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Puzzle #200 correction

In our June 2023 issue, there was a typographical error involving Puzzle Contest #200.

The surname "Gonzales" was misspelled in the clue list, incorrectly ending with a "z" instead of an "s." The name is spelled correctly with an "s" in the puzzle grid.

If you find the name "Gonzales" in the puzzle grid, circle that name and it will be correct.

Also, the name "Kiss" with one "s" appears in the puzzle grid twice. Circle either one for a correct entry. Both are separate from the name "Kiss."

Remember, all entries for Puzzle Contest #200 must be received at the Home Office by July 31.

Are your beneficiaries up-to-date?

Checking the beneficiaries on your life insurance and annuity certificates is something you should do regularly. If you think you need to update your beneficiaries, either primary or secondary beneficiaries or both, contact your WPA representative or our Home Office at 412-231-2979.



Spreading fraternalism in New Jersey

William Penn Association was well-represented at this year's Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, NJ. The festival, held the first Saturday of June, draws thousands of people for a day of Hungarian food, music, exhibits, arts & crafts and entertainment. Welcoming visitors to the WPA booth were (seated, from left) Branch 28 member Mary Foor, Branch 28 Vice President Sandor Tollas Jr., Branch 28 members Chrissy Kobasic; (standing) sales representative Alan Szabo and Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak.

New York, New Jersey, Indiana seek nominees for awards

Both the Indiana Fraternal Alliance (IFA) and the New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNYFA) are accepting nominations for their respective Fraternalist of the Year awards.

Each year, the IFA presents an award to one adult and one youth for their outstanding volunteer contributions to the branch, society and community. For eligibility rules and an application form, visit the "124th Annual Meeting" page at <http://indianafraternalalliance.org>. Deadline for nominations is Aug. 15.

Meanwhile the NJNYFA plans to recognize "an individual within the fraternal benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service." Nominees must be a resident of either New Jersey or New York and be a member of a society that is a member of the NJNYFA. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 1.

For more information about these awards, contact John E. Lovasz at the WPA Home Office at jlovasz@wpalife.org.

Letters & Email

WPA scholarship recipient thankful for grants

Thank you for providing me with the four scholarship grants throughout my undergraduate college experience from 2019-2022. I am extremely appreciative for the financial assistance. I wanted to update you on my current status.

In May 2023, I graduated from Penn State Behrend with a Bachelor of Science in nursing with a minor in sociology.

While at Penn State Behrend, I had the honor of playing four years of basketball, won two championships, and was the captain during my senior season.

I was inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success and the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Society, achieved Academic All-Conference each season, and was awarded the Herb Lauffer Memorial Scholarship and Leadership Award 2023.

I have accepted a nursing position in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at UPMC Hamot Medical Center in Erie.

I will always be grateful for your financial support and am excited to begin the next chapter of my life serving the needs of my patients.

Brianna M. Dean
New Castle, PA

Cards of caring

Project to bring a bit of joy to students and teachers in East Palestine, OH

On Feb. 3, 2023, a Norfolk Southern train carrying toxic chemicals derailed in the city of East Palestine, OH. The resulting disaster left thousands of people living in and near the city stressed both emotionally and financially as they face uncertain futures.

After seeing extensive media coverage of the event and its aftermath, some young members of WPA Branch 44 Akron, OH, located about 60 miles northwest of East Palestine, asked about the children living there. They wanted to do something to let the children of East Palestine know they were being thought of, something that might make them feel a little happier during such a scary time.

After discussing the idea with leaders of other Ohio branches and the WPA Home Office, Branch 44 is spearheading a greeting card campaign for the students and teachers living in the disaster area.

"We wish all branches and members would send uplifting greetings, whether homemade cards or purchased cards," said Elizabeth Darago, Branch 44 president. "Make them with crayons or colored pens.



Buy happy cards. Add a personal greeting. But please make them, collect them and send them to me."

There are about 1,000 students in the East Palestine School District, and the goal is to send a card to each and every one of them. "This is a fantastic 'Join Hands Day' project," Elizabeth said, one in which children, adults and families can participate.

All cards--with or without individual envelopes--can be sent to the following address:

Elizabeth Darago
William Penn Association Branch 44
1643 - 13th Street SW
Akron, OH 44314-2902

Please send all cards to the above address by Aug. 11 to ensure delivery by the first week of school this fall. With your help, we can send much-needed encouragement to those affected by the disaster.

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When was the last time you reviewed your life insurance?

How often should I have my life insurance reviewed?" That's a common question people ask. My answer is at least once a year or anytime there is a major life-changing event (which I will discuss later in this article). It may seem inconvenient or a nuisance to undergo an annual review, however it is very important. If anything, the last few years have proven that life can change very quickly and unexpectedly. By having an annual review, you may be able to put you and your family in a better situation.

Early in my career as an agent, I learned how important it is to schedule annual reviews with my clients. Just as your life changes, so do your life insurance needs. You want to be sure the coverage you purchased years prior provides adequate protection today. Life insurance is not a "set it and forget it" product. One of the best ways to be sure you have enough coverage is to work with a licensed insurance agent that specializes in life insurance. Your agent will be able to walk you through the entire process and help discover many needs that may have been overlooked otherwise.

Practical and simple things to keep in mind

Your review should start with the basics, items that may seem trivial but need to be accurate and up-to-date so as to prevent any possible problems when it comes time to file a claim. Always double-check:

- **Names.** Check for correct spelling of your legal name.
- **Addresses.** Be sure they are current.
- **Phone numbers.** List several numbers making sure they are current and accurate.
- **Email addresses.** These may not have existed when you first purchased your life insurance, but they are extremely important today.
- **Bank accounts.** Many insurance policies lapse because the owner failed to notify the insurance company of changes to their account.
- **Children listed in a family plan** (child rider). Have all children listed, including names, birthdates and Social Security numbers.
- **Beneficiaries.** Your annual review should always include a beneficiary checkup. Take this opportunity to make any necessary changes caused by a divorce or death that may have occurred in the last year. This could affect who the proceeds are paid out to and makes the process easier for your loved ones. This is extremely important. Check the name, address

and phone number of every beneficiary. Also, be sure to let your beneficiaries know they are the beneficiary!

Life changes & the roles they play

- **Marital status.** For the recently engaged or married couple, you will want to make sure your life insurance is updated and your partner is listed as your beneficiary. This will also apply in the case of a divorce. Take the time to be sure your choices reflect your wishes. If this step is overlooked, it could result in money being paid out legally to someone that you may not want funds to go to.

- **Children.** As your family grows, so too will your expenses. It's important to update and increase your insurance to cover items such as your



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final expenses, your family's income needs, mortgage payments and educational expenses for your children. This is also a great time to purchase juvenile policies for your children.

- **Increase in income.** You've just landed a new job or finally got that long-awaited promotion. Congratulations! Now, contact your life insurance agent. You want to make sure the increase in your income is accounted for in your life policy.

- **A new home.** You recently closed on a new home, and now have a new mortgage to go along with it. Again, contact your life agent to make sure you have enough coverage so your family can continue to live in your home after you have passed.

- **Starting a business.** Your new business most likely either came with a big loan or drained your personal savings...or both. Either way, you want to be sure that it is covered in case of your death. Your loved ones could be liable for all debt incurred by owning a business. You do not want to leave them with an unnecessary burden. If your wishes are for them to stay in the business, extra income will be needed in your absence.

- **Caring for aging parents.** One of the most overlooked changes when considering your life insurance needs is caring for aging parents. Taking care of elderly parents is costly, especially if they have moved into your home and you are their primary caretaker. This could pose a financial hardship for them and your loved ones that are left to take care of them. You will have to consider adding coverage for increased costs. This is also a good time to discuss final expense insurance for your elderly parents.

- **Retirement.** Your retirement is the one time your insurance costs will decrease. You will want to discuss lowering your life insurance needs with your agent. In many circumstances, there will be no need to carry high amounts of life insurance because

your insurance needs have decreased. Children have moved out; your mortgage is paid off, etc. This will also be a good time to discuss all your final expense needs.

- **An inheritance.** Your first action after receiving a large sum of money should be to deposit it, then invest it and protect it. This can be discussed with your life agent and proportioned into financial security products that insurance companies--like WPA--offer. This will be a great time to discuss annuities and single premium life insurance products that can protect your inheritance and leave it for your loved ones.

- **Changes to your health, good or bad.** A change in your health for the good can be of utmost importance when reviewing your life policy. You may have quit using tobacco, may have lost weight and become healthier over the past year. This is a great time to add some more coverage to your plan at a preferred rate that could result in you paying less for coverage. On the other hand, if your health has deteriorated for some reason, this could prevent you from qualifying for more insurance, if needed. The good news is life insurance rates are based on your health at the time the application was made and the policy issued. This means that the insurance company cannot drop your current policy because of ill health. However, you may want to make sure it stays in force, keeping in mind that it was your good health that qualified you for the life insurance you have in place.

Remember: circumstances change, and with that so do your insurance needs. I encourage you and all WPA members to reach out to your agent to set up a review of your insurance policies. A simple review of your insurance will determine if the coverage you have is adequate or not. But most of all, it will give you peace of mind knowing your loved ones are covered when they need it the most. □



Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and new markets. We are seeking highly-motivated agents to join 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. 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 call 412-231-2979 and speak to either Sherrie Coburn at Ext. 134 or Barbi Tew at Ext.120. Thank you.



Seasonal culinary delights



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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.

Summertime is upon us! Schools are out, colleges have held their commencement exercises, and it is time for vacation and partying. What better way to enjoy the summer than with food fresh from the garden?

Years ago, when WPA conducted its Hungarian Heritage Experience at Penn Scenic View, I had the opportunity to cook meals for those in attendance using ingredients purchased at local farmers markets. We enjoyed fresh corn on the cob, cherry pie, peach cobbler, green bean soup, zucchini, summer squash, lettuce and the best tasting tomatoes right off the vine. The menu was always tasty and plentiful, featuring a plethora of produce along with a protein entrée.

While most folks do not like to cook during the summer in a hot kitchen, there are items you can prepare that take minimal time, are nutritious and are certain to please your guests. Farmers and open-air markets offer an abundance of produce and food stuffs. The best part is their products are fresher than the supermarket's, and the prices are comparable, if not a bit cheaper.

Living in Philadelphia, I have the pleasure of going to Amish country farms to purchase all kinds of produce. The best thing about Amish produce is that most, if not all, of their food is organic with no artificial ingredients. That means it is an extremely healthy source.

Last issue, I shared ways you could prepare gluten-free products. For this issue, I decided to continue the trend and share some choice recipes that use fresh produce in their preparations. But, first, a little background....

When you visit a farmers market, the products are always fresh or picked within a day or two. You can buy the products pre-portioned in pints, quarts, bags or bushels. I once purchased a bushel of pickling cukes to make the 24-Hour Pickle recipe found in the WPA's *Taste of Hungarian Heaven* cookbook. Once you find a market that meets your needs, they also might offer items other than produce, such as fresh eggs, cheese, and honey.

Another product you can often find at a farmstand, mostly in season but sometimes available during the summer, is maple syrup. When I lived in New Hampshire, maple syrup was available when the maple trees produced sap. The product was rich, full of flavor and much better than commercial brands.

There are farmers markets and outdoor stands that advertise and have websites listing their products and hours of operation. Nowadays, there isn't anything you cannot get online...except the winning numbers to Powerball! So, enjoy the great summer weather exploring outdoor markets and have fun with this issue's recipes.

Green Bean Salad

1 pound fresh green beans, cut into 2-inch pieces

¼ cup blue cheese, crumbled

¼ red onion, thinly sliced

½ cup olive oil

4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

½ cup pecan pieces, roasted

Salt, to taste

Black pepper, to taste

Place green beans in a saucepan, fill with water and cook until the beans are tender, about 5 to 7 minutes, then set aside to cool.

In a medium bowl, combine the beans, onion, blue cheese and pecans. Stir in olive oil and balsamic vinegar, then season with salt and pepper.

Chill one hour, then serve to your guests.



Ron's Lecsó

3 pounds fresh tomatoes
6 green peppers, medium size
8 sweet banana peppers
6 yellow onions, medium size
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon sugar

Core tomatoes and cut them into quarters. Slice green peppers in half, remove seeds and white core, then cut into 1-inch chunks. Slice banana peppers in half lengthwise, remove seeds and white core, then cut each half lengthwise and again to give you 8 pieces from each banana pepper. Slice the ends off each onion, remove the skin, then place onions flat side down and cut into ¼-inch slices.

Put tomatoes in a saucepan with a lid and simmer for 25 minutes on low heat until they liquify; stir occasionally so they don't burn.

When the tomatoes are almost done, stir in the salt, pepper, sugar. If there is not enough liquid, add 12 ounces of tomato juice.

Add all the peppers and onions. Stir well, bring mixture to a boil, then turn down to simmer for 10 minutes.

Turn off the heat and let set on stove for 30 minutes then cool down and store in an airtight container for up to five days.

Peach Cobbler

5 cups fresh peaches, peeled, pitted & sliced
¼ teaspoon Chinese 5-spice powder
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
2 cups white sugar
1 cup water
½ cup butter, melted
1½ cups self-rising flour
1½ cups whole milk

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a bowl, combine peaches, 5-spice powder and lemon zest.

In a saucepan, stir together one cup sugar and water over medium heat until simmering, about 2 to 3 minutes, then stir in the peach mixture. Cook and stir for 2 minutes, then remove from heat and set aside.

In a bowl, combine the other cup of sugar and self-rising flour, then add the milk and whisk to form a smooth batter.

Pour the melted butter into a rectangular baking dish, then pour the batter over the butter. Gently place the peach mixture over the batter, but do not mix; as the cobbler bakes the peaches will sink.

Bake until syrup is bubbly and the crust has risen and is golden brown, about 50 minutes. Serve warm to your guests.



Blueberry Cream Cheese Pie

8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
¾ cup water
¼ cup sour cream
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
9- inch prebaked pie shell, cooled
3 cups fresh blueberries
½ cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons powdered sugar, sifted

In a mixing bowl, blend together the cream cheese, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ cup water, sour cream and vanilla until smooth. Spread evenly into the cooled pie shell, then chill until firm.

In a small saucepan, mash 1 cup of blueberries, then add the remaining ½ cup water and bring to a boil, cooking the mixture.

Strain the blueberries and add more water to the juice until you have 1 cup of juice.

Combine the remaining sugar and the cornstarch into the saucepan along with the blueberry juice and cook on low heat until the mixture thickens and bubbles. Remove from the heat, stir in the lemon juice then cool down to form a glaze.

Place remaining blueberries over the chilled cream cheese in the pie shell, then spoon the cooled glaze evenly over the pie.

Chill the pie for 1 hour, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Slice and serve to your guests.

Salt dough handprint ornaments

Did anyone ever say to you: "give me a hand"? They really weren't asking you to give them one of your hands. That would be silly. What they wanted was for you to help them, right? Well, this month, we're going to show you how you can actually give someone your hand...well, at least your handprint, anyway. Making **salt dough handprint ornaments** is a fun activity not only in the summertime but any time of year. Just make sure an adult is around when you use the oven.

What You Need

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup salt
- ¾ cup lukewarm water
- cookie sheets and parchment paper
- rolling pin

Optional:

- Washable tempura paints
- Paint brushes
- Clear sealer like Mod Podge
- Ribbon or yarn



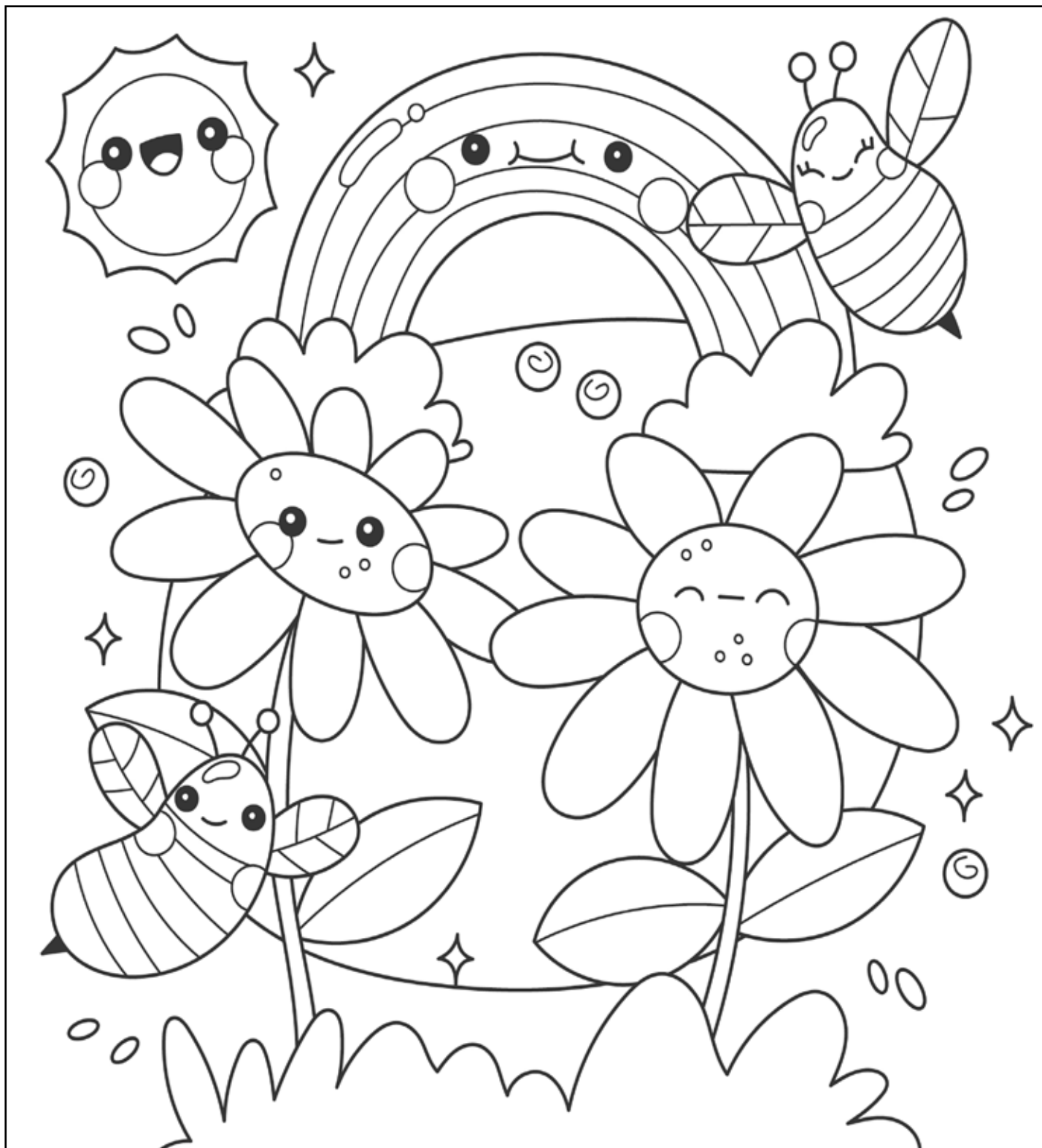
What You Do

- Combine flour and salt. Add water slowly. Knead for 10 minutes. If your dough is too dry, add a little bit more water in and continue to knead.
- Roll out the dough to a thickness between ¼ to ½ inch.
- Press your hand into the dough, then trace around the handprint with a large bowl.
- Using a straw, make a hole in the top to hang your salt dough ornament.
- If possible, let the ornaments air dry for a day.
- Preheat your oven to 250°F. Bake for 1 to 2 hours. If your ornaments are still doughy, put back in for another hour. (Thinner ornaments will take less time to bake).
- If you encounter too much puffing, roll out thinner ornaments. If the ornament is still a bit doughy, bake for longer or let sit out a few days to harden before decorating.
- If you want a natural look, then you are done. If you want a fancy look, once they have cooled now is the time to grab some acrylic paints (or washable tempura paint for smaller artists) and brushes and decorate! Spray with a clear glaze finish or Mod Podge.

Thanks to the good folks at www.thebestideasforkids.com for this handy idea!

Share photos of your handprints on Facebook @WPALife & Twitter #wpalife.

Grab your crayons or colored pencils and complete this fun summertime picture!



Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

By Alexis Yuhas Kozak

Greetings from Branch 8! I can't believe how time flies. Why does winter always drag, and our summers go by so quickly? Western PA was blessed with a very mild winter this year, but it still seemed to move slowly.

We at Branch 8 are planning for a number of events in the coming months.

The WPA 40th General Convention will be this October in Pittsburgh. It seems like only yesterday we were at our last convention. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new acquaintances.

Slavic Fest will be held Sept. 15 and 16 on historic Broad Street in Johnstown. Please try to attend; you will not be sorry. Every year, the Fest gets bigger, better and more creative. Everything at the Slavic Fest is ethnic; you won't find any hot dogs served there! The Gypsy Strings will be one of the many ethnic bands performing over the two-day Fest. We are all familiar with their wonderful music.

Branch 8 will try once again to have a bacon roast. Please join us on Sunday, July 16. Last year, we were rained out, but that did not stop us from getting together and enjoying other delightful Hungarian foods. You know us Hungarians: we always prepare a great variety of food and drinks. If you are interested in attending, please give us a call at 814-242-1111 to learn more details.

We ask you all to continue to pray for our members, country and the people of this great nation.

For assistance with your life insurance or annuity needs, please reach out to me, Alexis Yuhas Kozak, at 814-242-0000.

Enjoy the summer weather. Stay safe!

WPA Vice Chair of the Board David Kozak delivers water and snacks donated by the members of Branch 8 to first responders at West End EMS, Johnstown, PA.



Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

By Dora S. McKinsey

Greetings from Branch 9 Hazleton, PA. We hope everyone enjoyed a sparkling, but safe, 4th of July. Summer is officially here. Remember to use sunscreen when out and about even if it's cloudy outside. The sun's harmful rays still shine through those clouds.

Branch 9 participated in the Association's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. A grocery store gift card was donated to Pine Grove Area Pathway, a local charitable organization that supplies food and other essential items to area residents experiencing food insecurity. The need is great everywhere. I had the privilege of presenting our branch's donation to Pathway Treasurer Edie Daubert.

Now would be the time to re-evaluate your current life insurance needs and determine whether or not you need to update your beneficiaries. You can contact Branch Coordinator Sara Barra at s_mckinsey@hotmail.com or at 717-460-6755 if you need assistance with any of your insurance questions.

Remember to start each day with gratitude. We all have much to be thankful for.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

As we begin summer 2023, I hope that you have been successful in keeping your gardens in order and that you are in control of your weeds in the flower beds. I am not, and I am losing the battle of the weeds.

Memorial Day, Father's Day and Flag Day have come and gone. Next we celebrate our nation's Independence Day, the 4th of July. May it be filled with joy, peace, love and wonderful memories and blessings.

We thank our veterans for their service and for protecting our freedoms and rights. We thank our moms and dads who have served in the armed forces for all they have done, sacrificed and contributed over the years. God Bless you always.

As we continue to enjoy our summer events and the many Hungarian picnics, let us keep the bacon dripping on our rye bread with the tomatoes, onions, mild and hot peppers, cucumbers and pieces of crunchy bacon. I hope that your picnics include the traditional *szalonna sűtés* with bacon.

Try cooking *kolbász* on your grill and enjoy the delicious flavors that grilling imparts.



Branch 9 member Dora McKinsey (right) presents a grocery store gift card on behalf of the branch to Edie Daubert of Pine Grove Area Pathway as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.

Branch 14 lost a very dear member on June 1, 2023 with passing of Rt. Reverend Louis József Bertalan Medgyesi, B.E., pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Fairport Harbor, OH and bishop emeritus of the Calvin Synod. May he rest in peace. *(For more on Bishop Medgyesi, see the "In Memoriam" section on page 20 of this issue.)*

Please continue to pray for the people and military of Ukraine, who are giving their all in the fight for democracy. Remember those who lost their lives when they were swept away when the dam was attacked and destroyed.

Congratulations to the WPA students who will be graduating in the Class of 2023. It is nice to hear about dreams that are being achieved for our WPA students. This is why it is important to support and encourage your students in their educational goals. They represent the future, and they have educational opportunities which would not be possible without your support and the support of family members purchasing WPA life insurance and annuities.

I encourage the parents of those WPA students who will soon be growing out of their juvenile policies to have your children sign up for their adult policies. As parents, lead by example and make sure your own WPA life insurance

policies are in force and meet your current needs. If you don't have coverage, then follow in the footsteps of your parents and grandparents by purchasing a WPA life insurance policy for yourself, your spouse and your minor children. Remember, your child must be a life benefit member of WPA for at least four years as of Jan. 1 of the year in which they apply to be eligible for a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Contact your WPA sales representative or the Home Office for information and assistance.

Your continued support of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation is needed more than ever. Every dollar received makes a difference. Our young members are counting on you!

Branch 14 meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the Branch meeting.

Upcoming meetings will be held on the following dates: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6.

While you're marking your calendar for our meeting dates, please circle Saturday, Dec. 2, the date for our branch's annual Christmas party. The party will

be held at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor, OH. More information to come in future branch reports.

If you have any questions about the activities listed above, please call either Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 members and WPA members, as well as our friends, who might be feeling under the weather or recovering from a surgery. We wish everyone a return to good health soon. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and WPA members celebrating a July birthday and/or anniversary.

Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Letters, cards and phone calls have helped to keep me in touch with WPA members, WPA Home Office staff and my fellow WPA Board members. It is so good to have contact, say "hi" and catch up on how everyone is doing. Take time to call, write, email or text. Plan a visit, if you can. It is worth the effort you made to contact them.

It is equally important to remember family and friends who are in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and extended care facilities. Everyone loves to receive cards, notes, telephone calls, visits and the opportunity to hear from family and friends. Do not forget them.

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

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Happy birthday, America, as we celebrate the 4th of July. We also send out best wishes to all our members having a birthday or anniversary this month.

We're looking forward to two traditional summer events that take place in the Youngstown area.

The 25th Summer Festival of the Arts will be held Saturday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wean Park in downtown Youngstown.

The 177th Canfield Fair will be held Aug. 30 through Sept. 4 in Canfield.

The weather was perfect for the 46th Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, NJ. The corner of Plum and Somerset streets once again served as the location of the WPA booth, where we handed out goodie bags filled with promotional items and information about the Association, its products and programs.

Sharing in this fun-filled day with me were Sales Representative Alan Szabo, Branch 28 Vice President Sandor Tollas and Branch 28 members Mary Foor and Chrissy Kobasic.

Many familiar faces stopped by to say hello and visit with us, including Pista and Annush Molnar, Rev. and Mrs. Stefan Torok and WPA agents from the Philadelphia area.

As the festival closed, guests gathered for the traditional twilight concert at the American Hungarian Foundation, featuring Pély Barna.

Congratulations to Jordan Schauer, a sophomore attending Midway University, on winning the Individual Ranch Riding crown at the 2023 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Championship.

Congratulations also to Aubrey



Branch 28 congratulates two of its members on recent accomplishments. Jordan Schauer (left) and her gelding Benz won the Individual Ranch Riding crown at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's 2023 National Championship. Meanwhile, Aubrey Panigall (right) received an honorable mention at the Trumbull County Educational Service Center's Annual High School Art Show.

Panigall on receiving an honorable mention at the Trumbull County Educational Service Center's Annual High School Art Show.

Job well done to Travis Schauer on receiving his Master of Science degree from Youngstown State University.

As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign, Branch 28 made a donation to The Way Station, a community service center in Columbiana, OH.

Get well wishes go out to all those feeling under the weather, especially Irene Devlin, John Dankovich, WPA Vice Chair David Kozak, Violet Sarosi, Nick Risi and Joan Schwartz.

We offer our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to WPA Vice Chair David Kozak on the loss of his brother Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

So sorry for omitting Judit Ganchuk as one of the attendees at the University of Pittsburgh event on April 18.

For information about WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please call either Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-746-7704.

Enjoy a safe summer!



Branch 44 Akron, OH

By Elizabeth Darago

Congratulations, graduates! Way to go!

We are pleased to announce member Micah Bentley received a \$500 scholarship grant from the Ohio Fraternal Alliance. Earlier this year, Micah received a track scholarship from Bowling Green University. Mom Rose Bentley couldn't be prouder, nor could our branch. Thanks to *William Penn Life* for notifying all WPA members of the fantastic scholarship opportunities offered by our Association and the various state fraternal alliances.

Speaking of scholarships...our branch will be purchasing a bronze leaf on the WPA's Tree of Knowledge for a donation of \$250. We appreciate all the grants provided to our young members over these many years.

Branch members participated in a Join Hands Project with the Tallmadge United Methodist Church in Tallmadge, OH. The Golden Garden Fence was constructed, and the garden dug. Members put their efforts into digging and set-



As their Join Hands Day project, volunteers from Branch 44 and the Tallmadge United Methodist Church in Tallmadge, OH (pictured left) dug a garden and constructed a fence around it at the church.

ting posts and erecting the fencing. Great job! Now, can you return my 80-year-old post hole digger?

In case the summer's getting too hot for you, here's a cooling thought. The Branch 44 Family Holiday Party will be held Dec. 9, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral Buffet Restaurant. More information to be published later this year.

We continue to collect gently used plastic grocery bags that are used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. We also accept non-perishable food and personal care items for food banks. Contact any Branch 44 officer for more information. For those travelling, we also collect the unopened personal care items and soaps from your hotel/motel stays.

We're starting a new project, and we invite all WPA members of all ages to participate. We plan to create greeting cards for the students and teachers in East Palestine, OH. East Palestine is the city where a Norfolk Southern train derailed and exploded earlier in 2023. The residents need encouragement and support. Create cards with cheerful, happy thoughts, but, please, no drawings of trains.

There are more than 1,000 students in the area; including about 400 in pre-school and elementary school; about 330 in middle school

and another 330 in high school. We also plan to give a card to each teacher.

For information on where to send your cards, call me at 330-604-1264 or e-mail mtd13ekd@att.net. WPA's Activities Coordinator Judit Ganchuk is assisting in the coordination of this project.

Thanks in advance.

Congratulations to all of this year's graduates.

Wishing happy times for all celebrating birthdays, weddings and new additions to the family.

Get well wishes to all feeling under the weather.

Our condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskarinec

As this was being written, we were looking forward to another successful charity golf outing at Champion Lakes on June 24. We know it won't be the same without Dick Groat on the premises. Mr. Groat, perhaps the greatest professional sportsman in Western Pennsylvania history, passed away earlier this year. He was of particular interest to me because I grew up a block away from the house he grew up in. At any rate,

we hoped to have a great time, especially at the pig roast later in the day.

We had some unique gifts and prizes this year, most of which came courtesy of Dave and Buster's. You may recall from previous articles that your favorite Branch 89 authors, Lisa and I, had been spending time there. We used our time (and our winnings) wisely. We would also like to thank the management of Dave and Buster's for donating a Dave and Buster's basket and a \$100 gift card.

Speaking of our winnings....In the spirit of true fraternalism and giving back, our branch has decided to adopt the residents of a local senior citizens home, Locust Grove.

Over the past few weeks, we have been donating excess bread and pastries donated by Panera Bread for our church coffee hour to the residents at Locust Grove. We also donated several items we have won at Dave & Buster's, such as a karaoke machine, socks, neck cushions, games, puzzles and other little trinkets to help brighten their day.

Some of these residents may not have much and it thrilled me to no end when I walked in the nursing home with the latest delivery from Panera Bread only to have a resident in a wheelchair motion me over and say, "I had

one of your pastries and it was really good."

Over the years, several of our members and friends have resided there, including one of our all-time favorites, Margie Hornak. I hope we have raised their spirits as much as doing this has raised ours.

Our branch was saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Bishop Emeritus Louis Medgyesi after suffering a stroke. Bishop Medgyesi was a true minister's minister. He was one of the best, a true Hungarian in every sense of the word. He was always there for the many campers who passed through the gates of youth camp and for the many people who had the pleasure of working with him at Calvin Synod. He was always there for anyone no matter where you lived and what you needed.

On two separate occasions he was there for Lisa and me: the first at our wedding some 17 years ago and then at the funeral of Lisa's father, the late Elmer W. Toth. He also was in attendance at our church anniversaries.

It was always a joy to be in his presence and around his beloved wife, "Mrs. Bishop," as Lisa affectionately called her.

Our world is a little sadder with his passing, but his suffering is over and he is with those who preceded him. God speed, Bishop Medgyesi. You were loved by many and will be missed.

On to a cheerier note, Branch 89, in conjunction with the Steel Valley Rotary, will be holding their annual golf outing on Aug. 20, high on the hills at the Grandview Golf Course in North Braddock, PA. Due to some issues with Butler's Golf Course, we decided to move the golf outing to a different venue, one that will be slightly closer to those of us in the Munhall, West Mifflin and Pittsburgh areas. More information will be in the next issue, but mark your calendars and come out and have

some fun. We promise to have an even better Chinese auction than last year...and last year's was better than the year before. So, come on out for a great time and a terrific meal after golf.

Now, a note from Lisa: *"Belated greetings to my husband, Mark on his 67th birthday on June 9. How did Mark choose to spend his day? You guessed it, with a trip to Dave & Buster's where two of the bartenders, Courtney and Kristen, made him a special birthday beverage. Luck was with Mark as he played the Yahtzee, baseball and Monopoly games."*

Thanks, Lisa!

In closing, I want to wish a very happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and godfathers. I hope you had an enjoyable day.

Wishing all our members a safe and happy 4th of July. For the first time in several years, we will be spending the holiday in Savannah, GA with some very special cousins. It will be great spending time with them and seeing the 4th of July through children's eyes...and, yes, we will initiate them to Dave & Buster's.

Take care, stay safe and do something nice for someone. It will not only make them feel better, but you will be surprised at what it will do for you. As a wise person once said, it is better to give than to receive.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hello, all, from Central Ohio. Hope everyone is doing great, if not, we hope the summer weather and being able to get out with family and friends will help. Please check on the elderly and sick family and friends with a call or email... or better still, a visit from time to time.

Hope all will have a great July 4th Independence Day spent



Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign, Branch 18 Secretary Carol Truesdell delivers food and beverages donated by her branch to the Blessing Box at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lincoln Park. The Blessing Box, mounted outside the church building, is a community pantry where local residents can receive as well as donate anonymously.

celebrating with a picnic, parade, fireworks or just being with family and friends. Can't believe that starting next month schools will be back in session. Enjoy your summer vacations and safe travels to all.

We congratulate those celebrating birthdays, marriages, anniversaries and new additions to their families.

Get well wishes go out to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery and are feeling better.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. Remember them by the good times you shared with them and keep them in your prayers.

If you have any news you would

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

By John E. Burus

Summer is in the air and, as I write this, so is a lot of Canadian smoke! The trees are budding, the grass is turning green, the flowers are popping up and the garden is filling with fresh vegetables--the best time of the year! Wishing a happy 4th of July to all our members.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend at 5:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will choose the date for the annual Christmas party.

Our 13th annual summer picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 6, at Potawatomi Park Pavilion number one from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Reservations are due July 31. The branch will provide the main dishes, plates, utensils, napkins, water and soda. Please bring a dish or dessert to share as in the past. Hope to see all our members!

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in July! Happy 247th birthday, America-- celebrate safely!

We pray for the friends and

families of branch members we have lost, especially Patrick A. Griffith.

The officers are trying something new with the branch, and so we opened a private Facebook group to continue communication between current and prospective members. Join us!

Our branch's general meetings are held quarterly at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport's social hall near the high school. Our branch's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please plan on attending our September meeting, too, on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at that church.

On June 4, our branch, which comprises Delegate District 10, held an election to select delegates to the WPA General Convention this October. The official results will be published in the September issue of *William Penn Life*.

Even if you weren't selected as a delegate, WPA members can witness the Convention from a seat in the gallery during the open session on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, in Pittsburgh.

Branch Vice President Cathy Trunzo and Branch Secretary Alyssa Trunzo-Hutchinson will operate sales booths at McKeesport's farmers market this summer, selling jewelry and paper goods and greeting cards, respectively. This year, the Renzie Night Market will be held on the first Thursday of July, August and September from 5:30 to 8:00p.m. It is still located behind Fire Station #2 on Tulip Drive with free gravel parking.

There was this delicious food truck, Syrian Aroma, at the June event, so I know I will personally be back.

The Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport is planning to host a take-out fundraiser featuring stuffed cabbage, kolbász and apple pie on July 15. Call the church at 412-672-7298 for info.

Speaking of ethnic food, International Village, the ethnic food and music fair, is back at Renzie Park from Aug. 15 to 17. Hope to see many of you there!

Remember to keep your beneficiaries on your life insurance or annuity up-to-date. Does your spouse have coverage with us? Do your children have coverage with us? You have time to discuss these ideas with your family, but don't wait too long.

Something to think about this month: How you treat people is the true measure of your character. It shows the world who you really are deep down.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Here we are in the middle of summer. Hot, sunny, dry summer. But do I worry? Nope. I don't even have to cut the grass since it's long gone dormant. Just let me float in a pool or sit me under a tree with a cold adult beverage. Lazy, hazy summer days. But are we doing nothing? No way! We are planning the fraternal events for the rest of the year.

First off, there'll be lots of upcoming dates for cookie baking with the Hungarian Club of Dayton. Also, there's a bacon fry Sept. 10 at the Paw Paw shelter at Hills and Dales Park. Later in the fall, the Heritage Dance is scheduled for Nov. 4. Mark your calendars to save these dates and check out the club's website for specifics about each event.

Since Branch 249 and the Hungarian Club share many members,



Next Deadline:
Monday, July 10



William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation

Tree of Knowledge

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

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

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

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Please make checks payable to “William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.” and mail to:

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

WPA will be well represented.

Branch 249 will be holding our second annual Adult Night at the Hollywood Gaming/Dayton Raceway on a Friday in October. A firm date and menu is being developed with the casino as I write this. I will let you know specifics in next month's article. We are trying to have a shindig similar to last year's event. The evening will include a buffet dinner overlooking the racetrack as the horses race by and some free slot play, too. I'm hoping for 50 people this year, so keep this event in mind for a fun Friday night.

Our branch members were looking forward to the election meeting for Delegate District 7 on June 10, and the opportunity to elect delegates to the WPA's General Convention this October. The official results of this election will be published in the September issue of *William Penn Life*.

We also are looking forward to enjoying a great July 4th celebration with parades and cookouts. What's more American than that? The rest of July will include travel, weddings, watching our four-legged & furry "grandkids," and doctor appointments. So much for lazing in a pool or under a tree with a cold one.

In August we'll finish our travels and get ready for the fall events, including the WPA General Convention. Who said retirement is boring!

Happy birthday to all the July celebrants, including me. Same for the anniversary couples. May your love run as hot as the summer temperatures.

Our prayers and blessings go to those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. May they rest in peace.

Contact me at 937-938-0198 or amschmidt@msn.com with any WPA questions or Branch 249 news. And if you get a chance to think while sitting under a tree with a cold one, make a short list



For their Join Hands Day project, the members of Branch 296 designed and filled treat bags for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.

of everything you've learned in your life so far. Let's see:

1. Amass experiences, not things.
2. Follow your gut. It's usually right.
3. Kindness is key.
4. Mexican food is good. (What can I say? Like most guys I think with my stomach.)

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Here's to celebrating our nation's independence on July 4 by attending a parade, cooking some hot dogs, eating s'mores by the grill and oohing and ahing at some fireworks.

No question that it's summer, and as I'm writing this branch news, we are experiencing drought conditions in our area. Rain is desperately needed right now, and many of us are looking at our crunchy, brown lawns and giving a bit more water to our gardens. We're even experiencing hazy, smoky skies in the Pittsburgh area from the Canadian wildfires. A good drenching rain would be welcomed right now.

We are on hiatus from our branch meetings for the summer months. We will resume them in

September. Recapping our May meeting, Branch President Diane Torma mentioned that our members decorated and packed approximately 75 snack bags for our Join Hands Day project, which were delivered to Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House. Thank you notes were received from the Lower Valley Food Bank and Knead Community Café for our WPA Easter Baskets contributions. Branch 296 certainly appreciates the WPA Home Office support so that we can spread some goodwill to our surrounding communities.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, we'll gather for our branch bacon roast. This is an open invitation to anyone who would care to join us. Our event has become a reunion of old friends, plus we always have an array of delicious food. Meet us at Oakmont's Riverside Park, in the Rotary Pavilion, and bring a covered dish to share. We're even going to play corn hole, too (everybody likes corn hole!). More details will follow in future branch news.

Sending healing thoughts and prayers to all branch members, especially our vice president Marge Kosheba.

Happy birthday wishes to all our July babies, including my daughter Leanne, Lily Borland, and her little

brother Riker.

Wishing a happy anniversary to Diane and John Torma and all who were married in July.

Our next scheduled branch meeting is Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Tarentum (Pittsburgh Mills) Eat'n Park Restaurant. All adult branch members are invited to join us.

If you have any suggestions or news that you'd like for me to share with our readers, please contact me at 724-274-5318 or makelly367@verizon.net.

Our dedicated WPA agent, Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, is available for your insurance or annuity needs. You can contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

Have a wonderful month!

Branch 349 **Weirton, WV**

By Joyce Nicholson

Freedom isn't free. Always remember those who fought for our independence, then and now. Say a prayer for those serving in the armed forces, and fly your flag proudly all year!

I was touched by the article "An Emotional Ride" by Richard Sarosi in last month's *William Penn Life*. As I read it, I reflected on my own loving thoughts during the final days of my mom's and dad's lives here on earth. Thank you for sharing this tender tribute. We wish you well.

Congratulations to all graduates, whether Pre-K, high school or college. Special congratulations to all the WPA scholarship recipients.

We extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. July birthdays include Barbara House--enjoy your day!

We also want to keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are sick or on-the-mend, including Violet Sarosi, Lisa Toth-Maskarinec (you need to be wrapped in

bubble wrap!), and Tina Smith.

Sympathies to those who have family members who recently died. Our prayers go out to the family of Patricia Whaley as she joins the celestial choir in heaven. May God rest her soul.

If you or someone you know have been a recipient of a WPA scholarship, please consider paying it forward. These scholarships help our young members with college expenses, which we all know have skyrocketed in recent years. The youth are our future.

Our Join Hands Day project will be held in conjunction with and spearheaded by Branch 44 Akron. As you may recall, on Feb. 3, 2023, a Norfolk-Southern train derailed and devastated the city of East Palestine, OH. The people of the city are still stressed and face uncertain futures due to the toxic disaster. While all have been affected, many have specifically asked about the children. We are encouraging all WPA Branch 349 members to make or sign greeting cards of encouragement which will be sent to the students and teachers of East Palestine's schools.

Please send your cards before the first week of August to me at:

Card Project
c/o Joyce Nicholson Branch 349
63 Meadow Lane
Wintersville, OH 43953.

We will make sure the students and teachers receive those cards by the first week of school in the fall. Our branch will work with Akron Branch 44 and the Home Office to get all the cards to East Palestine. Thank you, Branch 44, for this opportunity to work with you and other WPA branches on this worthwhile joint project!

This article's interesting fact: A colleague of Thomas Edison, Hungarian inventor Tivadar Puskás, was the first person to suggest the idea of a telephone exchange. The first experimental exchange was based on the ideas of Puskás, and

was built by the Bell Telephone Company in Boston in 1877. In 1879, Puskás built Europe's first telephone exchange in Paris. The world's fourth exchange started operations in 1881 in Budapest. He also worked on lighting London. His next invention was the Telephone News Service that he introduced in Pest, which announced news and "broadcast" programs and was, in many ways, the forerunner of our modern telecommunications.

If you have any news you wish to share or want more information about branch activities, please call me at 740-264-6238 or email at jen567476@yahoo.com.

Call Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.

To all our friends, relatives and members, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Branch 800 **Altoona, PA**

By Joan B. Ballash

Congratulations to Branch 800 Treasurer and Coordinator Bob Jones who recently retired. Bob was the owner of Jones Funeral Home in Altoona, a business that has been in his family since 1915. We wish Bob and his wife Jean many happy and healthy years of retirement.

We welcome our new Branch Auditor Mary Smithmyer. She is filling the position formerly held by her father, John Conti, who passed away in April.

Remember, July 17 is the deadline to call Dan Greiner at 814-943-7471 to make reservations for the annual picnic scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park. Cost is \$5 per those 13 and older. Children ages 12 and under are free. Come for food and fellowship.

Happy birthday to Branch Auditor Rob Gohn Jr. and best wishes to all others celebrating an event

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A musical journey

I recently took a trip down Memory Lane with my brothers and parents as we recalled our family trip to Hungary almost 10 years ago. Of all the highlights of that trip, it was an afternoon visit to the Hungarian State Opera House and Franz Liszt Music Academy that stirred my memory the most.

The two institutions are situated on beautiful Andrásy Út and Terez Krt., a mere 3-minute walk apart, which makes it convenient to visit both. Halfway between is a cute little park dedicated to Liszt and early-20th century poet and journalist Endre Ady. Directly across the street from the park is a great little Hungarian macaron and coffee shop.

During our 24-day trip, we made the most of our travels in Budapest, utilizing hop-on/hop-off double-decker buses. Since parking is at a premium through the city, this type of transportation is the best for tourists wanting to see the city. Our first days in Budapest we

rode three different bus routes just to get an idea of the scope and layout of the city.

That particular afternoon was sun-filled but brisk as the trees were beginning to turn a vibrant yellow that early September day. Later that evening, we took a boat ride on the Danube. We were able to see all of the bridges up close, but what I remember most is how the parliament building was lit up and how its reflection glittered on the Danube.

As my family talked about that unforgettable trip, my parents discussed the possibility of another trip next autumn. My father said it will be a celebration of my mother's birthday and retirement.

This issue's puzzle consists of 12 clues, each relating to the Hungarian State Opera House or the Franz Liszt Academy. Both sites have interactive websites in English that are easily accessed through any search engine.

Happy Independence Day to everyone!

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #201 OFFICIAL ENTRY

"A Musical Journey" Word List

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

Complete the word search puzzle correctly.

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

WPA PUZZLE #201
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Aug. 31, 2023**.

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Sept. 6, 2023, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #198 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #198 were drawn June 7, 2023 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

John Gualtieri, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
Michael Molnarko, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
Edwin Kazmierski, Br. 383 Buffalo, NY
Margaret Kunkle, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

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

RIGHT REVEREND LOUIS J. B. MEDGYESI, B.E.
CLEVELAND, OH -- Association members throughout the country and the American Hungarian community were saddened by the death of Rt. Rev. Louis József Bertalan Medgyesi, Bishop Emeritus of the Calvin Synod (UCC) and pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Fairport Harbor, OH. Rev. Medgyesi passed away June 1, 2023.

He served as pastor in Fairport Harbor from 1983 until his death. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors of the Bethlen Home Communities in Ligonier, PA, serving for a time as Chair of the Board. He also served on the Fairport Public Library Board and was instrumental in running the Good Samaritan project in Fairport Harbor.

He was a friend, mentor and spiritual advisor to many.

Rev. Medgyesi is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Elizabeth; son Louis J. (Angela) of Mentor, OH; daughter Maryann Parsons (Timothy) of Yardville, NJ; son István of Fairport Harbor, OH; grandsons Béla and Louis, of Mentor, OH; sister

Mária Fish (James) and nephew Vincent Fish; and his faithful congregation.

Rev. Medgyesi is at home with our Lord, no longer dealing with health issues and is now at peace and comfort.

-- **Richard E. Sarosi**

MAY 2023

- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Kenneth Fabina
Betty L. Maruschock
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Elvira Erdelyi
Robert C. Hahner
Albert Yambor
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL
Cornelia A. Benda
Steve Kolak
- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Bruce A. Edwards
Evelyn P. Harmon
Barbara L. Jagielski
Judith Papp
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Mae Sue Davis
- 0026 SHARON, PA
Michael A. Benkoczy, Sr.
- 0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Joann Nagy
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Mary Helen Durant
Loretta M. Juranowitch
Kathleen Macher
Mildred M. Mogus
John W. Obringer
Donna S. Zimmerman
- 0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Barbara Gogos
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Agnes M. Kirsits
Anna Kuczmera
- 0209 ST. LOUIS, MO
Mary Ann Tieman
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
David J. Gilbert
- 0226 MCKEESPORT, PA
Albie Antimary
John S. Geary
- 0278 OMAHA, NE
Richard C. D'Amico
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Joseph Antoniono
Richard F. Borneman
Rose Marie T. Pisula
Patricia Pizzella
Bronwen D. Wonders
- 0336 HARRISBURG, PA
William H. Heffelbower
James M. Oswalt
Richard L. Reed
Dennis R. Snovel
- 0349 WEIRTON, WV
John G. Skrabak
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Robert J. Labritz
- 0383 BUFFALO, NY
Frances A. Cole
Bobbie Cornelious
- 0525 LOS ANGELES, CA
Louis Edward Botka
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Vaina Belony
Michael F. Lanciault
- 0705 MAYVILLE, WI
Marget J. Hein
- 0720 DEDHAM, MA
John C. Thomas, Sr.

Branch News

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this month, whether it is a birthday, anniversary, new job, etc.

We pray those who are ailing will find relief and have caring people to look after them.

To members who have recently lost a loved one, we extend sincere sympathy. We realize your life has changed. Keep going. The Lord is with you.

When you are gather-

ing with friends and family for July 4th, remember all those who fought on and off the battlefield for the freedoms we enjoy today. Fly the flag!

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

If you have questions concerning life insurance or annuities, call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661 or 814-932-6809.

Be a blessing to somebody today.

Donations

Donations Through Premium Payments

APRIL 2023

- Branch - Donor - Amount
- 8 - Leonard C. Naylor - \$10.00
- 14 - James I. Clark - \$10.00
- 14 - Almut S. Zvosec - \$25.00
- 19 - Ethel Dudas - \$4.20
- 26 - Elizabeth R. Pacy - \$1.50
- 28 - Mary Ellen Schwartz - \$5.19
- 28 - Sandor Tollas - \$4.63
- 28 - Michael John Janovick - \$15.00
- 28 - Frank Schauer - \$3.10
- 28 - Elizabeth C. Spencer - \$25.00
- 34 - Esther I. Wagner - \$5.00
- 34 - Mary M. Miksic - \$5.00
- 44 - Bradley S. Peters - \$10.00
- 89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$3.06
- 129 - Lance M. Westcamp - \$8.00

- 129 - Stephanie L. Shepard - \$9.58
- 129 - Julie Westcamp - \$1.53
- 159 - William Scherfel - \$1.71
- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$2.90
- 296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$5.00
- 352 - Julie R. Smilak - \$25.00
- 383 - Erno P. Nagy - \$1.80
- 590 - August J. Licari - \$25.00

TOTAL for Month = \$207.20

Additional Donations

APRIL 2023

- Donor - Amount
- (In Memory of, if applicable)
- Katherine E. Novak - \$25.00
(Michael Kozak)
- Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Michael Kozak)
- WPA Cookbook Sales - \$60.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$110.00**



Our young members need your help

Will you answer the call?

The rewards that come with a higher education are priceless. But, that education comes at an ever-higher price. That's why since 1972, William Penn Association has helped our young members attending college achieve their goals by awarding them over \$3 million in scholarship grants. It is only through the generosity of people like you--our members, branches and friends--that WPA can continue to offer this financial support to our children seeking to improve their lives through education.

By donating to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, you are saying that you believe in the potential of our children and in the power of education. With your help, our children can transform the world and our communities. With your help, we can make an impact on the future.

So, why not help us help our youth? It's easy to do. Simply complete the form below and send it to us, along with your tax-deductible donation.

On behalf of our youth, we thank you.

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Enclosed is my donation in the amount of: ☐ \$200.00 ☐ \$150.00 ☐ \$100.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$_____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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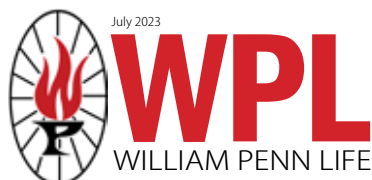
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Privacy - Personal Financial and Medical Information

June 30, 2023

Dear Member:

Protecting the privacy of your personal, financial and medical information has always been and will continue to be a matter of top priority for us. When used in this notice, the following items have the meaning shown:

- **Public Information** means information that we believe is lawfully available to the general public from: Federal, State or local government records; widely distributed media; or, disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by Federal, State or local law.

- **Non-Public Information** means personally identifiable financial and medical information. It also means any list, description or other grouping of individuals, and publicly available information pertaining to them that is derived from any personally identifiable information that is not publicly available.

- **Consumer Reporting Agency** means an entity which regularly provides reports, including information regarding an individual's general reputation, character, personal characteristics or mode of living and financial status. The information may be obtained through interviews with the individual or third parties such as the individual's business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or financial sources.

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

- Information that you provide to us in an application or other form;
- Information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.) or others; and
- Information that we may receive from a Consumer Reporting Agency.

We do not disclose any personal, Non-Public Information about you to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We will not disclose personal medical information about you, except as permitted by law or as you may authorize.

We restrict access to your personal, insurance and medical information to those of our employees who need to know that information in order to provide insurance or service to you. We are, and will continue to be, vigilant in the safeguarding of your personal, financial and medical information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with Federal and State regulations regarding the safeguarding of Non-Public Information.

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may contact us at the Home Office, to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and Social Security Number.