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It's time to share your fraternal spirit

During the holiday season, many WPA branches share their fraternal spirit with those in need by participating in our Holiday Basket program. We call on all our branches to continue this tradition of giving.

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 123 Holiday Baskets worth a total of more than \$6,000 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.

Branches to hold election of officers

This November, many WPA members exercised one of their most important rights as American citizens: the right to vote.

In addition to exercising this benefit of citizenship, many of you can exercise another important benefit that comes with membership in our Association: the right to vote for your branch officers. We encourage all eligible members to not only vote in your branch election but also consider seeking a branch office.

The procedure for conducting nominations and elections is spelled out in the WPA's By-Laws (Article VI, Sections 604 and 605).

Section 604. NOMINATIONS
Nominations for candidates for Branch office may be made

from a nominating committee appointed by the Branch President. Such nominations may also be made from the floor at the bi-annual election meeting of the Branch in the last calendar quarter of even number years by those members in attendance under Section 606.

Section 605. ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION

1. ELIGIBILITY - *Only an Adult Benefit Member who is at least age twenty-one (21) and who is not directly involved in litigation or a written claim against the Association, except for claims under a certificate of insurance, is eligible to be a Branch Officer. No Full-Time Agent, General Agent, or anyone who is licensed to sell for another life insurance company, or Immediate Family Member of any of the above is eligible to be a Branch Officer.*

2. ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS - *The election of Branch Officers shall be held every two (2) years during the last calendar quarter of even number years. Elections shall be by a majority of those present at such bi-annual meeting. Officers elected at such bi-annual meeting shall be installed immediately.*

To find out when your branch will conduct its election of officers, check this month's "Branch News" section, or contact your branch officers.



Letters & Email

Church thanks WPA for gift celebrating its anniversary

On behalf of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Walton Hills, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to William Penn Association for the donation to our church. We are grateful to you as you have provided a generous gift for the 130+1 anniversary of our church.

Generous and kind help provides a great support for us to continue our church's ministries, work and mission. We at the First Hungarian Reformed Church are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of helpers and supporters.

May the Lord God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Kraznai
Pastor
First Hungarian Reformed Church of Walton Hills

NOTICE

The next issue of *William Penn Life* will be a combined January/February 2023 issue which should be delivered to members' homes by Feb. 1.



2022 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. 15.... | 6:00..... | Testo's Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport Call 203-556-9267 or 203-929-9245 for reservations. |
| 0008..... | Johnstown, PA..... | Dec. 4..... | 2:00..... | Visitation School Cafeteria, 1127 McKinley Ave., Johnstown Call 814-242-1111 for reservations. |
| 0014..... | Cleveland, OH..... | Dec. 3..... | 11:30... | Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor |
| 0019..... | New Brunswick, NJ.. | Dec. 17.... | 2:30..... | Bayard St. Presbyterian Church, 107 Bayard St., New Brunswick Call 732-873-1158 for reservations. |
| 0027..... | Toledo, OH..... | Dec. 3..... | 12:00... | Timbers Bowling Center, 1246 Conant Street, Maumee Call 419-460-7214 or email pooh9382@bex.net for reservations. |
| 0028..... | Youngstown, OH..... | Dec. 3..... | 12:00... | St. Stephen of Hungary Church parking lot, 854 Wilson Ave., Youngstown. Call 330-746-7704 for reservations. |
| 0044..... | Akron, OH..... | Dec. 10.... | 9:00..... | Golden Corral Buffet, 2819 S. Arlington Road, Akron Call 330-670-5367 (voice only) for reservations. |
| 0048..... | New York, NY..... | Dec. 10.... | 2:00..... | Ruppert Houses Community Room, 222 E. 93rd St., New York Call 917-608-9005 for reservations. |
| 0051..... | Passaic, NJ..... | Dec. 4..... | 1:00..... | Amore Ristorante, 140 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park. Email ernie@ernestmozer.cpa for reservations. |
| 0088..... | Rural Valley, PA..... | Dec. 4..... | 2:00..... | William Penn Social Hall, 132 West Main St., Rural Valley |
| 0089..... | Homestead, PA..... | Dec. 3..... | 12:00... | Spins Bowl, 5840 Buttermilk Hollow Road, Pittsburgh Call 412-352-7077 or email tothmaskarinec@gmail.com for reservations. |
| 0129..... | Columbus, OH..... | Dec. 10.... | 2:00..... | Columbus - Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Dr., Grove City Call 614-875-9968 for reservations. |
| 0132..... | South Bend, IN..... | Dec. 4..... | 3:00..... | Barnaby's Pizza Pub - Mishawaka, 3724 Grape Road, Mishawaka Call 574-256-5281 or email John.e.burus@Honeywell.com for reservations. |
| 0159..... | Phoenixville, PA..... | Dec.10.... | 2:00..... | Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 for reservations. |
| 0216..... | Northampton, PA..... | Dec. 10.... | 2:00..... | Chick-fil-A, 14 W. Lightcap Road, Pottstown Call 484-624-3877 for reservations. |
| 0226..... | McKeesport, PA..... | Dec. 11.... | 1:00..... | Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport Call 412-673-3573 or 412-760-3609 for reservations. |
| 0249..... | Dayton, OH..... | Dec. 11.... | 11:00... | Scene 75 Entertainment Center, 6196 Poe Ave., Dayton Call 937-938-0198 for reservations. |
| 0336..... | Harrisburg, PA..... | Dec. 10.... | 11:00... | Verhovay Home Association, 1012 South 29th St., Harrisburg |
| 0800..... | Altoona, PA..... | Dec. 4..... | 5:00..... | Prime Sirloin, 501 Municipal Dr., Duncansville Call 814-943-7471 for reservations. |



'Tis the season for reviewing your beneficiaries



It's hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us already. Christmas is the most wonderful time of year, filled with joyous holiday gatherings and quality time spent with friends and family. Among my favorite childhood memories of the Christmas season are the open houses my family hosted every year on Christmas day. Friends, family and neighbors would stop and visit throughout the day, enjoying some of my mom's world-famous lasagna and home-made garlic bread. She always made enough to feed an army, and even with seven kids and all those visitors, there was always plenty to go around.

Yes, Christmas is a special time of year for family gatherings and making long-lasting memories. But it's also a great time to review your insurance needs, discuss your plans with your family and make sure your intentions are clear and that your beneficiaries are up-to-date. Here are a few issues concerning beneficiary designations for you to consider, along with some information reprinted with permission from *National Underwriter* magazine:

First, as the policy owner, you are entitled to--and should--**name more than one beneficiary to your life insurance or annuity certificate.** You can name not only one or more primary beneficiaries but also one or more contingent (or secondary) beneficiaries should something happen to the primary beneficiaries. The primary beneficiary is the first person (or entity) in line to receive the benefits from a policy when an insured dies. To receive those proceeds, the primary beneficiary (or at least one of the primary beneficiaries if there are more than one) must obviously be alive on the date the insured dies. If no primary beneficiaries remain, then the insurance company pays the benefits to the contingent or secondary beneficiary or beneficiaries.

As I mentioned above, you can name more than one individual or combinations of individuals as either the primary or contingent beneficiaries. For example, in the most common beneficiary scenario, an insured would name their spouse as the primary beneficiary and their children as contingent or secondary beneficiaries.

Suppose you wanted to name your spouse **and** children as primary beneficiaries? No problem. The proceeds are typically split equally among the named beneficiaries in that particular case, but that can also be adjusted to meet your specific request. For example, suppose you wanted your spouse to receive half of the proceeds and have the other half split among your children? Again, no problem; just let your agent know that. This assumes your children are adults. If you name minor children as beneficiaries, that's a different scenario, which I will address shortly.

When it comes to designating your beneficiaries, it's critical to be as specific as possible. The beneficiary designation should describe the person with sufficient clarity and certainty so that the insurance company can easily identify the proper person or persons and make the correct payments based on your desired intentions. Even where it seems inherently unfair, the insurer may be bound to pay the proceeds to the named beneficiaries. There are numerous cases where the proceeds were payable to a spouse long divorced because the insured neglected to designate a new beneficiary following the divorce.

I have seen that exact situation happen. A former associate of mine had been divorced and remarried before we met. It was quite a shock when he died unexpectedly from a heart attack at age 43. His current wife received an even greater shock when she filed the insurance claim and was told that she was not the listed beneficiary, and the proceeds were payable to his former spouse. You can imagine how that turned out.

It is important to note, however, that the laws governing payment of benefits to ex-spouses differs from state to state. In some states, an ex-spouse will not be paid the benefit, even if he or she is still listed as a beneficiary. It is best to check with your agent about the applicable laws in your state and to update your beneficiaries as needed to reflect your wishes.

Here are some points to remember when naming your beneficiary:

- **Be specific with name and relationship.** As mentioned above, laws regarding beneficiaries vary from state to state, so be as specific as possible when designating your beneficiaries and change them whenever you experience changes in your life and wishes.

- **Where possible, always name your children individually rather than by class such as “all children equally.”** If the children are named as a class rather than individually, the insurer may have difficulty verifying who is in that “class” due to marriages, divorces, adoptions, etc. The term “all my children” may also cause legal problems in cases of illegitimate, legally adopted and children from previous marriages. It’s important to note here that stepchildren and in some cases, children born out of wedlock are generally not included in the class known as “my children.” If your intention is to have them as beneficiaries, they should be named individually.

- **Per Capita or per stirpes?** This gets a little technical, but think of it this way: Let’s assume you name your three adult children as beneficiaries, and they all have children of their own. Most insureds name their children equally, and the claim is paid “per capita” or by head count. If you named three and all three are still alive when you die, then the proceeds would be split three ways. If only two were alive, then it would

be split only two ways.

But wait! What about the children of the child who passed away before you? Are they cut out? Not if you designate the beneficiary and use the “per stirpes” provision. The per stirpes (meaning “by the branches”) provision protects the claim for the children of any of your beneficiaries that may predecease you.

- **Naming minor children as beneficiaries.** Few states allow payment of insurance proceeds to minor children, and even fewer companies would agree to do so, because minors cannot give a valid release or enter into a contract with the insurer. For this reason, it’s always best to **name a trustee** as beneficiary in most cases involving minor children.

As you can see, there’s a little more to naming beneficiaries than you may have originally thought. Fortunately, you can change your beneficiary at any time, and your William Penn Association agent can help you make the right decisions and keep your policy up to date for you. Births, deaths, marriages, divorces and adoptions are just a few life events that can lead you to change or adjust the beneficiaries on your life insurance and annuity certificates.

Are your current beneficiary designations meeting your desires? During this upcoming Christmas season, why not take some time to give thought to your plans, discuss them with your loved ones, and give your WPA agent or broker a call. They’d be happy to review your current situation and make any adjustments necessary to help you reach your desired goals. Don’t have an agent? Call our Home Office at 412-231-2979 and we’ll be happy to assist.

From Bob and Barbi in the Sales Department, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!



Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this, we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 800 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 20 states – CA, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI – and in DC. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. WPA has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us. If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Bob Bisceglia at 412-231-2979, ext.134. Thank you.



A quick journey to the Far East



As I sat down with my afternoon cup of tea and began lazily perusing some handwritten notes scratched on the last ratty page of a yellow legal pad, the phone rang. A breathless, high-pitched voice came out of the speaker. It was K, the head of an office in the U.S. government. "Are you available to go to Japan in, oh, about 10 days?" she asked hurriedly. I had recently taken on a new set of assignments, but I didn't expect a development quite like this so soon. "Um, sure," I said, without thinking much, "assuming it's okay with the boss."

A few hours later, the "boss" grunted in the affirmative, "I'm jealous," Monika said, "but sure." My wife and I have been intrigued by the idea of traveling to Japan--not tomorrow, but perhaps one day soon. Monika's sister had lived there for a time while serving in the Navy, and Monika has a penchant for all things Disney: visiting Tokyo Disneyland is on her bucket list.

I soon embarked on a whirlwind trip to D.C. and then back to Detroit and then to Seattle, my jumping off point for Japan. I thought of those scenes in the Indiana Jones movies where a seaplane passes over the world map with a red line tracing Indy's travels from port to port. Besides some snow-capped mountain peaks far below me as the plane ascended away from Washington state, there was not much to see on the flight over.

After 19 hours of travel--plus a lengthy two-mile long detour through Japan's new quarantine procedures--I found myself fighting jet lag and language barriers to get to downtown Tokyo from Haneda International Airport. I had been warned that most Japanese do not speak English. Their homeland, being a large and influential country in its own right, the Japanese are like Americans, feeling no need to be bi-lingual in order to get around. Surely, I had thought to myself, those in the service industry would have bowed to the forces of globalization and would speak conversational English. Not so. In fact, most of the cab drivers and waiters spoke English about as well as I spoke Japanese.





I arrived in Tokyo during the golden hour, as the setting sun cast a warm amber glow across the millions of shimmering glass windows and building facades. I stayed in Ginza, a centrally located neighborhood home to one of Tokyo's most luxurious shopping districts. The term "neighborhood" does not quite capture the scale of the place. Ginza, only a couple hundred square acres in area, easily dwarfs most American downtown districts.

Fighting the urge to sleep, I deposited my bags in my hotel, showered and stumbled out into a whole new world. In a few hours, I staggered into a tiny ramen shop in the shadow of the

Kabuki-za, an old, traditional Kabuki theater close to my hotel. Brain-numbed with fatigue, I mashed a few buttons on an electronic tablet in a noodle shop to place an order, of what I did not know, because I could not seem to get any translation apps to work and the menu lacked photos. To my pleasant surprise, a spicy chicken/cabbage/bean sprout dish with a large helping of rice came forth from the kitchen, along with an appetizer portion of *gyoza*, Japanese dumplings.

Fourteen-hour days leave little time for sight-seeing, though I managed to glimpse some of the more notable sights. There was the frenzied, neon-fluorescent spectacle of major districts like Shibuya (busiest crossing in the world) and Harajuku. But what I enjoyed most were my trips to the Sensō-ji (the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan, dating to the 600s AD) where I burned incense, lit a candle, obtained an *O-mikuji* (fortune) using Japanese fortune sticks and washed my hands in a sacred fountain. The fortune turned out to be a bad one, so I tied the paper it was on to a metal rod at the temple, and purchased an amulet for divine protection for luck.

I also enjoyed my visit to the Meiji-Jingu, the shrine that hosts the immortal, divine soul of Emperor Meiji (founder of the Imperial family). To get there one must pass under an immense Torii gate. One of the more interesting aspects of the shrine was a massive stack of wicker sake barrels, offered to secure the continued good health of the Japanese sake industry.

This all-too-brief visit, of course, only moved Japan up on my list of future travel destinations. With only a few hours of leisure time, I can hardly claim to have seen anything more than a tantalizing flash of Japan's brilliance.

Take 2

Circumstances prohibited me from attending one of the premier Magyar events of the year. My parents and brother Andras were able to keep me abreast of a spectacular concert that took place on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Kulas Auditorium on the campus of John Carroll University located in University Heights, OH. The famed virtuoso Zoltán Mága and his 10-piece *zenekar* performed for over 2½ hours. There were three encores, which included a lengthy version of "*Pacsirta*" ("The Lark") as Mága went among the audience, entertaining the enthusiastic crowd. The remaining encores were the Székely Himnusz and Hungarian National Anthem, both performed with heartfelt emotion by each member of the ensemble.

As an added treat, Mága's teenage son made a guest appearance with the group. My brother learned that Mága's son is now a student at the Juilliard School of Music.

Each musician was highly accomplished. Joining the Primas Mága were a concertmaster, a cimbalom, a second violin, two contra violinists, a *tárogató* player, a viola, a bass and keyboardist.

This concert was made possible through a joint effort of Bocskai Radio, (which airs each Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on WJCU-88.7 FM and online), the Cleveland Foundation for Hungarians and the Art Department of John Carroll University.

I am happy to see events like this still occurring in Ohio, and look forward to hearing more about these and other Hungarian events across our country.

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

OPPOSITE PAGE: Lighting a candle at the Sensō-ji, the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan. ABOVE: Tokyo may shine most brightly at night. Photos by Tibor Check, Jr.



Front, back and on the plate



Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Fáradjon be a Magyar Konyhába! Another year has passed and we get to enjoy the end of year holidays. While a lot of things may change in our lives, what stays constant are family and friends. As we end 2022, let me express my gratitude to William Penn Association for giving me the opportunity to share my recipes with you. It is a pleasure to share recipes and techniques so we all can appreciate food and all it offers us: nutrition, health and nourishment! This issue, I am sharing recipes for appetizers, side dishes and desserts for your dining enjoyment this holiday season. On a final note, *The Hungarian Kitchen* will be expanding its horizons. Stay tuned for our next issue. In the meantime, enjoy the recipes and have a wonderful, safe Holiday Season.

Jó étvágyat!

Apple Cider Bread Pudding

6 cups French bread, day old, cubed
2 medium apples, peeled, cored & chopped
½ cup raisins
4 whole eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups whole milk
1¼ cups apple cider

For the Sauce

1 cup pecans, chopped
2 cups brown sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup heavy cream
½ cup butter
¼ cup bourbon
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.

In a large bowl, combine the bread cubes, apples and raisins.

In another large bowl, whisk the eggs, brown sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg and salt until well combined.

Whisk in the milk and apple cider. Pour mixture over bread mixture and toss gently using a spatula until evenly coated. Let this mixture stand for 15 minutes until bread is wet.

Pour bread pudding mixture into the prepared pan and smooth into an even layer. Bake in the preheated oven until puffy and lightly browned and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Remove from oven and reduce temperature to 325°F. Let bread pudding cool at least 15 minutes; pudding will sink slightly.

Meanwhile, spread the pecans on a baking sheet and put in oven for 5 minutes to toast--do not burn the nuts. Remove from oven and set aside to cool.

In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, corn syrup, heavy cream and butter. Bring to a boil over medium heat then reduce flame to low and keep cooking to reduce liquid to 3 cups, about 15 minutes.

Remove from heat, add the pecans, bourbon and vanilla extract. Stir well and serve over the bread pudding.



Savory Rub for Beef

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.



Apple Cider Bread Pudding

Apple Cranberry Pie

For the Crust

2½ cups flour
2 sticks butter, softened
6 ounces cold water
2 tablespoons sugar

Pulse the flour, sugar, and butter in a food processor or blend by hand using a pastry blender. After butter is cut into the flour, add the cold water and mix forming the dough. Divide the dough in half, wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

For the Filling

10 apples peeled, cored, thinly sliced
1½ cups fresh whole cranberries
¼ cup crystallized ginger, chopped
2 teaspoons lemon juice
3 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine the apples and lemon juice and toss coating the slices. Sprinkle in the flour, salt and sugar then mix to coat the apple slices. Add the cranberries, blending well, then chill mixture until ready to use.

Roll out the pie crust and place in a 10-inch pie pan or baking dish. Fill the pie with the apple-cranberry filling.

Mix 1 egg and 3 tablespoons of water making an egg wash for the pie. Brush the edges of the pie with the wash then place the top crust on the pie. Crimp the edges using your thumb pressing

against your first two fingers.

Wash the top of the pie then cut 4 or 5 small slits in the top to allow steam to escape from the pie while it bakes.

Bake the pie in a 350°F oven for 50 minutes. The crust and edge should be golden brown. Remove from the oven and let cool to room temperature.

Slice and serve your guests.

Delmonico Cheese Potatoes

4 chef's potatoes, peeled & sliced thin
1 quart heavy cream
½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
Salt & pepper to taste
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 2-quart baking dish. Layer the potato slices in the dish and pour cream over the potatoes; then sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

Bake in the oven until potatoes are soft, about 60 minutes. Remove from oven, stir the potatoes, then sprinkle with cheddar cheese and put back in oven for 5 minutes until the cheese melts. Serve hot to your guests as a great side dish.



Delmonico Cheese Potatoes

Hungarian Cream Sauce

1 cup sour cream
4 tablespoons horseradish, drained
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar

½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon white or black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

In a mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients together, then refrigerate or serve to your guests with roast beef or prime rib.



Hungarian Cream Sauce

Maple Brussels Sprouts & Walnuts

¼ cup vegetable oil
3½ tablespoons maple syrup
1 pound Brussels sprouts
½ teaspoon salt
Black pepper to taste
⅓ cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°F. Trim the Brussels sprouts rough ends and slice in half.

In a small bowl, whisk the oil and maple syrup, then add the sprouts, coating them well. Spread on a baking sheet, season with salt and pepper and bake for 30 minutes until soft with crispy edges.

Toast the walnuts in a sauté pan for 5 minutes or until you smell the aroma of toasted nuts. Combine the walnuts with the sprouts in a serving dish then serve hot to your guests for dinner.

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Pumpkin Spice Cookies

1 package (15.25 ounces) spice cake mix
1 can (15 ounces) solid pack pumpkin

Preheat the oven to 350°F and grease cookie sheets with pan spray.

In a large bowl, stir together the cake mix and pumpkin until well blended. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheets.

Bake in the preheated oven until the centers are set, 18 to 20 minutes. Allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Serve on a platter to your guests.

Savory Rub for Beef

1½ bunches fresh thyme, chopped
½ cup garlic, minced
1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
¼ tablespoon black peppercorns, freshly ground
¾ tablespoon kosher salt
½ cup vegetable oil



Soft Yeast Dinner Rolls

In a mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients until well blended. Use to coat your beef (prime rib, tenderloin, roast) then cook in the oven following the roasting instructions. When beef is cooked, slice and serve to your guests.

Soft Yeast Dinner Rolls

5 ounces warm water, 90 degrees
½ ounce dry yeast
9 ounces bread flour
¼ ounce salt
¾ ounce sugar
½ ounce dry milk powder
½ ounce shortening
½ ounce butter, unsalted
1 whole egg
Egg wash

In a small bowl, combine the water and the yeast.

In a mixer bowl, combine the remaining ingredients--except the egg wash, and stir until well blended.

Add the water and yeast mixture to the mixer bowl and stir to combine.

Knead with a dough hook on low speed for 10 minutes.

Transfer the dough to a lightly greased bowl; cover loosely with plastic film and place in a warm spot and let ferment until double in size.

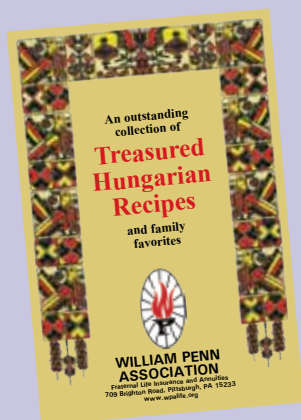
Punch down the dough and let rest a few minutes so the gluten can relax.

Divide the dough into 2-ounce portions and shape, then put on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, then proof until enlarged.

Brush the rolls with egg wash, then bake at 400°F until golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes.

Remove from oven; let cool to room temp, then serve to your guests.

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White Rose Ball returns in 2023

YPSILANTI, MI -- The Hungarian Arts Club recently announced that it will host its traditional Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball) on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, MI, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The ball was cancelled last year due to concerns over the Coronavirus pandemic.

During the ball, young girls of Hungarian descent will be introduced to society. The club will also recognize winners of its scholarship program.

For tickets, call 734-459-5253. For information on becoming a debutante or escort, call 248-352-0927.

Nationality Rooms to host open house

PITTSBURGH -- The Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs at the University of Pittsburgh will host their 31st Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Learning Commons and in the Nationality and Heritage Rooms.

Members of the Nationality and Heritage Room Committees will welcome guests into rooms, which will be decorated for the holiday season. Guests will also have the opportunity to participate in traditional crafts and cultural demonstrations to learn about the rooms and their ethnic communities and traditions.

In the Cathedral of Learning Commons, guests will enjoy traditional foods and baked goods as they listen to world and holiday music and shop for handcrafted and cultural wares and other items that represent the cultural diversity of the Nationality and Heritage Rooms. St. Nicholas will make an appearance for photos with children and families.

The event is free and open to the public. Food and gift items will be available for purchase.

The open house is sponsored by the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs, the University Center for International Studies and the Nationality and Heritage Room Committees which represent the 31 classrooms in the program.

For more information, call 412-624-6000.



HuGo app introduces Android version

After many user requests and months of fine-tuning, HuGo, the app for those interested in all things Hungarian, has introduced a version for Android users.

The Android version is available in the Google Play store as well as in the iOS app store. The version for iPhone users remains available for download on the Apple App Store.

With the HuGo app, users collect and upload Hungarian points of interest in the US.

HuGo's mission is to help you stay connected with Hungarian culture and people across America. HuGo has a growing list of places and events that you can explore.

You can check out HuGo on Facebook at *hellohugousa*, on Instagram *@hugousa* and on YouTube at *HuGo Intro Video*.

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

Holiday Cookies, Kifli & Rolls

COOKIES: \$20/Dozen

Lady Locks
(Vanilla, Chocolate or Raspberry)
Peanut Butter Blossoms
Peppermint Meltaways
Pecan Tassies
Seasonal Thumbprints

Pizzelles (Anise)
Oatmeal Cream Pie
(with Marshmallow Icing)
Sugar Cookies
(Christmas Trees
or Snowmen)

KIFLI: \$20/Dozen

ROLLS: \$20/Each

Apricot, Nut
or Poppyseed

**Chocolate-Covered
Pretzel Rods
\$10/Dozen**

COOKIE TRAYS: 4 Dozen = \$60.00

Orders due Dec. 12 • 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

Congratulations!

to our 2022-2023
grant 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 6,849 grants totalling \$3,067,200. This year, the Foundation awarded grants to 122 students, including 43 first-time recipients, totalling \$61,000. 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 throughout the year. We congratulate all our member scholars, especially this year's new recipients honored here.



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Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI

Recipient *Updates*

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

SARAH E. BECKAGE, Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

Double majoring in biology and neuroscience, Sarah has begun her sophomore year at Syracuse University. She writes: "I am grateful for my scholarship. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year of college, getting to decide what I study and meeting people from all over the world." She belongs to Syracuse's chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and has been named to the dean's list. Sarah is also a math tutor and promotes school spirit through "Otto's Army" (as in Otto the Orange, Syracuse University's mascot).

LUKE J. BOBOSKY, Branch 26 Sharon, PA

Completing his first year at Case Western Reserve University, where he majors in finance and economics, Luke is an Army ROTC member. He is also a mountain biker and a member of Case Western's Disc Golf Club. Luke has commented: "This scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to further my academics."

NATHANIEL (NATHAN) P. BREISINGER, Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

Nathan is a senior sports communication/sports management major at Robert Morris University. He has served as assistant arts and entertainment editor for RMU Sentry Media, the student-run website covering

campus news, and as editor-in-chief for their website content. Nathan has produced sports shows and served as on-air talent for RMU-TV and has broadcast games for RMU athletics for YouTube and ESPN+.

ALISON M. DUSACK, Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

Majoring in Business Administration at Penn Highlands Community College, Allison has been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.

ISABELLE R. FRANCIS, Branch 44 Akron, OH

A speech language pathology major in her senior year at the University of Akron, Isabelle is working toward her career path with membership in two student organizations. As a member of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA), she participates in events helping the Akron community. One was a walk event, bringing awareness to Childhood Apraxia, a motor speech disorder. This organization also donates gently used clothing to a women's shelter and has decorated and delivered cards to patients at Akron Children's Hospital. Isabelle is also involved with CHAARG, an organization that empowers women by motivating them and teaching the importance of healthy lifestyles. She credits this program for getting herself into shape, giving her more self-awareness of her physical and mental well-being. A nominee for the National Society of Leadership and Success, Isabelle has also made the dean's list.

New Recipients Not Pictured

ALBERT J. ABELS, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
IAN A. ANDERSON, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
WENDY R. ANDERSON, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
GABRIEL J. ANTHONY, Br. 226 McKeesport, PA
EMMA G. ARENDS, Br. 249 Dayton, OH
LILLIAN G. BARRA, Br. 9 Hazleton, PA
MIA M. COONEY, Br. 800 Altoona, PA
NATHAN A. GOSTEY, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
JACOB G. GROSS, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
OLIVIA A. GUERRIERI, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
JOSÉ U. GUTIERREZ, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
KAYLA M. HAYES, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
RACHEL L. HORVATH, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
MILTON J. McELRAVY, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA

JOHN P. MOGYORDY, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
HALEY E. NICHOLSON, Br. 89 Homestead, PA
JUSTIN T. NOWAKOWSKI, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
MEGAN E. OCHS, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA
ENESE PIGNICZKY, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
ABIGAIL R. POLAKOWSKI, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
NICHOLAS R. PUSATERI, Br. 296 Springdale, PA
PAIGE H. SEVITS, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
AIDAN P. SLANINA, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
CONNOR E. SWANSON, Br. 590 Cape Coral, FL
BETHANY R. TOWNSEND, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
AZLYNN K. WATKINS, Br. 9 Hazleton, PA
CHRISTOPHER A. WORRALL, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA

LASZLO HARANGOZO III, Branch 51 Passaic, NJ

Now a sophomore at Middlesex College, Laszlo is an engineering major. Off campus, Laszlo is an altar server at St. Stephen's RC Magyar Church and is employed at Somerset Patriots. He is also a camp counselor for Woodbridge Township.

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

"Thank you so much for this opportunity," writes Shelby, a nursing student at Penn West University (formerly known as Edinboro University). A senior, Shelby also has minor course work in biology and psychology. Throughout the football and basketball seasons, Shelby is a cheerleader and is now the cheer captain. An honors program participant, she's maintained her high GPA throughout her collegiate years and has been inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau nursing honors society. Shelby is also involved with SNOE, Student Nurses of Edinboro.

ABIGAIL G. KRAYNAK, Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

"Thank you, William Penn, for the support in my pursuit of education!" writes Abigail, a Bowling Green State University junior, majoring in forensic science with a minor in chemistry. Abigail plays for the BGSU women's lacrosse team and is part of the university's honors learning community. She also assists in welcoming BGSU's international students and is involved in many service opportunities within the university community.

KATELYN R. KRAYNAK, Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

In her junior year at Kent State University and majoring in history, Katelyn devotes her spare time to dance as an instructor and dancer for Praise His Name with Dancing. Katelyn comments: "I have danced at my dance studio for over 14 years! I love taking classes and teaching classes to the next generation of ballerinas." She is also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honors society.

MIKAYLA E. LAWLESS, Branch 720 Dedham, MA

Mikayla is a senior at Endicott College where she is studying to be a nurse and enjoys varied campus life experiences. February through April, she is involved in on-campus theatrical productions which require 12 hours per week in rehearsals. Mikayla is also a college resident assistant, maintaining and managing a residence hall floor of diverse undergraduate students. As an RA, she also counsels students regarding personal and academic issues. Mikayla applies the knowledge gained through her studies to her role as a certified nursing assistant at Beverly Hospital, performing client hygiene and client care.

JUSTIN J. LEONARD, Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Justin, a sophomore, serves as the fraternity's community service chair at Bowling Green State University. As community service chair, Justin organizes events and keeps track of hours served by his fraternity brothers. He is a business major and achieved dean's list status during his freshman year.

AARON R. NEIL, Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

During his first year at Kent State University, Aaron participated in a research project by tracking student behavior between studying and test scores and the most effective ways to study. Currently, Aaron is a sophomore with a combined political science and pre-law major.

EMILY C. NOBLE, Branch 129 Columbus, OH

Emily is a senior majoring in early childhood education with a minor course of study in religion at Wittenberg University. She has been named to Wittenberg's dean's list and nominated to the National Society of Leadership and Success. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, acting as the latter's philanthropy chair. Emily writes: "Thank you William Penn Association for all of your support!"



BRIANNA P. PASTERNAK, Branch 89 Homestead, PA
Majoring in chemistry with a minor in education, Brianna is a Seton Hill University sophomore. An athlete playing Division II women's volleyball, Brianna is also a member of the Student Athletic Committee (SAC), an organization of student athletes involved in campus life and community service. A Seton Hill Honors Program participant, Brianna is working towards a capstone project, which will be presented in her senior year. She is also a "Griffin Guide," providing campus tours for prospective students.

AUSTIN C. SCHAUER, Branch 28 Youngstown, OH
In his senior year as a wildlife and fisheries resources management major at West Virginia University, Austin is active on campus with the WVU Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society. He is also a member of the Back Country Hunters and Anglers Club. Austin also interned with Ohio's Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District.

JORDAN M. SCHAUER, Branch 28 Youngstown, OH
Jordan is a Midway University sophomore studying criminal justice and psychology. He is a member of Midway's Equestrian Team, Horse Association, as well as the university's Psychology Club.

BRIDGET A. SZABO, Branch 28 Youngstown, OH
Majoring in computer science and mathematics, Bridget is a sophomore at Youngstown State University. She was named to the president's list for both semesters with her 4.00 GPA. Bridget plays for YSU's marching, pep and concert bands.

STEPHEN B. VINCZI II, Branch 14 Cleveland, OH
A Cedarville University senior majoring in molecular biology, Stephen is on the pre-medical track and has applied to medical school to pursue his dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Serving as a firefighter/emergency medical technician (FF/EMT) for the Cedarville Township VFD, Stephen also serves as an EMT for the Cedarville University Emergency Medical Services, where he will also serve as assistant chief for the 2022-23 academic year. On campus, Stephen serves as vice president of the university's pre-medical student organization, Chi Theta Pi. This organization is essential for student networking and professional development.

MAYA R. VOLPE, Branch 296 Springdale, PA
A sophomore at Penn State University majoring in electrical engineering, Maya plans to study abroad in Taiwan during the spring 2023 semester. At Penn State's New Kensington campus, Maya leads an active life, where she is president of the Math Club and serves as a math peer tutor. She belongs to PSU's STEAM Club and their GREAT Program for career readiness for future engineers. She is also treasurer for the campus' THON™ (the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, as sponsored by Penn State). Maya is also a contracted member of the Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts.

AVA E. WALKER, Branch 8340 Baltimore, MD
Ava is a senior at Miami University of Ohio, majoring in kinesiology with a concentration in general business, business management and nutrition. She serves as website chair and assistant vice president of intellectual development for the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is an information systems and analytics teaching assistant and serves as treasurer for Delta Epsilon Professional/Pre-Health fraternity, serving the campus community. As an undergraduate research assistant, Ava has studied antibiotic use and alcohol intake, along with analyzing and presenting her data at conferences. When she's not doing all of that, Ava is also a pavilion server at the Congressional Country Club.



Decorative gifts from the heart

For as long as there have been holidays, people have been giving each other gifts on those holidays. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, chances are your family and friends give each other gifts to express their love and appreciation for others.

But, gifts cost money--which is something most kids don't have a lot of. So, what's a kid to do? You can make gifts for the people you love using your own two hands! And among the easiest gifts you can make are **ornaments**. We guarantee that your family and friends will adore these thoughtful gifts and proudly display them for all to see and enjoy.

This is a good project for kids of all ages since no cutting is required. Plus, while older kids can safely use the glue gun with supervision, younger kids can use Elmer's glue instead of a glue gun. Easy, fun and safe!

What you need:

- Parchment paper or wax paper
- Pasta of all sorts – farfalle (bowties), wagon wheels, elbows, stelline (stars), medium shells, ditalini etc.
- Ribbon or pipe cleaner
- Elmer's washable glue (or glue gun)

Optional:

- Acrylic Paint in green, red, gold, silver
- Glitter

What you do:

- To start, cover your work space with parchment paper or wax paper.
- Lay your pasta pieces on the paper, making an ornament shape.
- Glue together each piece. Let your ornament dry.
- Once dry, you can paint using as many colors as you wish. Add glitter to make it shine!



Our thanks to the folks at Artsy Craftsy Mom and Fab Art DIY for this fun idea:

<https://artsycraftsymom.com/10-easy-christmas-ornaments-for-kids-to-make-with-pasta/>

<https://www.fabartdiy.com/how-to-diy-pasta-snowflake-ornament-for-christmas/>

Help us build up our community on Facebook and Twitter by sharing photos safely @WPALife and #wpalife. Make sure you tag #winterholidays #artsandcrafts #WPALife and share us with family and friends.

Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

By Jim Ballas

Our beautiful New England fall season will soon become a cold and snowy winter. Many of us struggle daily with various issues in our lives, but there is much to be thankful for. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This year, there is a change from previous years with our annual Christmas party. We will have a branch Christmas dinner party on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Testo's Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., Bridgeport. In addition to fellowship and dinner, there will be a brief branch meeting. Contact Branch President Bill Bero at 203-556-9267 or Branch Coordinator Jim Ballas at either 203-929-9425 or jamesballas@att.net if you would like to attend.

Our branch continues to support the community with donations to the local food pantries. As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, there are still many in need of help. We urge our members to contribute to the local food banks during the holiday season.

We wish everyone Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

By Alexis Yuhaz Kozak

Greetings to all! Hope you had a safe, healthy & wonderful summer. Why does summer go by so fast and winter never knows when to leave?

We at Branch 8 had a wonderful participation in the Annual Slavic Fest in September. Every year is bigger and better. This is the seventh year, and I think it is here to stay. Branch 8 had two booths, one serving traditional Hungarian food and the other distributing in-

formation and trinkets to the attendees. Branch 8 also decorated the stage that made the event even more festive.

Thank you, WPA, for your support to help carry on this heritage. A special thanks to Joe and Debbie Oliver, Charlene Hritz, Charles Tournay and Joe and Debbie Magro. It takes a village to make these things happen. Thank you for your tireless days that were put in with love.

The Fest is held at the Johnstown Discovery Center Museum. The Center tells the story of Johnstown--from immigration, to the 1889 flood, the steel industry and more--as well as the history of America as it became a modern industrial nation. The attractions of the Johnstown Discovery Network bring this rich history to life as you walk through the museum.

One can only imagine what our forefathers experienced as they came to this country. A visit to the museum gives you that feeling. God bless all our ancestors. If it were not for their dedication and tenacity, we would not be in the greatest country in the world.

Special prayers to our many friends who call Florida their home, either permanently or seasonally. Also, please pray for peace in Europe and that some day we can say we are back to "normal."

Looking forward to seeing our members at the branch Christmas party on Dec. 4. Please call Branch President David Kozak at 814-242-1111. Come join us for food, drink and a good time. Let the holidays begin!

For your insurance or annuity needs, please call me at 814-242-0000.

Stay safe and well. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends.



Charlene Hritz, Charles Tournay and David Kozak welcomed visitors to the WPA information booth at the Annual Slavic Fest in Johnstown, PA this September.

Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

By Dora McKinsey

Greetings from Branch 9.

My, where has the time gone? The year 2022 is almost over with 2023 right around the corner. Time is going by faster and faster. Christmas will soon be here. Branch 9 officers would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! As it did last year, the branch will be sending out gift cards to all branch juvenile members.

December 21 is the first day of winter. It's that time of year to bring out the heavy coats, gloves, scarves and boots. I hope this winter will not be too snowy. I can dream, can't I? If you are traveling for the holidays, please be careful so as to reach your destination safely.

We congratulate Branch 9 members Lillian Barra and Azlynn Watkins on each being awarded a WPA scholarship grant for the 2022-2023 school year. Grants are awarded each year to eligible WPA members. The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. depends on donations to continue to provide scholarships each year. If possible, please donate to the Scholarship Foundation to keep this fraternal benefit ongoing. If you have benefitted from receiving a scholar-



Branch 8 members Debbie Magro (left) and Debbie Oliver prepare Hungarian specialties to be served during Johnstown's Slavic Fest in September.

ship, now would be a good time to pay it forward. All donations are tax deductible.

With inflation rising, now is a good time to review your insurance coverage to make sure your loved ones are adequately provided for. If you would like to review your coverage, please contact Branch Coordinator Sara McKinsey-Barra at s_mckinsey@hotmail.com. She will be able to assist you in answering all your questions. She can also be of assistance if you need to change your beneficiary or even your mailing address.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

Greetings to all of our members and friends who will be celebrating the remaining holidays of 2022. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

I will be glad to see 2022 come to an end since this turned out to be a very sad year for me and my family, with the passing of my dad Ernie on June 11, 2022 as well as the deaths of several close friends. However, happiness came with the birth of two new additions to our family: my great-niece Devlynn who was born in July and my great-great-niece Victoria who was born in October.

The Cleveland Hungarian

Community hosted many activities in late summer and fall. It showed that our friends were very anxious to get out of their homes and take part in events occurring all over town.

Here are a few of the events I attended:

- On Sept. 12, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) held its *Szűreti Bál*/Fall Festival and picnic. De-

licious food, vendor tables, a WPA table, great music by Harmonia, folk dancing by the St. Elizabeth Church dancers and the Cleveland Scouts Regős Folk Ensemble and the nice weather made for a wonderful day.

- On Sept. 22, The Hungarian Cultural Garden held its beer dinner fundraiser at The Immigrant Son Brewery (with Hungarian owner). The evening included a four-course Hungarian-themed dinner with a beer paired for each course. The courses included *gulyás*, *paprikás* stuffed pierogi, *hurka*, Debreceni sausage, *kolbász*, *uborka saláta* (cucumber salad), and mini *lángos* with sour beer mixed berry fruit compote.

- On Oct. 7, the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival hosted the U.S. premiere of *No Command! The Last Days of the Iron Curtain*. This movie brought back memories for me of several WPA trips to Hungary during which we visited one of areas where Hungarians and Germans were able to flee and travel safely to the West.

- The next day, the Cleveland Hungarian Museum hosted a program which focused on "getting to know members of our community with rich and interesting family histories and their connections to Hungary." I was one of five members of our local Hungarian-American community who shared

their personal story that formed their Hungarian identity. We were a diverse group, but our stories were similar.

I was honored to share my story of growing up on Buckeye Road and my involvement in many Hungarian organizations there. I had some funny stories and some stories that brought tears to my eyes and to the eyes of many in the room who experienced similar times in their own lives.

- The day after that, the HCCNEO held its Annual *Gulyás* Cook-Off. What a great day to taste about a dozen varieties of *gulyás*. I was thrilled to serve as one of three judges. The chefs used a variety of ingredients, including pork, beef, snapping turtle (quite tasty), lamb and an array of seasonings. Judging the entries was a complex process, and we took our job seriously.

- Finally, on Oct. 14, the Cleveland Hungarian Museum hosted its 26th Vintner Dinner, featuring a Hungarian menu paired with wines from Hungary. The dinner and music by Harmonia made for a wonderful evening. WPA Chair of the Board Kathy Novak and I represented WPA at this event.

As you can see from this partial list, it was a busy time and a lot of fun. Next year will be just as exciting.

We thank you for your continued donations and prayers for the people of Ukraine. Bless the medical personnel who are giving their all to help the wounded and the sick through the daily fighting. Pray for this conflict to come to an end.

Congratulations to our Branch 14 new student grant recipients: Kayla Hayes, John Mogyordy, Enese Pigniczky, Paige Sevits, Aidan Slanina and Bethany Townsend. Best wishes and study, study, study. Have a little fun too! We are very lucky that our loved ones and our students (who represent the future in so many ways), will have

educational opportunities that would not be possible without family members purchasing WPA insurance and annuities.

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

Our branch will host its annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor.

Our final branch meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Road, Solon. Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend.

Please call Branch President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch Secretary-Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for any changes with the scheduled dates listed above.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. May those who are no longer with us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our members and friends who might be feeling under the weather. Now that fall is coming to an end and winter will be arriving, we wish everyone good health and to feel better. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all those celebrating a November/December birthday and/or anniversary. May you have God's rich blessings always!

Be safe, stay healthy AND please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time.

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



NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the January/February issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by January 7, 2023.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

By Barbara A. House

Happy winter to all. I, for one, am thrilled. Michigan is beautiful in the fall, and I am a winter lover. Yes, I know I spend it in Florida, but everyone knows my heart is in Michigan.

We lost our beloved Helen Sryniawski. There will never be another Helen or a communications secretary like her. We all think of her often and miss her constantly. Rest in peace Helen; you are so loved, still.

Thank you to Richard Sarosi, Caroline and Kathy. They brought umpteen pounds of *szalonna* for the Krajcz family. We had another wonderful visit and dinner at The Rhapsody. We always have such a great time when we're together. Now, the next visit will be with my 10 pounds of *csiga*, I hope. Thank you so very much. I can always count on you.

COVID has hit us hard in Michigan. Carol Truesdell has had it twice. Linda Enyedy got it in Hungary in October. Two days ago, after the 1956 celebration at the H.A.C.C., Ursula and Tamás came down with COVID. So far, Tommy, Pauline, Judy and I are safe. Please, everyone, get your shot.

Special get well wishes to Violet Sarosi. We missed you at lunch.

Father Barnabas had a very special Mass on Sunday, Oct. 23 for the 1956 Revolution. The church, as always, looked beautiful. At the end, everyone stood to sing the Hungarian Himnusz. Now, if that doesn't give you goosebumps, I

don't know what will. Thank you to the beautiful choir, also. Krisztina, as always, was fabulous, but you know I am very prejudiced. Happy birthday Krisztina, and many more. You are so loved.

Very special get well to Kati Lukacs. Please take care and get well soon.

The Hungarian Arts Club is preparing for the White Rose Ball, to be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Crystal Gardens. For the out-of-towners, you will find many hotels in the area. We will all miss the wonderful Benefactors Reception. Hopefully, next year we will all be back bigger and better than ever.

Oxford, MS member, Abbagale Bolger is making her family very proud. The eighth-grader finished fifth in the state in the 500-yard freestyle swimming. Abbagale is the highest scoring swimmer in school history. Her grandpa, Joe Gall, is busting his buttons. Way to go, Abbie! Olympics, look out for her, she is on her way. We are all pulling for you here, in Michigan, too. Abbie is our great-niece, and she is all that and more.

Please pray for our deceased members and their families: Alex Kulchar's sister in Hungary; Mary Sipos, a great Christmas helper; George Schvarckopf, another very active member; and Jan Filak. May you all rest in peace. You are missed and loved.

I received a beautiful card from the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio. Thank you so much. It is nice to hear from friends. Special hello to Mary Jane Molnar, one very hard-working woman.

Good luck to Donovan McNelis. I had to look closely. You look like your grandpa. I know that he was always very proud of you.

Our next branch meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:00 p.m. We meet at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard Road in Taylor. During this meeting, we will have our election of branch officers. If you would like to get involved, please come to the meeting. We will be happy to see you.

Tom, Abigail (our dog) and I are planning on leaving on Dec. 10, for Florida. I hope we will have good traveling weather.

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to celebrate the day with all your family and friends.

Boldog Karácsony és Boldog Új Évet. We wish you the most wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023. I know we are all ready to get together and celebrate the holidays.

I can always be reached at: 313-418-5572. Yes, the old land-line is gone. Please keep in touch. I would love to spread good news. Stay healthy and happy, and we will see each other in 2023.

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

By Evelyn B. Bodnar

Branch 19 is celebrating the holiday season with two events that serve the immediate community in the heart of New Brunswick.

Using the facilities at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church, where Branch President Joseph G. Bodnar is the pastor, Branch Vice-President Joseph A. Bodnar and his wife Maureen put together a free Thanksgiving dinner.

They are also organizing the annual toy drive, which distributes free toys to neighborhood children under 13 years of age. The toy give-away will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17 above the church at noon.



Daniel Corrigan and Diana Rogers were honored for their work with the Hungarian Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland during the 26th Vintner Dinner Oct. 14 sponsored by the Cleveland Hungarian Museum.

Santa will be there with cookies, drinks and treats. WPA members are invited to help with this project. Last year, more than 650 children received a gift. The program will be followed by a buffet lunch at 2:30 p.m., bringing volunteers and branch members together for a Christmas celebration.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

By Paula Bodnar

Sure hope this finds everyone doing great.

With the new year approaching, just a reminder to check your policies and update your beneficiaries and addresses. If you have any questions on your policies you can contact Alan Szabo at 330-565-7592.

Happy New Year to all.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas season. Hope everyone shares this joyous time with family and friends. May 2023 bless us all with much happiness and good health.

A big thank you to the Home Office for their continuous generosity in support of the annual branch Christmas parties. Our branch Christmas party will be a drive-thru event held Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at St. Stephen of Hungary Church parking lot.

With the assistance of the Home Office, Holiday Baskets were distrib-

uted to several community service organizations in our area.

The annual Thanksgiving vesper services were conducted at Holy Apostles Parish, Saints Peter and Paul worship site on Nov. 22. This event allows the Youngstown Hungarian community of all religious backgrounds to gather and reflect on everything we have to be thankful for.

The 26th Vintner Dinner, sponsored by the Cleveland Hungarian Museum, was held at the Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's in Bainbridge, OH on Oct. 14. The honorees of the year were Diana Rogers and Daniel Corrigan of the Hungarian Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland. This delightful evening and delicious meal had music provided by Harmonia.

National Director Richard Sarosi and I had the privilege of representing WPA. During the program, recognition was given to WPA with an expression of sincere gratitude for the continuing support given.

Congratulations to National Director Joyce Nicholson on once again being elected as an officer of the Ohio Fraternal Alliance during their recent annual meeting.

A memorial service, honoring the heroes of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution was held Oct. 23 at the Franciscan Friary. Songs, poems and prayers were offered during

the program, and the Rev. Joseph Rudjak, pastor of Holy Apostles Parish, was the featured speaker.

Can't forget to send best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the holidays.

It's never easy to experience the loss of someone special, but at this time of the year it's a little more difficult. Thoughts and prayers are with those grieving at this time.

Healing thoughts are being sent out to Betty Anzevino, Violet Sarosi, Irene Devlin, Margie Sams, Dennis McBride, John Dankovich, Phyllis Kuhn and Shirley Szabo.

For information about WPA, please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Be safe and healthy while enjoying the holidays.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

By Marguerite McNelis

We hope everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We also wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Hope you will be able to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

Happy belated Marine Corps birthday to my grandson and to all Marines. On Nov. 11, we celebrated Veterans Day, a day when we remember that freedom is not free. Remember to thank a veteran and say a prayer for them and all our servicemen and women here and overseas.

We congratulate our new scholarship recipients: Morgan Calla, Justin Nowakowski and Christopher Worrall. We are very proud of all of you!

The branch made a monetary donation the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Free Care Fund. Gary Vamos, President of Branch 34, and Roseann Vamos presented the \$200 check to Howard Hanna's South Hills Office for this worthwhile fundraising event. Roseann is a real estate agent in the South



Branch 34 President Gary Vamos and member Roseann Vamos (right) deliver a donation from the branch to employees of Howard Hanna for the company's fundraising efforts on behalf of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Free Care Fund.

Hills office and is on the event committee. We thank her and the committee for the hard work in putting this event together. The branch also made a monetary donation to the Food Bank.

Congratulations to my great-niece and branch member Gabriela Medina on her beautiful wedding to Joshua Mackin in Aruba. Much love and happiness to you both.

Congratulations also go out to my sister-in-law, Roseann Vamos, for appearing in the November issue of *Pittsburgh Magazine*. She was honored as a top agent at Howard Hanna Real Estate. Way to go, Ro! We are very proud of you.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating in November and December.

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

Branch 44 Akron, OH

By Elizabeth Darago

Happy holiday season! Remember, call 330-670-5367 by Dec. 3 for reservations to the Branch 44 holiday party. It will be on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral Buffet, 2819 South Arlington St., Akron. Admission is \$12.50 for adult members and \$15 for all non-members. Juvenile members are free but must be in attendance to receive a

holiday gift. All guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for our food baskets. Also, please bring any clean, plastic grocery bags for a project to make sleeping mats and sitting mats for the homeless. Thank you.

Congratulations to Stow High School Member Micah Bentley. He won the cross country regionals, setting a new record, and is headed to the Ohio cross country finals. Run fast, Micah! Branch #044 is rooting for you!!!



Branch 44 member Micah Bentley set a cross country record and was off to Ohio high school state finals.



Branch 44 members Cheryl and Gil Stadler prepare to deliver grocery bags which will be turned into mats for the homeless.

Congratulations also to branch member Travis Darago, who spent a week in Lee County, FL as a volunteer with the United Way, helping those affected by Hurricane Ian. Travis distributed food and necessity items to over 1,000 people per day, went into the community to deliver supplies to the handicapped, assisted in clearing debris and provided moral support. Thank you, Travis, for your unselfish community action in the face of major destruction.

Happy birthday to all who are having birthdays. Happy anniversary to all married couples.

Get well wishes to those feeling under the weather.

Support and love to all our military personnel around the globe.

And deepest condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

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

Next Deadline: January 7, 2023



Members and friends of Branch 88 gathered Sept. 18 for the branch's annual bacon and sausage roast.

Branch 88 Rural Valley, PA

By Dennis Chobody

Branch 88 Rural Valley, Pa held its annual fall bacon and sausage roast Sept. 18. Beautiful weather and a large attendance made for a special event that lasted into the evening. Our club members who aren't Hungarian really look forward to learning the art of making bacon bread. One first-time attendee said it was possibly the best thing she had ever tasted.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskarinec

Happy holidays everyone! In keeping with our traditions of helping those in need, we have partnered with some local charities to bring bagels, bread and pastries to the hungry.

Panera Bread at The Waterfront has been kind enough to donate day-old goodies to this cause, plus they also sponsor our church coffee hour. Talk about a class act!

We, in turn, distribute the surplus to members of our church, other churches and congregations and to others in the community.

Thank you, Panera, for making this possible.

Speaking of The Waterfront, the

leadership of Branch 89 extend an invitation to all branch members, their family and friends, and all WPA members to join us at Dave and Busters on Wednesdays between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. for some game playing, good food, camaraderie and fraternalism.

Also, Wednesdays are half off all games. Come on down and try your luck at some of their many games. I've gotten pretty good at Ring of Fire. Lisa tends to gravitate towards the football touchdown game, plinko and Monopoly.

Lisa and I intend to use our points for prizes, which we will donate to our branch's other annual endeavors, like the branch Christmas party and branch-sponsored golf outings.

Speaking of Christmas, our branch Christmas party will be held at Spins Bowling Lanes at noon on Dec. 3. All branch members and their children are welcome to attend, bowl, eat and sit on Santa's lap. Well, we might want to avoid letting *everyone* sit on Santa's lap, especially at the same time!

We will also be offering holiday cookies and pastries for sale. An ad with more information can be found in the "Magyar Matters" section of this issue.

On a sad note, our branch recently lost a valued member, Dianne Schneider. Dianne had

battled cancer, hip replacements and finally sepsis for more than 10 years before passing away on Nov. 1, 2022. We will miss her humor, wit and wisdom greatly. Dianne



(pictured left), along with our beloved Uncle Fred, were valuable members of Branch 89 and could always be found at our events taking many pictures. Dianne never minded the early wakeup calls for the golf outings. She loved being around people, and she always had a kind word for them and would cheer them on. We miss both of these individuals terribly but we know they are in a far, far better place.

In other news, our branch participated in the 15th Annual Vision Walk sponsored by the Foundation for Preventing Blindness. The event raises funds to support research to cure retinal blindness in all its forms. The walk was held at the Great Hall of Acrisure Stadium (formerly Heinz Field). Not only did our branch donate funds to the cause along with a basket for the Chinese auction, but we also literally walked the walk.

Lisa works for Everett Hurite Ophthalmic Association which happens to be one of the major fundraiser organizations for this group. The weather was nice and sunny as Lisa, branch auditor Justin Toth and I--along with branch mascot, Fairway Toth-Maskarinec--participated in the event. (And, yes, Lisa managed to walk the entire walk upright.)

The highlight of the event came during the awards presentation. Fairway Toth-Maskarinec won the Pet Spirit Award. How cool is that! He actually let the photographer snap his picture. Fairway greeted two legged and four legged friends with equal enthusiasm although

licking the cream cheese off of Lisa's bagel when she wasn't looking was a little over the top.

We met with the management of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, and we are pleased to report that our branch will be planning a 5-day/4-night trip to Las Vegas sometime between May and August. We would like to have a mini-golf outing out there. Mandalay Bay has a beach onsite, several pools, a wave pool, lazy lagoon and jacuzzis, plus the famous shark aquarium. Do we need to mention all the wonderful restaurants? Watch this magazine for updated information, or call Lisa or myself. All are welcome.

We wish everyone the merriest of Christmases. We look forward to seeing the children at our annual Christmas party. It is amazing to see Christmas through the eyes of a child.

Keep in touch with everyone and take a moment and reach out and brighten someone's day. Stay safe and warm.

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Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. It is so nice to have the traditions of the holidays back for many families.

We hope everyone will also have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As the end of 2022 draws near, we wish all of our members and their families



Branch 89 officers Mark Maskarinec, Lisa Toth-Maskarinec and Justin Toth, along with branch mascot Fairway Toth-Maskarinec, recently participated in the VisionWalk in Pittsburgh to raise funds for retinal blindness research.

love, peace and happiness this holiday season and beyond. May all be blessed with good health as we start 2023.

Please reach out to the important people in your lives during this holiday season. It can be a lonely time, especially for the elderly and shut-ins. You never know the impact that a visit, call, text or card will have. It may lift someone's spirits during the holidays and after.

We congratulate our Branch 129 renewal scholarship recipients for 2022: Mitchell Abahazie, Regan Abahazie, Dylan Boso, Emily Deeds, Anastazia Horvath, Emma McKibben and Emily Noble. Our branch had no new student recipients for 2022. Good luck to all of you. Anyone who would like to support the Scholarship Foundation can send your donation to the WPA Home Office. Thank you for all your past and continuing donations.

Our next branch meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 7. It will be held at Plank's on Broadway, 4022 Broadway, Grove City, at 4:00 p.m. Our branch elections of officers will take place at this meeting. We would love to see more members attend these meetings. Hope to see you there!



Are your beneficiaries up to date?

That's a question you should ask yourself at least once a year. Regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates is the only way to ensure that the people you want to receive the benefits of your life insurance are the ones who will receive it.

Think about the changes that have occurred in your life since you purchased your life insurance. Getting married, having children, losing a loved one and getting remarried are all life changes that affect your responsibilities. Do the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes?

If you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates—either primary or secondary beneficiaries—contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office 412-231-2979.

The branch Christmas party will be Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Columbus-Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Drive, Grove City. Reservations are due by Dec. 1. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or 614-214-1840.

We extend congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Congratulations to all who have new additions to their families.

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

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

If you have any news you would like to share about yourself or family 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

I want to wish all WPA members a safe and happy holiday season. Cherish the ones you love as things can change in an instant.

The next South Bend Branch 132 regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend. Beyond normal business activities, we will be electing officers for the next two years. All positions require a vote per the WPA by-laws.

The 13th annual Branch 132 Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Mishawaka Barnaby's Pizza Pub (corner of Grape Road and Edison Road). Please RSVP your headcount by Nov. 30 to 574-256-5281, and please do not hesitate to leave a message.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

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

We'll publish photos of our branch's children's Christmas party in the next issue of WPLife.

Congrats to our branch's new scholarship grant recipient, Gabriel J. Anthony. Best wishes in your college journey.

We send our deep sympathies to the family and friends of Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson on his recent passing. His wife and our branch secretary, Gerry Nelson, is enduring hardships of her own. Please pray for them at this time of difficult loss.

Sending warm wishes to Branch President Malvene Heyz, Branch Vice President Janet Sparico, Branch Auditor June Coyne, and Goldie Szarka. We are thinking of you and sending prayers to give you strength.

Remember, your student—and at least one parent or grandparent—must be WPA members for at least four years for your student to be eligible for a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Are all of the children in your family covered for this scholarship grant program?

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

While giant companies and big box stores are worried about holiday gifts and presents, we can focus on what matters this season: dinner with family and heartfelt, homemade gifts, like cookies or framed photos (or framed art from the grandkids).

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

On behalf of Branch 226, I wish you a safe and wonderful Christ-



Members of Branch 249 enjoyed an Adults Night Out this October at Hollywood Gaming at the Dayton Raceway.

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

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, everyone, we are in the midst of the holiday season. It started with Thanksgiving, a time for giving thanks for all we have.

In all likelihood, without the help of the Wampanoag tribe around Plymouth, MA, the Pilgrims would have perished and there would never have been that first Thanksgiving feast.

The Pilgrims were searching for religious freedom from English laws, took a great chance and came to America. The Wampanoags were looking for an alliance to help with protection from other tribes. After a successful first harvest, the Pilgrims and Wampanoag had a three-day feast.

Since Thanksgiving is a semi-religious holiday based on cooperation of two peoples of far different backgrounds, it only seems natural that we should honor that tradition.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa—it doesn't matter what holiday you celebrate, all people are celebrating for the

same ideals.

October was a busy month, with the successful Adults Night Out at the Hollywood Gaming at the Dayton Raceway and, later in the month, the gulyás dinner hosted by the Magyar Club of Dayton.

We held the election of branch officers on Nov. 12, but since this article was due a week before the election, we do not have the results. Not much else going on in November except GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Arghhhh!

I hope you make it to the Branch 249 Annual Children's Christmas Party at Scene 75 on Poe Avenue just south of the I-70/I-75 interchange. Easy access for you no matter where you are coming from. The party is Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11:00 a.m. We are having pizza, chicken tenders, veggies, etc., and dessert. Youth members will be supplied prepaid cards for the in-door rides and games. We have our own party room for two hours so adults can socialize while the kids run amok playing. We all had a great time last year. Please call me if you plan on attending so we can plan on the correct amount of food.

We extend our sympathy to all those who have recently lost a loved one, especially to Branch Auditor Karen Kuritar on the death of brother, Joe Kuritar.

May you all find peace, especial-

ly at this special time of year that evokes so many memories.

Happy birthday to you November and December kids. May you always have the joy of this special time of year in your hearts.

Happy anniversary to all the couples who had the bravery (or audacity) to get married at the busiest time of the year; especially to my beautiful bride, Anne Marie. I don't know where I would be now without you.

If you've been sick, I hope you are getting well and will soon be 100%. Take care and get your vaccinations.

Congratulations to all the WPA scholarship recipients, especially to first-time grant recipient Emma Arends!

With this last article for the year 2022, I hope in this season of loving and giving that you reach out to others with simple acts of kindness. Open the door, pay the bill of the person behind you in the drive-thru line, smile at a stranger, or help an elderly neighbor. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture, just something simple. These acts of generosity that I have experienced make me think about the acts of kindness that have reached back and brought me forward. Acts done out of genuine unselfishness, not tied to any *quid pro quo*. I am not a self-made person. I was made by those who took my hand and pulled. Help others with simple generosity and bring them forward.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

As 2022 comes to a close, we say farewell to autumn and begin another change of season. What I mentioned last year at this time bears worth repeating: each of us must forge ahead with confidence and optimism as we count our blessings.

I will report on our branch

Christmas party in the next issue. But I can tell you that it was a return to our traditional type event, after a several-year hiatus.

Branch 296 congratulates our WPFA Scholarship Foundation new student recipients: Olivia Guerrieri and Nicholas Pusateri. We wish you all the best as you pursue your higher education. For our renewal grant recipients, may you also have an excellent year.

Our student grant recipients and thousands (yes, thousands) who preceded them have gratefully benefitted from support. Donations to the Scholarship Foundation are tax deductible. If you were awarded WPA scholarships, please consider paying it forward. No donation is too small.

We wish a happy birthday to all of our 296-ers born throughout the months of November and December, especially to Kathleen Panaro, Diana Borland and Noreen Fritz. Happy anniversary greetings, also to those joined in matrimony during these months.

Sincere get well wishes to those recovering from illnesses or surgeries. If R & R is what you need, then that's exactly what you should do. You are also in our thoughts and prayers as you recover. Special thoughts are extended to the caregivers out there, as well.

To the families and friends of Branch 296 members who have lost a loved one in 2022, we send you our heartfelt condolences. November is the month of remembrance and December also gives us pause to reflect on the year. Many have experienced loss and we hope that you always hold onto memories of your loved ones and pray that they rest in peace.

Looking back at 2022, Branch 296 was able to return to a more regular meeting schedule. Our bacon roast also returned, and everyone had a great time. It is always a pleasure seeing familiar and new faces. Thank you to all who joined us and contributed



Members and friends of Branch 296 gathered Sept. 18 at Riverview Park in Oakmont, PA for the branch's first bacon roast since 2019.

with such delicious foods to share with everyone. We are also appreciative for the help in cleaning and reloading our vehicles. Many hands made the task easier!

Have any personal milestones that you would like for me to share in future branch news? Please contact me at 724-274-5318 and I will include them.

Our helpful WPA agent, Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, is readily available for your life insurance and annuity needs or questions. Noreen is truly a fraternalist, and we are thankful for her involvement. You can count on Noreen to attend and pitch in for all of our events, from the branch to the national level and that's a huge part of what being a fraternalist is all about! Feel free to contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

November has Veterans Day and Thanksgiving; days of remembrance and gratitude. This year Hanukkah begins on Dec. 18 and ends on Dec. 26, so there will be an overlap of goodwill and celebration, with Christmas, too! May you create happy memories throughout these days. Soon we'll welcome 2023, with high hopes, good wishes and expectations.

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

It was so nice to hear The Hungarian Arts Club in Dearborn, Michigan is going to have their White Rose Ball in February 2023. The event is absolutely breathtaking and elegantly preserves our Hungarian heritage. Thank you for making this event possible.

A celebration of the East European region was held Oct. 16 at the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh. The event was hosted by REEES (the center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies) and the Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia. The event brought together numerous food vendors, performers, student and academic organizations and local diaspora organizations to demonstrate the festive music, cuisines and traditional dances of Eastern Europe and its surrounding regions.

Speaking of the Cathedral of Learning, the Nationality Rooms of the University of Pittsburgh will hold their Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The rooms will be

decorated for the holiday season by the ethnic communities in the tradition of their heritage. Guests will enjoy traditional foods, baked goods and demonstrations as they listen to world and holiday music. The event is free and open to the public. Food and gift items will be available for purchase. Stop in and view the Hungarian Room and its beautiful décor.

I knew it was just a matter of time. Harry and I managed to evade COVID for over two years. We were diligent in masking and sanitizing. We had all our vaccines and booster shots. Then it hit both of us like a freight train in late September. We tested positive, which is not a positive thing. We are much better now and glad it didn't sideline us for too long. Thank you, Emily Nicholson, for your constant care and concern during our recuperation.

We extend good wishes to those members with birthday celebrations this month. Best wishes to those celebrating their wedding anniversary this month.

Prayers to those who are sick or recuperating, especially Tamás Markovits and Violet Sarosi.

Our sincere condolences to the family of branch members Ed Hogan, Rosalie Marino, Ralph Ross, Rachel Lackey and Grace Murrish. May they rest in peace.

Interesting fact for this issue: The number 96 is very important in Hungary.

- The crowning of Árpád as first king of the Magyars (Hungarian people) marked the beginning of the Hungarian state in 896.

- The Hungarian national anthem should be sung in 96 seconds, if done at the proper tempo.

- And, by law, buildings in Budapest must not exceed 96 meters (314.9 feet) in height. If you head to one of Budapest's many great view points, you'll notice the uniformity of the city's skyline. There's not a skyscraper in sight, and the tallest buildings don't seem to be more than eight stories high. The lack of high-rise skyscraper buildings allows the city to retain a historic appearance.

Two buildings in the city set the precedent for the legislation in place today: St Stephen's Basilica and the Hungarian Parliament Building. Both stand at the same height--96 meters--and represent religion and government respectively. The fact that one is no taller than the other shows that neither religion nor government is more important than the other.

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

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

Branch 800 **Altoona, PA**

By Joan B. Ballash

Blessed Christmas to you all. When your attention turns to gift-giving, remember neighbors in need in your community. Monetary and in-kind donations may be made through churches and other

organizations.

Happy belated November birthday wishes go out to Branch Treasurer and Coordinator Bob Jones. May you and everyone celebrating a special event during these final two months of the year be blessed with many more.

Prayers are offered for members who are ailing, experiencing difficult times, dealing with addiction or are otherwise suffering.

We extend condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one, especially the family and friends of Fern E. Grace and Jeffrey L. Shank. May the departed rest in the loving arms of God.

The annual memorial Mass for members was held on Thanksgiving Day at Sacred Heart Church in Altoona.

The branch Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Prime Sirloin Restaurant in Duncansville. Cost is \$6 per person for adults and teens; children 12 and under are free. Santa is expected to visit. There will be gifts for everyone. Reservations may be made by calling Dan Greiner at 814-943-7471 ASAP. All members and guests are welcome.

If you have any news to share, call 814-931-1712.

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

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

Holy, healthy and happy 2023!

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Please remember
in your thoughts
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recently departed
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their loved ones

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Breakfast for kids in Hungary

A few weeks back, I made from memory the breakfast that my Hungarian cousins of school age would eat before departing for a day of learning. My daughters Emerencia and Alice both loved this newly-discovered treat as they gobbled up this creamy, warm and sweet breakfast.

Each morning in Csót, cousin Olgi would serve up a generous bowl of *tejberizs* (rice pudding). The garnishment was different each day, with honey, jam, cinnamon, fresh fruit or bits of kolbász or ham carefully placed in the middle of the bowl. A small dish of extra garnish of the day was also placed on the table. Occasionally, there was dry cereal served with cold milk. By far, the preferred breakfast was the milk and rice treat.

Traditionally, students living in the countryside came home for lunch, as this is the biggest meal of the day featuring soup, salad, a main course and dessert. Lunch is one-hour long,

thus giving ample time to eat and converse.

It has been eight years since my parents took my brothers and me to Hungary, and the traditions of breakfast have changed for many children in Hungary as their first meal of the day consists of dry cereal and milk. The most popular brand is Kellogg's cereals. Everything you can get here in the U.S. can be purchased at the food stores in *Magyarország*. Even the names of the cereals are the same in both countries. The second most popular brand is Nestle brands making up 25% of the types for purchase. Every dry cereal that I have seen over in Hungary uses English names for the cereal.

This issue's wordsearch puzzle consists of 15 clues. The clues include the names of a Hungarian cereal that is not sold here in the states but have interesting names.

Good luck! Until we meet again, I wish everyone *Boldog Karácsonyt!* Merry Christmas!

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"Breakfast in Hungary" Word List

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| Boulders | Hoops | Shreddies |
| Breakfast | Milk | Tejberizs |
| Dry Cereal | Pillows | Weetabix |
| Cosmos | Puffs | Weetos |
| Honey | Rice | Wheats |

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