental interpretation is the best version) that relates to an emotional link between a mother's love, Hungary and patriotism. It is my Hungarian cousins' favorite song. Every time I see them, they sing out that tune over many glasses of *szilva pálinka* (plum brandy).

These old Magyar songs were a cultural life raft of inspiration and survival during the communist reign of terror in Hungary. Interestingly, the authorities allowed these songs of patriotism to be aired and performed publicly and were usually played by Roma musicians.

In October 2019, my wife Mónika and I spent a week at the original Disneyland in California. When not at the theme park, we either visited my Aunt Donna in Ventura or drove around the LA area. As usual, I had the radar on, searching for something Hungarian in the land of palm trees and sunshine. To our surprise, just a stone's throw away from the park was a little ice cream place called House of Chimney Cakes. The amiable owner, Szandra Szabo, was indeed a Hungarian-American. She presented

us with a huge *kürtőskalács* (a Hungarian chimney cake) in a conical shape so it could be filled with whipped cream, ice cream and fruit. It was a delicious treat on a hot California afternoon. Unfortunately, the hours of the House of Chimney Cakes have been drastically curtailed due to the coronavirus, but I hope to return the next time my work brings me out to the West Coast.

Like many other European countries, Hungary has a strict naming law for newborns. Every year, the Linguistics Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences releases an approved list of names. The Academy has the final say if a name is appropriate, and a formal application of naming must be obtained. If a person wants to name their child something outside of what the list shows, they must apply for a special petition showing substantial proof of why that name should be permitted. Most of the names on the permissible lists are associated with name days, Christian traditions or historical figures. In 2019, the Academy added the name "Denerisz." Yes, in Hungary you can now legally name your child after the "Mother of Dragons" from *Game of Thrones*.

Have a great November and December.
Boldog Karácsonyt! Merry Christmas!

*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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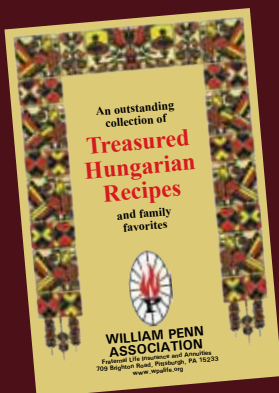
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 Verhovay Home Assn. - \$100.00 (Andrew W. McNelis)
 Gerard Williams - \$20.00
 Tracy & Zandy Williams - \$25.00
 Warren Winnick - \$25.00
 Almut S. Zvosec - \$50.00
 WPA Br. 8 Johnstown, PA - \$100.00 (Andrew W. McNelis)
 WPA Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$500.00 (Branch 14 Members)
 WPA Br. 15 Chicago, IL - \$50.00 (Deceased Members of Br. 15)
 WPA Br. 44 Akron, OH - \$100.00
 WPA Br. 226 McKeesport, PA - \$100.00
 WPA Br. 249 Dayton, OH - \$100.00 (Deceased Members of
 Br. 249 Dayton, OH)
 WPA Br. 296 Springdale, PA - \$100.00 (Deceased Br. 296
 Members)
 WPA Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA - \$100.00 (Deceased Members)
 WPA Br. 349 Weirton, WV - \$100.00 (Deceased Members of
 Br. 349)
 WPA Br. 525 Los Angeles, CA - \$25.00

Total for August 2020.....\$6,675.00

Total for September 2020.....\$9,663.95

Tree of Knowledge Leaves.....\$4,500.00

**Donations Through Premium Payments,
 Additional Donations & Cookbook Sales**

August & September 2020.....\$2,061.99

Total to date = \$22,900.94



WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Tree of Knowledge

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

Our Newest Leaves

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

**In Loving Memory of
My Parents
Steve & Irene Ignatz
Stephanie**
(Gold Level)

**In Memory of
Emerson Reyner II
Friend & Mentor
Rest in Peace Bud**
(Silver Level)

**In Memory of
Andrew McNelis
Rest in Peace
Semper Fi**
(Silver Level)

**Honoring my
cherished Grandson
Garrett Keller
Nana loves you**
(Bronze Level)

**For Our Parents
Joe & Estelle Kelly
John & Flo Lovasz
Mary Ann & John**
(Bronze Level)

**In Memory
Andy McNelis**

My Friend
(Bronze Level)

H2R CPAs
(Bronze Level)

**To Honor
Donovan McNelis
Love Opa and Oma**
(Bronze Level)

**In Honor of WPA
Board of Directors
Past Present Future
Kathy Novak**
(Bronze Level)

**The Heitman Family
Cassie and Greg
Lucas and Eliza
The Next Generation**
(Bronze Level)

**Branch 8 Johnstown PA
In Memory of
Members and Officers
Thank You ~ Wm. Penn**
(Bronze Level)

**Deceased Members
of Branch 34**
(Bronze Level)

**In Memory of
Irene & Joseph Gall
Loving Parents
Barbara Tom Abbie**
(Bronze Level)

**Purchase a leaf by December 31, 2020, and WPA will match
your contribution dollar-for-dollar (up to a total of \$25,000).
Your leaf purchased today could have double the impact!**

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Leaf Inscription - Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line (including blank spaces):

Line 1: _____

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William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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Our 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients

William Penn Association members attending accredited colleges and universities as full-time undergraduate students are eligible to apply for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. To date, our Scholarship Foundation has awarded 6,600 grants totalling \$2,942,700. This year, the Foundation awarded grants to 135 students, including 37 first-time recipients, totalling \$67,500. All of this is made possible by the generosity of our members and friends through direct contributions, through the purchase of "leaves" on our Scholarship Foundation's Tree of Knowledge, and through support of various fundraising activities conducted at the Association's national fraternal events and at events conducted by William Penn Association branches. We congratulate all our member scholars, especially this year's new recipients honored here. □

New Recipients Not Pictured

REGAN C. ABAHAZIE, Br. 129 Columbus, OH
ANNAMARIE C. ALFERY, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
KATHERINE R. ANTHONY, Br. 226 McKeesport, PA
JAXSON K. BERNKOPF, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
KATHERINE F. CUSTER, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
DANIELLE N. DEMKO, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
CELENE R. DINZEO, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
ISABELLA M. FIACCONE, Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT
GABRIELLA M. GUERRIERI, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
MATTHEW C. HORVATH, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
AUGUSTUS T. JACKSON, Br. 189 Alliance, OH
SOPHIA L. KAFITI, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
DANIEL S. KURKO, Br. 44 Akron, OH
CAROLYN M. McANDREWS, Br. 226 McKeesport, PA
MADELINE G. MOGYORDY, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
KATARINA J. MONDOR, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
ALEXANDRA M. OCHS, Br. 81 14 Clarion, PA
OLIVIA P. PARISE, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
SEAN K. PETRELLA, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
ISABELLA M. PLYIH, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
JULIA C. PITLIK, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
AIDAN M. PULLMAN, Br. 9 Hazleton, PA
ZACHARY T. ROZGONYI, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
BRENDAN A. SPOONER, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
RYAN P. VEITH, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA



AMANDA E. BALDYGA
Br. 51 Passaic, NJ



BETHANN M. BALDYGA
Br. 51 Passaic, NJ



CATHERINE A. BALDYGA
Br. 51 Passaic, NJ



CAROL M. DOYLE
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA



ANTHONY J. FRANCE
Br. 14 Cleveland, OH



LINDSAY P. GILL
Br. 296 Springdale, PA



ABIGAIL G. KRAYNAK
Br. 14 Cleveland, OH



KATELYN R. KRAYNAK
Br. 14 Cleveland, OH



LOGAN C. LINDENMUTH
Br. 296 Springdale, PA



JAMES A. MISLAY
Br. 28 Youngstown, OH



HANNAH J. PRIMM
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA



ANDREW C. WADE
Br. 720 Dedham, MA

2020-2021 Scholarship Essay Awards

Students applying for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation were asked to submit an essay discussing a specific topic. All essays were read and judged by members of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation Executive Committee, and the best essays were selected for special recognition. Prizes in the form of additional cash grants were awarded to the top three essays among both new and renewal applicants. We proudly publish those six winning essays here.

NEW STUDENTS

Question: *If you were an inventor, what would you invent?*

First Prize - \$500

ALEXANDRA M. OCHS, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA

If I were an inventor I would create a soluble substance that would promote the breakdown of organic polymer in plastics. This would increase the decomposition rate of plastic. I imagine this would be an essential invention because it would provide an alternative to placing non-recyclable plastics in landfills. Our ecosystem is fragile and constantly under the attack of humans. I am pursuing a degree in chemistry with a minor in environmental engineering. I hope when I graduate I will be able to pursue inventions such as these to protect and promote the health of our planet.

Second Prize - \$300

ABIGAIL G. KRAYNAK, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH

If I were an inventor I would create a device that would allow people to see other perspectives. This device could provide a deeper understanding of other people's experiences and motivations. A device that helps one see what it is like to "walk a mile in someone else's shoes" could help eliminate some of the self-centeredness in human nature. The goal of this invention would be to have compassion and cooperation instead of comparison and ignorance. If people could see the hardships that others face, they may be more willing to work with each other, rather than against each other.

Third Prize - \$200

MADELINE G. MOGYORDY, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH

Communication is an important aspect of life and everyone should get the opportunity to express themselves through their voice. If I were an inventor, I would create an enhanced communication mechanism that helps people who struggle with verbal communication. This machine would have a series of color coded buttons for the different types of conversations and a voice over that reads the button pressed. The buttons would be customized for each person. Helping improve the lives of children with special needs is my passion. As a future special education teacher, I would love this invention in my classroom.

RENEWAL STUDENTS

Question: *How do you define "success"?*

First Prize - \$500

TEMPLE C. COLDREN, Br. 159 Phoenixville, PA

Success is measured differently for each person. For my paternal grandfather, success meant crossing the border and immigrating to the United States after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. For my maternal grandfather, a farmer, success meant producing an abundant potato crop each year. To me, success means becoming the best member of society I can be, maintaining a positive, constructive outlook, helping others, and accomplishing my personal goals with integrity. Both personal and professional achievement are important. Looking back later in life I want to be proud of the life that I led and the difference I made in people's lives.

Second Prize - \$300

ISABELLA R. ARENDS, Br. 249 Dayton, OH

When I was younger, I thought that when people talked about success, they were referring to money. Now, I believe it has a different meaning. To me, success is setting long-term and short-term goals for myself and working as hard as I can to achieve them. Success is living my life to the fullest and creating a legacy that I am proud of. Success is becoming the best version of myself and making myself and others happy. Success is not giving up, even when life gets hard. In my opinion, all these things are the riches in life.

Third Prize - \$200

MARIA B. McKIBBEN, Br. 129 Columbus, OH

To me, success is the ability to face adversity and to learn important lessons about who I am. Being able to bounce back from epilepsy and focus on giving back to my community is an example of success in my life. For my ancestors, being able to immigrate from Hungary and create a life here in the United States is a story of success that inspires me to always persevere when life gets difficult. As a nurse, I will continue to use my family heritage of perseverance to help others and face challenges head on in order to save lives.

Scholarship Recipient *Updates*

We asked our renewal recipients to tell us about their experiences in college. Here is what some of them had to say.

JULIA C. BALOGH – Branch 226, McKeesport, PA

Julia's most recent year at the University of Pittsburgh saw her volunteering with the Dietetic's Club, mainly with Pitt men's basketball team, helping with before- and after-game snack preparations. She also attended various club meetings, one of which was Strong Women/Strong World, but noted that this was all cut short because of the pandemic. A junior, Julia is a business/human resource management major who came to a decision. Providing important insight, she explained, "I decided to switch my major because I was not interested in what I was learning. I learned through my small business management class that I wanted to go into business all along." This coming summer, Julia hopes to study abroad.

MATTHEW J. BENEDEK – Branch 226, McKeesport, PA

Studying Chemistry/Pre-Med at Xavier University, Matthew is a senior with a number of interests. He is involved with Xavier Theater theatrical productions, Students for Life, the Knights of Columbus and College Republicans. Matthew also tutors students in chemistry and calculus and has maintained a high GPA.

ZACHARY J. BENEDEK – Branch 226, McKeesport, PA

A Communications/Pre-Law student at Xavier University, Zachary is in his sophomore year. He is his class president and participates in football, CRU and Bible study.

OLESIA G. BENEDICT – Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

"I just want to thank William Penn for raising money to make these scholarships available to students in college," writes Olesia. Majoring in neuroscience, with a minor in psychology, Olesia is a Kent State University junior. She described some of her neuroscience lab work: growing cells and using a microscope to photograph them. Olesia is also a social media chair for Scientista, an organization for women in science, technology and math.

NATHANIEL P. BREISINGER – Branch 34, Pittsburgh, PA

A sophomore majoring in sports communication at Robert Morris University, Nathaniel is an online newspaper reporter for RMU Sentry Media, focusing on RMU hockey. Nathaniel is also involved with RMU-Radio broadcasts, as well as with RMU-TV as on-air talent for two TV shows. He belongs to the Society of Collegiate Journalists. Nathaniel also divides his time with RMU athletics by helping run camera, TriCaster, among other duties.

JASON T. BRONSTRUP – Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

A University of Akron senior majoring in marketing and sales management, Jason has interned for Aflac Insurance and recently completed an internship at Penske Trucking. Jason is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Fisher Sales Society.



ANNA K. CLEMENT – Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

A senior attending the University of South Carolina, Anna is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. She is active in dance marathon and works at USC's conference center. Anna majors in sports and entertainment management and public relations advertising.

BRIANNA M. DEAN – Branch 26, Sharon, PA

Brianna completed her freshman year at Penn State University-Behrend with flair. Not only did she do well academically, she played on the women's basketball team for PSU, and was named Rookie of the Year and selected for the All-Academic Team. Brianna majors in nursing.

CELESTE M. DINZEO – Branch 296, Springdale, PA

A Penn State University junior majoring in Kinesiology on a pre-medical track, Celeste greatly appreciates her WPFASF, Inc. grant. She is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. Using her academic background, Celeste is involved in a number of related activities, such as Phi Epsilon Kappa, a pre-health honorary/professional fraternity where she is the pledge class vice president. She also does research in the psychology laboratory for the opioid crisis, exercise during pregnancy and post-partum. Celeste is on the Panhellenic Wellness Committee, which promotes wellness across campus.

ANNA K. FELLESTEIN – Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

Majoring in environmental studies at John Carroll University, Anna is a sophomore and a member of John Carroll's cross country and track teams. She is also a member of their faith community.

ISABELLE R. FRANCIS – Branch 44, Akron, OH

Now in her sophomore year as a speech and language pathology major, Isabelle has joined the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. This group has given Isabelle the opportunity to develop new friendships with those who are also pursuing the same degree. While studying at the University of Akron, Isabelle has also volunteered at the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall as well as with "Boo at the Zoo."

SOPHIA M. FRANCIS – Branch 44, Akron, OH

Continuing to work hard and remaining on the dean's list, Sophia has entered her senior year at The University of Akron. Majoring in accounting, with a minor in supply chain management, she completed her first internship at the accounting firm Marcum. Sophia enjoyed her experience at Marcum, learning many skills that cannot be taught in the classroom by participating in their events and meetings.

SHELBY M.C. HARRIS – Branch 226, McKeesport, PA

Entering her sophomore year at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Shelby is a nursing major. Throughout her first year, Shelby was a cheerleader for Edinboro football and basketball. She is also a member of SNOE (Student Nurses of Edinboro) and participated in "Wigs for Kids," K-Club (Campus Kiwanis), the Walk to End Alzheimer's and Senior Citizens Prom. Shelby was honored with the Edinboro University Scholar Athlete Award.

JOSHUA J. HORVATH – Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

A University of Toledo biochemistry (pre-med) major, Joshua has entered his sophomore year. He is a member of the Catholic Student Association and is a resident assistant in his dorm. Joshua has his sights set on traveling abroad during his junior year. As for Joshua's insights for others: "Work as hard as you can for everything you do."

MORGAN A. JALSO – Branch 89, Homestead, PA

As did many of his fellow students, Morgan found the transition to online studies challenging when the Spring 2020 semester was cut short due to the pandemic. He is a junior marketing major at West Virginia University with a minor in communications. Morgan is also a member of MISA (Management of Information Systems Association).

JOSH A. KABEL – Branch 249, Dayton, OH

Pursuing a double major in health and wellness and business marketing, Josh is a junior at Mount St. Joseph University. He is a student athlete in his third year playing NCAA Division III men's volleyball. "Thank you for this opportunity," writes Josh. "It is an honor to be a member of William Penn Association and considered for a scholarship award as I move forward with my bachelor's degree."



LAUREN P. KATONA – Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

A Cleveland State University sophomore majoring in health sciences, Lauren joined the Theta Phi Alpha sorority serving as the chapter's corresponding secretary. Lauren also works as a nursing assistant at University Hospitals in Cleveland.

MIKAYLA E. LAWLESS – Branch 720, Dedham, MA

An Endicott College sophomore studying nursing with a minor in theatre, Mikayla has done well academically while participating in activities both on and off campus. She has devoted many rehearsal hours toward Endicott's Mainstage Theatre productions of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Legally Blonde*. Mikayla also joined in the college's community service by volunteering at a nearby nursing home, playing cards and board games with the residents.

DANA LUCAS – Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

A mechanical engineering and physics major with a minor in Mathematics, Dana is in her junior year at Mount Union University. Dana's insight is to "take some time to explore your interests outside what you would typically do, whatever it takes to fuel your curiosity!" Dana continues her participation with SAE Baja, a university student automotive design team. She was also awarded a student senate academic research project grant to continue research on Nitinol, a shape-memory alloy.

MARIA B. MCKIBBEN – Branch 129, Columbus, OH

Maria has taken on numerous leadership roles as a junior nursing student at Ohio University. Selected as a Class of 2020 school of nursing representative, Maria voices student concerns to the faculty. She's treasurer of the OU Swim Club and has participated in the 2020 "Bobcathon," a 12-hour dance marathon raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Selected by her clinical instructor as a team leader during clinical visits, Maria has also worked as a technical assistant for microbiology and anatomy lab courses.

EMILY C. NOBLE – Branch 129, Columbus, OH

Majoring in early childhood education and in her sophomore year at Wittenburg University, Emily was named to the dean's list while getting her first year off to an active start. A member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Emily is also an athlete. She's a defender on Wittenburg's field hockey team and a member of the 2019 Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA Division III National Academic Squad. "Thank you William Penn Association for all your support," Emily writes.

CONNOR B. OLSON – Branch 8340, Baltimore, MD

Connor is a senior University of Pittsburgh psychology major, with a concentration in business. Most recently, Connor spent a semester abroad in Lisbon, Portugal. He reports that he is medically retired from Pitt's men's lacrosse team. He is a member of the Delta Chi fraternity as well as Active Minds, an organization that spreads the message of mental health awareness.

KELSEY L. OLSON – Branch 8340, Baltimore, MD

Now a senior, Kelsey had the experience of studying in Barcelona, Spain. She majors in biobehavioral health at Penn State University. In her spare time, Kelsey continues to work as an EMT for Centre LifeLink EMS. She is president of Alpha Phi Fraternity, where she also chaired "THON," recognized as the largest student-run philanthropy group in the world.

TRAVIS D. SCHAUER – Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

Now a senior at Youngstown State University, Travis has maintained a high GPA while working at two jobs at Giant Eagle grocery and at TREK Bicycle in Wexford, PA. Travis majors in mathematics and computer science.

GRANT A. SIMON – Branch 129, Columbus, OH

A University of Cincinnati junior majoring in operations management/information systems, Grant plays on the university's men's club soccer team. Formerly, he was the kicker for the University of Cincinnati football team. Grant is also a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and ASCM.

AMBRIELLE V. STOLTZ-BANGO – Branch 18, Lincoln Park, MI

Ambrielle has studied at Debreceni Nyári Egyetem, an adult education institution in Hungary. Currently, she is a senior biopsychology, cognition and neuroscience major at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. Ambrielle has also worked as a research assistant at Basic and Applied Cognition Lab, where she no doubt has applied what she has studied thus far. She has also taken on leadership roles as a mentor and as a concert manager for the women's glee club. Ambrielle also is a music minor.

ROGER E. VanVARICK – Branch 19, New Brunswick, NJ

A sophomore biology major at The University of Scranton, Roger works and has participated in intramural sports.

RYAN J. VanVARICK – Branch 19, New Brunswick, NJ

Majoring in business at The University of Scranton, Ryan enjoys intramural sports and is employed at Red Robin.

SAMANTHA M. WELSH – Branch 296, Springdale, PA

A special education and early education major in her junior year at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Samantha maintains a high GPA while being active outside the classroom. A member of Edinboro's women's lacrosse team, she was twice awarded the Edinboro Scholar-Athlete. When Samantha is not working at one of her two on-campus jobs, she is a peer-to-peer tutor and assists students with disabilities. "I work hard on and off the field and in the classroom to get closer to my career goal--a special education teacher," she explains.

WILLIAM R. WELSH – Branch 296, Springdale, PA

A senior math/elementary education major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, William has maintained his high GPA while working his way through school as a greens man at the Allegheny Country Club each summer. "Paying for college all on my own is hard, but getting this scholarship has made a difference for the past four years," William writes.

BROOKE A. WORRALL – Branch 34, Pittsburgh, PA

A Millersville University junior studying anthropology, Brooke had to postpone her plans to study abroad, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She interned this summer at the Edward Hand Medical Museum in Lancaster, Pa. Brooke is also pursuing a minor in German language studies and is a member of Millersville's German Club.

Cleveland Hungarians adjust to the 'new normal' during recent events

by Richard E. Sarosi

In recent months, the Hungarian community of greater Cleveland has held several events, making adjustments to meet all the necessary safety requirements brought on by the pandemic. Face masks and social distancing were the norm at in-person events, while other events switched to a virtual format.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church was the site of a ceremony Aug. 20, during which the cornerstone from the former St. Stephen's Catholic Church of McKeesport, Pa., was rededicated at its new location. Dr. Zita Bencsik, Hungarian Consul General in Chicago, extended greetings from the Hungarian government. It was nice to see Dr. Bencsik one more time before she returned to Hungary in September.

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden Golf Outing was held Aug. 26 at Sand Ridge Golf Club. The event hosted 44 golfers who did not mind the late morning rain, which ended by the 1:00 p.m. tee off time, turning the afternoon into a sunny day. The outdoor dining for lunch and dinner was done with social distancing. The

staff of Sand Ridge made sure everyone was comfortable. Guests who required a walker, cart or wheelchair enjoyed better mobility due to the single floor layout and access to the amenities of the club house. It was a great fundraiser for the Hungarian Garden.

The Sister Cities Conference Cultural Garden Panel took place on Sept. 30. This was a three-day virtual and interactive event bringing together representatives from more than 20 sister cities to share ideas and forge connections. We had listeners from all over the United States plus international participants.

One section of the conference discussed the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, which were described as a "national and international treasure."

I had the pleasure of representing the Hungarian Cultural Garden, established in 1938, making it one of the oldest and largest gardens in the Cleveland system.

The Ethiopian Garden, one of Cleveland's newest gardens, was represented, as was the Uzbekistan Garden, which will be dedicated soon.



The Rev. Richard Bona, administrator of St. Emeric and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parishes in Cleveland, rededicates the cornerstone of the former St. Stephen's Church of McKeesport, Pa., at its new home at St. Elizabeth.

Virtual film festival features Hungarian documentary

CLEVELAND -- A Hungarian production entitled *Personal Belongings* was among films featured during the 11th Annual Chagrin Documentary Film Fest in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. A portion of this year's festival was held online, allowing viewers to watch the films at their leisure.

Personal Belongings, directed by Steven Bognar, tells the story of Steven's father, Béla, who was a Freedom Fighter during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. The 1996 film begins 30 years after Béla left Hungary. He wants to return with his son. His son brings his camera to record their journey as his father reconnects with family. Memories and experiences, along with humor and tenderness, help Steven better understand what his father went through prior to his arrival in the U.S.

Heritage Society holds essay contest

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society is seeking entrants for its 2020 Essay Contest. The contest is open to young people ranging from grade school to young professionals. The theme reflects the year of national unity announced by the Hungarian government on the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon.

Entries must consist of two parts:

- 1) What does belonging to the Hungarian nation mean to me?
- 2) What are my ideas to strengthen national unity in today's world under today's circumstances?

Entries must be between 1,000 and 1,500 words in length and submitted via email to: palyazat.magyarmuzeum@gmail.com.

Entries are due Nov. 30, 2020. Winners will be invited to read their essay during a Zoom lecture on Dec. 12. For more information, email palyazat.magyarmuzeum@gmail.com.



JUST 4 KIDZ

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! That's a lot easier to say than Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year...but since we won't be seeing you again until after the new year, we needed to send our best wishes to you and your family for all these special celebrations all at once. It's not the way we wanted to do it, but, as with so much of life these days, things are really different. This year has taught us that nothing should be taken for granted, and that we should be more mindful of our family, friends, community and the planet.

Pandemic or no, this is the season of giving. So, why not show off your skills as a DIY (**Do It Yourself**) expert? Give handmade **photo ornaments** to your friends and family! You can deliver them by doing a "drive-by drop-off" for contactless gift giving. Sure, these are not expensive gifts, but the people you give them to will cherish them. Do you know why? Because you used your time and talents to make something for them. And **THAT** is more precious and special than anything money could buy.

What You Need:

- A photo of yourself (size 2.5" x 3.75")
- A piece of cardstock (cut to 3" x 5") You can use glitter paper or printed scrapbook paper.
- A piece of white cardstock (cut to 1" x 2.5")
- Alphabet stickers
- Scissors
- A hole punch
- Double-sided tape or glue
- Thin white satin ribbon



What You Do:

- Use scissors to trim photo and cardstock to the sizes listed above.
- Glue photo on top of glitter paper or printed cardstock.
- Use alphabet stickers to spell your name on the white cardstock. Trim ends of name card to create a two-point "flag" shape as show on the picture above. Glue name card onto cardstock.
- Punch two holes at top of the cardstock. Feed ribbon through holes and tie the ends in a bow so it can be hung from a Christmas tree.

Our thanks to The TomKat Studio (thetomkatstudio.com) for this fun idea and photo!

Help us build up our community on Facebook and Twitter by sharing photos of your photo ornaments with us @WPALife and #wpalife!

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The 2020 WPA Snowglobe Contest

Draw a picture of your favorite place inside the empty snowglobe below. email or mail your entry to the address given. We'll select the 3 most creative entries, with each winner receiving a special MYSTERY PRIZE! Deadline for all entries is December 14, 2020. Good Luck!!



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Email this form and your snowglobe to jganchuk@wpalife.org or mail your entry to:

Snowglobe Contest, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Deadline for entries is December 14, 2020

Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

by Jim Ballas

This year continues to be one like no other. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, almost all branch activities have been cancelled for this year. Unfortunately, our branch Christmas party usually held in December is cancelled. The Home Office has announced that all branch Christmas parties are cancelled and there will be no Christmas party allotments granted in 2020. Branch elections which would have taken place at the end of this year are postponed. All current branch officers will remain in their positions.

During the shutdown in the spring, our branch members, in partnership with the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, made donations of baked goods, food items and personal care items for essential care workers in several local nursing homes and hospitals. Care packages of snacks were assembled and donated to essential workers at St. Vincent's Medical Center, the Lord Chamberlain Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, the Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Carolton Chronic and Convalescent Hospital.

We also donated food to the St. Vincent's Mission Services Mobile food pantry and donated to the Nourish Bridgeport program which distributes food to local community families in need.

Thanks to all those members who donated and worked on these projects.

Branch members participated in the Greater Bridgeport Crop Walk on Oct. 18. Postponed from May, this year's event was a virtual walk due to the pandemic. The money raised by walkers through sponsorships goes to fight hunger in our local community.

We continue to take all the recommended precautions in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. In our area of Connecticut, the rate of infection has remained around 1%, well below other parts of the country. But, we also experienced the painful surge this past spring, so we remain vigilant.



Next Deadline

All submissions for the January/February issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by December 14. If you have any questions, call John E. Lovasz at 412-231-2979, ext. 135, or email jlovasz@wpalife.org.

As Thanksgiving approaches, there is much to be thankful for, even in these trying times. Christmas reminds us that we are approaching the time of hope and good will. Each day begins with a new challenge and the hope that better days are ahead.

We wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Here we are--believe it or not--in the last two months of 2020 with a new year fast approaching. I suspect we will continue to deal in 2021 with COVID-19 and the new lifestyle it has brought to us.

I wonder what I will be getting for Christmas 2020. New face masks? Or, will it be rubber gloves, regular gloves, hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes and spray in full size or travel size for our cars?

It certainly will be different this holiday season. I won't be hugging, kissing and shaking hands. I have a hard time using bumps of the hand, elbow, hip, fist and even air hugs with people. Unfortunately those are necessary actions to help stop the spread of the disease.

Therefore, I want to wish all our WPA members and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Hanukkah, a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes for the other holidays that will be celebrated.

I received positive feedback from our WPA membership on the Halloween pumpkin bag, fingerprint kit, flashing light and jar grip that

were sent to our young members for Halloween 2020. Thank you to our Home Office staff for the gifts and mailing.

Despite the pandemic, several activities have taken place in the Cleveland Hungarian community since our last issue, with all utilizing proper social distancing and use of face masks.

- Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church celebrated the relocation of the cornerstone of the former St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Aug. 20, 2020.

- The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden held its annual golf outing and Fundraiser on Aug. 26.

- The Chagrin Documentary Film Fest featured a Hungarian documentary entitled "Personal Belongings" which records the experiences of a Freedom Fighter from the 1956 Hungarian Revolution as he returns to Hungary decades later to reconnect with the family he left behind.

- The Sister Cities Conference Cultural Garden Panel took place on Sept. 30, for which I have the pleasure of representing the Cleveland Cultural Gardens.

You can read more about all the above events in this issue's "Magyar Matters" section on Pages 8 and 9.

Once the "all clear" is given, Branch 14 meetings will resume at a location to be determined. Until then, all branch activities and meetings are cancelled. Please call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for information and updates.

As of this writing, it appears that most Hungarian activities in the Cleveland area for at least the begin-

ning of 2021 have been cancelled due to the pandemic. There are a few events remaining which may be cancelled once we get more information. Please check with the group or organization sponsoring the activity for any changes or cancellations.

Even though such activities have been cancelled, please support and make donations to the Hungarian churches, clubs and organizations in your local communities. Many are hanging on by a thread and could face a tough road of survival ahead. Please support them throughout this crisis. Do not forget the small businesses which desperately need your patronage and financial support. Please support them with donations of funds that you may have spent if you attended an event/function. Buy their raffle tickets!

Also, please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Our students are counting on you! We are counting on you too.

Congratulations to the following Branch 14 members who were awarded WPA scholarships this year: Jaxson K. Bernkopf, Danielle N. Demko, Anthony J. France, Matthew C. Horvath, Sophia L. Kafiti, Abigail G. Kraynak and Madeline G. Mogyordy. Special congratulations go to Abigail Kraynak and Madeline Mogyordy who won second and third place, respectively, in the new student essay contest.

We congratulate all of the WPA students who received scholarships and those who received recognition for their essays. Keep up the good work and study hard. Seek your goals, follow your dreams and you will be rewarded.

We send continued best wishes and encouragement to all our student members, including those in college, high school and primary school. Whether you are attending classes in person, learning via online instruction or using a hybrid of both methods, please try to always do your best.

We welcome new Branch 14 member Madelyn E. Smith, daughter of Tom and Jessica Smith and granddaughter of Branch 14 member Cindy Smith.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may

have recently lost a loved one. May those members who are not with us, rest in peace.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Andrew W. McNelis, former WPA Chairman, Vice Chairman and National Director on Sept. 6, 2020. Andy was a former Marine who had served in Vietnam. He was a dedicated veteran who continued his service with his active membership in the American Legion Post 538 and the VFW Post 274 in the Greater Pittsburgh area. His cell phone ring tone was a modified Marine cadence which got the Board's attention. Andy had great stories to share of his family, dinners, TV reality stars, life and his beloved wife, Marguerite. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, son, grandson and family. May God be with them at this difficult time, and may Andy rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 members and WPA members, as well as our friends, who are dealing with health issues. We send wishes for a speedy recovery to Branch 14 Vice President JoAnne Sedensky and WPA members Vicki Bowens, Tom House, Barbara House, Violet Sarosi, and Ernie Sarosi. Feel better soon. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and WPA members celebrating a November/December birthday and/or anniversary. Happy birthday to my sister Caroline (Dec. 7) and my Mom Violet (Dec. 20). May our members be blessed with many more celebrations.

Congratulation and best wishes go to my niece Lynn Chamberlain and her husband Robert Chamberlain on the birth of their son Johnathan James on Sept. 24. He joins big brother Robert Hale Chamberlain Jr. Lynn's mom is Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara, and her grandparents are Branch Coordinator Violet and Ernie Sarosi. We are grateful for this little bundle of joy and his whole family sends their love and prayers for his arrival.

Never did I think that the sentences that I have been closing my

Branch 14 articles with would be so important: be safe, stay healthy and please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time.

Written and phone greetings have kept me in touch with WPA members such as John Juhasz, Agnes Chervenak (Aunt Aggie), Dolores (Dee) Soltes, Barbara and Tom House, WPA Home Office staff and my fellow WPA Board members. It is so good to have contact and say "Hi" and catch up on how everyone is doing.

Don't miss the opportunity to have contact. Pick up the phone, write, email (and reply) or text (and reply) and/or plan a visit if allowed.

Remember those who are in the hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and extended care facilities where visitation is not possible at this time. Everyone loves to receive cards and notes and the opportunity to hear from family and friends. Don't forget them.

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

Wow! I never received so many phone calls concerning my branch news. Thank you for your concern. We just were not meeting or planning. The worst news is no Christmas party. We so look forward to seeing you all. Well, we will be bigger and better in 2021.

We also have postponed elections. If you are interested in being an officer, please let me know. We will meet in early spring. Our first 2021 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, at the Hungarian American Cultural Center (HACC) at 7:00 p.m.

I know we are all so very tired of this quarantine and masks, but we all want to stay alive and healthy. Wear your mask, and we can win.

The Hungarian Arts Club White Rose Ball has been canceled. I know, we are all very disappointed. Save the date for February 5, 2022. You'll have plenty of time to prepare. See



Members of Branch 18 recently delivered clothing, household goods, food and personal hygiene products to the Oaks of Righteousness and Oaks Village in Monroe, Mich., where they were given a tour of the clothing storage area (above left) and one of the sleeping facilities (above right).

you then.

Very special prayers to all our ill members, especially three very active and special members: Pauline Kulcsar, George Schvarckopf and Jennifer Szatmari Sullivan. You are all fighting the good fight and we are praying for you. Please get well soon.

My wonderful and handsome grandson, Jason Wolfe, has lost his brave fight with cancer. We are heartbroken and devastated by his passing. Please remember him and our family in your prayers.

Please also remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially; Goldie Hoffman, Donna Burinda, Alexis Glodan, Martha Vance and Donna Morehead. May they rest in peace.

I have a wonderful memory of Goldie I want to share with you. Goldie was on the trip to Hungary with us one year. She and John L. Lovasz (Papa Lovasz) got to be good friends. One evening they went to dinner and the opera. Alone. You never saw a happier or giddier couple in your life. We teased them constantly until the end of the trip. Rest in peace. You are all missed.

I hope you are all supporting the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. We at Branch 18 have done quite well in continuing our support, and we hope that you do, too.

Branch 18 has chosen to support Oaks of Righteousness and Oaks Village in Monroe. Tom and I, Tamás

and Ursula Markovits, and Carol and Judy Schonek (who introduced us to the charity) delivered many bags of clothes, household goods, food and all sorts of hygiene products. What a place. The people they serve are desperately poor, but you would not know it. Everyone is so pleasant and happy. There are places for the homeless and abused. They also have a free clinic, a furniture store, clothing store, daycare center and schools. All of this is run by volunteers.

We plan to help cook and serve meals. If you are able, please help this group. Pastor Heather Boone is in charge. I asked her why she doesn't do a second-hand store? She said that she wants everything free for everyone. What a woman!

After our visit, we went to dinner after and thanked God for all we have.

Our branch also supports the Friends of Michigan Animal Shelter. We donated food, treats, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and much more. Again, please support this effort. (I can't visit there; I would take all the animals home.)

We also donate at the HACC with carry-out dining every two weeks. Everything from preparation of food to car hopping. Please check out the menus, which are all strictly Hungarian.

We also support the Lincoln Park Knights of Columbus, with all their steak roasts and special items.

Thank you to the Hungarian Rhapsody restaurant for giving us a safe space to meet and celebrate being together. Thank you for making my birthday such a special day. There is nothing like Hungarian food and drink to get you out of the dumps. Thank you for all that you do for our branch. Jennifer, get well soon. You work way too hard. When you get more Hungarian masks, let me know.

I just heard from Elsie Kantor for the first time in about a year. She sounds great and sends you all her love. She was always a wonderful, supportive member. Hang in there Elsie, we miss you.

We are back to attending church, in person. Fathers Barnabas and Angelus are doing all they can to keep us safe. Thank you both for staying with us for so many years. Please, parishioners, and those just wanting to help, continue to send your envelopes, as the bills are still there.

We will be in Florida around Thanksgiving and will stay until after Easter. We will be home to restart our branch. My phone number is: 313-418-5572. Please help me with news to share. I cannot do it alone.

Boldog Háladást! Have a great Thanksgiving. We still have a lot to be thankful for. Please stay safe.

Boldog Karácsonyt! We also wish you a wonderful, healthy and happy Christmas. I can't wait to see you all, very soon.

Boldog Új Évet! Happy New Year!

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn Bodnar

We continue to give out free, non-perishable food to the community at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church on the last Saturday of each and every month. We have done this for eight years. In addition to food, we gave free Halloween costumes last month and will give out "bags of treats" this month.

Over 100 people receive food and 50 children received holiday items. Every time we give out free non-perishable food, we also provide free cooked hamburgers. John and Mary Peters coordinate that part of the program.

We make certain that the program follows all safety procedures concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. No one enters the building; foods are pre-bagged and placed on tables outside. Everyone remains at least six feet apart, and both masks and gloves are worn. A minimum number of volunteers prepare, pick up and distribute the food. They wash their hands often and sanitize every part of the areas used before and after the event.

In December, on the Saturday before Christmas, Joe and Maureen Bodnar, our branch vice president and one of our auditors, will sponsor a free toy giveaway for children in New Brunswick. The event will take place outside, and Santa will be there. Every child will receive a brand new toy.

All of this is the result of generous donations by church members, William Penn Association members and the general public. Last year, over 400 children received a gift. Details for this year's program are still being worked out.

Our branch will not have a Christmas party this year, due to the pandemic.

The church continues to have Facebook worship services on Sundays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We hope and pray that everyone is safe and healthy. God's blessing and protection on you all.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

We hope everyone is doing great and staying healthy. These last nine months have been hard on all of us. 2021 has to be a better year.

Wishing everyone happy and safe holidays.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Congratulations to all the recipients of the WPA scholarships. We wish them all continued success as they continue with their education.

Since the Struthers school system is not holding in-class sessions at this time, the Saturday ethnic radio programs have not been broadcasted over the WKTL radio station. Hopefully, things will improve and the programming can resume in January. So, those of you who may have been missing the Hungarian Radio program broadcast Saturdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. via the internet or radio, please keep checking the airwaves and, hopefully, the music will be returning soon.

It's so nice to see how many WPA members have stepped up to help others during these past months. Whether donating to organizations, volunteering or helping with grocery errands, doctor appointments or doing small chores for family or friends, please know your expression of concern is a gift for everyone.

WPA has been promoting the support of frontliners and community organizations. Branch 28 decided to make a financial donation to the Youngstown Community Kitchen, where meals are available five days a week to those in need. With the stores limiting the quantity of certain goods individuals can purchase, we decided that since the staff of the Community Kitchen have the connections with stores to purchase larger quantities, at lower prices, a monetary donation would be beneficial for them.

Regrettably, no branch Christmas parties will be held, due to the COVID-19 guidelines. It was so disap-

pointing not to be able to see our members and spend an afternoon with Santa. But, safety comes first.

Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during these holiday months.

Get well wishes go out to all those not feeling up to par these days, especially Tom House, Ernie Sarosi, Dennis and Marie McBride, Joe Nemeth, Irene Nemeth and Irene Devlin.

It's always hard to lose a loved one, but especially during the holidays. We extend sincere sympathy to all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Andy McNelis, Vice Chair of the WPA Board and former Chair of the Board. No words can express the loss felt by WPA and his friends. Andy was a dedicated, loyal, faithful member. He touched so many lives over the years and will be truly missed by many. May he rest in peace.

Blessings of this special time of the year to all, as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Gather with your family and friends carefully, following the health guidelines, and make memories while praying that 2021 leads us to days where we can return to a more normal lifestyle.

Be safe and enjoy this joyous season. Stay positive. Think positive. Be positive.

For your life insurance and annuity needs, please call either Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

We hope that everyone is still staying healthy and safe and adjusting to our new normal.

May you enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas with your family. Also, don't forget to set your clocks back and remember to vote!

This November and December will be bittersweet for me and my family. I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers. Please say a prayer for the Marines on Nov. 10 (Marine Corps Birthday) and for all veterans on Nov. 11 (Veterans Day). Please take a moment

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

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays in November and December, and many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

Please remember our deceased members in your prayers.

Let's hope 2021 brings us relief from this COVID-19 pandemic. God bless everyone!

Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth Darago

Where to start? Hmm....Thinking and thanking all veterans on this Veterans Day and every day of the year....Happy Thanksgiving to all WPA members....Happy December holidays to all; may they be merry and bright....And, a safe and healthy winter for everyone.

Branch 44 was busy in September and October.

In September, we provided 30 brown-bag lunches to Community Support Services for their homeless clients. Thanks to the Bentley family, including the junior branch members who made sandwiches to be given out.

In October, Branch 44 supported our "ABCs." We provided a 30.6 ounce can of coffee and a baggie of tea bags to each fire station in Akron, Barberton and Copley (our ABCs). Thanks to all who shopped, drove and delivered the libations and to the Home Office for its support.

Branch 44 couldn't do it without you.

We continue to collect clean, used plastic shopping/grocery bags to make into sleeping mats for the homeless. This activity is being coordinated by Cheryl and Gil Stadler.

We need your help. We're hosting a "Holiday Drive-By Food Collection" to collect goods for our WPA Holiday Baskets. Since there's still COVID-19 around, we can't have an inside party. So on Dec. 5 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, branch officers will be in the front parking lot of the Hungarian American Club, 694 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. We will have a

small goodie bag for everyone who drops off non-perishable food and household items. We'll even take toilet paper. If the food items are in your trunk, we'll be happy to unload the groceries, following no-contact practices. Or, you can hand us a bag of items. We'll be the ones wearing the Santa Hats!

Also, please bring any clean, used plastic grocery bags for the Stadler's homeless mats activity.

Thank you, members and the Hungarian American club. I know the drive-by food collection will be a big success.

This year, Branch 44 is planning to distribute four Holiday Baskets. One has already been requested. If you know of a member/member family who needs a basket, call me at 330-604-1264, or e-mail me at mtd13ekd@att.net. Leave your name and contact information so a branch officer can call you back for the recipient information.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskariniec

Greetings from the happy, relaxed world of Branch 89. After many months of bad and sad news, we have nothing but happy news this month.

Our church is open and continues to broadcast live on the internet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We also continue to record the services for later viewing. Both are available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube/channel/UCg8Gp7s-vU2NdZtTQD-WkayQ> or go to the First Hungarian Reformed Church Facebook page and click on the picture of our church, and that will take you to the YouTube site.

Welcome to the start of the holiday season. We want to again thank everyone who participated in ways large and small at our golf outing. It was one of the course's largest outings of the year, and while we were certainly aware of COVID restrictions and social distancing, we managed to put on quite an outing.

As we move into this holiday season, let's not forget about what is go-



Terrah Bentley of Branch 44 helps prepare sandwiches for distribution at Community Support Services in Akron.

ing on in the world around us. People we know are hurting, not just physically but financially and emotionally, as well. It doesn't take much to raise someone up a bit during your day. Make a phone call, send an email or a text or (dare I say it) put a card in the mail or actually pay them a visit. You might not reach everybody, but I guarantee you will reach somebody.

We will again be holding our holiday bake sales, one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas. See the ad on the next page for details. We donate all profits to the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. There is plenty of sugar and chocolate to go around and the nut rolls are fantastic.

For those of us still gainfully employed, let's make sure we give thanks and do a little something extra for those around us. Missing one football game won't hurt *that* much. (Did I say that?). We are fortunate to live in a wonderful country, and Thanksgiving is a special time for expressing just how thankful we may be. Why not find a way to make someone else's day better.

Speaking of making someone's day better, Branch 89 is proud to congratulate our very own Dr. Michael

Finikiotis on his recent commercial for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. There is no one who cares more for his patients or does more for his patients than Dr. Mike. Many in the extended Toth family and Branch 89 can attest to this fact. He is a true blessing for UPMC, and we are very proud of him.

Belated birthday greetings go out to Branch 89 member Carolyn Toth Hanchak. May you have many more spectacular birthdays to come.

Get well wishes go out to Rudy and Janet Phillips, Joe Hanchak, Ken Mach and Dianne and Bob Schneider. Get well guys, we miss you!

I would be remiss in not sending a huge thank you to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers over these past 2.5 years. I am pleased to report that all my surgeries finally are over, and I have the vision of a 25-year-old. It's been a rough few years, and I am glad it's over. And, yes, my golf game has improved since my operations. It's hard to hit that little white ball when you're seeing two of them. I really appreciate all your support throughout these years.

Congratulations also to The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead on celebrating its 116th anniversary on Oct. 25. It's been a

tough year for everyone this year but especially for our church. We may be small in number, but we still manage to be open during all of this pandemic. Come visit us sometime. We do continue to practice social distancing.

As we approach the holiday season, Branch 89 is sorry to announce the cancellation of the Christmas party this year. I know how much everyone looks forward to this event, but with the pandemic still happening and numbers on the rise again, we just don't want to chance anyone getting sick.

So, we want to let everyone know that you are still in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone!

Be well, stay safe and do something nice for someone.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

The months have been flying by. I can't believe we are nearing the end of 2020. May all of you be blessed with good health as we prepare for 2021. Can't wait to get back to a more normal life without the fear of someone near and dear getting

COVID.

We lost a special member and friend of WPA: Andy McNelis. He was the former Chair of the Board and was serving as Vice-Chair at his time of death. Andy was a great asset with his knowledge and over 20 years of service on the WPA Board. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. Please keep his wife, Marguerite, and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our branch welcomes our newest member, Grayson Meszaros.

We congratulate our Branch 129 new student scholarship recipient, Regan Abahazie. Also, congratulations to the students who are receiving scholarships again this school year. Good luck to all of you on your continuing education. Donate to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation by the end of this year and WPA will match all donations, up to \$25,000.

We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Hope everyone also has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As 2020 comes to a close, we wish all of our members and their families love, peace and happiness.

Please reach out to important people in your life who you haven't been in contact with, especially during the holiday season. We never know the impact that a phone call, visit, e-mail, text or card will have to lift someone's spirits. Reach out to the elderly and shut-ins as well.

Important dates for November are: Veterans Day (Nov. 11), honoring all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces (and please thank a veteran for their service); and Thanksgiving (Nov. 26). If you can't spend time with your loved ones this year, let them know you are thankful they are in your life.

Important dates for December are: Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7), remembering the 2,403 U.S. citizens killed in this surprise attack; winter begins (Dec. 21); Christmas (Dec. 25), celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ; and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31).

We congratulate those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Congratulations to all who have new additions to their families, especially branch member Amy Walker on the birth of her daughter,

The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead
and William Penn Association Branch 89 invite you to enjoy their

Holiday Cookies, Kifli & Rolls

COOKIES: \$15/Dozen

Vanilla Lady Locks
Chocolate Lady Locks
Peanut Butter Blossoms
Buckeyes
Pizzelles (Anise-Flavored)
Chocolate-Covered Pretzels
Pecan Tassies

Thanksgiving Only

Cream-filled Oatmeal
(with Marshmallow Icing)
Sugar Cookies (Fall Leaves)

Christmas Only

Sugar Cookies
(Xmas Trees & Gingerbread)
Peppermint Meltaways

KIFLI: \$15/Dozen

ROLLS: \$15/Each

Apricot
Poppyseed
Nut

COOKIE TRAYS: Small (4 Dozen) = \$50.00 / Large (7 Dozen) = \$80.00

Thanksgiving Orders due November 9

Pick up November 21 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Christmas Orders due December 8

Pick up December 20 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Pick up at the church, 416 E. 10th Ave., Munhall, PA

To place your order,

call Mark at 412-872-5022 or email tothmaskarinec@gmail.com

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Get well wishes to all who have been ill or hospitalized, especially member Cheryl Meszaros.

We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. Please keep them and all members in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any news you would like to share about yourself or family members, or if you need any information about WPA life insurance or annuities, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Wishing all our fellow WPA members a safe and happy holiday season. We hope 2021 will be a better year so we can get back to some level of normalcy. We sincerely hope that all WPA members stay safe and practice safety measures to help us get through this trying time. I look forward to the day when we can all gather together and promote our fraternalism.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Martin's Supermarket Deli Erskine Plaza (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend at 5:00 p.m. An update will be given if the date changes or if the meeting is cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

Because of the COVID restrictions, Branch 132 will not be hosting its annual Christmas party this year. This would have been our 12th annual celebration. Also, due to the pandemic, we will not be holding the election of branch officers as scheduled. All current officers will retain their positions until further notice.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in November and December!

Happy belated anniversary to Frank and Carolyn Halas. They celebrated their 60th wedding anni-



Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and her husband Mark present a check from Branch 249 to the The Foodbank, Inc. of Dayton.

versary in September, and I forgot to congratulate them in our last branch report.

Happy first birthday to J.T. Reichert and happy third birthday Atalie Shipton!

Congrats to our new WPFA Scholarship Recipients: Katherine R. Anthony and Carolyn M. McAndrews. Best wishes to all of our youngsters and teachers navigating this school year.

It's hard to keep up with all these beautiful moments in life that can still be celebrated. Do you have good news you'd like us to share? Call Malvene Heyz Branch President at 412-751-1898.

Get well wishes go out to Branch 226 Secretary Gerry Nelson. We are thinking of you and sending prayers for your strength as you recover.

Sending sunshine and get well wishes to Goldie Szarka, Branch Vice President Janet Sparico and her husband Joe, and Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson. To all those under the weather, get well soon.

We pray for the friends and families of Marlene F. Fabyonic, who passed away. Please keep all of our members who have lost a loved one in your prayers.

The Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport plans to host monthly food fundraisers, pre-orders only. Please call 412-672-7298 for information on the November

and December food sales. Their October sale was for *paprikás csirke* (chicken paprikash) and cream filled pastries.

Remember: tough times don't last, tough people do.

At Thanksgiving this year, we'll be grateful for the lessons learned and the opportunities to see what really matters: family and food.

At Christmas, we can safely give and donate to others less fortunate than us: keep your attitude of gratitude all year long.

On behalf of Branch 226, I wish you a safe and wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, or in Hungarian: *Kellemes karácsonyi ünnepet és boldog új évet kívánunk!*

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

We are still hunkered down here in Ohio. Restaurants and bars are open at 50%. Stores are open but require masks. Schools are either open five days a week, strictly online or a hybrid of both. Masks, social distancing and hand washing are the rules of life now. Cases of COVID are increasing, which doesn't bode well for the up-coming flu season. Please be safe and protect yourself, your family and friends.

I hope all the kids enjoyed the

Halloween gifts mailed from the Home Office. Just wish I could have gotten one, too. I'm often told I'm just a big kid.

Well, there is no way to sugar coat it. All the Halloween candy, pumpkin pie, candy canes, kiflis and nut rolls won't help. Maybe a couple of shots of *pálinka* will help. Anyway, there will be no Branch 249 Christmas party this year due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis. This breaks my heart as this is my favorite event of the year.

And since there are no meetings allowed, the Home Office is postponing branch elections and asking current officers to stay in their position until new elections can be held.

I will be in touch with the branch officers to see how we will conduct upcoming 2021 meetings. Maybe Zoom?

Congratulations to our local scholarship recipient and essay winner, Isabella Arends. I know she is putting that money to good use.

Happy birthday to those November and December members. Even though you may get the short end of the stick when it comes to gifts and parties, we raise a turkey leg and whipped cream pumpkin pie to you.

Happy anniversary to the November and December couples. It may be cold, but your love will keep you warm. Want to snuggle Anne Marie, my November bride?

Get well to all members and their loved ones. Being sick is especially hard this time of year. Fast recuperation to Elizabeth Hewitt and Bruce Miller. We miss you.

Please remember all our deceased members, loved ones and friends. Our prayers and thoughts go to you, especially the family of Anna Suto.

Follow all the COVID-19 rules for your area and mask up, social distance and wash those hands. If you haven't already, get your flu shot.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. May you and yours be safe, happy and prosperous. As 2020 has been a year like no other, we at Branch 249 truly appreciate your understanding and we hope to get back to some semblance of normalcy in 2021. With our fraternalism, we will come through this healthy and raring to go.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Welcome to mid-autumn and winter, everyone. Yes, we have reached this point in a year that has been like no other that we have witnessed in our lifetimes.

My first order of business is to inform you that, due to the unprecedented times in which we are living, our branch family Christmas party has been cancelled. I realize that I had given a tentative date for our holiday event in the last issue of *William Penn Life*, but at the time that I was completing our branch news, I was being cautiously optimistic. Erring on the side of caution, we could not continue to plan our party and are saddened to deliver this news. We anticipate returning to our holiday celebration in 2021. This is not to say that Christmas has been cancelled, because as we know in our collective hearts that Christmas is always with us.

We would also have held our election of branch officers this year, but elections have been cancelled, as well. We accept this, as we know that this is the right thing to do for all of our members. Our current officers will hold in place until the next election.

Moving on to brighter news, Branch 296 congratulates our WPFA, Scholarship Foundation new student recipients: Celene Dinzeo, Lindsay Gill, Gabriella Guerrieri, Logan Lindenmuth and Isabella Pilyih. No doubt these new students completed their high school senior year remotely and probably with little to no fanfare at their high school graduations, due to pandemic restrictions. Now, they've begun their college years in a similar situation. These are hard life lessons for them, and I can honestly say that probably none of us has experienced what they are faced with right now. It's a new world, isn't it?

On behalf of Branch 296, we wish each of you and our renewal students an outstanding academic year. We're confident that each of you will firmly face all challenges, throughout the academic year, going on to

complete your studies in the spring, healthy and strong.

This is a reminder for our members that WPA is still seeking scholarship donations that will be matched, up to \$25,000 until Dec. 31. Those college expenses are always rising (they never go down!) and our grant recipients are extremely grateful for our scholarship program. So, if you were once a recipient and would like to pay it forward, no matter the amount, we are extending to you a terrific opportunity, plus, your donation can be doubled. With your support, this fraternal benefit can continue for another 50 years, and beyond!

The happiest of birthday greetings to one and all who are celebrating their special days this November and December, especially to Kathleen Panaro, Diana Borland and Noreen Fritz. Belated birthday wishes to Maxine Pusateri, too. Happy anniversary to those celebrating their November and December marriages. May you be blessed with many more wonderful years of togetherness.

Get well wishes are extended to our members who are recovering from illnesses or surgeries. Relax and heal, and we'll keep each of you in our prayers.

Condolences to the families and friends of our Branch 296 members who have recently lost a loved one. Our thoughts are with the family of Vice Chair Andrew "Andy" McNelis, who recently passed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories of those you held dear be your blessings.

Really wish that I could tell you when our next branch meeting will be! I am still getting accustomed to not including this information as your reminder. Someday...someday.

In the meantime, if you do have any personal milestones that you would like for me to share in future branch reports, you may contact me at 724-274-5318 and I will mention them.

Friendly and helpful WPA sales agent Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, is available for your life insurance and annuity needs or questions. Contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be different experiences in 2020. Let's count our blessings and keep a positive outlook.

I wish you a warm, and loving Thanksgiving and Christmas, whether you are able to be surrounded by your dear ones or celebrating these holidays in a more distanced fashion.

Each day is a gift, and anticipating tomorrow, next week, next month and 2021 are goals to focus on. This will pass, and we will have future celebrations. We'll be stronger from our experiences.

We can do this!

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

by Nicole Starnier

Can you believe that the holidays are upon us? Things have still been very different for everyone, but we are happy to say everyone here is doing well.

The club has been able to continue some of its business. It has stayed open during all of the changes and has offered many different meal options for our branch members. Many changes have been made at the club to protect our members, including requiring face masks, social distancing and limiting seating to 25% occupancy.

Our branch held its annual picnic on Sept. 12 at Cibort Park. Lancaster AM Radio played music from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for all to enjoy. As always, we had multiple raffles and giveaways during this event. We had about 140 people in attendance.

Our annual golf outing was held on Sept. 26 with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Play took place at Sunset Golf Course. We had food and beverages available at the course along with a 50/50, mulligans and other fun raffles. Once finished, we invited all golfers back to the picnic grounds for a reception, including prize giveaways. We had a wonderful turnout for this event. Of course, things were a little different due to the social distancing and mask wearing, but everyone had a great time!

We will be hosting our Thanksgiving dinner for members and families on Thursday, Nov. 26. The club will open at noon with din-

ners to be served from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet available at the club, or you can call to place an order. These meals will be available for dine-in or take-out. Cost is \$12 each.

We are in the early stages of planning a drive-through children's Christmas party. If you'd like more information on this, please send an email to verhovayhomeassn@gmail.com to stay up to date!

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

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

Stay up to date with the club's food specials and pop up events on its Facebook page.

If you have anything you'd like to share or would like to receive our weekly email updates, please contact Nicole Starnier at verhovayhomeassn@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

As we round the final turn of 2020, heading for the home stretch, I look back with sadness on all the events and people missed throughout this year due to the COVID pandemic.

I also look ahead with excitement and encouragement to 2021 and pray that we can somehow return to a normalcy we enjoyed pre-coronavirus. We must take it day-by-day to see if events can be scheduled next year. But, I am hopeful that we can soon get back together and savor not only our missed camaraderie but our Magyar cooking, as well.

As I write this article, our branch is planning a Frontline Worker Outreach Campaign for late October to celebrate the frontline public safety workers in our Weirton, WV area. Weirton is located in Hancock County, and we have decided to support our county Sheriff Ralph Fletcher and all Deputies with a lunch. Here is The Mission of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office:

We, the men and women of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, are dedicated

to serving the people of our community. We are sworn to uphold the constitution of this great state and we will do our best to make the people of our county feel safe and protected. Our service is predicated on the principles of Fairness, Honesty, Integrity and Compassion for all.

FAIRNESS: Treating all the members of our community equally without regard to race, religion, occupation, gender or ethnic background.

HONESTY: Conducting ourselves in a manner in which telling the truth is the rule and there are no exceptions.

INTEGRITY: Doing our job and doing what is right regardless of the personal, social or political consequences.

COMPASSION: Treating the people that we serve, and those we serve with, with kindness and care. Knowing that some of those we encounter are not as fortunate as we have been.

I know the people of Hancock County can feel safe and protected because of this department of caring individuals who are dedicated to their jobs of serving the public. In our next branch report, I hope to provide a picture of the celebratory event.

We extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November and December. Here are two upcoming birthdays of which we wish to make special note: Michael Chobody and Debra Lewis, both of whom are members of the WPA Board of Directors.

Our sympathies to those who have experienced the loss of loved ones. Our prayers go out to the families of branch members who have recently passed: James J. Haranzo and Irene Ivan. May they rest in peace.

We also remember Vice Chair of the Board and former Chair Andy McNelis, who passed away on Sept. 6. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, Marguerite and their family. Andy will be missed.

We have had several members who recently have been sick, hospitalized or just not feeling well. We extend our healing thoughts and prayers to Barbara House, John Toth, Mark Maskarinec and Ernie and Violet Sarosi.

Now, for this issue's interesting and fun fact.

Are you familiar with Rubik's Cube? Rubik's Cube is a three-dimensional combination puzzle invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and professor of architecture, Ernő Rubik. Do you know who's listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most Rubik's Cubes solved one-handed while hula hooping? Well, it's 11-year-old Sankavi Rathan of Ontario, Canada. On Aug. 1 of this year, she solved 30 of the 3D combination puzzles in less than an hour, beating the previous record of 25 cubes solved. I consider myself lucky to even solve one puzzle using both hands in two days, not to mention while hula hooping!

Until we meet again, stay safe, stay masked and stay well!

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

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2020. This will be the last issue of *William Penn Life* until next year.

Since this is a double issue covering the fall/winter holidays, the officers of Branch 352 wish all members a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. We have to include Happy New Year, too! Our prayer is that everyone stays healthy and hopefully has the opportunity to enjoy the holidays with family, whether in small gatherings or via social media. These are trying times for all, and we must do whatever we

can to stop the spread of COVID 19. We will get through this.

As you would expect, there will not be a branch Christmas party this year, due to the pandemic. We hope that by this time next year, things will be back to normal, and we will continue with our traditional branch Christmas celebration.

As you have probably read elsewhere in this issue, Andrew W. McNelis, our past Chair of the Board and current Vice Chair of the Board, passed away recently. I had the privilege and honor to know Andy personally, and he was one of the champions of WPA, always representing and promoting the Association at functions around the tri-state area. We offer our condolences to his wife, Marguerite, and his family on the passing of this truly extraordinary, kind and generous individual. Anyone who attended our branch Christmas party will remember Andy as the emcee of the party who conducted the raffles and handed out the prizes to the kids. Andy touched so many lives in a positive way, and he will be missed.

Congratulations to the following Branch 352 members who received a scholarship grant for the 2020-2021 school year. First time scholarships were awarded to Katarina J. Mondor and Ryan P. Veith. Renewal scholarships were awarded to Derek J. Halbedl, Jayna E. Palumbo and Kayla N. Veith. Congratulations to you and to all the members of William Penn Association who are continuing their education. To quote Steve Jobs: "The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."

Remember to thank a veteran for their service, especially on Veterans Day Nov. 11.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost a loved one. No matter how much time has gone by, it is still sometimes a struggle, especially during the holidays.

Now would be a good time to examine your life insurance needs and also the beneficiaries on your policies. If you need any information or help or have questions on your coverages, please contact me at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Stay safe and healthy!

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan Ballash

Greetings to all. We are fast approaching the end of a difficult year. By the time you read this, the time change has occurred and Election Day is history. Our branch has had the good fortune of being able to hold meetings at a location where social distancing is easy to put into practice, and masks are worn.

In recognition of Veterans Day Nov. 11, our branch will send a donation to the Homeless Veterans Fund at the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center in Altoona. Please remember to express appreciation to veterans for their service.

Happy Thanksgiving. Given the past stressful months, it may be hard to think of blessings, but if we look, we will find much to be grateful for: family, friends, health, people praying for us, organizations providing assistance, etc. The ability to feel gratitude is itself a gift.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona will be celebrated for living and deceased WPA members. Try to attend.

Happy November birthday to Branch Coordinator Bob Jones and others marking special events in the final months of 2020. Please remember to pray for people who are ill or carrying a burden of suffering. May they find peace and consolation.

Dec. 21 marks the beginning of winter. Let's hope for a mild season, but for adequate moisture for the environment. Get your vehicle in shape for cold weather and get a flu shot for your well-being.

Due to the pandemic, the Home Office has cancelled all branch Christmas parties, so there will not be a holiday party in Altoona this year. Also, branch elections are postponed, so current branch officers will retain their positions.

Bob Jones is available to answer questions about life insurance and annuities. He may be reached at 814-942-2661.

May you enjoy a Blessed Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, and best wishes for a healthy and holy 2021.

NEXT
DEADLINE
December 14

In Memoriam

*We ask you to pray for
Andrew W. McNelis and all
our recently departed mem-
bers listed here:*

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Michael Babasick
Dennis Braatz
Magdalene Edwards
James W. Wainacht
0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Frank S. Bertino
Mary E. Burkhard
Shirley M. Sabo
Chris M. Turcato
0009 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Charles W. Jones
George Yanko
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Olga Egyed
Karen A. Perkins
Gladys R. Uveges
Robert N. Weiland
0015 CHICAGO, IL
Sandra G. Lunsford
Richard A. Moreno
0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Margaret Gomori
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Donna Morehead
Martha H. Vance
0026 SHARON, PA
Joseph M. Allison
Julia R. Kozma

0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Mary E. Kocurek
Michael J. Lacivita
Audrey J. Mislav
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Andrew W. McNelis
Helen Starry
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Martha Wright
0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Joseph Baumgartner
Mary Veres-Taylor
0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Louise Neal
Bette Tokar
0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Fred L. Gabocy
Angela K. Graf
John M. Kubas
Irene R. Revak
Debra Ann Woodhouse
0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Velma C. Crone
Stephen G. Gorbitz
Trudie G. Hovarter
Stanley M. Hutchcraft
Ronald L. Marx
Eleanor M. Schmitt
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Mary J. Boros
0189 ALLIANCE, OH
Thomas M. Delane
Thomas Robinson
0226 McKEESPORT, PA
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Sydelle H. Balas
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Dolores J. Ewing
Thomas M. Welsh
William N. Wolfe
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Virginia G. Sterner
Chue K. Vang
0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Olga K. Amber
Ricky J. Garrett
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Rae Priscilla Morris
Andrew G. Popik
Sonya Sydney
David George Weikel
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Jennie A. Bukovac
Helen Gacy
Mary Jane Noel
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Brenda A. Funderburk
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WPFA Scholarship Foundation Donations

Donations Through Premium Payments AUGUST 2020

Branch - Donor - Amount

8 - James W. Kopco - \$10.00
8 - Raymond D. Faczan - \$25.00
9 - Colleen M. Phillips - \$5.00
13 - Alexis Hakes - \$20.00
14 - Rosemary Balazs - \$25.00
18 - Barbara J. Yarbrough - \$5.00
26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
28 - Debra A. Lowery - \$1.75
28 - Jennifer A. Palotsee - \$20.00
28 - Mary R. Purton - \$20.00
34 - Luke B. Goettler - \$5.00
34 - Robert W. Kreisel - \$25.00
34 - Jeffrey A. Worrall - \$50.00
44 - Jerry S. Forgas - \$21.05
88 - Joseph D. Chobody - \$50.00
89 - Patricia M. Temple - \$5.00
89 - Eric J. Berger - \$10.00
89 - Phyllis S. Fallon - \$25.00
129 - Amy E. Deeds - \$5.00
129 - Stephanie L. Shepard - \$14.58
129 - Tyler J. Terrell - \$25.00
132 - Kathleen A. Czajkowski - \$40.00

132 - Koloman K. Ludwig - \$50.00
209 - Anne M. Knaus - \$25.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Judit Borsay - \$50.00
296 - Bernard A. Drab - \$25.00
296 - Bronwen D. Wonders - \$25.00
336 - Richard A. Black - \$20.00
352 - Brooke E. Veith - \$5.00
352 - Veronica A. Kochinski - \$60.00
352 - John W. Bush - \$20.00
352 - Daniel J. Hurley - \$20.00
705 - Richard F. Orbon - \$2.88
720 - Alane C. Renaud - \$13.00
720 - Gerald N. Darcy - \$25.00
800 - Patrick A. Kapfhammer - \$30.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$5.00

TOTAL for Month = \$785.66

SEPTEMBER 2020

Branch - Donor - Amount

8 - Stephen J. Gall - \$14.15
14 - Anna Graf - \$2.00
14 - Jayne E. G. Growley - \$10.00
14 - Jane A. Hedrick - \$53.50
19 - Attila Kun-Szabo - \$11.80
19 - Buda Kun-Szabo - \$11.50

28 - Michael A. Janovick - \$5.00
28 - Anna Paczelt - \$100.00
28 - Jay E. Zimmerman - \$9.00
28 - Joshua M. Cummings - \$25.00
28 - Debra A. Lowery - \$1.75
28 - Michael A. Kroner - \$8.63
34 - Brooke A. Worrall - \$50.00
44 - Evan J. Vereb - \$100.00
44 - Mark W. Sowick - \$25.00
44 - Elizabeth K. Darago - \$20.12
89 - Melissa S. O'Brien - \$2.10
89 - Caroline O'Connell - \$5.00
129 - Thomas A. Shepard - \$15.88
129 - Terri S. Isabel - \$10.00
189 - Randy Engle - \$24.23
189 - Kim A. VanDerkar - \$25.00
226 - Edward Jordanhazy - \$20.00
226 - Margaret J. Nelson - \$25.00
226 - Judit Borsay - \$50.00
226 - Helen B. Barczy - \$10.00
226 - Emma R. Hall - \$25.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
296 - Steven A. Moran - \$75.00
296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$4.00
296 - Cameron B. Calhoun - \$25.00
336 - Joyce A. Culpepper - \$25.00

383 - Elisabeth H. Higley - \$25.00
590 - Sherry M. Cornog - \$10.00
705 - Katherine A. Orbon - \$1.87
705 - Richard F. Orbon - \$1.40
720 - Harrison P. Gorman - \$25.00
720 - Suzanne T. Macsisak - \$3.00
720 - Maureen P. Graney - \$25.00
720 - Colin P. Kavanaugh - \$15.00
800 - Colleen M. McLucas - \$10.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$5.00
8340 - Elmer E. Vargo - \$25.00

TOTAL for Month = \$936.33

Additional Donations JUNE/JULY 2020

Donor - Amount

(In Memory of, if applicable)
Meghan A. Farley - \$25.00
Marlene A. Farley - \$50.00
Laura Morgan - \$10.00
M/M John J. Torma - \$100.00
(Jack Kelly)
Pista, Paul & Karen Usztok - \$100.00
(Steve & Mary Usztok)
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$55.00
TOTAL for Month = \$340.00



First names that are truly Hungarian

NAME DAYS are a tradition in many countries. A name day involves celebrating a day of the year that is associated with one's given name, much like celebrating one's birthday. For example, the name day for Elizabeth is Nov. 19; for Tibor, April 14; and for Eugenia, Dec. 25. Several names have more than one name day. Name Days are closely linked with Christianity and follow many traditions in the liturgical calendar.

In Hungary, name days are celebrated by many people as a minor holiday. I have a distant relative in Csót, Hungary, who sends name day greetings through Facebook to friends, family members and acquaintances on their given day.

Many people were given their names based on the name day for the day they were born. Further investigation into the history of name days in Hungary reveals that there are many names that are uniquely Magyar, with deep-rooted histories, such as Árpád, Tímea or Attila.

The November/December 2020 wordsearch includes some of those uniquely Hungarian names. There are 15 such names hidden in this puzzle. If you have the time to do some research, you will find many to be quite interesting in origin and history.

Happy St. Elizabeth of Hungary Day! Happy Veterans Day! Happy Thanksgiving. Happy St. Nicholas Day. Boldog Karácsonyt! And Boldog Új Évet 2021! See you next year.

Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #179 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #179 were drawn Oct. 1, 2020 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Hunter A. Meyer, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
Olivia C. Sicard-Minuty, Br. 590 Cape Coral, FL
Vanessa Tucker, Br. 48 New York, NY
George W. Brown, Br. 720 Dedham, MA
 Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #181 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Magyar Name Days" Word List

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Béla	Géza	Szabolcs
Bendegúz	Hajnalka	Tünde
Csaba	Hunor	Zoltán

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

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 Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Jan. 29, 2021.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Feb. 4, 2021, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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