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Branches deliver Easter Baskets

Just like last year, 19 WPA branches and their members opened their hearts and spread a little joy to their neighbors in need through our annual Easter Baskets program. This year, however, they delivered more baskets--a total of 72--filled with items worth a total of \$4,000.

Some branches delivered their Easter baskets directly to individuals and families in their communities. Other branches presented their baskets to churches or other non-profit organizations which found suitable recipients for the baskets.

We thank the following branches for helping their neighbors in need through our Easter Basket program:

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Br. 226 McKeesport, PA
Br. 249 Dayton, OH
Br. 296 Springdale, PA
Br. 349 Weirton, WV
Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
Br. 800 Altoona, PA

Sherrie Coburn named National Sales Director



The Home Office recently welcomed Sherrie Coburn as the Association's new National Sales Director. She brings to WPA a wealth of knowledge and experience in business development, recruiting, relationship building and the fraternal insurance industry. During her more than 25-year career in the insurance industry, she has earned several professional designations, including that of Fraternal Insurance Counsellor (FIC), Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) and Associate, Life Management Institute (ALMI). You can read more about Sherrie in this month's "Money-wise" section. Welcome aboard, Sherrie!

Pennsylvania Alliance accepting applications for scholarships

The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) recently announced that applications are now available for the PFA's annual scholarship program. At least two \$500 grants will be awarded.

To be eligible for one of these grants, the applicant must be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a fraternal benefit society that is a member of the PFA. The applicant must also be a 2023 high school graduate enrolled at an accredited post-secondary school for the summer/fall 2023 term as a full-time student with at least 12 credits.

All applicants must complete an application form, obtain a recommendation letter from their fraternal society and submit a 500-word essay on the topic: "What has membership in a fraternal insurance company meant to you?"

All the above materials must be postmarked no later than July 31.

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

Nominations sought for fraternalist award

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) is seeking nominations for its annual Fraternalist of the Year Award.

The award recognizes a member of a fraternal benefit society that has membership in the PFA who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service.

The award not only shines a light on the efforts of the individual member but also brings well-deserved attention to the efforts of the fraternal society to which the member belongs.

Nominees must be living at the time of selection; the award is not given posthumously. An individual can win the award only once. Each fraternal society is eligible to submit one nomination per year.

The honoree will be invited to the PFA Annual Meeting to receive their award and will receive \$250 to help defray the cost of attending.

All nominations must be postmarked by Sept. 1. No faxed forms will be accepted.



Letters & Email

Dual citizenship harder for some to obtain than others

Your recent article in *William Penn Life* ("American Hungarian Dual Citizenship: It's easier to obtain than you may think"- WPL May 2023) on obtaining a Hungarian Passport is very misleading.

My husband, Leslie Laszlo Megyeri, a '56 Freedom Fighter, Past President of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America, and recipient of an award from the Hungarian government for his service and financial support of Hungarian causes, has been repeatedly rebuffed by the Embassy staff in his efforts to renew his Hungarian passport.

This process has been ongoing for the past three to four years, but he is reluctant to admit defeat in light of his love for Hungary and the time, money, and effort he has given to Hungarian causes over 50 years. He has repeatedly resubmitted the required paperwork, met with embassy staff personnel including the Ambassador, had all the required documents translated at considerable expense, paid the required fees, and still, the denials persist.

Please do not lead your readers to believe this is an easy and enjoyable process. They will no doubt meet repeated rejections, requests will be made for more documentation, excuses will be sent for further delays, and interviews at the embassy even here in Washington are not pleasant experiences.

Please clarify your position so that readers know this process may not be easy and the results may not be what they anticipate. Right now, my husband feels defeated and saddened by the experience, but he somehow strives to keep up his enthusiasm and dedication to Hungary which so defined him as a true Hungarian-American citizen.

Kathy A. Megyeri
Washington, DC

The author replies...

Thanks, Kathy, for your candid and quick response.

In my case, it took me more than five years to complete the process; another person I know took more than two years. My son has been waiting for almost a year now with no response, despite what should seem like a simple process.

I did include a statement in the article stating: "you should expect that it will take a few months to reply. If there is a lack of clarity in your family history, expect a second round which could add some time to get your answer. Once they decide you're approved, they have 75 days to notify you via your nearest consulate."

Please accept my apologies for overstating what truly I hoped to express by including it will take "some time" to clear things up.

In my case, at the two-year point, and exhausted with the official channels and dealing with consular staff, I enlisted the help of friends and family in Hungary who nudged things along for me. One made a number of calls and I think even met face-to-face with staff members in the department that handles citizenship cases in Budapest and got some results. Meanwhile, a cousin suggested asking her to engage via her contacts to the president (not Orban) to get the answer I wanted.

As it turns out, engaging directly with the department was the best thing to do and even that took "some time."

- David S. Zelenok

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For more information contact Kathy Novak
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A new beginning with cookies on the side

There is something to be said about starting a new opportunity in the springtime. In Southwestern PA, everything is fresh, growing, blooming. In all, a new beginning.

Hello, my name is Sherrie Coburn, and I am the new National Sales Director for William Penn Association. I am excited to be here and bring much enthusiasm to the organization and my role.

My focus will be to grow the distribution channel, which in turn will bring growth to our membership. I have over 25 years of experience in the insurance industry as a producer, manager, director, relationship builder and business developer. For the last three years, I have worked in the fraternal insurance world. I also served as a district president for a local fraternal benefit society in the Moon Township/Coraopolis area. I am not a stranger to traveling, so I hope to meet many of you in the future.

Much of my experience has been in recruiting and building strong relationships through established networks of IMO'S (Independent Marketing Organizations), insurance brokers, agencies and independent agents. I also will be bringing much awareness to the WPA brand through professional organizations that I belong to:

- **NAIFA - National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.** I serve on the NAIFA executive committee for Pennsylvania as its secretary. This is a trade organization for insurance professionals and financial advisors. Periodically through my career I have been a member. NAIFA holds many events for insurance professionals which I will be going to throughout the year. This month, I will be attending their National Congressional Conference in Washington, DC. For additional information about NAIFA, please visit <https://members.naifa.org/members-home-page>.

- **NAFIC - National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors.** This is a professional association that represents and supports individuals who work in the fraternal insurance industry in North America. I became a member of NAFIC this year. To learn more about this organization, visit <https://nafic.org/About-NAFIC>.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in the Moon/Crescent Township area outside of Pittsburgh. I currently live in Greene Township, Beaver County, with my husband and our rescue dog, Carolina. I have two adult sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. When not at work, I enjoy my grandchildren and can be found cheering them on at their sporting events.

I also operate a small business called CookieScapes. For those who have never attended a wedding in Southwestern PA, it is a tradition at every wedding here for family and friends to bake cookies for the reception. A LOT of cookies. People may forget what the bride wore, but they will always remember the cookie table. I have a unique way of displaying cookies and coordinating their colors to the wedding party's colors. It creates a landscape of cookies (as you can see in the photo).

Finally, I am an active member of my church and serve regularly on an outreach ministry throughout the local area.

I am thrilled to be here at the William Penn Association and look forward to meeting all of you soon.



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- Life Insurance Protection
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premiums and life-enhancing fraternal benefits, such as college scholarships, volunteer opportunities and social activities. Whatever your financial needs, WPA can provide you with an affordable plan of protection.

If you would like more information about how you and your family can benefit from membership in our fraternal benefit society, call our Home Office at 412-231-2979 or complete and mail us the form below.

YES, I am interested in learning more about membership in William Penn Association.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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WPA - A Step Above



Start your engines!

Looking forward to an exciting summer of racing



One of my favorite lines from the holiday movie classic, *A Christmas Story*, is spoken by narrator Jean Shepherd, describing his “old man.” It goes: “Some men are Baptists; others Catholics. My father was an Oldsmobile man.” This description took on new meaning for me when I moved to Detroit a couple years ago, where my family’s adoration of the automobile ascended to new heights in the Mecca of America’s Motor City.

I grew up around muscle and collector cars, putting in sweat and suffering more than a few banged knuckles to restore an Army Jeep and keep other vehicles on the road. The roar of an engine and the swift slamming of one’s back into a driver’s seat are nearly religious experiences for me.

The annual Woodward Dream Cruise, held a mere 1,000 feet from my current home, has become a pilgrimage for my family. I have gone to a few events at the M1 Concourse—as advanced a racing facility as they come, with garage-suites that are so clean and immaculate as to command a king’s ransom for one of these “car condos.” My stock 2008 Mustang might not keep up with the Lambos and Ferraris, but they can’t hold a candle to good old American muscle.

As I evolve as a person, so too does my fascination with the automobile and with racing. Growing up, I was obsessed with NASCAR, having multiple racing video games and a shared bedroom with my brother decorated in our favorite racing colors. My brother was a diehard Jeff Gordon fan (#24) in his blue and yellow Hendricks car; I followed Tony Stewart (#20) in deep pumpkin orange. I must carry that affinity for Tony Stewart forward even today, as I still have a car in bright, blazing orange, though it’s a Ford and not a Chevy.

A couple of months ago, I watched the end of the Daytona 500 with my dad. It reminded me why I drifted away from NASCAR in the first place. The last few laps were a strange kabuki theater of what could only be technically considered racing. By the end, the adrenaline of a checkered flag finish dissipated after not one, not two, but *three* cautions (or maybe it was more, I cannot remember). What an anticlimatic end to the most famous event in the American auto-racing calendar! I read later that one NASCAR driver and his team were fined and disciplined for making modifications to some window or louver parts to reduce drag. And I thought the whole point was to go faster? With the prevalence of teams, points and the aforementioned glut of caution flags that seem to sway outcomes, NASCAR has lost much of its luster.

I have close friends in Miami and beloved family in Las Vegas. Both have an embarrassment of automotive and racing riches. The salubrious climate in those locations enables year-round cruising and car events. You can easily observe supercars and gorgeous vehicles up and down South Beach in November, which is nigh unthinkable in Ohio, Michigan or Pennsylvania.

This year, both Miami and Las Vegas host their own races on the Formula 1 circuit. Call it my populist, blue-collar leanings or my patriotism, but I never had much interest in Formula 1 (or “F1”) racing growing up, even when my peers in school rabidly followed racing legends like Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton. But now that NASCAR has become increasingly comical on multiple dimensions, I suppose my stance on F1 has

softened. The case has been helped by the immense popularity of the Hungarian Grand Prix, a key part of the Formula 1 annual circuit since the 1980s. Attending one of the races at the Hungaroring in the height of summer remains one of my bucket list items.

Even so, the dominance of Italian, German and English automakers in such races has given Formula 1 an elitist air that I used to find distasteful. It was common knowledge at my high school lunchtable that running an F1 team cost more than ten times what it costs to run a NASCAR team. Unsurprisingly, F1 races have garnered a certain cachet, even among those who don't care much for auto racing. The spectacle has taken on a life of its own and in so doing has become a mainstream, dare I say "high society" event that sells out hotels months in advance and sends the price of plane tickets through the roof.


I recently visited Las Vegas and observed the preparations for its race this November. Unlike most other F1 races, the Vegas race will take place right on the Strip instead of some track far outside the city center. In contrast, both the Miami and Hungary tracks are miles from the tourist or downtown districts, which makes sense for logistics. But that is what makes the Las Vegas Prix so remarkable. The thought of drivers hurtling hundreds of miles an hour past neon edifices and swaying palm trees, with party music and the scream of engines pressed to their maximum buffeting your ears, the smell of exhaust

and the feel of wind and heat—all of it made me want to book a return flight and a hotel room for November race weekend. Alas, many hotel rooms are already sold out, and even budget locations like Excalibur and Luxor have begun to charge north of \$500 a night. I'm sure it will only increase in price. Perhaps F1 will return to Vegas at some point in the future. In that case, I will have a difficult decision to make between going West, or to Hungary, to get my fix of auto racing.

Dear reader, you will receive this Take at the outset of the summer season. In Detroit and points nearby, this will bring forth the emergence of dazzling muscle cars, convertibles and luxury vehicles in every color of the rainbow, like flowers rising from the earth, banishing winter's chill for a little while. The long days and warm nights will take on a frenetic, rejuvenating air, keeping the cars cruising for hours. You will find me, most likely, in my Mustang, between Pontiac and downtown Detroit, trying to make my tires chirp at a red light.

I'm curious as to how many of you are racing fans. Do you have any plans to attend any races this summer? Are you attending one of the F1 races this year? Do you go anywhere for open track days, autocross or similar racing events? Drop me a line at tcseh@aol.com!

Tibor Check, Jr., is a member of Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio, and an attorney in Detroit. He can be reached at tcseh@aol.com.



The view of the M1 Course from the dashboard of my Mustang.



Taking the first steps toward a gluten-free lifestyle



Gluten-Free Dinner Rolls

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.

Springtime greetings to you all. Since my last column, we have enjoyed the Easter holiday and a family favorite, Mother's Day. Now, we can look forward to another family good time--Father's Day--and the beginning of summer. I think it's wonderful how most holidays come with tasty menus and an abundance of culinary delights cooked, baked and freshly prepared.

While most folks can enjoy all types of foods, there are those who cannot eat a superabundance because of dietary restrictions due to allergic reactions. Over the years, I have shared many recipes with you but have not shed much light on foods for those who must adhere to restricted diets while meeting their nutritional needs. So, let's change that, starting with this month's topic: gluten-free cooking.

Gluten is an elastic network of proteins created when wheat flour is moistened and manipulated to create other foods that have flour as a main ingredient, such as breads, noodles and desserts. An **allergy** is an abnormal reaction of the body to an encountered allergen, which in this case is gluten. By making certain changes when preparing foods, anyone can enjoy a very healthy gluten-free life.

First, let me share two recipes to make your own gluten-free flour:

Recipe #1

White Rice Flour - 53 ounces

Potato Starch - 18 ounces

Tapioca Starch - 9 ounces

(This will produce 5 pounds of flour)

Recipe #2

Sweet Brown Rice Flour - 1 cup

Brown Rice Flour - 1 cup

Potato Starch - ½ cup

Tapioca Starch - ½ cup

(This will produce 3 cups of flour)

These are very good homemade flours, but if you prefer ready made, just look in your grocery store's bakery aisle or shop online for a brand of your liking.

Now, we have a healthy, gluten-free base which you can substitute for regular flour in your favorite recipes. Just follow the same measurements and--*voila!*--you will have a great finished product.

Here are some basic tips when going gluten-free:

- The baking or cooking times don't change just because you are using gluten-free flour.
- If your taste buds detect any variation of flavor, add a bit more seasoning or other flavoring agent.
- Your body might need some time to adjust to gluten-free, but after a while, you will feel the difference in a very healthy way, and that is what counts the most.

I have selected some popular recipes that are usually made with regular flour--chocolate chip cookies, layer cake, rolls and noodles--and found healthy, gluten-free versions you and your family can enjoy.

A healthy lifestyle is a goal we all should strive for, and in future articles I will make sure I emphasize all the healthy points of recipes.

Have a great month. Into the kitchen we go!

Gluten-Free Easy Egg Noodles

2½ cups gluten-free flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon butter, softened

Stir the flour and salt together in a large bowl. Add the eggs, milk, and butter. Mix together, then knead to create a smooth soft dough. Let rest in a covered bowl for 10 minutes.

On a floured surface, roll out the dough to a thickness of ¼ inch or less, then cut into desired lengths or shapes. Allow to air dry for 10 to 15 minutes before cooking.

Cook noodles in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente, about 5 minutes. Drain, sauce and serve to your guests.



Gluten-Free Yellow Layer Cake

¾ cup butter, softened
1¾ cups sugar
2 eggs
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
2½ cups gluten-free flour
2½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1¼ cups milk

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add one egg at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in

Gluten-Free Yellow Layer Cake



the vanilla extract.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt, then add to the creamed mixture, alternating with milk and beating well after each addition.

Pour the batter into two greased and floured 9-inch baking pans. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes then un-pan and frost the cake. Slice and serve to your guests.

Gluten-Free Bread or Dinner Rolls

2 cups gluten-free flour
2 tablespoons white sugar
1 envelope Fleischmann's®
RapidRise® instant yeast
(¼ ounce)

½ teaspoon salt
½ cup whole milk
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons butter
1 egg, beaten for egg wash

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, salt and yeast.

In a saucepan, heat the milk, water and butter until warm, 110°F.

Add the milk mixture to the flour mixture and beat with an electric mixer on low speed until dough forms.

Knead the dough on a floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 11 minutes; then cover and

let rest for 10 minutes.

Shape the dough into a loaf pan OR divide into 12 equal pieces and place in a greased round pan. Cover and let dough rise until it doubles in size, then egg wash and bake in a preheated 375°F oven until done, about 20 minutes for rolls or about 27 minutes for a loaf.

Cool on a rack then serve to your guests.

Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 cup gluten-free flour
1 teaspoon xanthan gum
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter, softened
6 tablespoons white sugar
6 tablespoons brown sugar
1 whole egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a baking sheet or line with parchment paper.

In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, xanthan gum, baking soda and salt, then set aside.

Cream the butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add the flour slowly until batter is formed, then add the chocolate chips.

Portion out the cookies on the baking sheet, then bake for 8 to 12 minutes until the cookies are golden in color.

Cool, platter, then serve to your guests.

Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip Cookies



An emotional ride

I have so many questions to which I will probably never get answers

by Richard E. Sarosi

As I sit by my computer preparing to write my branch article for the June 2023 issue of this magazine, I stare at the screen searching for inspiration when reality hits me: my family and I will soon be remembering my dad Ernie on the first anniversary of his passing on June 11, 2022.

It is hard to believe that it has been one year since our lives were drastically changed, and we were left with our memories of Dad to hold near and dear in our hearts and to share with our family and others.

I wrote about many of those memories in the August 2022 issue of this magazine. And I again thank those of you who read it and expressed kind words to me about it.

Back then, I wrote about a video of my great-nephew RJ as he stared out the patio door, watching the rain fall, talking with his mom about his “papa.”

“We love you and we miss you,” RJ says.

It still brings tears to my eyes when I see this video, as do so many songs, shared stories with family and friends, photos and conversations with my mom, sister Caroline and family. What a year it has been for us.

I never thought that losing my dad

would have such an effect on us. We also had many close and dear family friends pass away after my dad. The house is quieter now, and the phone calls fewer, except for the solicitors.

Mom was hospitalized just three days after Dad’s burial and was in the hospital for about a week. She came home, but after July 4 was hospitalized again, and eventually released again, but this time into rehab where she remained until the end of August, before returning home.

A week after Labor Day, she was hospitalized because of a fall at home (nothing was broken) and then went to back to rehab.

Unfortunately, she continues to reside in the rehab facility, but now she has a new friend with four wheels which helps her with her mobility. She is doing her best to handle the loss of her husband and deal with the loss of her physical mobility.

I find that I look at things differently now. I try to understand why mom is having her good days and bad days. But, I have them, too, along with my sister Caroline.

It has been an emotional coaster ride like no other, and I find that I have so many questions to which I will probably never get answers.

Although Dad was 98 years old when he passed away, I believe he lead a full life.

He served in the U.S. Army and was sent to Europe during WWII. He did not say a lot about his time in the service, but then neither did his fellow veterans, who joined organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shared some stories, but they had a bond that we non-veterans will never understand.

For nearly 25 years, Mom and Dad provided care at our home for my sister Kathy, which limited our family activities. After Kathy passed in 1976, we had the opportunity for many first experiences. We took our first family vacation: a Caribbean Cruise. Several years later, that was followed by a Mexican Riviera Cruise. In the years after that, Dad, Mom and I traveled to Las Vegas, Iceland, Cincinnati, St. Louis (where I attended college), New Orleans, Charleston and Hilton Head. There were many day trips and weekend trips to Pittsburgh, Detroit, Connecticut, Yankee Stadium and New York City, to mention a few.

Years ago, I wanted to take a trip to Hungary with Mom and Dad, but that was never meant to be.

We also attended many Hungarian formal dinner dances over the years, too. Mom and Dad looked great in their formal wear.

I continue to share my experiences and feelings about the loss of my dad and loved ones because we all will experience the same in time. We can’t stop that train from leaving the station. It is important to try to do as much as you can with your loved ones, parents and family members and enjoy, really enjoy, those moments.

Reflect on all things good and bad. Remember to practice patience.

And to you, dear readers, thank you for your time and for letting me share.



Mom and Dad celebrating their 72nd anniversary in 2019

Hungary in Pittsburgh

A celebration of Hungarian culture through food and history

by Kathy Novak

PITTSBURGH - On April 18, WPA was invited to participate in a program entitled, "Hungary in Pittsburgh: A Celebration of Hungarian Culture through Food and History." The program, held at the University of Pittsburgh's Global Hub, featured presentations on various topics, including the university's Hungarian Nationality Room, Hungarian items in the university's archives and the history and activities of Pittsburgh's Hungarian community.

As Chair of the WPA Board of Directors, I was asked to represent the Association, share its history and explain how it supports and promotes Hungarian events in Pittsburgh and in other communities where WPA has branches.

Other guest presenters included: WPA member Kati Csoman, Director of the Nationality Rooms and International Exchange Program at Pitt; Jonathan Naser, Chair of the Hungarian Room Committee; Viktoria Batista, Associate Professor of Hungarian; Éva Lovra,



WPA Chair Kathy Novak (second from left) and WPA member Kati Csoman, director of the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Program at the University of Pittsburgh (far left), were among the guest speakers April 18 at a university-sponsored program focusing on Hungarian culture, history and food.

a Hungarian Fulbright visiting professor; and Clare Withers and Dan Pennell of the University of Pittsburgh Library System.

The program was prepared by Steve Lund, Assistant Director of the European Studies Center at Pitt.

Following the program, des-

serts and beverages were provided by Judy Torma, owner of Huszár Restaurant in Pittsburgh.

Among those attending the event were Vice Chair of the WPA Board Anne Marie Schmidt, WPA National Director Richard Sarosi, and Mark Schmidt, president of WPA Branch 249 Dayton, OH.



Having a ball in Cleveland

Members of the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble perform the traditional Palotás (Palace Dance) during the 66th Annual Cleveland Cserkészbal (Hungarian Scout Benefit Ball), held April 29. The event was sponsored by the Cserkész Barátok Köre (American Hungarian Friends of Scouting) at the Woodside Event Center in Broadview Heights, OH. The members of the folk ensemble, who will be conducting a three-week ethnographic research trip to the Carpathian Basin this summer, were among the guests of honor for the ball. Also honored were Jutka and Levente Szabolcs, who were presented a Lifetime Achievement Award. The ball attracted more than 200 guests, who danced the night away to the music of Harmonia. (Photo by Richard E. Sarosi)

Summertime fun cookies

This is one of the best times of the year. The school year is ending and summer vacation is just about here! We bet you can hardly wait for those fun summer days, playing outside with your friends. But, not every summer day is bright and sunny; some days it seems to rain from morning until night. So, what to do on those days you have to stay inside? Why not make a tasty treat like these **summertime fun cookies**? These aren't your basic, boring, hum-drum cookies; these are fire! So, have fun making them...but make sure an adult is there to help you.

What You Need

- 1 cup butter, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- $2\frac{1}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg

For the frosting

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioner's sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 to 4 tablespoons hot water
- Blue food coloring
- Fabulous toppings, like bear-shaped crackers, fish-shaped graham crackers, Airheads candies, gummy sour rings or white sugar pearls.



What You Do

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5-7 minutes; then beat in extracts and 1 egg at a time.
- In another bowl, whisk together flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt and nutmeg; gradually beat into creamed mixture.
- Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 3 inches apart onto parchment-lined baking sheets; flatten slightly with bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.
- Bake until edges begin to brown, about 8-10 minutes. Remove cookies from pan and place on wire racks; let cool completely.
- For frosting, beat butter, confectioner's sugar, extract and enough water to reach desired consistency. Tint blue with food coloring. Spread over cookies. Decorate as desired.
- Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

Thanks to the folks at www.tasteofhome.com for this sweet idea!

Can you help these two young explorers find the path to the Temple of Lost Treasures?



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Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

Memorial Day has passed and soon we will be remembering, honoring and celebrating the upcoming holidays of Father's Day, Flag Day and Independence Day.

We thank our veterans for your service and for the protection of our freedoms and rights.

We thank our dads for all they have done and contributed to over the years. Hugs and love to you, and God bless you always.

How quickly the year 2023 is moving. Summer is near, and it will be time for Hungarian picnics where we can have a *szalonna sűtés* (bacon fry). The *szalonna* has been bought and is ready to fry. Maybe some *kolbász*, too.

On April 18, I had the opportunity to attend a program at the University of Pittsburgh entitled, "Hungary in Pittsburgh: A Celebration of Hungarian Culture through Food and History." It was nice to hear representatives of Hungarian organizations and resources, both on and off campus, speak on the Hungarian Nationality Room, Hungary-related material in the Pitt archives and the vibrant history of the Hungarian community in Pittsburgh. I enjoyed hearing about the Fulbright Scholar at the university as well as Hungarian being available as a minor course of study. WPA Chair Kathy Novak spoke about WPA and how we have had roots in the Hungarian community for 137 years.

The 66th Annual Cleveland Cserkészbál (Hungarian Scout Benefit Ball) took place on April 29. This was the first Cleveland event for 2023 that I attended, and it was nice to see many friends. The guests of honor were Jutka and Levente Szabolcs and the Cleveland Regős Csoport (Hungarian Scout Ensemble). A wonderful *vacsora* (dinner) was served, and Harmonia provided the Hungarian music



The members of Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT recently donated boxes of cereal to the Nourish Bridgeport food pantry. Thanks to Branch Secretary Sandy Stasko (right) for collecting and delivering the cereal to the food pantry.

for the crowd to dance. The festivities began with the Palotás, which was performed by members of the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble dance group in traditional formal Hungarian attire. The dance group also performed an award-winning dance later in the evening.

The Scout group is quite busy preparing for their trip to Hungary and the Carpathian Basin this summer.

A gala performance to celebrate their 50th Anniversary will take place Nov. 18, 2023.

Please continue to pray for the people and military of Ukraine who are giving their all in the fight for democracy in Ukraine.

Congratulations to the WPA students who will be graduating in 2023, including:

- Ava Walker, daughter of Karen and Don Walker and granddaughter of former WPA National President Al Vargo and his wife Betty. Ava graduated May 13 from Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's of science degree in kinesiology and two minors in business. She will be working for Deloitte in Cincinnati.

- Sarah Malloy, daughter of Diane and Marty Malloy, and granddaughter of Al and Betty Vargo, who graduated May 13 from Texas Christian University Neely School of Business with a master's degree in accounting. She will be working

for Deloitte Accounting in Dallas.

Way to go, cousins!

It is nice to hear about dreams being achieved for our WPA students. This is why it is important to support and encourage your student 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.

Parents, follow in the footsteps of your parents and grandparents by making sure you and all of your family members are covered with life insurance.

Help pay it forward with your continued support of the WPA Scholarship Foundation. Every dollar you donate makes a difference. Our students are counting on you. WPA is counting on you, too.

Branch 14 meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (on the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). Upcoming meeting dates are Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the branch meeting.

Other upcoming branch events include:

- Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Delegate District election meeting at St. John Church; and

- Saturday, Dec. 2, the Branch 14 Christmas party at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor, OH.

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

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

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

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and WPA members celebrating a June birthday and/or anniversary. On June 15, Al and Betty Vargo will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary. May you have God's rich blessings always.

Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. It is so good to have contact and catch up on how everyone is doing. Take time to call, write, email or text and plan a visit, if you can.

It is equally important to remember those 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 26 member Tommy McDonough stuffed more than 150 plastic Easter eggs and delivered them to a local day care center for an egg hunt.

Branch 26 Sharon, PA

By Barbi Tew

Time is flying. We hope everyone has a chance to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

Our branch participated in the Easter Basket program, with the help of future scholarship recipient Tommy McDonough, who stuffed over 150 plastic Easter eggs and delivered them to a local children's day care for an egg hunt. For Join Hands Against Hunger, we gave gift cards to the local community food pantry for distribution.

Happy wishes and congratulations to all June birthdays, anniversaries and graduates.

Father's Day is on June 18. Let's celebrate all the fathers and father figures out there. My father's favorite saying was: "Go ask your mother." Some things you never forget.

Get well wishes to the sick and prayers to all who are in need.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates. The doors of so many opportunities are opening to a new chapter of your lives.

Remember to support the WPA Scholarship Foundation. It is a great investment for everyone's future.

So many destructive storms have been occurring, and we hope our members have been safe.

WPA always encourages its members to be supportive of charitable efforts in the community where they live. As part of WPA's Easter Basket program, Branch 28 made donations to several food banks and community kitchens serving meals for the homeless. We also donated Easter toys to the rescue mission.

Happy retirement to Bob Biscaglia, National Sales Director. It was always enjoyable to work with you at festivals and WPA events. Enjoy relaxing in the sun. With that being said, a warm welcome to Sherrie Coburn, our new National Sales Director.

Also retiring is the Rev. Joseph Rudjak, who has served as pastor at Holy Apostles Parish since 2011. He was dedicated to preserving ethnic history in the Youngstown area—a true passion for him. Hoping that Fr. Rudjak gets to travel and relax.

Looking forward to attending Hungarian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains baseball game on Friday, June 30. For more information, call me at 330-746-7704.

It will be so nice to be attending upcoming summer activities and be able to visit with friends and acquaintances we have made throughout the years. Safe travels during the busy summer season.

Special birthday and anniversary wishes are sent out to all those celebrating their special day.

Get well wishes to Frank Schauer, Sandor Tollas, John Dankovich, Irene Devlin, WPA Vice Chair David Kozak, Violet Sarosi, Nick Risi, Alice Nagy and Shirley Szabo.

Please keep our deceased members and those suffering due to the loss of a loved one in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to remember all those great, strong, supportive and loving fathers who have been such a special part of our lives.

Happy Flag Day. Remember to fly Old Glory.

Have any questions about your insurance needs? Call Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994 or me at 330-746-7704.

Branch 34 **Pittsburgh, PA**

By Marguerite McNelis

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

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

Branch 34 was pleased to participate in the Association's annual Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. Our branch made a monetary donation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Our branch also participated in WPA's annual Easter Basket

program. The recipients were very happy.

We send special wishes for a happy birthday to my dear brother Gary and everyone celebrating their birthday in June. Many, many more.

Also, we extend special anniversary wishes to my son Andy and daughter-in-law Valerie. Many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

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

Branch 44 **Akron, OH**

By Elizabeth Darago

Welcome to warm weather, sun and flowers...and a bit of rain.

As promised, here's some information on three of the four families who received Easter Baskets from Branch 44. Thanks to our generous members and the Home Office for making this activity happen.

The first family includes three young children, who in an act of kindness, adopted a set of newborn twins from an unwed teenager. Their family now has five children under the age of five,

including one 4-year-old, a set of 2-year-old twins and the newborn twins. A Branch 44 member referred this family.

The second family was recommended to us by the local food bank. This family includes four children under five years of age, and the mother is not employed.

The third family was recommended to us by the Mogadore School System. The father has terminal cancer, and the mother works to support their four young children.

Thank you all for making our Easter Baskets program a success. We'll have information about the fourth family in our next branch news article.

We are now working on our Join Hands Day project.

Do you have any news to share? Would you like to volunteer for one of our projects? Contact any Branch 44 officer.

Spring and summer bring graduations and happy times. Congratulations to all Branch 44 graduates and their families. Congratulations to all WPA scholarship recipients. You make the future bright.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday, wedding or anniversary this month.

To our military personnel, you are supported.

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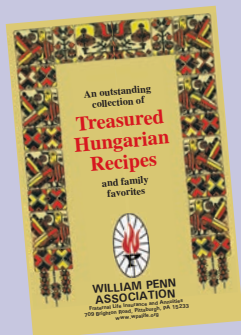
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Branch 89 member Zachary Toth celebrates his graduation from the University of Pittsburgh April 30 with his parents and fellow members Richard and Nancy Toth.

We send get well wishes to those feeling ill, and we extend our condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskarinec

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures out there. We hope you all enjoy a royal celebration fit for a king. You all deserve it.

Our golf outing benefitting the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead is progressing nicely. Invitations have been sent to all who joined us for past outings. Of course, anyone reading this article is welcome to attend, too.

The outing will be held at Champion Lakes Resort and Golf Course on June 24. Champion Lakes is just north of Ligonier in Bolivar, PA. It's convenient for those traveling from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, West Virginia and Virginia. Just take the PA Turnpike to the Donegal Exit 91 then take Route 711 straight to the golf course. There are several hotels close to the Donegal Exit. There is also a Ramada Inn in Ligonier which offers

reasonable rates and breakfast.

Our event will still be a best ball scramble, but this year it will not be a shotgun start. We are booked for up to 12 foursomes starting at 9:30.

Your intrepid golf committee continues to collect items for prizes, swag bags and the auction. We have already collected

attache cases, drink mixer kits and little towels to keep the sweat off your brow as you line up that 20 foot birdie putt. We also have mini fridges. We at Branch 89 are very fortunate to have such generous members.

As has become our tradition, we will be including our mystery bag on the auction table. The mystery basket has become one of our most popular auction items.

We understand that there will not be a WPA Golf Tournament this year, so why not make the trip to Champion Lakes on the 24th for our branch's outing? We extend an invitation to all members of William Penn Association to come and spend a day in the country.

We are sorry to announce the death of our friend, Dick Groat, former Pirates great and co-owner of Champion Lakes Golf Course, who died in April. Dick and his daughter Allison, along with Hutch, could not do enough to make our outings a success. It won't be the same without seeing Dick walking around the golf course or pro shop or holding court around the bar in the club house. He truly was one of the greatest people you would ever want to meet.

Even if you don't golf, come for a day away from the hustle and bustle of city life. You can come for

dinner only, volunteer, sponsor a hole, sponsor a function like hot dogs at the turn, or sponsor auction items, such as bottles of wine, gift cards or lottery tickets.

The golf committee continues to hold weekly meetings at Dave and Busters on Wednesday evenings, when you can play the games for half price. We've made good use of our winnings in the gift shop. The list of prizes we have accumulated is truly mind blowing, and we'll leave it at that. We invite all members to come and join us between 6:00 and 8:00. It would be great to see you. Just don't bother Lisa when she's playing Yahtzee or Plinko or the football machine. She must stay focused.

Branch 89 continues to extend get well wishes to Bishop Emeritus Louis Medgyesi. It's said that you can't keep a nice guy down, and we truly hope that holds true for Bishop Medgyesi. May God watch over you and grant you a speedy



Congratulations to Branch 89 member Stephanie Wittpenn who graduated May 7 from The Ohio State University.



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, getting remarried--all these life changes affect your responsibilities. Do the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes?

If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates, either primary or secondary beneficiaries or both, contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office at 412-232-2979.



Members of Branch 129 mulched flower beds and planted flowers on the grounds of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Columbus during the branch's Join Hands Day project.

recovery.

Lisa continues to mend from her knee infection and bronchitis and a recent fall. Can you say "accident prone"? Lisa would like to thank everyone for their support during a rather trying time.

The branch would like to take a moment to acknowledge and mourn the passing of three members: Betty Boyle, John Carretta and Lois Love. May God be with the grief-stricken families.

On a happier note, we congratulate two of our members who recently graduated from college: Zachary Toth and Stephanie Joanne Wittpenn.

Zachary is the son of Richard and Nancy Toth and the grandson of the late John and Elaine Toth. He is the nephew of Carolyn Hanchak, Linda Kubancsek, and John, Wayne and Robert Toth. Zachary graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh on April 30 with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He will be attending Washington University in St. Louis to pursue a masters in architecture. We at Branch 89 are most proud of him and wish Zach the very best in his future endeavors.

Stephanie graduated *magna cum laude* from The Ohio State University on May 7 with a bachelor of science degree with a

major in data analytics. Stephanie is the daughter of Devon Wittpenn and Kim Maszle Wittpenn and the granddaughter of Michele Wittpenn and the late Earle V. Wittpenn. Congratulations, Stephanie: we've always known how exceptional you are. Now, go out there and blaze a trail for yourself. Onward and upward!

We are still working on our branch trip to Las Vegas. It is looking more like it will occur in September or late October.

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

God bless everyone with continued good health and happiness.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Hello, all, from Columbus, OH! Hope everyone has been having beautiful spring weather. We have had great weather the last month.

Important dates for the month of June: Flag Day (June 14), display your flag proudly; Father's Day (June 18), thanks to all the fathers and grandfathers for all that they do for their family and hope all have a great day; and the first official day of summer (June 21).



Next Deadline: Friday, June 9

Over the next few months, many will be taking family vacations. Please be safe in all your travels. While you're driving, keep an eye out for children playing; they may dart into the street without looking both ways. Watch out for motorcycles as they can sometimes be hard to see. And, please don't drive distracted.

We participated in the Easter Basket program by donating Kroger gift cards to several families in need. We also participated in Join Hands Day by planting flowers and mulching the flower beds at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus. And, we participated in Join Hands Against Hunger by making a monetary donation of \$100 to a local food bank.

Congratulations to all our members who are graduating from high school or college. Good luck to all of you in your future education plans or job searches.

We will be having our next branch meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 4:00 p.m. at Plank's Cafe, at 743 Parsons Ave., Columbus. If you can, please attend.

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

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

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

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

By John E. Burus

Summer is in the air! The trees are budding, the grass is green, the flowers are popping and it is time to start the garden for fresh vegetables. The best time of the year!

The next South Bend Branch 132 business meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend. At this time, we will also hold an election to select delegates who will represent us at the WPA's 40th General Convention in October.

Our 13th annual summer picnic date will be held Sunday, Aug. 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion Number 1. Reservations are due July 31 for planning purposes. In the last issue of William Penn Life, incorrect dates were listed for our branch picnic and the deadline for reservations. The error was mine and I offer my sincere apology. The correct dates are listed above.

For the picnic, the branch will provide the main dishes, plates, utensils, napkins, water and soda. Members are asked to please bring a dish or dessert to share, as in the past. Hope to see all our members!

Branch 132 made four Easter Basket donations to those in need. We donated to an elderly widow who lives by herself, two elderly couples that are dealing with stroke and blindness and one elderly couple that just needed some help. It makes the heart feel good to give to the community.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate their special day in June! We also wish everyone a Happy Flag Day on June 14!

The branch officers are trying something new for the branch. We opened a private Facebook group in the hopes of communicating more effectively with our current and prospective members. Please 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. We will focus on planning a picnic, discussing Join Hands Day, enjoying snacks and making cards for charity through a program called "Creative Kindness." This is an easy task for all ages and abilities to participate. We look forward to creating summery sentiments with you!

Our branch will participate in a Delegate District election on June 4 to elect delegates and alternate delegates for the WPA's General Convention this October. The results will be printed in the issue prior to the Convention.

If you're not selected as a delegate, you can still reserve a seat to attend the Convention in the gallery seats. See you at the General Convention on October 7 and 8, 2023 in Pittsburgh.

Want to go green and stop getting the magazine by mail and receive an electronic version via email instead? Let me know or contact John Lovasz at the Home Office at jlovasz@wpalife.org. You could potentially save a thousand trees (more or less).

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, it will soon be officially summer. The first day of summer is June 21, the longest day of the year, so get out and enjoy the warmth.

That's exactly what we have been doing. First, we represented WPA at the Hungarian booth at A World A'Fair. We helped the Festival Club sell cabbage rolls, Hungarian sausage and delicious pastries. All the local Hungarian groups pulled together and helped each other fraternally.

After our stint in the booth, we ate at several other countries' booths and enjoyed their cuisine and watched wonderful ethnic dancing at the main stage.

A World A'Fair is a three-day international festival in the Dayton area. It showcases booths from 35 countries/ethnicities. While a good time is all but guaranteed, the true purpose of the event is education. It's hoped that visitors come away not only well-entertained and well-fed, but also better-educated about different countries and ethnicities of the world.

We completed our Join Hands Day project by purchasing flowers and planting them at the front of Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church. Special thanks to church members Doris and Larry Schwieterman for the beautiful Blessed Mother garden display.

After that, we took some time for a cruise to see the biggest part of this country, Alaska. Salmon and glaciers and bears--oh, my!

The next bit of business is just that--business. We will hold a Delegate District election meeting on June 10 at 11:00 a.m. at McAuley



For its Join Hands Day project, Branch 249 planted flowers at Queen of Martyrs Church. Pictured are (l-r): church members Doris and Larry Schwieterman; Anne Marie Schmidt, secretary-treasurer of Branch 249 and vice chair of the WPA Board of Directors; and Branch 249 President Mark Schmidt.

Hall to elect a delegate to the 40th General Convention in Pittsburgh on Oct. 7 and 8. Hope to see you there. Vote! It's your right as a member.

Happy Birthday to you June kids, especially my wonderful Anne Marie. She's still 35 in my eyes. Also, happy birthday to her brother Joe just two days later.

June being the traditional wedding time, you'd think I would have a list of anniversaries as long as my arm, but nope. Nothing.

With summer just about here, watch out for the kids running and playing. We don't want any accidents out there.

Now, go to the mountains, beach, national park or stay at home for a staycation. It doesn't

matter. Just get out there.

Please remember to contact me with any Branch 249 questions or insurance and annuity needs at 937-938-0198 or at amschmidt@msn.com.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

June has arrived, and by the time you're reading this, we've completed our Join Hands Day project. Our branch members happily decorated and bagged a number of terrific on-the-go snack bags for the temporary residents of Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House.

We've discovered over the years that, yes, adults really enjoy coloring, drawing, using glue sticks, and decorating with stickers. This has been such a fun project, and our intent is to provide encouragement to the RMH recipients when choosing a snack bag. Tucked inside the whimsical bags are muffins, fruit cups and other treats, and they undoubtedly bring smiles to faces.

Lots of appreciation to John and Diane Torma for purchasing the supplies and delivering the snack bags. Also, a shout out to the artistic and packing abilities of Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka, Georgene Pastura, Angela Wislie Misera, Leanne Lovasz, Noreen Fritz, Toni Kosheba, Cassie Holmes and Diana Borland.

Wonderful 98th birthday wishes to our Branch Vice President Marge Kosheba! Marge regales us with her memories of growing up in Springdale "back in the day," and they are pretty entertaining.

Happy birthday to each of our 296 members, most especially to Mary Ann Slaninka, Terry Panaro and Angela Wislie Misera. May each of you have a fabulous year.

Not forgetting our June brides and grooms, we extend happy wedding anniversary wishes, too.

Get well wishes for those recu-



Branch 349 member Harry Nicholson fills the food pantry at Friendship House as part of the branch's Join Hands Against Hunger project.

perating. We wish you all the best in your recovery.

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, please know that you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Father's Day is nearly here. When I think of my own dad, I remember him painting our house, mowing our lawn, building and repairing things. Besides his temporal duties, Dad also lovingly tended to our well-being as a family, and he was honestly one of the hardest working men I've ever known. His responsibilities were many. It is said that many women want to marry a man just like their dad, and I can say that I did just that. So, for our dads, husbands, paps, uncles, brothers and all who have acted in place of our fathers, living or deceased, we remember and love you.

Branch 296's annual bacon roast will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at Oakmont's Riverside Park. Bring a covered dish and join us at the Rotary Pavilion. All are welcome! More details will appear in future branch news.

Summer break is upon us, but please keep in touch if you have any suggestions or news that

you'd like for me to share with our readers. Contact me at 724-274-5318 or makelly367@verizon.net. It's always great hearing from you!

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tarentum (Pittsburgh Mills) Eat'n Park Restaurant.

Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, our energetic WPA sales agent, is usually available at our meetings, but you may also contact her at 412-821-1837 or by email at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

June is a beautiful month. Go out and enjoy it!

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

Thank you, William Penn Association, for giving our branch the means to assist in the Join Hands Against Hunger program. Our branch donated to the Friendship House Free Food Pantry. They were very appreciative of all the pantry items loading their cupboard.

I want to congratulate Micah Bentley from Branch 44 Akron for being awarded first place in his scholarship application for the Ohio Fraternal Alliance scholarship. He was awarded \$500 to apply toward college expenses. Micah has an impressive background with his branch, school and church activities. Keep up the good work, Micah!

Don't forget about the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. If you have been a recipient of a scholarship, consider paying it forward and making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation. It can make a difference in a student's life.

This article's interesting fact: Tripadvisor has ranked Budapest as the seventh best place for culture for 2023, based on reviews from the traveling global community. The Travelers' Choice list ranks destinations that boast

outstanding art, history, music, cuisine, plus ironic sights and experiences you cannot find anywhere else. Landmarks, such as St. Stephen's Basilica, Aquincum, Heroes' Square and the Gellért, Széchenyi and Rudas Baths, are highlighted.

We send best wishes to branch members with June anniversaries and birthdays.

Our prayers go out to those who may have lost loved ones recently. May your loved one rest in peace.

If you have any news you wish to share, please call me or email at jen567476@yahoo.com.

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

For information about our branch activities, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

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

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

By Joan B. Ballash

Happy Father's Day to dads everywhere. We hope you feel appreciated and can spend the day with loved ones.

Birthday greetings to the Greiner brothers: Branch President Dan and Vice President Dennis. We are grateful for the time and effort that you devote to local meetings.

Congratulations to William Haberstroh and John Stubler, celebrating 50 years of membership in WPA.

June is the traditional month of weddings. Best wishes to brides and grooms. We hope you have found the person of your dreams, and "live happily ever after."

Branch 800 participated in the Easter Basket Program by providing a supermarket gift card to five families. Thank you to the Home Office for promoting this endeavor.

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Marking #200 with the name game

Time passes by so quickly. It seems like just a few years back I was composing a special wordsearch puzzle for the 100th contest. This issue, we're presenting another special edition of our wordsearch: Puzzle Contest #200!

For this special puzzle, the prize money has been generously increased to \$200 for each of four winners, so make sure your entry is submitted on time.

Creating this puzzle was a challenge. We wanted a puzzle containing 200 clues. So, first, we needed to come up with a theme that could generate that many clues. After much thought, it was decided that the most common surnames in the U.S. and Hungary would be the featured theme for this contest. But, after trying several puzzle making apps, none would create a puzzle containing all 200 names that would fit in the space we had available. So, we reduced the number of names to 100.

Many Hungarian surnames have historical significance as they identify a family group by occupation or location. My maiden name is "Check" which sounds like an English name. In actuality, my father's

family name is "Cseh," meaning from the Czech region. But, as my ancestors went through Ellis Island, it was changed to "Check." Similarly, my mother's grandparents were named "Szaiber," but when passing through Ellis Island, that was changed to "Silver."

As for American last names, many are identified by the regions or towns from where the family lived before moving to America, such as Lincoln, Colton or Huxley. There are thousands of last names all associated to either history, commerce, location or occupations of past generations of family members.

One interesting aspect of the most common U.S. surnames is how Hispanic names have surged up the rankings over the past few decades, reflecting the changing face of America itself.

As mentioned, this issue's puzzles contains 100 clues. Good luck!

By the way, I hope to see you at Hungarian Heritage Night on June 30 when the Lake County Captains host the Ft. Wayne Tin Caps at 7:00 p.m. in beautiful Eastlake, OH. There will be many Magyar themed activities taking place!

Puzzle Contest 200 CLUES

Top 50 Surnames in Hungary

Tóth	Szűcs	Kis
Nagy	Fekete	Sipos
Szabó	Török	Katona
Kovács	Rácz	Vass
Varga	Oláh	Király
Horváth	Szalai	Hegedűs
Kiss	Fehér	Lukács
Molnár	Gál	Vörös
Németh	Pintér	Szóke
Farkas	Balázs	Gulyás
Takács	Kocsis	Fazekas
Balogh	Lakatos	Váradi
Papp	Fodor	Somogyi
Juhász	Vincze	Kelemen
Szilágyi	Sándor	Fülöp
Mészáros	Veres	László
Simon	Magyar	

Source: <http://forebears.io/hungary/surnames>

Top 50 Surnames in the U.S.

Smith	Moore	Wright
Johnson	Jackson	Scott
Williams	Martin	Torres
Brown	Lee	Nguyen
Jones	Perez	Hill
Garcia	Thompson	Flores
Miller	White	Green
Davis	Harris	Adams
Rodriguez	Sanchez	Nelson
Martinez	Clark	Baker
Hernandez	Ramirez	Hall
Lopez	Lewis	Rivera
Gonzalez	Robinson	Campbell
Wilson	Walker	Mitchell
Anderson	Young	Carter
Thomas	Allen	Roberts
Taylor	King	

Source: 2010 United State Census

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #200 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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 N G M Y H L R A T R C A B W E U Z C A R Z L Y S P Q Z N U I A
 Y Y M Q F Z L M V S N L S O K S J F C S C A E W I Z O D A Y L
 T O T H R O S I M O N A A L E Q S R L Z N R G B W S E I R G A
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 D K Z F M J T G C S O L K T Q S E I D R A C R O N O S L E N R
 S O T A K A L A T H O M P S O N C C E D S R C O M I L L E R S
 C V D F U P R X V A E R S R N C F W Y T M S B V S L X P N W E
 C A M P B E L L C R O L A Z R U S U E Q I A E E F U L O P J N
 S M A I L L I W D B O Z L O S L M Z Z S T G F Z R B S Q O C O
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 K X J Q X Y F R K E R N K N R R L N I O H J K S I P N X L R T
 A Q K T Y M T L M E A V E R E S Q A Y K A R I B A S O U M T A
 K D B Q B S A F O S W Y K P C C R V G N A P O B O C A L Q E Y
 T F P P A P K S K R U H S I L E A J A N O R G N V A G R L R L
 C X V O M A A Z V G E R T N V S Z R L S O N E M E T H A Q L O
 V G U K I R C U N X I S E I A K X O I W T J J U O W A L K E R
 U T H Y V D S A K H X T R X O G M S Z K N W X R O A H N H F O
 Y G Y A N X A N P J F K H V Q I Y W S O B I O K R A L C Z G E
 N G E K W Q I R I D B W A O Z Z T O V K T K T X L Y T M M I S
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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 #200

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Aug. 7, 2023, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive **\$200**.

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We extend sympathy to the family and friends of John Conti, branch auditor and 50-plus-year member of WPA, who faithfully served the Association. We also remember Kevin Woods and Joseph E. Frank Sr., brother of former Branch President Vince Frank. May they all rest peacefully in the merciful arms of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Summer arrives this month.

There are no branch meetings during June and July. The August meeting will take place at the annual picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park in Altoona. Cost is \$5 per person, with no charge for children 12 and under. Call the Greiners at 814-943-7471 for reservations on or before July 17.

Stay well during the hot summer months. Remember to use sun block when you are out and

about.

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

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June 14 is Flag Day. Fly the great symbol of the United States of America and keep it aloft for Independence Day, July 4. Let's all demonstrate our patriotism!

In Memoriam

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

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TOTAL for Month = \$225.44

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APRIL 2023

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