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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.

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Remembering 1956

'For 12 days, there was hope'

by **Judit Ganchuk**

This year marks the 65th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on Oct. 23, 1956. I have read multiple memoirs of those who survived that period of history. I have also met some captivating 1956 Hungarian refugees who shared with me the horrible details of their terrifying ordeals. Still, I find it hard to fully comprehend what life must have been like for those young men and women 65 years ago, revolting against the Soviet Communists. I remind my children, and plan to continue reminding them, of those stories, that freedom is not free, and that they must learn from history to move forward.

To make this part of history interesting for our members is sometimes difficult, and each year I find it harder and harder to make the Revolution come alive for others as it does for me. I want to express

my sympathy for those who were murdered and pay my respects to those victims and their families. I have a difficult time finding a balance between salacious details and preserving history for posterity sake.

Born a few decades too late, I don't have the right words to commemorate such a somber event, so I ask that you reflect on it with me through the words of someone with much more political clout, Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State (2005-2009) and current Director of the Hoover Institution. Rice hosted a reception at the State Department in 2006 in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian revolt. Below is a portion of her remarks. I hope her reflections spark some interest in our younger readers to explore the internet or visit their local library to learn more about the 1956 Hungarian revolution against the Soviet Communists.

FOR 12 DAYS IN 1956, the Hungarian people caught a fleeting glimpse of their independence. Armed with little more than a love of liberty, the impatient patriots of Hungary rose up against the mighty Soviet empire. They stormed the jails and they freed political prisoners. They took back their country's radio waves and broadcast the censored sounds of Mozart and Beethoven. And they imagined a new future for Hungary, where they and their fellow citizens would determine their own future in freedom without facing foreign oppression or fearing the midnight knock of the secret police.

For 12 days, there was hope, but then came the response and it was terrible and ferocious. Soviet troops and tanks rumbled into Hungary, killing tens of thousands of people and condemning thousands of others to Siberian gulags.

A desperate exodus began. Two hundred thousand Hungarians, men, women and children, fled the land of their birth and sought shelter in the West. The United States opened its doors to the driven sons and daughters of Hungary. In time, these immigrants put down new roots and they started new businesses and they added to the diverse and wonderful character of America.



1956 was a year of unspeakable tragedy for the Hungarian people, but 50 years later, from the vantage point of history, we see that 1956 was also the beginning of something greater, something far more promising. In the Hungarian Revolution, the world saw that hope was alive behind the Iron Curtain. In 12 days of free-

dom, impatient patriots throughout Eastern Europe drew inspiration for their own struggles and in the stories of oppression that Hungarian refugees told, free nations learned the true character of the Soviet regime and their will to resist it grew stronger.

The hope for independence was never extinguished in the Hungarian people. They resisted Soviet imperialism to the very end and they were the first in their region to make the transition to democracy. Immediately, Hungary's free government began realizing the goals that all Hungarians had longed for during the dark days of communism: liberty and human rights, the rule of law and equal justice, free enterprise and growing wealth.

(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Rice's full remarks can be found online at <https://2001-2009.state.gov/secretary/rm/2006/61121.htm>)



Medicare, Medicaid and the Annual Enrollment Period



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A few years ago, I addressed our members concerns about Medicare and Medicaid. But, judging from phone calls we receive, there still seems to be a great deal of confusion surrounding Medicare and Medicaid eligibility. Many of our members call to ask us about the type of plans they should be considering if they are already on Medicare, or what their options are when they turn age 65 and become “Medicare eligible.” I thought it best to address a few of those concerns again this month. Since WPA does not offer Medicare supplement insurance, I once again asked Jeff Johnstone, a WPA agent and Agency Principal at Senior Healthcare Specialists, LLC, to answer some of the questions that our members often ask.

Jeff, thank you for agreeing to help our members again. I'd like to begin by asking for a general overview of Medicare. What is Medicare and what does it cover?

Medicare is a federal insurance program that provides health insurance for people over age 65 and also for younger individuals that may qualify due to disability. There are four different parts to Medicare: Parts A, B, C and D. Medicare Part A provides coverage for inpatient and hospital care, skilled nursing and hospice care and some home health care. Part B provides coverage for outpatient medical procedures, such as physician services, outpatient care, durable medical equipment and many preventive services, such as regular physicals and check-ups. Medicare Part C (also known as Medicare Advantage plans) are privately managed, federally approved health insurance plans. Part C plans combine the benefits of Parts A and B into one plan and may also include prescription drug coverage. Part D plans provide Medicare beneficiaries with privately managed, federally approved prescription drug coverage. Part D also helps manage prescription drug costs and provides discounts at “in-network” and preferred pharmacies.

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

The upcoming Annual Election Period (or AEP) runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. This is the only time of the year where current Medicare recipients can make any changes to their plans for the upcoming 2022 plan year, unless they have a special enrollment situation.

What about members who might be turning 65 in the coming year?

People turning 65 and becoming Medicare eligible for the first time can enroll throughout the calendar year based on their eligibility status. You will automatically qualify for Medicare Part A coverage when you turn age 65 if you have qualified by having 40 quarters of full-time employment. They would need to purchase Medicare Part B at the current cost of \$148.50 per month. If they are on Social Security, that premium is automatically deducted from their monthly benefit check.

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

If you are already on Medicare and covered under a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can only make changes to your plan during the Annual Enrollment Period. If you have a “life event” during the year, such as moving to another state or losing your health insurance, then you may qualify for a “Special Enrollment Period” (or SEP) during which you can enroll or change plans outside of the Annual Enrollment Period.

How is a Medicare Advantage Plan different from traditional Medicare parts A and B?

Medicare Advantage Plans (or MA plans) must cover all the services that original Medicare Parts A and B cover, with the exception of hospice

care. In all MA plans, you are covered for emergency and urgent care, and all plans must offer emergency coverage outside of your plan's area, but NOT outside the U.S. Many MA plans offer extra benefits, such as dental, vision and wellness coverage, and most also include prescription drug coverage. MA plans and benefits can change from year to year, so it's important to review your coverage each year to understand how a particular plan works.

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

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

What is Medicaid and how does it work?

Medicaid is a public benefit program that is run at the state level, not the federal level, so the guidelines vary from state to state. For example, Pennsylvania uses the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines to determine who qualifies for coverage. To qualify for full Medicaid coverage in Pennsylvania, the maximum income for a single individual over the age of 65 is \$1,074 per month and the maximum resource (asset) limit is \$2,000. For a married couple, those numbers increase to \$1,452 and \$3,000 respectively.

But, there are other programs that will help people over those limits. For example, if their income is at or below the above guidelines--but their assets are not--they may still qualify for help with their Part A and B cost-sharing, as well as help paying their Part B premium payments.

Again, there are a number of different programs for which our members may qualify, so be sure they check with their particular state to review the guidelines.

What about “spend-down” programs for Medicare beneficiaries who are over the Medicaid limits for income, assets or both? How do they work?

Most states have spend-down programs for beneficiaries who are over the Medicaid limits. For

example, Pennsylvania has a six-month “spend-down” period, so once an individual or couple has paid their excess income down to the eligibility limit for the period, they will qualify for the remainder of the period. If a beneficiary meets the income guidelines but not the asset limits for eligibility, they can consider reducing their assets by spending the excess on non-countable items, such as home modifications (such as wheelchair ramps or stair lifts), prepaying for funeral and burial expenses or paying off debts.

They can also check into a practice called “Medicaid Planning.” The majority of people considering Medicaid are “over-income” or “over-asset” limits, or both and still cannot afford their cost of care. For persons in this situation, Medicaid planning exists. Working with a Medicaid planning professional,

families can employ a variety of strategies to help them become Medicaid eligible, as well as to protect their home from Medicaid's estate recovery program.

What's the first thing someone turning 65 or enrolling in Medicare for the first time should do?

We always recommend that you contact a qualified, licensed Medicare representative in your area. Many WPA agents are also Medicare qualified agents, or partner with other agents

who specialize in Medicare plans, so that would be a good place to start.

What else should our members be thinking about at this time of the year?

Along with the upcoming Annual Enrollment Period, this is a great time of the year for those turning age 65 to have a thorough review of their life insurance and “final expense” type coverage. Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare supplements and life insurance should all be part of their plan as they consider their options in retirement.

Will you or someone you know be one of the more than 3 million Americans turning 65 this year? Call your WPA agent or broker. They can answer your questions and help to point you in the right direction.

If you have any questions about your options for Medicare, you can reach Jeff at 1-888-412-9990 or jjohnstone@seniorhealthcarespecialistsllc.com.

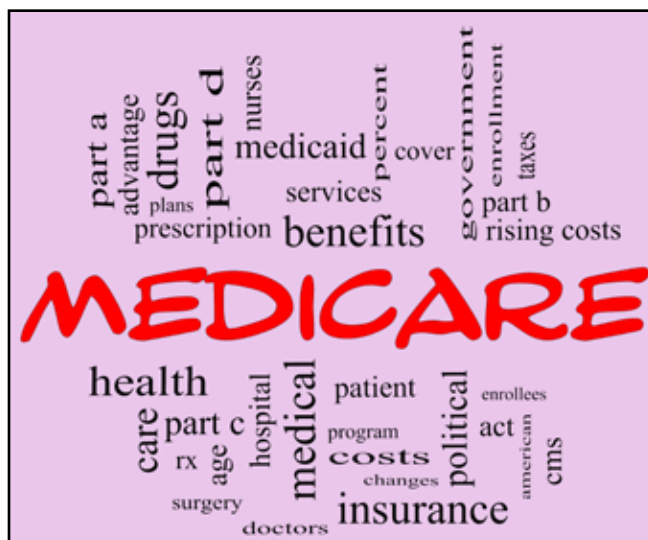


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Tying up loose ends ...again

This summer flew by, and with it a lot of events and activities that came and went. In such hectic seasons, I tend to accumulate a number of notes regarding this or that Hungarian item for a future *Take*. Sooner or later, the notes grow to such numbers that they reach critical mass. Some of these tidbits may have seemed like an urgent matter at the time but have since lapsed in importance or were too narrow in scope to warrant a full column. Consider this issue's *Take* a house cleaning, which seems appropriate for this transition from the long days of summer to the upcoming holiday season.

First, an Olympics update! My "distant cousin" Cs  h Laszlo Jr. represented the Hungarian Olympic team for the final time in Tokyo. He was the second-most dominant swimmer in the past four Summer Olympics, just behind Michael Phelps. He even held the Hungarian flag, leading the rest of the Hungarian team into the stadium during the opening ceremonies of the Tokyo Olympics. Though Cs  h did not win a medal this year, he did make it to the finals of the one event in which he participated, his signature 200-meter individual medley.

Hungary represented itself quite well at the Tokyo Olympics. Overall, the team was 13th out of all the nations that participated. Hungary won 20 medals in total, including six gold, seven silver and seven bronze. Hungarians impressed not only in swimming but also in fencing, wrestling, judo, canoe, pentathlon and sailing. If you read my last *Take*, you wouldn't be surprised by this. Notably, both the men's and women's national team took bronze in water polo, continuing Hungary's excellence in the sport.

On this side of the Atlantic, I have to give a shout-out to Hungarian-American shotput star Joseph Mathias Kovacs, who won the silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, following up his winning silver in the Rio de Janeiro games in 2016. Kovacs was born in Bethlehem, PA, and was raised in nearby Nazareth. He is a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School and Penn State University. The 33 year-old makes it a point to highlight his Magyar ancestry on many of his public announcements.

Let's not forget the Tokyo Paralympic Games which took place Aug. 24 through Sept. 5. Hungary sent 37 athletes (17 men and 20 women) to participate in 10 events, including paracanoeing, wheelchair fencing, and table tennis.

Looking to the future, Budapest was a finalist to be the host city for the 2024 Summer Olympics but was not chosen. That honor went to Paris. I am glad because such major exposure to Budapest, still a hidden gem, might turn it and Hungary into another overcrowded tourist hotspot.

Hungary can perform just as well in academic competition as it can in athletics. This year, Hungarians also participated in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Osaka, Japan while the Summer Olympics were taking place in nearby Tokyo. David Benko and Lucio Saraco took silver medals in this World Series of Chemistry Championship. Benko will continue his studies at MIT in the fall while Saraco will continue to further his education in Hungary. Over 30 nations were represented in this world class scholastic event, which began in 1968.

I recently learned that several distinctly Hungarian foods have surprising name origins.

For instance, take Somlói Cake, the decadent triflé featuring layers of sponge cake and sweet cream. I had always assumed the cake was named after Somló Hill, a huge volcanic outcropping about 12 miles north of Lake Balaton. However, the cake, created in 1958, gets its name from Somlyó Hill just outside of Budapest, where the cake's creator came from.

Most people assume that Székely Gulyás originated in the Szekler region (in modern day Romania). Instead, legend has it that the dish was accidentally created by József Székely at the Komló Garden in Budapest in 1846. Székely was a poet and writer in pre-revolutionary Budapest. One evening he took his dear friend Sándor Petöfi for a late night dinner only to find that all the restaurant had left in its kitchen was a pot of pork cooked with paprika and onions and a container of sauerkraut. József had the ingredients combined, served, and the rest is culinary history.

Finally, there is nothing like a piece of Dobos Torte made by Miska at Farkas Bakery in Cleveland. Most aficionados of Magyar pastries think the nine layered treat made of chocolate buttercream layered between thin sheets of golden sponge cake is named Dobos because it resembles the shape of a small drum (*dob* in Hungarian). Instead, the famous dessert is named after inventor-chef József Dobos of Budapest. In the late 1800s, Dobos wanted to make a cake that would last a long ride to Vienna, Berlin or Munich. So he devised a cake that would be encapsulated with ground walnut or hazelnuts and topped off with a thin layer of hardened caramel that would seal in the moist cake and icing and would therefore last for several days instead of a few hours.

When a person visits Hungary, they will sooner or later experience live dinner music played by Hungarian folk musicians. Unfortunately, the COVID crisis shut down tourism and restaurants across the nation. When these venues closed, musicians had a difficult time getting by as most were classically trained as musicians and had no other trade or occupation to fall on. In particular, Hungarian Roma musicians and their families have suffered immensely.

The Hungarian Tourism Agency, in conjunction with the government and in cooperation with the House of Traditions and The Music of Hungary Program, decided that this live Hungarian music is a vital and necessary part of the tourist industry. As such, they are funding around 500 musicians from almost 100 orchestras not only in Budapest but other areas frequented by visitors. Hungary's leadership feels preserving this style of music is important for revenue but

also in retaining a unique and historically significant part of the culture of Hungary.

It has been more than 18 months since my family has broadcast their radio program due to the coronavirus. I am happy to say that the Saturday ethnic programming is tentatively planned to resume by October. We hope that time table will not be delayed due to the Delta variant. Long-time listener and WPA member Geza Y. lamented in a recent email to my family: "I miss your radio program so much and I enjoy reading *Tibor's Take* every month! Hurry back, so many of us miss you!"

Our program can be heard on Saturdays noon to 1:30 p.m. on WKTL-90.7 FM in Struthers, Ohio.



Happily, with increased treatments and vaccinations (thank you Dr. Karikó!), in person Hungarian events have picked up again. My brother András played at several events in the Cleveland and Youngstown areas over the late summer. One event at St. Emeric's in downtown Cleveland for St. Stephen's Day proved to be a great success. My brother, pictured here in sunglasses and Hungarian garb, entertained scores of attendees on his Sternberg cimbalom.

This summer, my wife Monika and I relocated to Detroit, Michigan. I look forward to learning and being part of the Magyar community in and around the Motor City. I will keep you updated concerning these endeavors, but for those WPA members in Michigan, please email me some potential leads for good Hungarian businesses at tcseh@aol.com.

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



Simply Soup

Fáradjon be a Magyar Konyhába! The summer is over, and we are entering what I consider the best season of the year--fall. Living in Philadelphia, I am close to Amish farms, which means fresh fall produce like squash and, of course, apples. While living in New Hampshire, I would visit fresh produce farms and pick-your-own orchards as well, which provided an abundance of vegetables and apples to work with in the kitchen. In this article, I will share with you three great soup recipes I have enjoyed making for myself and for friends during the fall season: New England Clam Chowder, Chicken Paprikás Soup and Cheddar Apple Soup. So, let's tie on our aprons and get into the kitchen....

Soups are classified as clear or thick. **Clear Soups** include broth made from proteins or vegetables and *consommés*, which are broths clarified to make them crystal clear and full of flavor. **Thick Soups** include cream soups and purees. Common cream soups are usually vegetable-based, thickened with a starch, and laden with heavy cream to add flavor and richness. **Puréed Soups** are made from starchy vegetables or legumes. After the soup ingredients are cooked, an immersion blender is used to puree this soup, making it very thick and tasty. **Bisques**, **Chowders**, and all **Cold Soups** are neither clear nor thick and require special ways--or a combination of methods--to prepare them.

Flavor, appearance and texture determine the quality of a soup. All the ingredients of your soup should compliment each other. No one ingredient should stand out, for example, the taste of onions in vegetable soup. The flavors of all the vegetables should blend together.

When using vegetables in your soup, they should be semi-cooked then added to the soup to keep their vibrant color. I try to stay away from bland colors unless the main ingredient in the soup is bland, such as mushrooms in a cream of mushroom soup. Some recipes will have you sweat, or par-cook vegetables then add broth as a base, combining all other ingredients to finish the soup.

After you have finished making your soup, consider a garnish that will make the soup more appealing to the eye. Remember, if it looks great, your brain will be inclined to think it tastes great. Garnishes can also add extra flavor, such as parsley to vegetable or any protein-based concoction.

When making any soup, you should always taste during the cooking process to make sure you are not overcooking the vegetables. By tasting, you can make sure your seasonings are on point.

Here are a few more tips for making soups, chowders, and bisques:

- Before adding meat to your soup, make sure you brown it completely to get the redness cooked out.
- Vegetables, such as *mirepoix*, should also be cooked before placing in your soup to make sure they are not crunchy or al dente.
- Use the correct size pot to ensure even cooking.
- Good-quality water is necessary when making stock for your soup. I prefer to use spring or bottled water instead of tap water.
- Once all the ingredients are combined in the pot, slowly heat your soup to a boil (*except clam chowder--see recipe*), then adjust the heat so the soup simmers. If you boil the soup, most of the liquid will evaporate, you'll lose flavor and the solid ingredients will become soft and mushy.
- When sweating any meat or vegetables, use butter or natural fat instead of oils.

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.

- Use the appropriate stock for the soup you are making, such as vegetable for vegetable, and the proper protein stocks for turkey, beef, pork, chicken, clam, lobster or fish.
- If you need to add additional ingredients, make sure you add them at the right time according to your recipe.
- Once again, remember sauces and soups are to be simmered, not boiled.
- If the soup is not going to be served immediately, chill it then keep in refrigeration or freeze the soup until you are ready to enjoy it.
- Choose the proper serving vessel such as a bowl, mug, or cup with a soup spoon. Puréed soups are best served in a cup or mug without a spoon.
- If drops of fat appear on your soup, use a paper towel to blot them off the surface.
- Serve soup at the proper temperature, out of the “food danger” zone, which should be above 140°F.

Next issue, I will have recipes for the upcoming holiday season. Enjoy the soup recipes and have a great fall season. Stay healthy, stay safe!

Jó étvágyat!

Chicken Paprikás Soup

½ cup butter, unsalted
 1 large Vidalia onion, diced small
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 ¼ to ½ cup Hungarian paprika
 ¾ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon thyme, fresh OR dried
 7 cups chicken stock
 2 cups chicken cooked, diced OR shredded
 1 teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 cup sour cream
 2 cups cooked nakedli OR spaetzle noodles

In a stockpot, melt the butter, add onions and garlic, then cook on low heat until the onions are soft and translucent, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the paprika, thyme and flour, then stir to coat the onions and garlic, another 2 to 3 minutes. Whisk in the chicken stock and cook until the soup thickens, then simmer on low heat for 30 minutes. Add the chicken, nakedli (or spaetzle), salt and pepper and stir well.

You may serve the soup as is which will be in the form of a thick clear broth...OR set aside 1 cup of soup and slowly stir in the

sour cream; then add this sour cream mixture back to the pot which will look like chicken paprikas.

Taste the soup and if need be, adjust the flavor to your liking with additional paprika, salt and pepper. You may choose to add more chicken, nakedli and spaetzle than specified in this recipe.

Ladle soup into bowls. Serve hot to your guests with a crusty rye bread. Makes 9 servings.

New England Clam Chowder

4 slices bacon, diced small
 1½ cups Vidalia onion, diced small
 1½ cups clam juice
 4 cups potatoes, peeled, cut into small cubes
 1½ teaspoons salt
 ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
 3 cups heavy cream OR half & half
 3 tablespoons butter
 2 (10 ounce) cans clams, minced or chopped

Place bacon in a stockpot over medium to high heat and cook until tender but not crisp. Add the onions and cook until they are

tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in the clam juice, add the potatoes along with the salt and pepper, then bring to a slow simmer and cook until the potatoes are fork tender. Pour in the cream (or half & half) and add butter; add the clams and cook for another 5 minutes until the soup is thoroughly heated. **Do not allow chowder to boil.** Serve hot to your guests in a soup bowl with Oyster Crackers on the side. Makes 6 servings.

Vermont Cheddar Apple Soup

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 large Vidalia onion, peeled and minced
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 2 teaspoons mustard powder
 6 cups vegetable stock
 OR 4 cups vegetable stock with 2 cups apple cider
 4 Granny Smith apples peeled, cored & chopped
 3 cups sharp cheddar cheese
 2 dashes Tabasco sauce
 Salt & pepper, to taste

Melt butter in a soup pot over medium heat, then sauté the onion until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Sprinkle the flour and mustard powder and stir to coat. This will create the roux to thicken the soup. Cook the roux an additional 2 minutes.

Stir vegetable stock into the onion mixture and blend well, then add the apples, saving a half cup for garnish. Cover the pot with a lid and simmer until the soup thickens and the apples are tender, about 10 minutes.

Stir the cheddar cheese into the soup, stirring until the cheese has melted and the soup has a silky texture, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the Tabasco sauce, then season with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls then garnish with remaining apples. Serve hot to your guests. Makes 6 servings.

Car show in Cleveland

CLEVELAND -- The Westside Hungarian Reformed Church will host its 6th Annual Hungarian Car Show Sunday, Oct. 10, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

There will be Hungarian and American foods; beer, wine and soft beverages; DJ Elvis; door prizes; a Chinese auction and 50/50 drawing. Spectators welcomed.

For more information, call 216-482-4381.

New Jersey Scout Ball

NEWARK, NJ -- The Hungarian Scouts will host a ball Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Newark Marriott. Debutantes and their escorts will perform the *Palotás*, then dance to the music of the Jack Goodman Big Band. To learn more, email cser-keszbal@kmczzs.org.

Cultural Garden celebrates 83 years

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden celebrated its 83rd anniversary June 27 with the dedication of a new sculpture. Entitled "A Béke Szárnyai (Wings of Peace)," it is the work of Ken Roby of the Village Blacksmith, Inc., in Chagrin Falls, OH.

Sponsored by sisters Marta Kirsch and Elisabeth Allison, the sculpture was dedicated to the memory of their father, Emery Kovács Smith.

Dr. Zsolt Páva from the Hungarian Consulate Office in Chicago offered greetings.

Following the dedication, guests enjoyed the annual Liszt Concert, which was the first concert to be performed on the recently-dedicated Cleveland Cultural Garden Centennial Peace Plaza Stage. The beautiful Liszt program was prepared by Vera Holczer-Waroquet, founder and director of the Aurora School of Music. The students and faculty performed piano and violin selections. The vocal selections were performed in Hungarian, which was learned by the singers just for the program. It was a remarkable performance.



Dayton Magyars to host dinner

DAYTON -- The Magyar Club of Dayton invites everyone to their 2021 Hungarian Heritage Dance & Buffet, to be held Saturday, Oct. 9, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the American Czech-Slovak Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The buffet will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature all-you-can-eat salad, *paprikás* potatoes, cabbage rolls, chicken *paprikás*, *nokedli*, bread and butter and one beverage.

Pastries will be available for purchase. Additional soda, beer and wine also will be available for drink tickets purchased at the door.

The evening will also feature live music for dining and dancing from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Reservations are required. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for club members, and \$8 for children ages 6 to 12. Payment is due at time of reservation.

For more information and reservations, call 937-776-5944.

For more information, visit the club website at www.magyarclubofdayton.org.

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Staying safe on the internet

Hey, Kidz! Get your parents and read this with them. We're going to discuss something you and your parents need to work on together--staying safe on the internet. Don't read any further until your parents are with you. Are you all ready? Okay, let's talk....

Like you, children of all ages love using smart devices, cell phones and laptops to explore the internet. But have you ever stopped to wonder if you're using the internet safely? It's sad, but the truth is there are some bad people out there who you can't trust, people who use the internet to steal your money, make you do things you shouldn't do and may even want to hurt you.

So, before you go surfing for the latest music video that all your friends are talking about, or entering a chat room about your favorite TV show, here are some things you--with your parents' help--can do to keep you safe while using the internet:



1. Let your parents set some rules on what you can and cannot do online. Figure out the best way to block unsafe content through your internet provider.
2. Learn to recognize malware and scams. Everyone gets bad emails, no matter whether you're an adult or a kid. Do not open emails from senders you don't know or if the subject line is offering something that seems too good to be true--because it usually is! And if you think your English teacher would go nuts correcting all the mistakes in an email you receive, then that email is probably a scam and should be trashed.
3. Talk with your parents about the dangers kids face online and how best to deal with them. Let your parents know if someone is bullying you on social media or sending mean emails.
4. Keep your personal information private. Never share your full name, phone number, address or any details about yourself with anyone online. Delete any and all emails that ask for personal information!
5. Create secure passwords that you actually remember. Here's how you can do it:

Create a sentence
you'll remember.

**My name is John and
my hair is brown.**

Use the first letter
from each word.

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Add in numbers that
are meaningful to you
every 3 letters.

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Add a symbol
wherever you choose

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By following these simple steps, you can have fun on the internet AND stay safe at the same time. For more on staying safe on the internet, visit <https://internetsafety101.org/agebasedguidelines> or Girls Who Code at <https://girlswhocode.com/>

Our thanks to EngineeringEmily.com for this story idea.

Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

By Jim Ballas

As we enter the fall season, there is much uncertainty everywhere. Nevertheless, we are in the process of making plans for our branch's holiday events.

As of this writing, there is an indoor mask mandate in Bridgeport due to the continued spread of COVID-19. We hope things will get better by December.

If all goes well, our branch Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Puritan Hall, the church basement, 2180 North Ave., Bridgeport. Information as to how we will do this will be announced and mailed out closer to the event time.

We ask that those attending the party bring a non-perishable food item. Along with the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, we will collect non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food bank.

If you have any questions, contact Branch Coordinator Jim Ballas at 203-929-9425 or email at jamesballas@att.net.

We hope everyone is safe and taking all precautions necessary to stop the spread of coronavirus. We all want to get back to normal.

Thank you all for your continued support. We're looking forward to hearing from you throughout the fall and holiday season.

Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

By Alexis Yuhaz Kozak

Greetings! Hope this message finds all folks well.

This has been a very tough time for everyone. The main thing is to keep our chins up and forge ahead. The Hungarian way!

God bless our American troops and everyone in harm's way. God bless America.

We at Branch 8 are trying to get back to some normalcy. In July, we finally took our members that helped us with the Slavic Fest in 2019 to a Hungarian buffet at the Ligonier Country Club, our appreciation dinner. I think all had a very nice time, and it was great seeing everyone once again in person.

We also had an in-person Branch meeting in August, sampling some "fest food" recipes. We were eagerly looking forward to the Slavic Fest being held Sept. 17 and 18 in the Discover Johnstown Heritage Center. We hoped to see some new faces this year. It is so wonderful to see people cherish and hold on to their ethnic traditions. You won't find hot dogs at this festival.

If anyone in the area would like to join us as a volunteer at next year's festival, please reach out to me. We would love for you to join in the fun.

I would like to form a group whose members would communicate with each other throughout the month to exchange ideas and express well wishes. If interested, please call or text me at 814-242-0000 or email me at alexisad@aol.com.

For this year's Slavic Fest, Branch President David Kozak had the privilege of assisting Stonebridge Brewery in making a special beer for the fest. The brewery tried to mimic a recipe that Eastern Europeans use and even imported the grain used to make the beer.

Can you believe we are already planning the Christmas party? Please try to join us this year. It's a time of great fellowship, and we



Members of Branch 8 gathered in July for their first in-person event of the year--a member appreciation dinner--at the Ligonier (PA) Country Club.

make sure there is always great food. We're planning to host the party on Sunday, Nov. 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Church of the Visitation, 1127 McKinley Ave., Johnstown. Invitations will be sent to our young members. Reservations will be due Nov. 15.

Remember, if you have any life insurance or annuity needs, William Penn Association has the products you and your family need.

Take care & stay safe.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

By the time you read this, summer will be gone and our outdoor events will become fewer and fewer. PLEASE get your vaccination 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, OH, on July 18 for a picnic and car show. About 27 cars and vehicles were on display, which were viewed by about 400 attendees and volunteers who enjoyed the sunny afternoon. A new menu was offered, which included all of the



BELOW: Branch 8 President David Kozak (in white), works with the crew at Stonebridge Brewery to create a special beer for the Slavic Fest held in September.

required Hungarian picnic foods, such as *laci-pecsenye*, *kolbász*, *mici* (meat sausage from Transylvania that was delicious), cabbage and noodles, *lángos*, *tortes*, *krémes*, *szalonna* bread and beverages. The band played traditional Hungarian music.

We were all looking forward to the next Hiram picnic--the Fall Festival featuring the music of Harmonia--which was to be held Sept. 12.

I read with interest Tibor Check Jr.'s column in the last issue of this magazine which discussed Hungarians in the Olympics, past and present. It made me recall another story about another Hungarian Olympian.

My friend, Hadas Rudy, a travel agent who has helped on several WPA trips to Hungary, shared with me a family story about her Aunt through marriage, Ágnes Keleti. Ágnes was a former Olympic gymnast from Hungary who survived many world events and eventually went on to win 10 Olympic medals, five of them gold.

Ágnes competed in gymnastics at the 1952 games in Helsinki (floor event) and at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne (uneven bars, balance beam, floor and team event). At the age of 35, she

became the oldest female gymnast to win an Olympic title.

She is Hungary's most decorated female Olympian.

She is 100 years old and lives in Budapest.

As I watched the Tokyo Olympics, NBC ran a short story on the youngest athlete competing in the 2020

Tokyo Olympics and the oldest surviving Olympic athlete, Ágnes Keleti. I tried my best to reach Hadas to tell her that her Aunt Ágnes was just on TV.

We can be proud of our Hungarian Olympic athletes that Tibor shared with us.

To the moms and dads of the students who are growing out of their juvenile policies, it is time to sign your children up for their adult policies. As parents, each of you need to set the example and sign up for your very own William Penn Association life insurance policy or policies. It is time for you to join the ranks of your parents and grandparents as members of WPA. Your very own children and grandchildren will be the recipients of your generosity.

Please continue your support of the WPA Scholarship Foundation. Every dollar received makes a difference. Our students are counting on you!

Branch 14 meetings have resumed. Our new meeting location is St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (at the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the branch meeting. Upcom-

ing meeting dates will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held Oct. 6.

Also, please mark your calendar for our branch Christmas party, scheduled to be held Saturday, Dec. 4. Invitations with more information will be mailed to our branch's juvenile members soon.

Please remember that 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 any changes and updates.

As the pandemic continues, please try to support the Hungarian churches, clubs and organizations in your local communities. We love them and are grateful that they exist and continue our Hungarian customs, activities, traditions, music and food. Please support them by attending their functions or with monetary donations. And don't forget small businesses which desperately need your patronage in order to stay open.

We want to remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. May those members who are not with us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members, as well as our friends, who might be feeling under the weather. We send wishes for a speedy recovery to Branch 14 Vice President JoAnne Sedensky, Alan Varga, Barbara House, Mary Jane Molnar, Vicki Bowens, Brian Bowens, Anne Pustai, Ernest Sarosi, Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman, Richard Sarosi and Elizabeth Huszti. Feel better soon. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and WPA members

who are celebrating a September/October birthday and/or anniversary. May our members be blessed with many more celebrations.

Happy first birthday to my great nephew Johnathan "JJ" Chamberlain on Sept. 24. His parents, Lynn and Bob, and his big brother Robert, are all WPA Branch 14 members. We are proud to celebrate this milestone birthday.

Be safe and stay healthy. Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Written and phone greetings have kept me in touch with WPA members, such as Betty and Al Vargo, Sharon Olson, Diane Malloy, Karen Walker, Dolores (Dee) Soltes, Laurie Gombash, WPA Home Office staff and my fellow WPA Board members. Call, write, email or text (and reply). Plan a visit, if allowed.

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

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

Branch 18 **Lincoln Park, MI**

By Barbara A. House

I can't believe I am saying Happy Labor Day and Happy Halloween.

We left Florida on Aug. 28. I have finally been discharged from this group of medical specialists. It's been a long road, but I hope it is a road I never have to travel again. We have gotten used to Florida in August. Our little subdivision is really lonely. The "seasonals" went home in May and "permanents" left in June. They will start coming back in September. Sure glad we were home by then.

We have made some wonderful friends in both groups. Tommy said we had to get home so we could pack for Florida. HA! HA!

Thank you to Ursula and Tamás Markovits and Judy Schoenek. You sure brightened the day of the local fire station with all those goodies. Thank you for keeping Branch 18 in the limelight. I am so proud of all our branch officers.

A very special, great, big THANK YOU to the Rhapsody restaurant and my niece Kathy. They got together and sent us chicken paprikás and stuffed cabbage. What a birthday that was. Everything arrived safe and sound. Thank you Pista, Darlene and Jennifer. You are very special to us.

Hello to Ethel Vanko; thank you for a wonderful call. You are the sweetest great-grandma ever. Great to hear from you.

Please remember all our deceased members and their families in your prayers.

Get well wishes to all who are under the weather. Please be safe and wear your mask. We have

worn ours all the time.

I still don't know if we'll be holding branch meetings. The club is still closed. Michigan's COVID numbers are so erratic. What a horrible disease. As always, Helen Sryniawski will keep in touch with everyone. No one will be left out.

COVID numbers in Florida were through the roof. Please get vaccinated. That is the only way we can eradicate this disease. Again, please wear your mask.

Happy birthday to all our fall members. Happy birthday, Carol Truesdell; your family has had an especially rough year. We hope you are all on the mend.

Happy anniversary to all who are celebrating this fall. Happy anniversary to my husband Tom House on Sept. 24. He has played chauffeur, wound care specialist, cook and whatever I needed. Thank you very much. I love you. Oh, yes, I forgot: Abbie barely leaves my side. Thanks, Abbie.

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients. What a



NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the November/December issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by October 29.



Members of Branch 28 joined Hungarians in the Youngstown, OH, area in celebrating their shared heritage at Holy Apostles Parish's picnic on Aug. 15 (left) and during St. Stephen of Hungary's feast day on Aug. 22 (right).



group. Remember our Scholarship Foundation. None of this is possible without your donations. Thank you.

Hello to Richard, Violet and Ernie Sarosi. You all look great, especially Ernie.

We are trying to make arrangements with the hall for our Christmas party. It all depends on how many of our members want to come. The hall is doing what it should by being strict on the number of people it will accommodate due to COVID, but it doesn't make it easy for us. Again, Helen will be in touch.

It was great to see all your pictures in *William Penn Life*. They help to keep us close. Good luck to all our golfers. September should have wonderful weather. Have fun.

The Hungarian American Cultural Center hosted a pig roast in September. We hope you were able to attend.

Happy fall, everyone. Please stay safe and healthy.

I cannot wait to see you all!

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

By Paula Bodnar

Now that our summer activities are a memory and we're now entering fall, it's time to think about our Christmas party for the kids.

We are planning to host it again at The Timbers Bowling Alley on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will be mailing invitations to our juvenile members soon, and all reservations need to be made by Nov. 26 so that we can get a head count for the bowling alley. Please call Amalia Horvath at 419-726-1109. If she doesn't answer, leave your name along with your head count and phone number in case she needs to call you back.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. It's been a long time coming.

Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Our thoughts are with all those who were affected by the severe storms, floods and fires over the past several months.

Special thoughts go to one WPA member who recently lost her home due to a fire. Fortunately, no one was injured, but there was still great personal loss.

With the lifting of local restrictions, we were able to attend a couple of events this summer, allowing us to see and visit with friends we have missed over the last year.

First, Holy Apostles Parish hosted its annual picnic on Aug. 15. The event opened with a procession of members wearing Croatian and Hungarian outfits. After Mass, we enjoyed ethnic music and food.

Then on Aug. 22, a special Mass and dinner were held in honor of St. Stephen of Hungary's feast day. Several Branch 28 members were able to be a part of that day's procession as well.

Both events proved to be successful and safe.

Congratulations to Kristin Szabo-Dankovich on being named the first swimming coach at Ursuline High School, one of two local Catholic high schools. Kristin first became interested in swim team competitions during her own high school years and continued sharing that passion by coaching at several locations prior to her current appointment. She is also a full-time teacher.

It's really been a time of celebration for Kristin and her family as she also got married to Josh Dankovich on July 31, after having to postpone their wedding from August 2020. A wonderful joining of two very active Hungarian families. Congratulations!

While we're extending congratulations, what an honor Kati Csoman received when she was

named the director of the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs at the University of Pittsburgh. Kati has enjoyed a full career, including positions at Penn State and Juniata College. This new appointment is a wonderful honor, and I'm sure she will do a wonderful job.

It was great to see so many American and Hungarian athletes win so many medals during this year's summer Olympics.

We wish happy days of celebrating to everyone marking a birthday or anniversary in September or October.

We extend healing thoughts to all those who haven't been feeling up to par, especially Margie Sams, Phyllis Kuhn, Cindy Bakos, Richard Sarosi and Barbara House.

Plans are in motion for our branch's Christmas party. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 as a drive-thru event. Santa and some of his helpers will be on hand to share goodies and gifts with our young members. Invitations will be sent in November with more information.

Remember to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. It's because of your generous donations that WPA is able to assist our college-bound members.

We offer our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently lost a loved one.

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

Enjoy Mother Nature's splash of color as you venture outdoors.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

By Marguerite McNelis

Summer really flew by and autumn is now here. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. Almost every store already has decorations for these holidays.



Members of Branch 44 delivered drinks and snacks to many first responders in their area, including police and firefighters from Green, Coventry, Cuyahoga Falls, Stow and Munroe Falls, some of which are pictured above.

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

In the next issue of this magazine, WPA will shine the spotlight on this year's scholarship recipients. We urge you to donate to our Scholarship Foundation which helps our young members further their education.

Branch 34 will be holding our annual Christmas party on Sunday, Nov. 28, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville, PA. We look forward to seeing you after a year off. Fun will be had by all. There will be bowling, prizes, a "guess-the-money jar," food and more. Please join us.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays in September and October, especially my daughter-in-law Valerie and my nieces Nicole Healy and Gabriella Medina. Many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues. Please remember our de-

ceased 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 autumn, everyone! Pretty soon we'll be celebrating Halloween (Oct. 31), the end of Daylight Saving Time (Nov. 7), Veterans Day (Nov. 11 -- thank you for your service!) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 25). Phew, how time flies!

You're all probably wondering about the branch family Christmas party/food basket collection. Well, here are the basics: Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Al's Quality Market, 155 Second St., Barberton. Guests can park in the city lot behind Al's.

There will be a free lunch, goodie bags and gifts for all members 16 and younger. There will also be door prizes for all adult members. Cost for adult members



Paul Cherep (l), president of the Steel Valley Rotary Club, presents a special honor to Branch 89 President John Toth Aug. 8 during the annual golf outing sponsored by the Rotary and the branch.

and non-members will be determined soon.

Reservations are due by Dec. 8. Call or text 330-753-5270 and leave your name, phone number and number of people and children in your group. Or, call 330-670-5367.

We will be following all COVID-19 masking and safety requirements in effect on Dec. 18.

We've been busy this quarter delivering drinks and snacks to first responders in our area. Our mission since last year has been to provide all police and firefighters in Summit County with drinks and snacks, including dog treats for their K-9s.

With the support of many branch members and the Home Office, Branch 44 has made deliveries over the past few months to the Green Fire Department (many of their members assisted in the rescue efforts at the Condo Collapse in Florida); the Coventry Fire Department; the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department; the Stow Police/Fire Administration; and the Munroe Falls Fire Department.

An average delivery includes a 30-ounce can of coffee; a bottle of water per person; a box of 100 tea bags; two individually wrapped snacks per person; and a box or bag of dog treats for the K-9s.

Thanks to all who make this possible.

Branch 44 continues to collect clean, used plastic grocery bags to be made into sleeping mats for the homeless. Bring any clean bags to the family Christmas party along with your donation for the Holiday Baskets.

Please support your local Hungarian organizations and businesses. All need your ongoing support.

Happy birthday,

happy anniversary, happy new baby, happy school days, happy weddings and good health to all!

If you have had a sad happening, our wish for better health and our deepest condolences.

Have news for us? Call/text 330-604-1264 or 330-753-5270.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskarinec

Summer has faded into fall. and it's time to break out the jackets and sweaters.

Branch 89 hosted its 11th annual fundraiser for the benefit of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. Your intrepid couple, Mark Maskarinec and Lisa Toth-Maskarinec, serve on the committee along with Branch Auditor Justin T. Toth.

The outing was held once again at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA. Aside from 18 holes of golf, the golfers and diners participated in a 50/50 raffle (won by Dave Seigfried) and a fabulous Chinese auction, the contents of which were valued at over \$2,000. The auction items included a range-finder and eight day passes to Kennywood Park.

To cap off the festivities, the Steel Valley Rotary honored our Branch President John S. Toth Jr. for his indomitable spirit and his infectious, never-say-die attitude.

We thank all of our sponsors, big and small. In particular we thank our friends from the WPA who helped us this year and in years past.

First, there is hole sponsor Dr. Michael Finikiotis (Dr. Mike to those of us fortunate to have him as our doctor and friend). Thank you for your support and for keeping us all hale and hearty these many years. The Toth family especially is indebted to you for their health and well being.

We also give a big thanks to Tom Kazar, owner of Dorothy 6 and member of WPA. COVID has made life difficult for all of us but for small restaurants it has been particularly tough. Tom has always been there for us with a smile and a friendly word, so, please, be there for him and stop by Dorothy 6. I'd suggest Sunday brunch or one of his now famous Hungarian Cultural nights.

Our thanks and warm wishes to National Director Joyce Nicholson, who again this year was not only a proud donor but also partook in our 50-50 raffle. Joyce has never forgotten us and we have never forgotten her, nor will we.

Last, we thank Todd Kletter of Skyrmes Insurance who is not only a golf sponsor but the insurance agent for the church. He has always been a good friend, sponsor and golfer. We know we can always count on him.

Under the category of Not-Letting-an-Unfortunate-Circumstance-Get-in-One's-Way, we offer special credit to Branch Coordinator Lisa for not letting a broken hand slow her down. While her golfing was limited to minimal putting (yes, her putting improved) and some minor chipping, she still was able to assist where needed. Her and Johnnie were working on

table assignments that morning.

Now, you may be wondering how Lisa broke her hand? If you know Lisa, you know it didn't happen in the usual way, like a fall or something falling on her hand. It happened when she was at Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game with her co-workers. A Milwaukee Brewers player hit a foul ball that ended up coming into Lisa's section, and she tried to catch the ball barehanded. The ball bounced off her outstretched hands, struck me in the shoulder and arm and bounced two rows back to a co-worker. Not only did she not get the ball, but we ended up making a trip to the first aid center for ice packs and a trip to the emergency room that night. Quite a costly game for Lisa.

She has not let that stop her and was in the office working the next day. Next time, Lisa, bring a glove to the game.

Our branch members also helped repair and beautify the parsonage at The First Hungarian Reformed Church on Sept. 11, cleaning, painting, tearing walls down and moving furniture. The parsonage has been sitting vacant for too long. It's great to have it being used. It's too grand of a building to sit idle.

Branch 89 will also be represented at the Steel Valley Rotary Dinner Dance on Oct. 2 at St. John's Hall in Munhall. Branch Vice President k Maskarinec, Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskarinec and Branch Auditor Justin Toth will be volunteering at the event. In attendance will be Branch President John Toth Jr. and branch members Mary Jane Hermansderfer and Ron Rubinsak, with his wife Betty, and good friend Memory Joll. It promises to be a fun-filled night for a worthwhile cause.

We know this may be a tad early, but The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead will be having their baking projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Congratulations to Branch 89 member Sara Lydia Ardale who graduated this year from Steel Valley High School.

More information can be found in the *Magyar Matters* section of this issue. We have added a few new items for the fall, and we have improved the packaging for these delectables should you wish to have them shipped.

We have set a date for our branch Christmas party. It will be on Saturday, Dec. 4, at Spins Bowl on Buttermilk Hollow Road. Same place as previous years, different ownership. You won't want to miss it.

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 in to work through these trying times.

Take care and stay safe.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hello to all from Columbus, OH. It seems like this year is flying by so fast. We have been having high temperatures this summer in the 80s and 90s. I can't wait for the fall weather to get here. It has been so nice to be able to gather again with family and friends. Continue to stay safe. We hope everyone is blessed with good health.

Schools have started with students attending in the classroom. Good luck to all students from Kindergarten to college.

Upcoming holidays include Columbus Day (Oct. 11), Halloween (Oct. 31), Veterans Day (Nov. 11) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 25).

Our branch Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 11. We will be mailing out notices in November.

Remember to keep in touch with family and friends. Give them a call if you can't visit in person. We don't always know what someone is going through in their everyday lives; it might just brighten their day!

We congratulate those celebrating birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and new additions to their families. Get well wishes go out to all that have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery and are feeling better.

We extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the family of Mary Komives. Mary was our oldest member at age 101 when she passed away on June 12. Memorial services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church in London on Aug. 7 followed by services at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus on Aug. 8. Please keep all families of deceased members in your prayers.

If you have any news to share, or if you would like to receive information about WPA life insurance or annuity plans, contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

By John E. Burus

The summer flew by this year. The garden was booming all summer with many of the Hungarian vegetables that I grew up with as a child. The garden included hot wax banana peppers (*eros banánpaprika*), hot heirloom cherry peppers

(*csípős cseresznyepaprika*), Hungarian sweet peppers (*édes Szegedi paprika és édes fehér paprika*), cucumbers (*csemege uborka*), parsley (*petrezselyem*) and yellow beans (*Juliska bab*). I also grew more standard fare: onions, carrots, tomatoes, salad cucumbers, jalapeños, squash, zucchini, horseradish, chives and dill.

Our branch Christmas party will be held on Dec. 5, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Barnaby's Pizza Pub, 3724 Grape Road, Mishawaka. The party is open to all WPA members, and reservations are required. Please RSVP by Nov. 30, with the number of adults and children attending, to János P. Burus at 574-287-0590 or John E. Burus at 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 Branch 132 meeting will be held on Dec. 7, at 5:00 p.m. at the Martins Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend. We will start planning for the return of the branch summer picnic in 2022, which was canceled the last two years.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

September 11, 2001 strikes a major chord for many. American adults, like me, remember exactly where they were when they first heard about what happened or first saw the footage. It is up to us to teach the post 9-11 generation about the strength that comes from American unity and how volunteering and giving back to your community exemplifies resilience and true American values. May God bless the memory of the first responders and victims.

Congratulations to members Ricky Heyz and Dustin Strom of the McKeesport Super COLT Baseball team on their league championship. They played against city of

Pittsburgh teams in the RBI Citi-sports Championship at PNC Park in August and won the championship. WAY TO GO! Thanks to RBI Citi-sports and PNC Park for hosting a fantastic day of baseball.

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in September and October.

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

Welcome and greetings to our newest branch members.

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

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.

We pray for the friends and families of Richard D. Grygo, Kent A. Sedlock and Arlene R. Wageley 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.

Lastly, remember the victims of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution who fought for freedom from oppression, a shared value with Americans. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Revolution. Take your kids or grandkids and check out some books or DVDs from your local library and get connected with this somber event.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, the fourth wave of COVID-19 is here because of the Delta variant. I don't want to be all doom and gloom, but I fear the pandemic has become endemic now. The expectation that COVID-19 will become endemic essentially means that the pandemic will not

end with the virus disappearing; instead, the optimistic view is that enough people will gain immune protection from vaccination and from natural infection such that there will be less transmission and much less COVID-19-related hospitalization and death, even as the virus continues to circulate. It will still be here, like measles, mumps, etc.; but under control.

But, that will happen **only if we get the vaccines** and reach herd immunity while the vaccines are still effective against the current variants and a more dangerous mutation doesn't happen.

School has started, so please watch out for the kids. Their minds most certainly are not on the task at hand (i.e., walking to and from home and the bus stops) but rather on friends, school and homework, so pay extra attention to them.

Don't forget Halloween, the first holiday of fall. I like it because it usually involves lots of eating.

Much of the summer was muggy and downright nasty hot here in Dayton. Just heard July was the hottest month on record on earth ever. June was very hot and August wasn't much better. My electric meter was spinning like a top with the air conditioning running almost constantly. It made outside events possible though somewhat unpleasant until evening.

The heat made it really tough on the athletes at the Olympics in Tokyo. Have you ever met an Olympian? We in Dayton got to. Several years ago at the Branch 249 outing with the Dayton Dragons baseball team, we had a meet and greet with their catcher Mark Kolozsvary. Mark is a really nice guy with Hungarian roots. His father escaped from Hungary in 1956. Mark represented the Cincinnati Reds on the U.S. Olympic baseball team. The team won silver, getting beat by the home Japanese team in the gold medal

game, but overall a great showing in Tokyo. Way to go, Team USA.

Locally the Magyar Club of Dayton is having a Hungarian Heritage Dance and Buffet on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the American Czech-Slovak Club at 922 Valley St., Dayton. Food is all-you-can-eat with live music provided by George Batyi Gypsy Band. Reservations are required. Please see the Magyar Matters section for more information.

Also, we are happy to host our branch Christmas party this year. Depending on any changes in COVID restrictions, we are inviting our Branch 249 juvenile members along with their immediate family to Scene 75 on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More will be explained in the invitations when they are sent out.

Check out the Scene 75 website. This is a really cool place with 300 video games, indoor roller coaster, go karts, drop zone, bouncing zones, laser tag, black light putt-putt and more. We want to get our kids involved with WPA and Branch 249, so make your reservation and come on out.

Please remember our sick members and our deceased loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations to those celebrating a birthday, especially to Lucas from Grandma and Grandpa. May your big day be fantastic and memorable.

If you have any news you would like to share or ideas for branch activities, or if you need any info about WPA life insurance or annuity plans, please contact me at amschmidt@msn.com or 937-938-0198.

Who doesn't love fall? Remember, as Albert Camus said, "autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."



Congratulations to Branch 296 member Justin Misera and his wife Julie who were married in July. Justin is the son of fellow branch member, Angela Misera. The wedding was postponed from 2020 due to concerns over COVID.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

As I write this, our branch has just held its first branch meeting since November 2019, and it was great seeing everyone who attended. We all looked fabulous.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold off on meeting again until we feel that we are more in the clear with this virus. We want to ensure a safe environment for our members.

Until then, we will keep our members notified and will look forward to seeing one another again someday soon (we hope) at the Tarentum Eat'n Park Restaurant on Pittsburgh Mills Boulevard.

In the last issue, I asked you to mark your calendars for the return of our branch family Christmas party. During our branch meeting, we discussed our concerns about the continuing public health issue, and it was the consensus of those at the meeting to put our traditional Christmas party on hold again for this year.

However, we are looking into other options and putting on our creative thinking caps. If we can come up with a safe and non-traditional solution, we will notify our youth members with an invitation. So, please, still keep Sunday, Nov. 28 in mind. Santa and Mrs. Claus understand because they are going through this just like the rest of us, and their message is that they want all of our families to be healthy and safe.

Very happy birthday greetings to all of our branch members born in September and October: Maxine Pusateri, Josh Borland, and my husband, John Lovasz. We're thinking of you. Belated birthday greetings to Georgene Pastura.

Our most enthusiastic birthday greeting goes out to Dorothy Dinzeo, who will turn 90 years young. Dorothy, we're sending you a nice, big air hug as you celebrate your special day.

October is my favorite month and a great time to get married, too. So, I wish my husband John a happy 35th anniversary, and send best wishes to all couples who walked down the aisle during the beautiful autumn months of September and October.

Have any milestones that you'd like to share with our readers? Feel free to contact me at makelly367@verizon.net or at 724-274-5318.

Our local WPA agent Noreen Fritz is friendly and helpful and can answer your life insurance and annuity questions. Reach Noreen at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

By Nicole Starnier

Fall is here, and we have a bunch of fun coming your way!

As this was being written, we were finalizing plans for our picnic on Sept. 11 at Cibort Park. The Go To Guys were on stage for much



Members and friends of Branch 336 gathered in July for a "summer bar Olympics" at the Verhovay Home Association in Harrisburg, PA.

of the afternoon, and DJ Steve Barber played before and after the band and in between sets. All events took place at Cibort Park. The event also featured a cornhole tournament, with half the entry fees being donated to the 9/11 Fallen Heroes Fund.

Of course, the picnic was the time for our summer blowout raffle with lots of terrific prizes. There were \$350 in cash prizes awarded, along with a gas grill, a Yeti cooler, a WPA annuity, a Best Buy gift card, a "meat box" and a foursome entry at the Verhovay fall golf outing. All proceeds from the raffle benefitted charities and member activities.

Speaking of the golf outing, it was held Sept. 25 at Sunset Golf Course in Middletown, PA. We were excited to partner with WPA for this year's outing and post-golf reception at Cibort Park. Again, proceeds from the outing benefitted local charities and other Verhovay activities.

We will hold our annual children's Christmas party on Saturday Dec. 11 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Verhovay Home Association. Sign ups will take place at the beginning of November. We will have games, crafts, food and a little surprise visit from the jolly old man himself.

Our adult branch Christmas party will be held on Saturday Dec. 18. Details to follow.

Many of us are meeting at the club for its usual slate of events, including the Texas Hold 'em tournament on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., dart tournament on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., cornhole tournament on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and bingo on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Members are also enjoying the outdoor area we created.

On July 31 we participated in the club's summer bar Olympics. It featured random draw teams with each team playing in seven different events. This was a great success. There were 14 teams with the Olympics ending in a tie for first place. We had an exciting egg toss to crown the winners. We also used this event as a fundraiser for Kim Lamke, who suffered a brain aneurysm. We were able to raise over \$600.

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

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

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

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

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

Save the date for our branch Christmas party. The open house-style breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at Zalenski Family Eatery & Pub, 547 Cadiz Road in Wintersville.

Bring a donation of food, pet supplies or treats for the Jefferson County Animal Shelter and you'll get a ticket for a chance at the prize drawings. There will be lots to eat (because Christmas calories do not count), lots of fun and good fellowship.

Text or call your RSVP to 740-264-6238 by Thursday, Dec. 1. Just leave your name and how many adults and children will be in your group.

Our next branch meeting will be held following our Christmas party at 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

We extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in September-October. A few upcoming birthdays include Kathy Novak (WPA Board Chair), Pete Charles (WPA National President), John Lovasz, Emily Nicholson, Nick J. Toth, Deborah Toth and Ken Toth.

We extend our sympathies to those who have family members or friends who recently passed on. Remember in your prayers our recently deceased branch members Sammy P. Dimeo and Margaret Staton.

Prayers to the family of Ed Skocik on the passing of his brother Joe on July 18. Joe always attended the branch picnics, helped set up the bacon fry pits and said the Lord's Prayer in Hungarian. Ed will be missed.

Our fun fact for this issue: Pittsburgh, PA is lucky enough to have two inclines, which are now used mostly as tourist attractions. But the Johnstown, PA incline is the world's steepest vehicular

inclined plane, or as some call it, a funicular. Completed in 1891, the cars are big enough to hold 65 people and ride on a slope of 71.9 degrees.

Samuel Diescher, a Hungarian engineer, was the great mind behind the Johnstown Incline, the Duquesne and Monongahela Inclines in Pittsburgh, as well as many other architectural structures. He was born in Budapest in 1839, the son of a prominent Hungarian architect and building contractor. Following the construction of the Mon Incline, Diescher married and shortly thereafter returned to Pittsburgh's Mount Washington where he lived until 1915.

Samuel Diescher was a brilliant and versatile engineer who went on to build a large portion of Pittsburgh's transportation infrastructure as well as over a dozen inclines and many machines for Pittsburgh's steel industry.

He also supervised road construction, including Brownsville Road in Pittsburgh, and notably assisted George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. in the building of the Ferris Wheel for the 1893 World's Exposition in Chicago. The Ferris Wheel was built in Pittsburgh by the G.W.G. Ferris & Co which was a Pittsburgh engineering firm that tested metals for railroads and bridges.

For additional information about Branch 349 activities, or if you have any news you wish to share, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

You can call on Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.



Ethan Miller was named this year's recipient of Branch 800's award for earning the highest grades in religion class at Bishop Guilfoyle High School.

Branch 800 **Altoona, PA**

By Joan Ballash

It is difficult to believe we are in the fall season, but I welcome the lovely colors and always wish the beauty could last longer.

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day weekend as we closed out summer activities. However, state parks, such as Canoe Creek, still offer a place to enjoy the outdoors, and it is a short drive from Altoona.

Best wishes to the Jewish Community Center which marked Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in September.

All members and guests who attended the branch picnic in August left with gifts and happy memories. Thank you to Dan and Dennis Greiner for making all the arrangements and hosting the event.

Happy birthday to those born in September or October and to all those celebrating an anniversary.

Each year, Branch 800 presents a financial award to the graduating senior from Bishop Guilfoyle High

School who earned the highest grade average in religion classes over the past four years. The 2021 award went to Ethan Miller, son of Dan and Helen Miller of Altoona. Ethan plans on attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in criminology, and eventually becoming a state trooper. Congratulations, Ethan, and many blessings for the future.

We pray for the people who are experiencing illness and hope each of you will be restored to good health very soon.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bernetta M. Long, who recently entered her Heavenly home.

The branch's annual Mass in honor of deceased members will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Altoona. We hope you will join us for this very special service.

Save the date of Sunday, Dec. 5, for our branch's Christmas party. It will be held at the Prime Sirloin Restaurant in Duncansville beginning at 5:00 p.m. It will feature a buffet-style meal. Price is \$7 for those age 13 and older; children age 12 and under eat free. To make your reservation, call Dan Greiner at 814-943-7471 no later than Nov. 29. Santa is expected to join us, so get your reservation in soon.

Watch out for the trick-or-treaters if you're out and about on Halloween. Please drive safely.

Our branch 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 any news to share with your fellow members, please call 814-941-8863.

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

Enjoy autumn!

Next Deadline:
October 29



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 by Dec. 3 for reservations. |
| 0008..... | Johnstown, PA..... | Nov. 28.... | 2:00..... | Church of the Visitation Social Hall, 1127 McKinley Ave., Johnstown Call 814-242-1111 by Nov. 15 for reservations. |
| 0016..... | Trenton, NJ..... | Dec. 5..... | 1:00..... | Alex's Cucina Ristorante, Friendship Plaza, 4534 U.S. Hwy. 9, Howel Call 732-370-8838 for reservations. |
| 0026..... | Sharon, PA..... | Nov. 21.... | 1:00..... | Rochester Inn & Hardwood Grille, 505 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh Call 412-315-8555 by Nov. 14 for reservations. |
| 0027..... | Toledo, OH..... | Dec. 4..... | 1:00..... | Timbers Bowling Lanes, 1246 Conant Street, Maumee Call 419-726-1109 by Nov. 26 for reservations. |
| 0034..... | Pittsburgh, PA..... | Nov. 28.... | 12:00... | Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville Call 412-882-5624 by Nov. 1 for reservations. |
| 0048..... | New York, NY..... | Dec. 11.... | 2:00..... | Ruppert Houses Community Room, 222 E. 93rd St., New York Call 917-608-9005 by Nov. 19 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 by Nov. 28 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 by Nov. 30 for reservations. |
| 0159..... | Phoenixville, PA..... | Dec. 11.... | 11:30... | Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 by Dec. 14 for reservations. |
| 0216..... | Northampton, PA..... | Dec. 11.... | 11:30... | Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 by Dec. 14 for reservations. |
| 0249..... | Dayton, OH..... | Dec. 12.... | 11:00... | Scene 75 Entertainment Center, 6196 Poe Ave., Dayton Call 937-938-0198 by Nov. 19 for reservations. |
| 0296..... | Springdale, PA..... | Nov. 28.... | TBD..... | More information will be sent to members soon. |
| 0336..... | Harrisburg, PA..... | Dec. 11.... | 11:00... | Verhovay Home Association, 1012 South 29th St., Harrisburg Call 717-236-3516 or 717-571-1789 by Dec. 6 for reservations. |
| 0349..... | Weirton, WV..... | Dec. 4..... | 9:00..... | Zalenski Family Eatery, 547 Cadiz Road, Wintersville Call 740-264-6238 by Dec. 1 for reservations. |
| 0800..... | Altoona, PA..... | Dec. 5..... | 6:00..... | Prime Sirloin, 501 Municipal Dr., Duncansville Call 814-943-7471 by Nov. 30 for reservations. |

Please remember that federal, state and/or local guidelines and restrictions may change between now and the time of your branch's party, and your branch may have to change and cancel its plans with little or no notice.

In Memoriam

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

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William F. Schlenk
Sadie B. Traskiewics
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TOTAL for Month = \$244.00



Hungarian Olympic medal winners

The Summer Olympics in Tokyo are a distant memory. Hungarians reeled in 20 total medals, spanning a wide range of events in both individual and team competitions. As a country, Hungary tied for 13th place in total medals earned.

A rising star in the swimming competition was Kristóf Milák. He assumed the role of Hungary's best male swimmer now that László Cseh has retired from competition.

Hungary earned its 500th medal since the beginning of the Modern Era Olympics that began in 1896.

The Lőrincz brothers, Tamás and Viktor, both earned a medal in Greco-Roman Wrestling.

Canoe Sprint was dominated by Hungar-

ians in men's, women's and team events.

We cannot forget a Hungarian-American who earned a silver medal in the Shot Put in the 2016 and 2020 Olympics. Joseph Mathias Kovacs hails from the Bethlehem/Nazareth area of Eastern Pennsylvania.

The next summer Olympics will take place in 2024 in Paris. I wonder what new and exciting stars will surface from Magyarország?

There are 15 clues in this issue's puzzle, all are the last names of Hungarian athletes who won medals in either individual or two-person team events at this year's Tokyo Summer Olympics.

Good luck! We'll see you again for the holiday season issue.

Until then, stay safe and stay healthy!

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #186 OFFICIAL ENTRY

"Olympic Winners" Word List

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| Berecz | Kovács | Siklósi |
| Bodonyi | Kozák | Szilágyi |
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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 #186
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Dec. 1, 2021**.

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 #184 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #184 were drawn Aug. 3, 2021 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Frances M. White, Br. 705 Mayville, WI
Gerald N. Darcy, Br. 720 Dedham, MA
Nikki E. White, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
Mary Jean Bagileo, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA

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