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A simplified way to insure your life

Are you hesitant to buy life insurance because you think it involves a long, complicated process? Or, do you think your health history might disqualify you from owning life insurance? If so, then WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION has a simplified way for you to acquire the coverage you need. For a limited time, you may qualify to purchase valuable life insurance through WPA with **no health questions asked**. From October 1 through December 15, 2021, we'll be offering our **Simplified Issue Single Premium Whole Life Special** to all qualified applicants. To learn more, complete the form below and send it to Barbara Tew, Sales Coordinator, at the Home Office, or call her at 412-231-2979, Ext. 120.

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Nicholson elected to OFA office

CONGRATULATIONS to WPA National Director Joyce Nicholson (pictured above) who was elected Second Vice President of the Ohio Fraternal Alliance during the OFA's annual meeting held Oct. 16 in Independence, OH.

During the meeting, fraternalists discussed ways to attract younger members to fraternalism and how societies are handling the COVID pandemic to make sure their businesses run smoothly and safely.

The meeting also featured a presentation by guest speaker Cynthia Maleski, Chair of the Board of the American Fraternal Alliance. She spoke about new and on-going advancements in fraternal policies, advocacy and activism.

The OFA members agreed to move forward with a more education-based curriculum forthcoming.

Share your fraternal spirit through Holiday Baskets

AS COVID-19 AND ITS VARIANTS continue to alter the way we live our daily lives, it's important to remember, especially during the holiday season, the impact of the virus on fulfilling the needs of our communities' less fortunate individuals and families.

Throughout the years, WPA, its members and branches have responded to those needs by opening their hearts, sharing the fraternal spirit and participating in our Association's annual Holiday Basket program. We call on all our branches to continue this tradition of giving.

Many families and individuals in your local communities are still suffering from job loss or lost wages. And many families will again not be able to gather in person to celebrate the holidays out of concern for the health of their loved ones. We fraternalists can shine a light in this 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 baskets per branch, for a total reimbursement of up to \$200.

Our branches did an amazing job last year, distributing a total of 79 Holiday Baskets worth a total of \$4,974 to people and families in their local communities. We challenge our members and branches to 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.

We remind branches that their Holiday Basket reporting form, receipts for goods purchased and any photos of complete baskets you wish to share in our magazine are due at the Home Office by Dec. 16.

Thank you for your efforts to make this year's Holiday Basket program a success.



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Letters & Email

Community kitchen thanks Branch 249 for donation

Thank you for your donation. It allows us to open every day of the year to serve a nutritious lunchtime meal to people in our community. Your gift of \$350 is the critical ingredient needed to prepare meals and provide compassionate care for individuals and families.

We have kept our dining rooms open during COVID, but we have limited seating as we try to prevent the spread of this disease. Most of our meals will continue to be offered as carry out meals, but they will be filled with healthy ingredients. This pandemic has shed light on the fact that many low-income individuals lack consistent access to healthy foods.

As COVID cases continue to rise, we realize our first obligation is to the safety and health of those we serve. Our caring and compassionate staff members prioritize the needs of our guests every day. We share stories, share laughs and some tears as we serve this community.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Best regards,
Melodie Bennett
Executive Director
House of Bread



2021 Branch Family Christmas Parties

<u>Branch</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location & Reservation Information</u>
0001.....	Bridgeport, CT.....	Dec. 12....	11:00...	United Church of Christ, Puritan Hall, 2180 North Ave., Bridgeport Call 203-929-9425 for reservations.
0014.....	Cleveland, OH.....	Dec. 4.....	9:30.....	Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5885 Hopkins Road, Mentor
0016.....	Perth Amboy, NJ.....	Dec. 5.....	1:00.....	Alex's Cucina Ristorante, Friendship Plaza, 4534 U.S. Hwy. 9, Howell Call 732-370-8838 for reservations.
0027.....	Toledo, OH.....	Dec. 4.....	1:00.....	Timbers Bowling Lanes, 1246 Conant Street, Maumee Call 419-726-1109 for reservations.
0028.....	Youngstown, OH.....	Dec. 4.....	12:00...	St. Stephen of Hungary Church parking lot, 854 Wilson Ave., Youngstown. Call 330-746-7704 for reservations.
0044.....	Akron, OH.....	Dec. 18....	11:00...	The Venue at Al's, Al's Quality Market, 55 Second St. NW, Barberton. Call 330-289-3590 or 330-753-5270 for reservations.
0048.....	New York, NY.....	Dec. 11....	2:00.....	Ruppert Houses Community Room, 222 E. 93rd St., New York Call 917-608-9005 for reservations.
0051.....	Passaic, NJ.....	Dec. 5.....	1:00.....	Amore Ristorante, 140 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park Call 973-222-4273 for reservations.
0088.....	Rural Valley, PA.....	Dec. 5.....	3:00.....	William Penn Social Hall, 132 West Main St., Rural Valley
0089.....	Homestead, PA.....	Dec. 4.....	12:00...	Spins Bowl, 5840 Buttermilk Hollow Road, Pittsburgh Call 412-352-7077 for reservations.
0129.....	Columbus, OH.....	Dec. 11....	2:00.....	Columbus - Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Dr., Grove City
0132.....	South Bend, IN.....	Dec. 5.....	3:00.....	Barnaby's Pizza Pub - Mishawaka, 3724 Grape Road, Mishawaka Call 574-287-0590 or 574-256-5281 for reservations.
0159.....	Phoenixville, PA.....	Dec. 11....	11:30...	Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 for reservations.
0216.....	Northampton, PA.....	Dec. 11....	11:30...	Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 for reservations.
0226.....	McKeesport, PA.....	Dec. 12....	1:00.....	Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport Call 412-751-1898 or 412-673-3573 for reservations.
0249.....	Dayton, OH.....	Dec. 12....	11:00...	Scene 75 Entertainment Center, 6196 Poe Ave., Dayton Call 937-938-0198 for reservations.
0336.....	Harrisburg, PA.....	Dec. 11....	11:00...	Verhovay Home Association, 1012 South 29th St., Harrisburg Call 717-236-3516 or 717-571-1789 for reservations.
0349.....	Weirton, WV.....	Dec. 4.....	9:00.....	Zalenski Family Eatery, 547 Cadiz Road, Wintersville Call 740-264-6238 for reservations.
0800.....	Altoona, PA.....	Dec. 5.....	6:00.....	Prime Sirloin, 501 Municipal Dr., Duncansville Call 814-943-7471 for reservations.

Please remember your branch may have to change and cancel its plans with little or no notice.



One more perspective on leaving a legacy

Welcome to the last edition of *William Penn Life* for the year 2021! This is the time of the year when people reflect on the happenings of the past year, spend time with loved ones, and begin planning for the next year and beyond. With that thought in mind, I'd like to spend some time in this edition to talk about leaving a legacy and get you to start thinking about what your legacy might look like.

When most people think of the word "legacy," they think of it as a positive thing. Author and creative thought leader Joan Moran in an article for the *Huffington Post* back in April 2015, wrote:

The idea of leaving a legacy is the need or desire to be remembered for what you have contributed to the world. In some cases, that contribution can be so special that the universe is unalterably changed. However, for most mere mortals walking the earth, most will leave a more modest legacy that does not necessarily change the world, but does leave a lasting footprint that will be remembered by those whose lives they have touched.

Positive and negative

But, leaving a legacy can be either good or bad.

Take, for example, a conversation I recently had with a friend regarding his family's legacy. He told me the story of his deceased grandfather. At a family gathering following his grandfather's funeral, my friend heard stories about how his grandfather had been a serious drinker, known womanizer and heavy gambler, and it was rumored that he gambled away the family fortune during his lifetime.

Reflecting on the words of Joan Moran, it's plain to see that my friend's grandfather's legacy left a lasting footprint – just not in the way he imagined nor the way in which his family wanted to remember him.

The unintentional legacy

During my research for this article, I was directed to a blog from an organization called Human Options entitled "Legacies Happen – don't leave a bad one." The article discusses positive and negative legacies, but makes an interesting point:

If one is not intentional about the legacy they are creating, an unintentional legacy will be created whether you plan it or not. Most people do not consciously choose between the kinds of legacy their life will leave, nor do they realize they are actively creating one with their actions of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. More often than not, legacies just happen.

Although you may wish it weren't the case, legacies are often quite unintentional. Consider again the unintended legacy of my friend's grandfather. I'm certain there are many unintentional bad legacies, as I'm sure there are also many unintentional positive legacies. Intentionality is critical to leaving a positive legacy. Leaving your legacy to chance is for those people who do not care about other people or simply may not know any better. I don't think that most people would want to intentionally leave a negative legacy, although I could be wrong.

Early in my career, I visited with a family to discuss their life insurance needs. Despite giving my best presentation as to why he needed life insurance--and his wife agreeing with me--the husband yelled (quite violently, as I recall) "I don't need no life insurance! I have that at work!... They can put me in a pine box and bury me in the yard!" He also pointedly said: "Our parents left us nothing, we had to scrape for everything we have, and we ain't leaving anything for them!"

Clearly, he didn't understand the value of life insurance--beyond



"What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see."

- Lin-Manuel Miranda,
playwright

“We stand our best chance of leaving a legacy to those who want to learn, our children, by standing firm. In matters of style, hey, swim with the stream. But in matters of principle, you need to stand like a rock.” - Kevin Costner, actor

paying for the pine box--and he definitely was NOT interested in leaving money for his children.

The story gets worse. A few years later, I heard that man died unexpectedly in an accident. Knowing the family, I stopped by the funeral home to pay my last respects only to be confronted by one of his now-grown children who told me, after learning I was the family's life insurance agent, that I didn't do my job. "You should have sold my dad that life insurance," she continued. What could I say except "I'm sorry. I tried."? I was then pulled aside by his wife who apologized for her daughter's behavior and thanked me for coming and trying my best to help them when I could. As it turns out, the small amount of life insurance that he had through his employer was enough to pay for the funeral expenses but with very little left over. He left his family with what I would call a negative legacy.

The intentional legacy

As you are probably aware by now, leaving a legacy is not just about leaving behind an inheritance for your children or grandchildren but also about family, faith, values, relationships, and how you spend your time, energy and resources. Again, intentionality is critical to leaving a positive legacy. True wealth--and leaving a positive, lasting legacy--comes from having a blend of all of the above *intentionally*.

As mixed martial artist Vitor Belfort once said, "Legacy is not what I did for myself. It's what I'm doing for the next generation." The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.

The financial legacy and rate of failure

Leaving a positive financial legacy to the next generation often includes the transfer of assets, a process made easier by what is known as estate (or legacy) planning. It's alarming that only 70 percent of generational wealth transfers succeed beyond the first generation, and beyond that the success rate is very low. Research from many sources claim that the failure rate between generations two and three is 85 to 90 percent, and as high as 97 percent beyond generation three.

In a 25-year study by The Williams Group entitled "Crossed Wires: Why Most Generational Wealth Transfers Fail," it was discovered that only three percent of generational wealth transfer failures were due to poor legal, tax or investment advice. The other 97 percent was attributed to poor family communications (60 percent), inadequately preparing the heirs (25 percent) and failure to establish what they refer to as a "family mission" (12 percent).

The most important take away from that study? We all need to speak to our family and heirs more about the "why"--not just the "how"--of transferring wealth to our children and grandchildren.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this article as much as I enjoyed writing it. My goal was to make you realize that we all leave a legacy, whether intentional or not. What will your legacy look like? I hope it will not resemble that of my friend's grandfather or the client I mentioned above.

Since we're on the topic of leaving a legacy and legacy planning, I'd be remiss (and feel like I'm NOT doing my job!) if I didn't mention WPA's ***Simplified Issue Single Premium Whole Life Special*** that we are currently offering through Dec. 15. Time is running out for you to take advantage of this special one-time offer. See the flyer on the inside front cover for more details, then contact your agent or complete the form and mail, fax or email it the Home Office to take advantage of this special offer. Don't delay, apply today!

Till next time, I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

“Please think about your legacy because you are writing it every day.”

- Gary Vaynerchuk,
entrepreneur





Karácsonyt potpourri



The end of autumn and the advent of the holiday season has made me more busy and a little more scatterbrained than in previous years. As the trend line for COVID case numbers begins to decrease as more people become vaccinated (thanks again, Dr. Karikó), there seems to be more activity in the Hungarian-American universe, so this *Take* covers some of that holiday hustle and bustle.

A few months ago, economists brought a dire warning--get your holiday shopping done early, because those who wait until the night before Christmas might discover little more than empty shelves. As a result of the pandemic, supply chain issues continue to persist. For months, gargantuan container ships laden with mass-produced consumer goods from Asia have languished offshore in the Los Angeles vicinity, waiting for severe delays to resolve themselves and for the nation's distribution system to get goods to market. Hungarian items have been impacted, too, or so I have noticed. I unfortunately discovered that my local gourmet grocery store did not have its usual stock of Hungarian spices, which I found out in the middle of making chicken paprikas--not the time to run out of paprika!

Have you encountered a lack of Magyar supplies? I would be interested to know.

These supply issues have impacted the supply of labor and other goods as well. My neighborhood pub, for example, closed for a week because of staffing shortages.

Here in Michigan, Zingerman's Deli has been a prominent part of the Ann Arbor food scene for many years. In addition to being probably one of the best Jewish delicatessens this side of the Hudson river, Zingerman's has an outstanding and detailed Hungarian pastry shop. Nowadays, labor and supply issues have put classics like *rétes* and *krémes* on a temporary hiatus, but the deli still offers large tortes like *Esterhazy torte* and *Rigo Jáncsi*. I hope that operations return to normal so the students at the University of Michigan can learn more about the proud Hungarian culinary tradition in between classes.

Zingerman's reminds me of a recent trend that I have been seeing across the region. The trend involves a number of new or reformatted restaurants that aren't styled as a purely Hungarian restaurant, but have a dish or two that have Hungarian roots. Zingerman's provides a good example--with mostly non-Hungarian (but still ethnic Eastern European) food offerings but an emphasis on Hungarian sweets.

My sister spotted a new spot in the Cleveland, Ohio, area--a gastropub and brewery called Immigrant Son. Along with dishes meant to establish its credentials as a high quality eating destination, Immigrant Son offers several Hungarian entrées and desserts. The brewery even boasts a "Hungarian Pearl" lager, meant to emulate the types of beer found in Hungary. I am particularly intrigued by a Hungarian burger served on a *lángos* bun as well as a chicken paprikás sandwich. If you decide to check it out, you might just find me there. I like to see new and innovative takes on Hungarian cuisine, especially when the chef can find a way to take familiar flavors but use different culinary styles to provide a novel experience to the diner.

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Now that I'm back in the Midwest, I've been able to serve as a roadie for my brother András who's been playing his cimbalom at the increasing number of Hungarian events. András' instrument of choice is his 1930 Bohák cimbalom, pictured above.

The Bohák is considered by many as the Cadillac of cimbaloms. It's also the heaviest. The Bohák was introduced at a time when rich and merchant-class households would have a large, ornate cimbalom in their parlors, much like a piano is a staple in many American or English households. Such instruments doubled as furniture pieces, and were meant to be a centerpiece of a room--a place for family and guests to congregate over a small aperitif, perhaps a dram of Unicum or a glass of Tokaji in hand.

The Bohák company's innovation was to make its cimbaloms with steel support beams as opposed to the more fragile wooden beams. The metal beams and hundreds of strings make it a heavy instrument.

COVID-19 resulted in a cancellation of almost all Hungarian events for last year. András performed just once, at the Hungarian Cultural Gardens golf tournament in Cleveland.

So far, 2021 has been a much better year for Hungarian events. Even so, over the past dozen years there has been a steady decline in the number of Hungarian organizations and churches.

But perhaps this is a sign of changing geography more than anything. Instagram informs me that many events occur in New Jersey and Florida. Maybe Hungarian-Americans have grown tired of the long winters and have headed toward warmer climes? I even saw a 1956 anniversary commemoration event in Georgia.

I think Hungarian music is an integral part of the culture, and should prominently appear at any event. András and I have an idea for next year: we'd like to see a Christmas Mass at a Hungarian church where the music would be performed by a cimbalom player or better yet, an entire band made up of a violin, cimbalom, contra violin, and a bass. There are so many beautiful Hungarian Christmas carols. So why not utilize these songs and instruments in holiday services? I know my brother would be overjoyed to play at a Christmas service. For my dear readers, perhaps this is something to keep in mind for next Christmas.

After nearly 20 months, my family's Souvenirs of Hungary Radio program resumed airing on Oct. 23. I think this was fitting, as it was the 65th Anniversary of the start of the 1956 Hungarian revolution. Each Saturday, WKTL-FM 90.7 brings listeners music, news and culture of 10 different nationalities. Our show airs from noon to 1:30 PM each Saturday.

This Magyar program originally aired with my father and grandfather hosting the program starting in 1979. About 18 years ago, my grandparents passed on to Hungarian Heaven and new partners were brought in to also host the program. WPA members Frank and Maria Schauer and Elizabeth Cibulas offer listeners their own special brand of Magyar music and culture on a rotating basis with my family.

Just prior to the closure of WKTL due to COVID, another partnering family was brought on to help co-host the program with new talent and ideas. Attila Szabo (one of the WPA's top insurance agents) and his children Noah and Bridget will be bringing their version to the Hungarian show as well.

The program can be heard on the internet at thewideworldofmusic.org. It's easy to follow the few prompts and you can listen to our show or any of the other nationality programs at WKTL beginning at 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM each and every Saturday.

The Farkas Pastry Shop in Cleveland is tentatively planning to host its 8th Annual Magyar Cimbalom Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with guest performer András Cseh playing Christmas and Magyar favorites. For further details call Miska at: 216-281-6200.

***Boldog Karácsonyt!
BÚÉK 2022!***

Tibor Check, Jr., is a member of Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio, and an attorney working in Detroit.



Boldog Karácsonyt

Fáradjon be a Magyar Konyhába! As we head into the holiday season I wish you, your family and friends the best of times. To help you enjoy the holidays, here are seven recipes you may enjoy when hosting friends and family. I will be back in January with some great recipes for the winter months. Stay healthy, stay safe!

Jó étvágyat!

Hungarian Holiday Bourbon Wieners

2 pounds all beef (or pork) hot dogs from a Hungarian butcher
2 cups tomato ketchup
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup bourbon (or more, your choice)

Cut hot dogs into 1-inch pieces. In a saucepan, add the hot dogs, ketchup, brown sugar and bourbon. Bring to a boil, then turn down the heat to a simmer until the sauce thickens, about 2 hours. Serve warm in a chafing dish with toothpicks on the side.

Hungarian Cheese Logs

2 pounds port wine cheese
OR spreadable cheddar cheese
¼ cup chopped parsley
¼ cup chopped nuts
¼ cup chopped red pepper
¼ cup Vidalia onion, minced
¼ cup Hungarian paprika
Kitchen wrap OR plastic film
Assorted crackers

Lay down the kitchen wrap in 4 pieces, each measuring 12 by 12 inches. Divide the cheese into 4 equal portions and place each in the middle of the wrap forming

a small log. Roll the log up as you would roll up a sausage. Grasping both ends of the wrap, keep rolling to tighten the wrap around the cheese log forming the shape of a small sausage. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Remove cheese log from the wrap and roll in the topping of your choice--parsley, nuts, red pepper, onion, paprika or any combination of these--covering the entire log. Serve on a small platter or cheese board with a cheese knife and the assorted crackers.

Hungarian Spice Bread

1¾ cups dark brown sugar
4 eggs, separated
1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder

Butter a loaf pan and heat oven to 325°F. Beat egg yolks and brown sugar in a mixer until very light and fluffy. Mix all the spices with the flour, then add to the eggs and brown sugar. Beat egg whites until firm and peaked. Spoon

William Vasvary, CEC, ACE, MBBQ, (Chef Béla) is a chef/instructor in the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management program at the Community College of Philadelphia. He also hosts "The Chef's Cook" on CCP-TV Channel 53 in Philadelphia, which can also be seen on YouTube.

half of the egg whites into the mixture; blend well. Add baking powder to the other half of egg whites, then add to the mixture. Mix well. Spread batter into the buttered pan. Grease a piece of foil and cover the batter with it. Batter will rise. Bake for 1 hour, not opening the oven. Then turn oven to 300°F for 5 minutes. Turn the oven off and let the bread set in the oven another 15 minutes. Let bread cool, slice thin and serve to your guests.

Hungarian Chicken Liver Appetizer

2 hard boiled eggs, peeled
1 pound chicken livers, washed & patted dry
2 tablespoons whole butter
1 small Vidalia onion, minced
½ teaspoon fresh parsley, minced
¼ cup heavy cream
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dry mustard
½ teaspoon Hungarian paprika
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

In a skillet, melt the butter and cook the chicken livers until they are lightly browned, turning once. Remove from the pan and set aside to cool. Save the pan drippings. Finely chop the livers and blend with the eggs, onion

and parsley, then set to the side. In a small bowl, combine the pan drippings and the cream with all the spices. Combine this mixture with the liver mixture, blending well. Refrigerate for 2 hours then serve with crispy rye bread.

Christmas Cake

7 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
1½ teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons ground allspice
2 envelopes dry yeast
1¼ cups whole milk
½ cup margarine
2 whole eggs
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup raisins
¾ cup dried citron

Thoroughly mix the dry yeast with the flour, sugar, salt and allspice. In a saucepan, heat the milk with the margarine over low heat until very warm. Add the liquid mixture to the dry ingredients. Beat 2 minutes in an electric mixer. Add the eggs and continue mixing. Add the raisins and citron and blend well. Proof the dough until it doubles in size. Shape into 3 round loaves, let rise a second time then bake at 375°F for 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool to room temperature then slice and serve to your guests.

Cranberry Bread

1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ground
1 cup orange juice
1 cup orange rind, grated
1 whole egg
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
½ cup canola oil
2 cups dried cranberries
Pan spray

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 2 loaf pans and set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients and blend well. Make a well in the middle of the bowl, then pour in the orange juice, egg, vanilla and oil. Stir just enough to blend together then add the cranberries. Pour mixture into pans evenly and bake for 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from pans, cool on a rack, then slice and serve to your guests.

Snowball Dessert

1 pound large marshmallows, quartered
1 (28oz) can pears, drained & cut into chunks
2 (8oz) cans crushed pineapple, drained
2 (14oz) cans Royal Anne cherries, drained
3 cups instant vanilla pudding
2 pints heavy cream, whipped

Make the vanilla pudding and set aside. In another bowl, whip the heavy cream and keep chilled. In the pudding bowl, combine the marshmallows and fruit. Mix well using a rubber spatula. Now add the whipped cream blending well. Chill for 2 hours, then serve cold to your guests.



Our 2021-2022 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 6,727 grants totaling \$3,006,200. This year, the Foundation awarded grants to 127 students, including 38 first-time recipients, totalling \$63,500. 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.



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EMILY N. BROWN
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Br. 28 Youngstown, OH



BRIANNA PASTERNAK
Br. 89 Homestead, PA



BRIDGET A. SZABO
Br. 28 Youngstown, OH



KEENAN S. TRAPHAGEN
Br. 189 Alliance, OH



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Br. 9 Hazleton, PA



REESE A. WATSON
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA

Scholarship Recipient

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

Updates

REGAN C. ABAHAZIE, Branch 129, Columbus, OH

Majoring in Nursing at the University of Cincinnati, Regan spent summer 2021 volunteering at Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC) in Centerburg, OH. Practicing her learned nursing skills, Regan, a junior, assisted the volunteer camp doctors and nurses as their nursing assistant. She belongs to the Phi Mu sorority (Delta Zeta Chapter).

ISABELLA R. ARENDS, Branch 249, Dayton, OH

A University of Dayton senior, Isabella's major area of study is Communications with a minor in Psychology. Isabella has studied abroad at Maynooth University in Ireland. She is a member of the professional communication fraternity, Phi Beta Chi. Isabella also works with local Dayton middle schoolers through the University of Dayton Association for Young Children (UDAYC), helping them write to pen pals and assisting with "Trunk or Treat" and other holiday events at their schools. She will be working as a research assistant and learning how to prepare child school readiness assessments, as well as working one-on-one with preschoolers in the classroom.

CATHERINE A. BALDYGA, Branch 51, Passaic, NJ

Now a sophomore at Northwestern University, Catherine is a Mathematics and Business major and participates in the Women in Business Club. This club offers professional development skills through workshops, guest speakers, games and activities. Throughout the school year, Catherine works as a part-time Starbucks barista.

JULIA C. BALOGH, Branch 226, McKeesport, PA

"It's never too late to change your mind about your future", says Julia, who is a junior Human Resources Management major at the University of Pittsburgh. Recently, Julia interned for Pitt Eats, putting her human resources skills to work. A member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, Julia is also Vice President of Relations for Phi Chi Theta, a co-educational professional fraternity in Business and Economics. Julia has also volunteered for Adopt-A-Block, cleaning the streets neighboring the Pitt campus and has also been involved with CHAARG, an organization that encourages women to empower one another through fitness.

OLESIA BENEDICT, Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

Olesia is grateful for the support to college students provided by our WPFA Scholarship Foundation. She credits her grandmother for enrolling her as a WPA life member, which enables her to apply for scholarship grants. Majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Psychology, Olesia is a Kent State University senior. Detailing growing brain cells as part of her studies, Olesia spent her 2021 summer following an individual investigation class to further her research skills. A believer of empowering women in science technology, Olesia's future plans include graduate school and obtaining her doctorate in Neuroscience.

New Recipients Not Pictured

MITCHELL A. ABAHAZIE, Br. 129 Columbus, OH
SARA L. ARDALE, Br. 89 Homestead, PA
SARAH E. BECKAGE, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
LUKE J. BOBOSKY, Br. 26 Sharon, PA
DYLAN C. BOSO, Br. 129 Columbus, OH
JAMES S. BRONSTRUP, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
EVAN W. DEAN, Br. 26 Sharon, PA
ALLISON M. DUSACK, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
CHRISTOPHER D. FERRONE, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
HAYLEE A. FLEISHMAN, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
LASZLO HARANGOZO III, Br. 16 Perth Amboy, NJ
LAUREN A. HORVATH, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH

EMILY M. KING, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
RAHEL KRASZNAI, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
LUCAS H. MARKOVITS, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
ETHAN D. MILLER, Br. 800 Altoona, PA
MAKENLEY P. MITCHELL, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
AARON R. NEIL, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
MADISON M. ROZGONYI, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
JORDAN M. SCHAUER, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
MAYA R. VOLPE, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
ELIZABETH G. WILHELMI, Br. 189 Alliance, OH
BRENT E. WIPPEL, Br. 44 Akron, OH

NATHANIEL P. BREISINGER, Branch 34, Pittsburgh, PA

A Robert Morris University junior studying Sports Communication/Sports Management, Nathan is active with a number of campus media groups. Among them are: Colonial Sports Network, providing RMU sports coverage on campus; as on-air talent for RMU-TV's *RMU Live*, *Sports Talk in the Burgh* and *Colonial Sports Center*; and as associate producer for *Colonial Sports Center*. Nathan is also a member of the Society of Collegiate Journalists, participating in networking events with other journalists.

SHELBY M. BYRNE, Branch 28, Youngstown, OH

Now a senior at Youngstown State University, Shelby is a Business Administration major with minors in Marketing and Social Media Campaigns. Interning this past summer with 898 Marketing as a social media marketer, Shelby has gained experience in her fields of study. As a recent inductee of the Beta Gamma Sigma honors society, Shelby was also elected as vice president of the YSU chapter. Besides babysitting, Shelby can also be found working as a sales associate at TJ Maxx. Shelby appreciates her scholarship grants these past four years.

ANNA K. FELLESTEIN, Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

In her junior year, at John Carroll University, Anna is involved with campus ministry, cross country and track and field teams. As an Environmental Science major, Anna also participates in Choose Ohio First STEM.

ISABELLE R. FRANCIS, Branch 44, Akron, OH

A nominee for the National Society of Leadership and Success, Isabelle made The University of Akron's President's List for her 4.0 GPA. Majoring in Speech Language Pathology, she is a member of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA). Isabelle values her association with this organization as it reaches out to the Akron community by donating gifts to children, donating gently used clothing to women's shelters and volunteering at local events. Through Isabelle's involvement with Changing Health, Attitudes + Actions to Recreate Girls (CHAARG), she understands how exercise and a healthy lifestyle benefits one's physical and mental well-being, especially during the pandemic. This past May, Isabelle ran her first half-marathon. Due to her involvement with these organizations, believes that: "I am capable of anything."

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

Now an Edinboro University of Pennsylvania junior majoring in Nursing, with minors in Biology and Psychology, Shelby leads an active campus life. An honors student, Shelby cheers for Edinboro football and basketball and is a special needs cheerleading coach. She is a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma - Gamma Rho sorority, Circle K (Kiwanis Club) and SNO (Student Nurses Organization). "Between classes, studying and other activities, I enjoy going to the gym every day," she says. So, indeed, it seems natural that Shelby is also the Edinboro Student Center Fitness desk attendant.

**JOSHUA J. HORVATH, Branch 28, Youngstown, OH**

Entering his junior year at the University of Toledo as an Accounting and Finance major, and an Honors College student, Joshua is on the Catholic Student Association (CSA) Executive Board. He also has enjoyed participating in Songfest.

JOSH A. KABEL, Branch 249, Dayton, OH

Reaching his senior year at Mount St. Joseph University, Josh has a double major in Health and Wellness and Business Marketing. He has been accepted in the university's 4 +1 program in which he will continue with his graduate studies in Business. Josh will also continue his student athlete career, playing NCAA Division III men's volleyball. Additionally, Josh will work part-time to help defray the costs of his education. Josh also wrote that he truly appreciates his WPA membership as well as all the WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants he has been awarded.

LAUREN P. KATONA, Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

Double majoring in Speech + Hearing and Psychology, Lauren is in her junior year at Cleveland State University. Lauren belongs to Theta Phi Alpha, serving in various roles within her sorority. She is also a member, both on the national level and Cleveland State chapter, of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA).

KATELYN R. KRAYNAK, Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

A Kent State University sophomore majoring in History, Katelyn is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society. Katelyn also teaches and dances for "Praise His Name with Dancing" and belongs to the Kent State Navigators. Katelyn also thanks our scholarship foundation for our support.

DANA M. LUCAS, Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

As a Mount Union University senior, Dana majors in Mechanical Engineering and Physics. She serves as president of spiritual life leadership, which connects students of faith around campus. Dana is also president of the World Science Club, providing students with ways to apply their coursework and engineering projects across the world. With one more year of school to go, Dana explains that she is an aspiring space systems engineer and "excited to see what's to come."



MARIA B. MCKIBBEN, Branch 129, Columbus, OH

"Being a nursing student during a pandemic changes your views on the medical profession," Maria said. "It has reignited my passion in helping others." Now in her senior year at Ohio University, Maria had been her Junior Class of Nursing School Representative. She also has been treasurer for Ohio University's Swim Club and a member of the OU chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Lambda Omega, an international nurse's fraternity.

MADELINE G. MOGYORDY, Branch 14, Cleveland, OH

Completing her first year at Xavier University on the Dean's List, Madeline plans to become more involved by stepping into leadership positions. She has sung and danced with the Xavier Singers and participated with the X-Change service group. Madeline shares her faith with Companion Groups and Together in Christ. She is now a sophomore majoring in Early Childhood Education.

EMILY C. NOBLE, Branch 129, Columbus, OH

A Wittenburg University junior studying Early Childhood Education, Emily has reached her academic and athletic goals. Remaining on the Dean's List, Emily is a defender/forward for the University Field Hockey team and was named to the 2020 NFHCA Division III National Academic Squad. A member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, she is also the PACE Chair for the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Emily has been nominated to the National Society of Leadership and Success. "Thank you, William Penn Association, for all of your support," Emily said.

OLIVIA M. SCHERRER, Branch 89, Homestead, PA

A senior-year Early Education major at Duquesne University, Olivia plans to pursue her graduate degree in Special Education. She is president of the Duquesne University School of Education Association, secretary for Students Against Sexual Violence and social chair for the education fraternity Kappa Delta Epsilon. Olivia shares this insight: "As a future Special Education teacher and fellow human, please use the correct terminology and listen to those you are talking about to know how they wish to be labeled/discussed."

GRANT A. W. SIMON, Branch 129, Columbus, OH

Now a senior studying Operations Management / Information Systems, Grant has played Men's Club Soccer for the University of Cincinnati, and now serves as their club president. He is also a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity as well as the Association of Supply Chain Management (ASCM). From January through May 2021 Grant participated in the G.E. Appliance Co-Op.

ZACHARY H. TOTH, Branch 89, Homestead, PA

As a senior Architecture student at the University of Pittsburgh, Zach is the new president of Pitt's chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students. He has been a teaching assistant, reinforcing curricula through leading discussion sessions and providing meaningful critique to students. "My experiences at Pitt have shaped me into the person I am today," Zach says. Zach also attained his Eagle Scout status in 2017.

CAITLYN A. URBAN, Branch 8036, Scottsdale, PA

In her senior year at California University of Pennsylvania, Caitlyn is very much connected to campus life. She is president of California's Student Government Association and is on the Student Association Incorporation Board of Directors. A member of the University Honors Program, she is also a Campus Experience Ambassador and coaching chair for the Student Honors Advisory Board. Caitlyn majors in Secondary Education Social Studies and is a member of S-PSEA, the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association.

ROGER E. VANVARICK, Branch 19, New Brunswick, NJ

A University of Scranton junior, Roger is on the Biology / Pre-Medical track and participates in sports.

RYAN J. VANVARICK, Branch 19, New Brunswick, NJ

Ryan enjoys sports and exercising and is a junior majoring in Finance at The University of Scranton.

AVA E. WALKER, Branch 8340, Baltimore, MD

A Miami University of Ohio junior, Ava is quite involved in a number of areas, both on and off-campus. Majoring in Kinesiology, with a minor in General Business, Ava serves as website chair and assistant vice president of intellectual development for the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is also a housing consultant at an apartment complex, assisting current and potential residents. Ava belongs to the professional pre-health fraternity Delta Epsilon, where she uses her field of study to network with the greater community. Ava is also a nurse's aide at Potomac Valley, providing residents with their care and treatment, alongside nursing staff. Ava can also be found working as a sales associate and social media manager at Kid's Play Gallery.

SAMANTHA M. WELSH, Branch 296, Springdale, PA

Samantha is a senior majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education, with a minor in Dyslexia Intervention, at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is the president of PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association) and is Edinboro's Highland Ambassador.

BROOKE A. WORRALL, Branch 34, Pittsburgh, PA

An Anthropology major with a minor in German Language Studies, Brooke has interned with a local museum where she documented the effects of the pandemic on the medical system (anthropologically). She is in her senior year at Millersville University.

Fall Golf Outing

THANK YOU to the members and friends pictured here who joined us Sept. 25 for a day of fraternal fun when WPA partnered with Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA and the Verhovay Home Association to host a fall golf outing. This one-day event included 18 holes of golf at the Sunset Golf Course in Middletown, PA, along with skill prizes,



September 25, 2021

Sunset Golf Course

outing 2021

door prizes, beverages, light food on the course and a reception afterwards at Cibort Park in Steelton, PA. We thank the officers and members of Branch 336 and the Verhovay Home Association for being such wonderful hosts, ensuring that everyone had a good time. Our thanks also go to Joyce Nicholson for the photos of our golfers.



2022 White Rose Ball cancelled

Ypsilanti, MI -- The Hungarian Arts Club recently announced that it has cancelled its annual White Rose Ball, originally scheduled for Feb. 4, 2022.

"All of us want to celebrate this treasured tradition," the Club wrote in a letter dated Oct. 1, "however, the uncertainty of the pandemic has put the 2022 ball out of reach."

The club cited the risk of facing thousands of dollars in cancellation penalties and strict COVID precautions at the hotel among the main reasons for the decision.

The Club will now focus on hosting a ball in 2023.

Seminar explores myths and history of vampires in 18th century Europe

by Joyce Nicholson

PITTSBURGH -- Hungary got a bad rap when the vampire stories circulated throughout Central Europe in the 18th century.

On Oct. 27, the Hungarian Nationality Room in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning hosted a Halloween special online and in-person presented by Hungarian Fulbright Visiting Professor Dr. Attila Kenyeres. The topic was timely in preparation for the All Hallows Eve holiday, exploring the myths and history behind famous vampires in Central Europe.

Three of the most well-known vampires included Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler), Peter Blagojevich and Arnold Paole. Most vampires were attributed to Hungary but were actually not within the country boundaries at that time.

Dr. Kenyeres reviewed the ways in which people of that era used to detect whether or not you were a vampire. He also spoke about state policies to contain vampirism in the Habsburg empire and how world press coverage of vampires depicted and influenced our beliefs in these demons.

By the end of this spooky symposium, I was ready to dress as a vampire for Halloween this year.

Holiday Open House to be virtual again

As a side note, the Holiday Open House at the university's Nationality Rooms will be virtual again this year. It will be held Sunday, Dec. 5. Go to www.globalhub.pitt.edu/holiday-open-house. Perhaps next year it will be open to the public.



Illustration courtesy of NationalityRooms.Pitt.Edu

The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and William Penn Association Branch 89 invite you to enjoy their Holiday Cookies, Kifli & Rolls

COOKIES & Pretzels: \$15/Dozen

Vanilla Lady Locks
Chocolate Lady Locks
Peanut Butter Blossoms
Peppermint Meltaways
Pecan Tassies
Buckeyes
Thumbprints

Chocolate Covered Pretzels

Oatmeal Cream Pies
(with Marshmallow Icing)

Sugar Cookies
(Christmas Trees or Snowmen)

KIFLI: \$20/Dozen

ROLLS: \$20/Each

Apricot
Poppyseed
Nut

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

Orders due Dec. 10 • Pick up Dec. 18 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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

To order: call Lisa at 412-352-7077 or email tothmaskarinec@gmail.com

Orders being shipped out of state will be shipped via FedEx for arrival on the Thursday before Christmas.

All proceeds benefit The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead

Chicago club marks 100 years

CHICAGO -- The Hungarian Club of Chicago will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a Gala Ball on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at The Drake Hotel.

Overnight guests can take advantage of a special group rate for those attending the Gala.

For more information and tickets, contact the club at info@hungarianclubofchicago.com.

A great holiday gift idea

The holiday season reminds us of what truly matters: time with family and friends. Don't worry about buying gifts this holiday for your teacher, coach, friends or family. Gifts are just one of the many ways to show family and friends that you care, no matter how young you are! Make spending time with friends and family a top priority this month, whether you visit them in person, call them on the phone or meet them in a video chat.

If you want to give gifts to the people who are special to you, then make something with your own hands, something from your heart. And we have the perfect idea. They're fairly easy to make and are perfect for the holidays...**ornaments!**

A woman named Liz Nieman is the writer of a blog entitled "Love and Marriage." Liz remembers that when she was a child, she would measure a ribbon as tall as her and tie it onto the family Christmas tree.

Well, our idea is a spruced-up version of Liz's childhood memory, one that can easily become a tradition in your home, too. Just cut out the pattern (borrowed from her blog) and punch a whole at the top. Then, write your name and the year at the bottom. Measure a string or ribbon to your height and tie it at the top.

Here is the link to the pattern: https://cdn.loveandmarriageblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Ribbon_Ornament_2020.pdf

So adorable!

Here are some other things you can do to take this craft from basic to EXTRA:

- Use a clear plastic ornament--you can get one at a craft store or a dollar store--and place the ribbon inside and paint the outside with your name and age on it.
- Tie a ribbon that is your height into a bow and put it in a Christmas-themed bag or a small box with a little note.
- At the risk of having a glitter-explosion, you can ALWAYS add glitter -- 'TIS THE SEASON!

Tag #holiday #traditions #WPALife and share your creations with family and friends.



Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

By Jim Ballas

Hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving holiday. Our holiday season plans are set. We look forward to all of you participating as much as you are able.

Our branch Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Puritan Hall (church basement), 2180 North Ave., Bridgeport. There will be a Hungarian goulash luncheon served and cooked by our Hungarian chef. Contact Branch President Bill Bero at 203-556-9267 or Branch Coordinator Jim Ballas at 203-929-9425 if you would like to come. Or email me at jamesballas@att.net.

We are asking our members to donate non-perishable food items which will be given to a local food bank for needy families in our area. Donations may be dropped off at the United Church of Christ, 2180 North Ave., (corner of Laurel Avenue) in Bridgeport. Or, you can bring your donation with you to our Christmas party.

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you everyone at the party.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a wonderful holiday season.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

We will soon be celebrating Christmas and the beginning of a new year. Unfortunately, COVID seems to have other ideas for us. However, *please* get your COVID vaccination and boosters and encourage your family and friends to do the same. COVID-19 is not going away; it is very real and you need to follow the guidelines. Protect yourself and others.

The crowd was relaxed at the



Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram Sept. 12 for the annual fall festival. Dancers from St. Elizabeth and the Regös Hungarian Scout Dance Group performed. About 450 attendees and volunteers enjoyed the sunny afternoon. A new menu was offered which included all of the required Hungarian picnic foods, including *laci-pecsenye*, *kolbász*, cabbage and noodles, *lángos*, tortes, *krémes*, *szalonna* bread and beverages. The Harmonia Band played traditional Hungarian music.

The Gulyás Cookoff took place Oct. 10. About 200 people attended and tasted 14 different recipes. The judges worked hard to declare a winner. It was a delicious afternoon.

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden honored and celebrated the endless work, support and generosity of Ernest Mihaly, who passed away May 5, 2021. A Hungarian musical memorial tribute was held Sept. 6 featuring Alex Udvary and his band. The Hungar-

ian Garden was filled with sounds of traditional Hungarian folk music and those in attendance were able to sing along. Thank you to our "Hungarian Angel" for your hard work and support.

The Chagrin Documentary Filmfest Hungarian Night took place on Oct. 8, featuring the world premier of *The Memory Project: 1956-2021*, directed by Réka Pigniczky and Andrea Lauer Rice. It was created to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. Over 155 interviews were done to share the experience of those who survived the revolution.

To our WPA students, continue to do your best in your studies and activities. We congratulate Branch 14's new WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant recipients: James S. Bronstrup, Emilia R. Fellenstein, Lauren A. Horvath, Rahel Krasznai, Justin J. Leonard and Aaron R. Neil. Best wishes and study hard.

Please continue your support of the WPA Scholarship Fund. Every dollar amount received, makes a difference and our students are

NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the January/February issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by December 30.

counting on you! WPA is counting on you, too!

To the parents of students who are growing out of their juvenile policies, it is time to sign your children up for their adult policies. If you haven't already done so, you need to sign up for your very own WPA life insurance policy and continue the example set by your own parents and grandparents. Your children and grandchildren will be the recipients of your generosity.

Branch 14 meetings have resumed. Our new meeting location is at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Road (the corner of Aurora and Liberty roads), Solon. Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend our meetings. Our schedule for the remainder of 2021 is as follows:

- Branch 14 meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.
- Branch 14 Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec. 4, at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5885 Hopkins Road, Mentor, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call Caroline Lanzara for additional information.

We will take a break in January and February and resume our meetings on Wednesday, March 2. All meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.

Please note: the above listed meeting schedule can change at any time. Please call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary/Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for the latest information and updates.

Please support the Hungarian churches, clubs and organizations in your community. Contact them for updates and information. We love and are grateful that they exist and continue our Hungarian customs and traditions.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved

one. Branch 14 lost member Vicki Bowens, who passed away Oct. 25, 2021. Our deepest sympathy to Vicki's husband, Branch 14 Auditor Brian Bowens, and her family and to her mother Anne Pustai.

Vicki and I grew up together in our church, The First Hungarian Reformed Church, and attended many events. A small group of us did a cruise to Alaska during which Vicki and Brian celebrated their 25th anniversary. We had a great time, and Vicki sure loved her lobster tails. We enjoyed sitting around the pool in winter gear and drinking hot chocolate.

Oh, my, it is hard losing a lifelong friend with whom you shared the good times, the bad times and the love of the "Rat Pack." Those who knew her will miss her greatly.

May Vicki and those WPA members who are not with us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are sent to all who might be dealing with health issues, including Branch 14 Vice President JoAnne Sedensky and WPA members Alan Varga, Barbara House, Brian Bowens, Anne Pustai, Ernest Sarosi, Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman, Richard Sarosi and Elizabeth Huszti. Feel better soon. Please keep all our members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are sent to all who are celebrating a November/December birthday and/or anniversary. Happy birthday to my sister Caroline who celebrates her day on Dec. 7 and to my mom, Violet Sarosi, who celebrates her 96th birthday on Dec. 20.

Be safe and stay healthy. Remember to keep in touch with family and friends, especially those who are in hospitals, nursing homes or other facilities where visitation is not possible at this time.

Branch 14 members having news to share can reach me at RichSaro@att.net or at 440-248-9012.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

By Barbara A. House

We at Branch 18 hope you enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for: friends, family, our church and making it through the last two years. It was tough, but we did it.

We have decided to again not have our annual Christmas party. Our usual hall has again forwarded our payment to next year. They are being super cautious, and we are glad.

Instead, we are doing three charitable events. First, we went to Penrickton Home for Blind Children, who gave us a list of suitable gifts for blind children. You would not believe how tough that was, but it was done and we loved it.

Our second event will be at a group home for seniors run by Catholic sisters. They do a marvelous job.

Our third is a large nursing home. All they want is coloring books and fat crayons. That's an easy one. I'm sure you can find a place to donate, also.

The Hungarian American Cultural Center had its annual pig roast. It was not as large as usual, but it sure was wonderful to see people. All the vegetables were cleaned by WPA members. Thanks to Ursula and Tom Markovits, Linda Enyedy, Carol Truesdell, Tommy, my brother Joe Gall, Judy Schonek and Pauline Kulcsar. Lots of veggies but still a lot of fun.

The Hungarian Reformed Church in Allen Park celebrated its 80th anniversary. Thank you to Rev. Varga for making us feel so welcome. Thank you to the Rhapsody for another wonderful meal.

Please remember your churches. They are having a rough time, but the bills continue to come. I remember when churches were full. Thank you, Fr. Barnabas, for all you do to keep us together. Thank you also to Krisztina and

Zsuzsanna for the beautiful music. Everyone loves you two. It was great to see Amalia Horvath at Mass. You are soo special.

Get well to all who are suffering various ills. Get well, Ursula, who had shoulder surgery. Been there and done that, but it is worth it.

Get well, Richard Sarosi. I hope your surgery went well. It sure was wonderful to see you and Violet. We always have a wonderful time together. Get well, Violet.

Get well, George Schvarckopf. Special prayers for all not up to par. Please keep in touch with all those house bound. It sure gets lonely.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace. Special thoughts and prayers to the Masa and Krajcz families on their unbearable loss. We love and pray for you.

Great to hear the Hiram, Ohio group has been having wonderful picnics. Keep up the good work. I hope to see you all soon.

Happy birthday to all our wonderful members. May you all have many more.

Please remember the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Our wonderful scholars deserve all the help they can get. A leaf on our tree is a great remembrance.

I will end this by wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Please pray that we all return to something resembling normal soon. Stay healthy, wear your masks and maintain social distance as much as possible.

We cannot wait to see you all. Please call me so I can share your good news.

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

By Evelyn Bodnar

Best wishes and good health to all WPA members and officers.

We very much appreciate the recent note sent to us by National Director Joyce Nicholson, express-



Members and friends of Branch 28 gathered Oct. 24 to commemorate the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and later placed a floral arrangement on the monument (pictured below) honoring those who participated in the Revolution.

ing concern for our area following the recent flooding, which caused widespread damage to our area and its residents.

Although we have not held an in-person meeting during the pandemic, our officers have stayed in close touch with each other and have continued to sponsor a number of outreach programs in partnership with the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church.

These programs include a monthly event during which non-perishable food is distributed to low-income families and the homeless. Also, free hamburgers and hot dogs are given out once a month, and a free flea market distributes everything from clothing to dinnerware to those in need. On Thanksgiving, we gave out a free hot meal.

On the Saturday before Christmas, we will give away more than 450 new toys to children in the community.

We thank WPA for its generous donations towards these programs.

Although we will not have a Christmas party this year, we will continue to support and promote the fraternal ideals of WPA.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season.



Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Where has the year gone? We encountered many hurdles during 2021, but here we are preparing for the holidays.

The annual commemoration of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution was held Oct. 24 at the Shrine of the Afflicted. Inclement weather required the program to be held indoors, and the floral arrangement was placed on the 1956



On Oct. 26, Branch 34 President Gary Vamos (center), along with branch member Roseann Vamos (far left) and Branch 34 Secretary Marguerite McNelis (far right) presented a check for \$200 to Howard Hanna's South Hills office for its annual Children's Hospital Free Care Fund fundraising event.

monument afterwards. Those in attendance heard poems, songs and stories reflecting on those historic days for all Hungarians.

Branch 28 made a monetary donation to the Youngstown Community Kitchen, where meals are available five days a week to those in need. The shelves can always use products, and the staff knows best what is needed. Several branch members volunteer there, helping prepare and serve meals. The Rev. Joseph Rudjak, pastor of Holy Apostles Church, helps, too.

It was so nice to see the Calvin Synod Conference was held at the First Hungarian Reformed Church in Walton Hills. I was able to attend the banquet and present a donation from WPA to Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai in support of the Synods's 80th meeting.

Johnstown, Pa., never lets anyone down when hosting the annual Slavic festival. David and Alexis Kozak, along with their special crew, did a wonderful job of preparing Hungarian hamburgers, *lecsó*, cabbage and noodles and coleslaw at the WPA Branch 8 booth in the courtyard. WPA also had an informational booth where goodie bags were distributed to many in attendance. By 3:00 p.m. Saturday, all of the supplies were handed out. WPA really spread its

messages during this event, utilizing fliers, program books, banners and even some TV spots.

What a nice trip we had to Harrisburg to attend the golf outing sponsored by WPA, Branch 336 and the Verhovay Home Association. I met so many friendly members and enjoyed the great weather at a very nice venue. Following the golf, a fraternal picnic was held featuring a pasta buffet and live music. Awards were presented during the picnic.

National Director Jim Robertson and George Schwarz, along with all the committee members and volunteers, did an excellent job of planning and presenting this successful event.

National Director Joyce Nicholson, her husband Harry and I got to spend time with retired National Director Charlie Johns. It was so nice to visit with him and get a tour of the area. Thank you for being our personal tour guide.

Congratulations to so many for so many reasons:

- to the recipients of WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants;
- to all those participating in special marathons and races; and
- to Kylie Bakos on being chosen as Austintown Fitch High School's homecoming queen.

The Schauer family traveled to

Florida in September to attend the wedding of Jeremy and Karol Schauer. What a great reason for a family vacation!

Finally, Hungarian music is back on the airwaves. WKTL 90.7 FM has resumed its Saturday ethnic programming, with Hungarian music featured from noon to 1:30 p.m. each Saturday.

Branch 28 will host a drive-thru Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 4, from noon to 3:00 p.m. We hope the weather allows us to see the faces of our members again.

With all the festive celebrations taking place, don't forget to wish everyone having a birthday or anniversary a very special day.

Get well wishes go out to all those not feeling up to par, especially Ernie Sarosi, Cindy Bakos, Richard Sarosi, Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, Margie Sams, Irene Devlin and Phyllis Kuhn.

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

Blessings to all during this special time of year. May love and peace be shared by all our members, their families and friends.

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

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

By Marguerite McNelis

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, and we wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way. We took time to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday (Nov. 10) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11). Remember to thank a veteran.

We congratulate our new WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant recipients: Sarah E. Beckage, Samuel R. Garza, Emily M. King, Makenley P. Mitchell, Madison M. Rozgonyi

and Reese A. Watson. We are very proud of all of you!

Congratulations also go out to my sister-in-law, Roseann Vamos, for achieving Howard Hanna Real Estate Sales Leader for September 2021. We are proud of you!

On Oct. 26, Branch President-Gary Vamos, member Roseann Vamos, and Branch Secretary Marguerite McNelis presented a \$200 check to Howard Hanna's South Hills Office for their annual Children's Hospital Free Care Fund fundraising event.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays. Many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues. Please remember our deceased members in your prayers.

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

Branch 44 **Akron, OH**

By Elizabeth Darago

Happy holidays to all!

It's hard to believe that 2021 is ending and 2022 is ready to begin. We hope everyone stays safe in the cold and snowy weather that's to come. Please take care of yourselves and remember the needs of your pets.

The final 2021 first responders delivery from Branch 44 went to the Fairlawn Police and Fire Departments. Thanks to all, including the Home Office, who made these deliveries possible. All the recipients greatly appreciated the donated food and beverages.

Members are reminded of our branch's annual Family Holiday Party to be held Dec. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at AI's in Barberton.

All juvenile members and their families, as well as those families who attended our party in 2019, were mailed an invitation. If you want to attend, or you didn't



Carrying on a tradition at Branch 88

Members and friends of Branch 88 Rural Valley, PA, gather for the branch's annual bacon roast. Even the branch's non-Hungarian members look forward to this annual tradition after learning how to make "bacon bread."

(Photo by Dennis Chobody)

receive a mailed invitation, call 330-670-5367 or 330-753-5270 by Dec. 8. If you don't speak with us directly, leave a message with your name and number.

Congratulations go out to member Micah Bentley. Micah is a junior at Stow High School. He dominated in the cross county Suburban League National Conference, finishing in first place with a time of 16:46.5. Way to go, Micah!

Our branch is collecting non-perishable items for food baskets, and members are requested to bring them to the Family Holiday Party.

Also, we continue to collect clean, plastic food bags (like those you get at the grocery store). These bags are used to make sitting/sleeping mats for the homeless.

If you have news you'd like to share, contact a branch officer.

If you need Insurance, contact Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Happy and safe holidays to all.

Branch 89 **Homestead, PA**

By Mark S. Maskarinec

Winter is rapidly approaching which means the close of golf season. Say it ain't so!

On Oct. 17, Branch President John Toth and Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec were on hand for a check presentation, in the amount of \$3,400, which was presented by Steel Valley Rotary Branch President Paul Cherep and Rotary members Scott and Donald Green. John and Mark presented the check in turn to The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead.

Together, our two golf outings this year raised almost \$5,000 for the benefit of our church. This is by far the most we've ever raised, and we are extremely grateful and appreciative. We'd like to thank all of you for your support whatever that might have been. We'd especially like to give a big thank you to Joyce Nicholson, Dr. Michael Finikiotis and Tom Kazar from Dorothy



Branch 89 President John Toth (far left) and Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec (far right) accept a check from (l-r) Steel Valley Rotary member and golf outing co-chair Scott Green, Rotary President Paul Cherep and Nancy Cherep. The check represented proceeds from the annual golf outing hosted by the branch and the Rotary. The check for \$3,400 was then presented by Branch 89 to The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead.

6 Blast Furnace Café who have been donors and benefactors for years. We don't have millionaires donating trips around the world, but each donation we do receive is just as big and important in the grand scheme of the success of our outings. We depend on lots of folks doing a little bit. It's become even more important in these COVID times.

Branch 89 would also like to belatedly congratulate The First Hungarian Reformed Church Of Homestead on the celebration of its 118th anniversary. It was great to have Bishop Emeritus Koloman K. Ludwig in attendance along with Rev. Patrick Devlin and Rev. Ilona M. Komjathy.

Letters of congratulations were read from former minister of our church, Rev. Alexander Jalso; former organist and branch member, Dr. Keith S. Toth; branch member Janet Phillips who was in the hospital; Renee and Steve Spicer; and Karen Maskarinec, cousin of Branch Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the church Mark Maskarinec.

It was great to hear from them and see so many people. We eagerly look forward to the 120th

anniversary in two years.

Our annual children's Christmas party is back! The date is Dec. 4 and again will be a Cosmic Bowling event at Spins Bowl, formerly Brunswick Playmor Bowl. Invitations have already been sent out.

Branch 89 was represented at the Annual Steel Valley Rotary Dinner Dance in October. A great time was had by all. In attendance were Branch President Toth (looking dapper as usual), Branch Vice President Maskarinec along with Branch Coordinator Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec and branch members Mary Jane Hermansderfer and Ron and Betty Rubinsak. Great turnout!

We were sorry to hear that Mary Jane was recovering from a recent back injury and was sad she couldn't be on the dance floor tripping the light fantastic, but it was a really good time.

Branch 89 extends birthday wishes to branch members Carolyn Toth Hanchak and Richard Toth. May you have many more wonderful birthdays.

Get well wishes go to Carolyn Toth Hanchak and Janet Phillips and to my wife Lisa on her recent knee replacement surgery. Those

of you who know Lisa know she is not about to let this slow her down, and against all odds, she managed to make church just two days after her surgery, walker and all. Please take it easy, Lisa; we want to see you up and walking around in time to enjoy the holiday season.

Our branch also helped make repairs to and beautify the parsonage at The First Hungarian Reformed Church on Sept. 11. We helped with everything from cleaning to painting to tearing walls down and moving furniture. Our parsonage has been sitting vacant for too long. It's great to see it being used again. It's too grand of a building to sit idle.

Down the road, we hope to repair the church's stained glass windows and clean and paint the inside of the church sanctuary. We have started looking for grants and donations to financially support this massive undertaking. It would be great to have this finished in time for the church's 120th anniversary.

The church will once again be selling cookies and baked goods for the Christmas season. More information can be found on page 16 of this issue. A few new items have been added this year, and we're using improved packaging for those orders that are to be shipped.

That about does it for life at Branch 89. Remember: if you have a few spare minutes, do something special for someone. Make a call, pay them a visit, run an errand for them. We all need to pitch together to work through these trying times.

Branch 89 would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

Take care, stay safe and get your COVID vaccinations and booster shots. We want everyone to be around for a long, long time.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving Day blessed with spending time with family and friends. We also hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. As 2021 comes to a close, we would like to wish all of our members and their families love, peace and happiness this holiday season and beyond. May all be blessed with good health as we start the beginning of 2022.

Please reach out to important people in your lives that you haven't been in contact with, especially during the holiday season. You never know the impact that a visit, phone call, text or card will have to lift someone's spirits during the holidays and after. Also, don't forget to reach out to the elderly and shut-ins.

Important dates for December are: Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7), Branch 129 Christmas party (Dec. 11), first day of winter (Dec. 21), Christmas (Dec. 25) and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31).

We will be having our branch Christmas party on Dec. 11 at the Columbus-Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Dr., Grove City, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Reservations are due by December 4. Please call Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or 614-214-1840.

Our branch would like to welcome our newest member, Thea McKillip.

We congratulate our Branch 129 new scholarship recipients: Mitchell Abahazie, Dylan Boso, and Emma McKibben. Also, congratulations go out to the renewal student recipients that are receiving scholarships again this school year. Good luck to all of you on your continuing education.

Anyone who would like to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation can do so by sending

your donation to the Home Office. Thank you for all your past and continuing donations.

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

Get well wishes go out to all who have been ill or hospitalized.

We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially member Kathy Chapman and her family on the death of her brother Scott Ries. 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, or need information on life insurance or an annuity, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

By John E. Burus

The Branch 132 Christmas party will be held Dec. 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Mishawaka Barnaby's Pizza Pub, 3724 Grape Road, Mishawaka.

The party is open to all WPA members and reservations are required. Please RSVP the number of adults and children attending as soon as possible to Janos P. Burus at 574 287-0590 or John E. Burus 574-256-5281. Please leave a message if we are not able to answer. We hope to see you all for this fraternal event.

The next South Bend Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend, at 5:00 p.m. We will begin making tentative plans for the return of our branch's annual summer picnic later in 2022, which has been canceled the last two years.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year.



As part of Join Hands Day, Branch 249 made a donation to Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church to help with the church's restoration projects. Presenting the check on behalf of the branch is Mark Schmidt. Accepting is Marty Phillips, coordinator of religious education at the church.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

Congrats to our WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant recipients. Best wishes to all of our youngsters and teachers navigating this school year.

Our branch was able to donate to the St. Jude Children Research Hospital through the WPA Home Office's matching funds program. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to 80%.

As this issue was going to press, we were mailing out invitations to young members for our Christmas party. We hope to publish party photos in the next issue.

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

Get well wishes go out to all those recovering and recuperating. To all those under the weather, get well soon.

Sending warm wishes to Branch 226 Secretary Gerry Nelson, Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson, Branch Auditor June Coyne, Goldie Szarka and anyone who needs a pick-me-up.

We pray for the friends and families of Elizabeth L. Angel, Frances M. Elyes, Robert Nemeth, and Dennis J. Sepanskey who have passed away. Please keep all of our members who have lost a loved one in your prayers. Losing loved ones is never easy.

Are your friends, family and neighbors insured with William Penn Association? Recommend WPA to them and you could earn up to \$20 per referral.

Do you have good news you'd like us to share? Call Branch President Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 to get your news published.

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

At Thanksgiving this year, we were grateful for the opportunity to spend time together with family, friends and enjoying some tasty treats.

This Christmas, while giant companies and big box stores worry about holiday gifts and presents, we will focus on what matters: dinner with family and heartfelt homemade gifts like cookies or framed photos (or framed art from the kiddos).

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

We at Branch 226 wish you a

safe and wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, or in Hungarian: *Kellemes karácsonyi ünnepeket és boldog új évet kívánunk!*

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, they're here. What are "they" you ask? The holidays! I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. With all that is going on, we still are the luckiest people on Earth and have much to be thankful for.

If things go as they normally do, I ate too much and slept through half of the football games. We planned to venture out for some Christmas shopping, but had much of it done already. With the product shortages caused by COVID-related logistic issues, the rest will be online and hope it gets here in time. If not, we will start a new tradition, Christmas 2.0 in January.

Speaking of 2.0, did you get your vaccine booster? Or your vaccine? Is it safe? Just ask the 191 million people here in the U.S or the 3 billion people worldwide. Lots of proof here.

The Magyar Club of Dayton's fall dance was a big success. We weren't there because of some travel we had planned, but I hear the George Batyi Gypsy Band played all the favorites and the food was excellent, as usual. What a great way to keep the Hungarian culture alive.

The big announcement of the year is always the Branch 249 Christmas party. We invite all Branch 249 juvenile members and immediate family to Scene 75 on Sunday, Dec. 12 for two hours of fun with video games, miniature golf, laser tag, bumper cars, go karts, drop tower, carousel, 4-D motion theater and, of course, an in-door roller coaster. We will have pizza, snacks and drinks in a private room. Look for your reservation letter in the mail and RSVP as soon as possible. You must have a reservation.

Branch 249 participated in Join Hands Day by donating to Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church for landscaping projects caused by the 21 tornadoes in Dayton on Memorial Day 2019. Even after two years, damage is still evident in many parts of Dayton.

We also donated to the House of Bread, a community kitchen started in 1983 by a Catholic nun and a Jewish businessman who thought that no one should go hungry. They serve a hot lunch every day of the year to an average of 230 people. They also serve dinners to families four nights a week. With the resources this country has, no one should go hungry.

Please remember our sick or injured members, especially Marilyn Schmidt. We hope you all get well soon.

Also remember our deceased members, family and friends, especially at this time. Keep them in your prayers. The holidays are especially hard on families. Do something kind for them.

Happy birthday to you November and December born. I hope all your wishes come true.

To you love birds who celebrate a wedding anniversary in November or December, here's to many more in the coming years, especially to my beautiful Anne Marie after 36 special years.

Next on the calendar: New Year 2022! This is your year to sparkle!



Are your beneficiaries up to date?

Think about the changes that have occurred in your life since you purchased your life insurance. Do the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes? If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates—either primary or secondary beneficiaries—contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office at 412-231-2979.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Mid-autumn/early winter salutations, everyone! 2021 is at its endpoint, and we forge ahead with confidence and optimism, as we count our blessings.

Fraternalism is at the core of William Penn Association, and we're pleased to report that Branch 296 participated in the Frontline Workers Outreach program. Eat 'n Park Restaurant provided a pretty darn good packaged lunch for officers and staff of the Tarentum Police Department.

Branch members dropped by the station, bringing smiles, lunch, bags of chips, drinks, plus a tasty dessert. This was a nice visit enjoyed by the police staff, as well as our branch members. We are grateful for the Tarentum Police Department's protection, their community outreach, and it was a pleasure recognizing their efforts.

By the time you read this, our branch held a "drive-thru" Christmas party at the Springdale VFW. Certainly, it was different from times past, but we wanted to provide this much anticipated branch fraternal event in the best way we could offer, under the current circumstances. Necessity is the mother of invention, right? And, we felt it necessary to let our younger members know that we like making them smile. Besides, Christmas, as you know, is never cancelled. It lives in our hearts. Kudos and appreciation to our branch officers and members who volunteered to create this experience for our youth members.

Branch 296 congratulates our WPFA Scholarship Foundation new student recipients: Christopher Ferrone, Marissa Morvai and Maya Volpe. Chalking up another difficult year, these students more than likely spent their senior years learning remotely or intermittently in person at their schools.



Branch 296 delivered food and beverages to the Tarentum (PA) Police Department as part of WPA's Frontline Workers Outreach program. Pictured are (l-r) National V.P.-Treasurer and Branch President Diane Torma, branch member Diana Borland, Tarentum Police Officer Jordan Schrecengost, National V.P.-Secretary and branch member Cassie Holmes and WPA Sales Representative Noreen Fritz.

We applaud their determined efforts in earning their diplomas. Again, more hard life lessons, due to COVID-19. But, they've persevered during these extraordinary times and now they're onto their next level of education. Here's to a fabulous year in college, with renewed spirit!

Now, I guess that this would be a perfect opportunity to remind all readers that these students and thousands of others have greatly benefitted from the generous support of donors. We're nearing the end of the year and donations to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation are tax deductible. WPA has faithfully kept its fraternal promise by providing student scholarships to our members for over 50 years. But, we cannot continue to do this without your support. If you received a William Penn Association scholarship, please consider our applicants. Remember, you were once in their place in life.

Tremendous birthday greetings to all of our 296-ers celebrating their special days throughout November and December, especially to Kathleen Panaro, Diana Borland, and Noreen Fritz.

For those who became brides and grooms during these months, we extend happy anniversary greetings to you and our wish that

you remain together in happiness for many more years to come.

Extending sincere get well wishes to our members recovering from illnesses or surgeries. Rest, relax and follow your doctor's orders. This always helps in the healing process. We'll also keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

For the families and friends of our Branch 296 members who have recently lost a loved one, we send you our heartfelt condolences. Rest in peace.

A year ago at this time, I wrote of wishing that I could tell you when our next branch meeting will be. After a nearly two-year hiatus, we were able to have our September meeting but are holding off meeting again for a while longer. This will not last forever.

Should you have any personal milestones that you would like for me to share in future columns, you may contact me at 724-274-5318 and I will mention them.

Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, our incredible agent, is available for your life insurance and annuity needs or questions. Not only can Noreen assist you with life insurance and annuities, please know that she practices fraternalism with her involvement as one of our most active branch members. We truly appreciate you, Noreen! Feel

free to contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

Veterans Day and Thanksgiving arrive in November and Hanukkah begins at the end of the month. These days are celebrated with remembrance and gratitude.

December begins with St. Nicholas Day, and Christmas follows, in all its glory, at the end. Wishing you happiness on these days and during all the days in between.

Tearing the page off the calendar and starting a brand new one, let us expect new hope for a bright outlook in 2022!

Branch 349 **Weirton, WV**

By Joyce Nicholson

Merry Christmas from WPA Branch 349 to you. May peace be your gift at Christmas with blessings all year through for you and your loved ones. Maybe this year we will get back to some normalcy and soon get together with family and friends and continue to have more fun. I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was blessed with loved ones and delicious food.

I was saddened to see that the White Rose Ball in Michigan is being canceled again. Perhaps this wonderful Hungarian tradition will be able to get back to a normal schedule post-COVID in 2023. I enjoy watching the debutantes and their escorts perform the *Palotás*.

We extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November-December.

Our sympathies are extended to those who have family members or friends who recently passed on. Remember in your prayers our recently deceased branch members: Mary Bradcovich, Matthew Camilletti and Carol Peregoy.

We send get well wishes to those who are or have been ill or hospitalized, including Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, Richard Sarosi, Bar-

bara House, Lisa Toth-Maskarinec and Ernie Sarosi.

This issue's interesting fact is about Harry Houdini. Harry Houdini was a Hungarian-born American escape artist, illusionist, stunt performer and magician, noted for his escape acts. He first attracted notice in the United States in a vaudeville act and then on a tour of Europe, where he challenged the police to keep him locked up. He then extended his act to include being placed in a straightjacket, restrained by chains and placed under water in a sealed container from which he had to escape.

Harry Houdini died on Halloween 95 years ago, but a séance to attempt to contact his spirit is still held every Halloween in various cities around the country.

Our next branch meeting will be at King's Family Restaurant, 1063 Canton Road, Wintersville, on Sunday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Stay warm and bring the pets in. Warmer weather will be here before you know it.

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

Branch 800 **Altoona, PA**

By Joan B. Ballash

We wish a blessed and joyful holiday season to all members and their families. Thank God for the gift of His son. Pray for peace and the end of COVID-19 and its variants.

This is the season of giving. There are numerous charitable organizations in our area that would welcome donations of food, clothing, toys and, of course, money. Volunteering your time is another option.

In recognition of Veterans Day,

branch officers voted to send a monetary donation to the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center (VAMC) and to the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home (HVH). The VAMC is one of eight in Pennsylvania, and the HVH is the largest of six in the Commonwealth. We are fortunate to have these facilities nearby.

Branch officers also voted to give to Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and the American Rescue Workers. They all serve people in need.

Happy November birthday to Branch Treasurer and Coordinator Bob Jones. Everyone appreciates your knowledge and efforts.

Winter is about to officially arrive. Are you prepared? Is your vehicle ready? Does the snow blower need a tune-up? Is the furnace in working order? Have you dug out the heavier clothing? If you live in the northeast, winter can be quite a challenge. Take extra precautions and discuss with your health care provider what preventative measures you and your family can take to avoid becoming ill.

December marks the fifth year since I began writing the branch news for Branch 800. I thank the editors and all the other employees for their time and effort that is put into this publication.

Our sincere sympathy goes to those who have recently lost a loved one. Holidays can be particularly lonely and stressful. Perhaps you know someone who would appreciate an invitation to dinner or to your branch Christmas party.

Branch 800 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Education Center, 873 - 27th St., Altoona. All adult members are welcome to attend.

If you have news to share, please call 814-941-8863.

If you have questions regarding life insurance or annuities, please call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661.

Holy, happy and healthy 2022!

In Memoriam

Please remember
in your thoughts
and prayers our
recently departed
members and
their loved ones

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Rosemary C. Burinda
Stephen J. Gall
0009 HAZLETON, PA
Mary Kalkun
Terrance E. Moran
0013 TRENTON, NJ
Joseph Bucciarelli
John W. Fazekas
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Adela Cutura
Maryann C. Sevits
0015 CHICAGO, IL
Billie J. Clarke
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Waneva F. Freil
Andrew Lukacs
Julia Maslanik
Helen Molnar
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Zatonya D. Cooper
Daniel T. DeLeo
0023 POCAHONTAS, VA
Irene Cowan
0024 CHICAGO, IL
Rose R. Fedor
Helen Livak
0026 SHARON, PA
Mark J. Panin
0027 TOLEDO, OH
Magdalene J. Ujvagi
0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Margaret Hotz
Rosalie B. Kubus
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Jonnelle L. Christner
Marjorie H. Crews
Ruth Danko
Anna C. Milano

Robert J. Zak
0044 AKRON, OH
Irene Stelts
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Isaak Gitlin
Helen Pollock
0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Sarah E. Dreska
Shelley A.C. Scantlebury
Daniel Torres
John Yanish
0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Katherine Bannan
Edward J. Murphy
0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Irene L. Gyongyosy
Judith A. Sheperd
0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Mary Komives
0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Lillian Kedik
Dolores T. Perkins
Elsie M. Miller
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
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Sarah Lomax
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AUGUST 2021

Branch - Donor - Amount
13 - Geza C. Matthews - \$25.00
14 - Rosemary Balazs - \$25.00
18 - Anita P. Kosaski - \$1.74
28 - Maria E. Schauer - \$3.90
89 - Eric J. Berger - \$10.00
132 - Deanna M. Rubottom - \$5.00
159 - William Scherfel - \$1.71
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$5.00
296 - Brittany A. Brasiola - \$25.00
352 - John W. Bush - \$25.00
705 - Richard F. Orbon - \$2.88
720 - Adeline P. Scagliarini - \$13.00
720 - Virginia A. Kavanaugh - \$10.00
720 - Alane C. Renaud - \$10.00

8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$5.00
TOTAL for Month = \$174.63

SEPTEMBER 2021

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9 - Colleen M. Phillips - \$5.00
14 - Betty F. Fortner - \$5.00
18 - Barbara J. Yarbrough - \$3.27
19 - Buda Kun-Szabo - \$14.50
19 - Attila Kun-Szabo - \$11.80
28 - Kiran P. Golhar - \$10.00
28 - Frank Schauer - \$5.00
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89 - Damon V. DeLuca - \$10.00
129 - Julie Westcamp - \$1.53
129 - Stephanie L. Shepard - \$10.00

129 - Thomas A. Shepard - \$10.88
159 - Kelly J. Scherfel - \$3.39
189 - Kim A. Vanderkar - \$20.00
226 - Danielle L. Anthony - \$50.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Judit Borsay - \$25.00
352 - Brooke E. Veith - \$5.00
705 - Katherine A. Orbon - \$4.87
705 - Richard F. Orbon - \$2.40
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TOTAL for Month = \$253.04

Additional Donations

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

Donor - Amount
(In Memory of, if applicable)
Anonymous - \$100.00
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WPA Cookbook Sales - \$160.00
TOTAL for Month = \$2,089.00



The Christmas Anna Angel

When I was 4 years old, my parents first read to me a book titled *The Christmas Anna Angel*, written by Ruth Sawyer and illustrated by Kate Seredy, who wrote a number of fine books herself. It became an annual tradition for me and my brothers. Now that my eldest daughter is 4, I will continue this tradition.

Sawyer is not Hungarian, but she met a Hungarian woman, Anna Kester, who was an inmate at the West Virginia Federal Prison where Sawyer led a monthly storytelling session. It was Kester who told her the tale that would become the book.

Anna Angel is just under 50 pages and can be easily finished in less than an hour. The story takes place during WW II and involves a farm girl and her family enduring the hardships of living without basic food stuffs.

Anna is sad that her favorite Christmas cakes would not be made as the army con-

fiscated the supplies necessary to make the goodies. Anna has a dream right before Christmas in which her guardian angel makes all of the cakes and cookies that were not going to be made that Christmas. When Anna gets up on Christmas morning, she finds that all of the goodies in her dream are now on the Christmas tree or placed on the kitchen table.

This book is filled with Magyar culture and customs and is an excellent primer to Seredy's books, such as *The White Stag*, *The Good Master*, *The Singing Tree*, and *Lazy Tinka*.

A few editions of the book are still available for purchase online through Abe Books (www.abebooks.com for \$25 with free shipping), Amazon and a few other websites.

The final puzzle for 2021 has 14 clues, each either a name, food or event from the book *The Christmas Anna Angel*.

Good luck! Boldog Karácsonyt and Boldog Új Évet Kívánok 2022!

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #187 OFFICIAL ENTRY

W	C	E	Y	T	F	E	A	I	J	G	Y	K	O	M
J	R	A	K	G	P	U	E	P	O	E	A	J	P	A
H	V	E	R	A	C	T	W	O	Z	A	D	P	V	T
G	V	G	Y	A	C	B	S	I	C	S	Y	K	V	Y
K	F	Z	H	W	W	E	R	Z	T	I	C	K	W	A
B	O	J	V	J	A	A	L	W	Y	C	U	F	S	S
U	K	E	N	T	M	S	Y	P	Z	S	L	K	A	R
W	R	D	T	H	B	B	H	B	P	Z	T	V	I	A
V	E	M	I	K	L	O	S	T	R	A	N	A	N	D
J	F	H	H	M	V	R	C	Y	U	E	I	N	T	O
Y	D	E	R	E	S	E	T	A	K	R	A	C	M	Z
O	L	Z	S	A	L	N	O	R	A	M	S	D	A	W
S	A	I	N	T	N	I	C	H	O	L	A	S	R	N
H	S	C	F	S	P	M	N	B	Y	G	F	F	K	S
B	E	O	W	J	E	F	Y	P	N	H	H	W	I	V

"Christmas Anna Angel" Word List

Anna	Kate Seredy	Ruth Sawyer
Apple Cake	Mari	Saint Mark
Caraway Bread	Maron László	Saint Lucy Day
Ferkó	Mátyás Rado	Saint Nicholas
Goose	Miklos	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WPA Certificate No.: _____

RULES

ALL **WPA members** are eligible to enter.

Complete the word search puzzle correctly.

Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and WPA Certificate Number, to:

WPA PUZZLE #187
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Feb. 1, 2022**.

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Dec. 6, 2021, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #185 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #185 were drawn Sept. 30, 2021 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Dawn Hosbein, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Raymond J. Janesko, Br. 8036 Scottdale, PA
Renee M. Lucas, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
David J. Nizankiewicz, Br. 23 Pocahontas, VA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.



Our young members need your help

Will you answer the call?

As the pandemic continues, so, too, has the need for making difficult decisions concerning WPA's normal schedule of events. The latest victim of the pandemic was the annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, which had been scheduled for Sept. 12. This meeting normally serves as a large source of revenue for the Scholarship Foundation, as many members and branches attending the meeting contribute thousands of dollars. But, to protect the health of all involved, the meeting was cancelled and an important source of income was lost.

We are appealing to all members, branches and friends of WPA to help us make up this shortfall in expected revenue. If you are able, please make a donation today using the form below.

We ask our branches to remember our Scholarship Foundation and the young members it helps when planning fundraising events. Every dollar you contribute will help our young members achieve their goals. No donation is too small.

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.

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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Thank you for your support!