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## Last call for Scholarship Foundation applications

WPA members interested in applying for grants from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., for the school year 2023-2024 must submit their application form and other required materials to the Home Office soon.

All application forms and other materials must be emailed, faxed or mailed and postmarked by May 26, 2023.

**Remember: significant changes have been made to the scholarship program and to the application process. We can't stress enough how important it is for all students and their parents to read the eligibility rules before applying.**

For more information, a complete list of eligibility rules and an application form, turn to pages 26 and 27 in this issue. Or, visit our website: [www.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org). Go to the "Members" section and click on "Scholarship Foundation."

With the cost of attaining a higher education getting higher and higher, you don't want to pass up this opportunity to help defray some of your educational expenses.

Apply today!

## General Convention



### Update

The General Convention, WPA's governing body, will convene Oct. 7 and 8, 2023, in Pittsburgh. In preparation for this event, WPA members across the country will be gathering in June to elect delegates who will represent them at the Convention. This month's *William Penn Life* contains information concerning these elections that we believe all members should read. First, turn to Pages 10 and 11 and read the "Notice of Qualification for Delegates, Establishment of Delegate Districts, Number of Delegates and Delegate District Elections." This notice contains excerpts from WPA's By-Laws outlining who is eligible to serve as a delegate and how such delegates are selected. If you wish to serve as a delegate to the Convention, or if you wish to have your say by voting in your district's delegate election, turn to Pages 12 and 13 of this issue to learn when and where your district's election meeting will be held. Results of the Delegate District elections will be published in the September issue of *William Penn Life*.

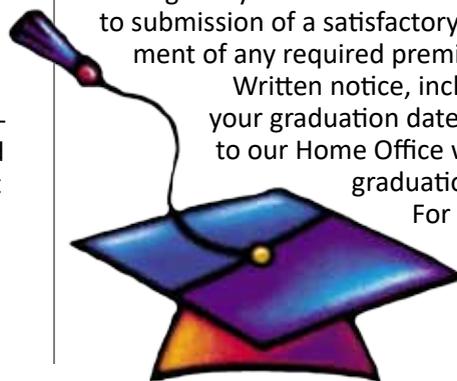
## Graduating high school seniors may earn special benefit

WPA life benefit members graduating from high school may be eligible for our **Graduating High School Seniors Benefit**. This benefit provides members free limited-term life insurance: \$5,000 of coverage if one parent is a WPA member and \$10,000 if both parents are members.

The coverage begins upon our receipt of written notice that you have graduated from high school and ends six months from the date of graduation. This coverage may be continued after six months, subject to submission of a satisfactory application and payment of any required premiums.

Written notice, including verification of your graduation date, must be submitted to our Home Office within 30 days of graduation.

For more details, contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at our Home Office at 412-231-2979 ext. 128.



## Letters & Email

### Food Bank appreciates Branch 44 donations

On behalf of our food pantry, Manna from Heaven, and all of the members of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, we would like to express our gratitude to William Penn Branch 44 for your thoughtfulness and continued support of our monthly food pantry.

Although the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank supplies the food items we distribute in our food boxes, they do not provide personal, specialty items and we appreciate Branch 44 for assisting and supplementing our efforts to serve our community.

Your generous donation of three Christmas food baskets along with the gifts for the children and their mothers exceeded our expectations. Because of your kindness, we continue to be a blessing to our community.

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church is so thankful for your consistency in assisting us with our efforts to ensure that we are committed to serving our community.

Blessings,  
**Rev. Phillip G. Mooror, Sr.**  
Pastor, JMBC  
Akron, OH



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## It's time to join hands to touch lives

Join Hands Day is a time to celebrate fraternalism through projects that will benefit our communities and connect youths and adults by working toward a common goal. This is the 24th year fraternalists have participated in Join Hands Day, and it is more important now than ever.

Join Hands Day is traditionally observed on the first Saturday of May. While that date has already passed, its underlying spirit can be practiced any day. We are calling upon branches to join in this effort by bringing members of all ages together in an effort to connect adults and young people in improving their communities. It is a time when our young people can develop leadership skills that will last them a lifetime.

If your branch has few young members, consider inviting a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop or a church youth group to join forces and become project partners from the planning stages to completion of the project.

We also ask that you take photos of your project which we will share in the pages of this magazine.

By working together, much can be accomplished! If you have any questions, please call Judit at 412-231-2979 ext. 149 or email her at [jganchuk@wpalife.org](mailto:jganchuk@wpalife.org).

## WPA kicks off annual campaign against hunger

William Penn Association thanks our members and branches for your continued kindness in donating to those in need in your community. The generosity we have seen year after year doesn't go unnoticed.

We invite you to continue sharing that spirit of fraternalism by participating in our annual Join Hands Against Hunger program. What distinguishes this program from our other fraternal efforts is that this campaign supplies food to organizations with established distribution systems. All food or donations collected by our branches are to be delivered to local food banks or other charitable organization which provide food assistance to those who need it.

Reimbursement of up to \$50 is available under the matching funds program to all branches. You are welcome to donate more than that, of course. Reimbursement forms, along with photos of your participation and copies of receipts, should be mailed or emailed to the Home Office by June 1 so that your efforts can be recognized in *William Penn Life*.

With your help, William Penn Association can remain a part of your community and continue to thrive for the next 137 years.

Please contact your local branch officers or our Home Office at 412-231-2979, ext. 149, for more information.

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### Go green with your magazine

If you would prefer reading an electronic version of our magazine and wish to stop receiving a printed copy, please contact John E. Lovasz at our Home Office. To go green with your magazine, give John a call at 412-231-2979, ext. 135, or send email him at [jllovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jllovasz@wpalife.org).



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## Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this, we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 800 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 20 states – CA, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI -- and in DC. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. WPA has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us. If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Barbi Tew at 412-231-2979, ext.120. Thank you.



# Hungarian artifacts and other curiosities in the Pelican State

A few months ago, I mentioned that *Tibor's Take* would broaden its range of subject matter beyond the usual Hungarian topics that you, dear reader, have come to expect and enjoy over the past decade. Without planning, it appears my column has turned into a bit of a serialized travelogue, which isn't really surprising, given the whirlwind schedule I have maintained of late. For this *Take*, however, I had the opportunity to blend my fondness for travel with my love for all things Magyar when I ventured to the Bayou State last month.

I traveled to Louisiana for professional reasons, specifically, to speak at a conference in Baton Rouge. I had been eagerly awaiting this trip for quite some time. I had never been to Louisiana or the Deep South before, and, being a history buff and foodie, I looked forward to the prospect of eating real Cajun cuisine and seeing the mighty Mississippi with my own eyes. My week-long itinerary allowed me to sample some of the best culinary and cultural treasures our country has to offer.

Years ago, I wrote in depth about a small but vibrant Hungarian community in rural Louisiana that formed at the turn of the 20th Century. This community, named Arpadhon, was founded by Hungarian immigrants lured away from industrial cities in the North with the promise of logging jobs and, eventually, land to farm. Growing to more than 200 families in a span of 20 years, the Hungarian-American community clustered around the town of Albany remains a vibrant and unexpected treasure. As fortune would have it, the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society Museum in Albany was only a 40-minute drive away from my hotel near Baton Rouge.

I arrived at an old-fashioned white building alongside a country road, across from a rural lane with a sign that said "Fekete Strawberry Farm." A married couple, Carl and Dorothy Nehlig, quickly greeted me and proceeded to give me a tour of the museum, which was spread across four different rooms filled with Hungarian artifacts. Carl, a retired military officer, serves as the society's president, and Dorothy is one of the long-standing fixtures in the community. Exceedingly generous with their time, they regaled me with story after story, describing each piece's rich history. Some of my personal favorite objects included an authentic cimbalom and strawberry "tickets" denominated in amounts of a nickel or quarter, which were used to log each peck of strawberries picked by local workers. I learned that the soil in south-central Louisiana has a natural acidity ideal for raising the ruby-red fruit. Once the land was cleared of tall pines by Hungarian loggers-turned-farmers, the farmland was made even more hospitable with pine needle based fertilizer.

I encourage my fellow Magyars who find themselves in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, or even nearby Jackson, Mississippi, to head over to the Hungarian Settlement Museum in Albany. Carl and Dorothy were tremendously kind and exuberant hosts, and I'm sure that all of their fellow docents are the same. They welcome involvement in the museum and are always looking for members, especially young folks, to participate. I felt so refreshed to find such a vibrant Hungarian cultural institution so welcoming and open. Log on to their website at [www.hungarianmuseum.com](http://www.hungarianmuseum.com), join the group, buy a brick and make a visit!

While in Louisiana, I also had the privilege of visiting New Orleans. One of the oldest cities in the United States, New Orleans sits near the



*One of my favorite pieces from the collection at the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society Museum: an old cimbalom from Hungary.*

mouth of the Mississippi River, a winding expanse of water that seems to be easily two times as wide as the Ohio River at Cincinnati. Inhabited by a range of cultures, this city enchants and excites and ranks among the greatest, if not *the* greatest, party and cultural destinations in the U.S. It's a city filled with excellent music, food and culture.

Yet, there are attributes of the city which require some circumspection by the traveler. First off, New Orleans is usually listed as one of the most dangerous cities in the United States—women traveling alone or those unaccustomed to big urban areas should exercise special caution. The French Quarter, in particular along Bourbon Street, attracts all sorts of interesting characters, including grabby drunks, purveyors of various substances and street “performers” all looking to take advantage of an unsuspecting visitor.

New Orleans is also an old city with plenty of creaks, leaks and critters. I noticed in one fine dining establishment, for example, a little mouse helping itself to excellent French table scraps in a dark corner of the room, before scampering away on the approach of a busboy. I discreetly alerted our Quebecois waiter to the presence of this uninvited patron, not that it ruined my meal (far from it), only for him to say: “Ah, *oui*, he is one of our regulars; you should see his *frères* (brothers) behind the building, for they are much bigger!”

These rougher edges did not detract, and perhaps even enhanced slightly, my visit to the Big Easy. I love historical architecture and European culture, so the French Quarter was an unequalled treat. Bourbon Street is the center of the district, naturally, and is worth a visit even in the daytime for those not interested in nightlife. Nestled among the clubs and

bars remain a few cultural landmarks, such as Galatoire's, a dining institution that requires jackets in the main dining room and whose famous Friday brunches are a welcome feast for the ears, eyes and taste buds.



*A visit to New Orleans isn't complete until you eat crawfish.*



*Bourbon Street is a welcoming place even in the daytime.*

On that subject, New Orleans and Baton Rouge are some of the best cities for dining, not only in terms of overall quality, but in atmosphere and affordability. One dinner in a romantic, French Quarter, James Beard-award winning restaurant with two drinks per person, entrées, dessert and an appetizer, ran only \$240. That price point is unthinkable in New York, Washington or Las Vegas. For those who use paprika for “color” only or who shy away from garlic, onions, peppers, sherry or other rich flavors and ingredients, this place might not be for you. However, many of the tourist spots will dial back the spice and heat levels to suit more sensitive tastes, and there are a wealth of more familiar options. I have heard, but cannot verify, that Popeye's chicken is unexplainably better in Louisiana than anywhere else.

In closing, I'll pass on some practical advice for my readers who may want to try their luck in the Crescent City. First, the new airport terminal (MSY) is beautiful, but the rental car center is a long 25-minute shuttle ride away. So, if you intend to stay downtown, just skip a car as most of the tourist spots are easily walkable. Also, the beignets and chicory coffee at Café du Monde are excellent, but if you can't abide the wait, know that there is also an airport location that's just as good. Other secrets, like where to find the best gumbo or whether vampires really live in New Orleans, will remain for you, dear reader, to discover on your own.

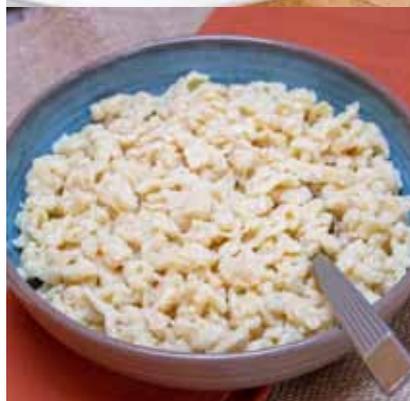
*Laissez le bon temps rouler!*

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## Nokedli, Gnocchi, & Spätzle



*Culinary Cousins: Spätzle (top) and nokedli are nearly identical types of noodles/dumplings. Both contain a few simple ingredients, but nokedli recipes usually call for fewer eggs than spätzle.*

**N**oodles are an important part of any healthy diet and can be found in many ethnic cuisines. A noodle can be in the form of a strip, ring, tube or unique design. They are made with eggs, flour and other seasonings, depending on what predominant flavor the cook wants his or her diners to enjoy. They can be eaten as a side dish or entrée, topped with your favorite sauce or melted butter. My favorite, of course, is **nokedli** served with *Csirke Paprikás* (Chicken Paprikash) for a great meal. The Hungarian terms *galuska* and *nokedli* are one in the same, although their usage is very specific. *Galuska* is the term used for the noodles in a restaurant while *nokedli* is the term used in most Hungarian households.

In this issue, I would like to share with you recipes for the three types of noodles--*nokedli*, Italian favorite **gnocchi** and German staple **spätzle**--along with directions for you to follow. I've also included links to three short videos which will show you step-by-step how to make tasty noodle dishes for your family and friends

Here are some tips to give you a wider range of flavor profiles that will enhance your noodles.

When making your *gnocchi*, add garlic salt or Italian seasoning for a deeper taste. This will go well with an Italian based sauce, or you can just sprinkle the garlic salt and seasoning on your *gnocchi* before serving as a side dish. You can watch how to make *gnocchi* here: [www.Allrecipes.com/recipe/18465/gnocchi-i/](http://www.Allrecipes.com/recipe/18465/gnocchi-i/).

For *spätzle* (or *spaetzle*), you can add flavorful--but not spicy--dried herbs when mixing the dry ingredients or add them before serving to your guests. Small amounts of parsley, chives, crushed juniper berries, black pepper and caraway seeds give extra depth to the taste profile. For a nice *spätzle* recipe video, log onto: [youtube.com/watch?v=T1QBSpa7WhM](https://youtube.com/watch?v=T1QBSpa7WhM).

For *nokedli*, how about adding a little bit of paprika? Sweet paprika is more popular, but hot paprika heightens your taste buds. A tasty *nokedli* recipe can be found at: [youtube.com/watch?v=FGUH-8MDeMO](https://youtube.com/watch?v=FGUH-8MDeMO).

In addition to the above, other spices you can use to add flavor to your noodles are dill seeds, celery seeds, garlic flakes and marjoram. You can include any of these spices by sprinkling on the noodles or adding to an accompanying sauce.

As the cook, you have many options to create the perfect meal and flavor profile. You can also create your own profiles to find what works best for you.

Along with herbs and spices, you can choose the medium in which you cook your noodles. Most recipes call for noodles to be cooked in water, but you can use other liquids to get a different taste. For example, you can cook your *nokedli* in chicken stock when making them to go with your *Csirke Paprikás*. You can use any stock which will add extra flavor.

Finally, noodles can also be served either hot as a side dish or entrée or cold in a salad with greens and other veggies. Choosing the proper dressing or sauce gives that extra zing of flavor to your dish.

Remember, you are the architect of what you want to accomplish when cooking. Have a great month, and enjoy the recipes and videos.

***Have a great time in the kitchen!***

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## Nokedli (Galuska)

2½ cups all-purpose flour  
2 whole eggs  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ cup whole milk  
½ cup water

In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients until a smooth batter forms. For added flavor and color, you can add chopped parsley, about 2 tablespoons.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Place a noodle scraper over the pot, then scoop a portion of your dough onto the scraper and move the dough back and forth to shred the dough into noodles that drop into the water and cook. Stir the nokedli as they boil to make sure they do not stick to the pot. When nokedli rise to the top, remove with a strainer.

Drain completely. Top with butter and your favorite spices, or add your favorite sauce, then serve to your guests.

## Gnocchi

2 russet potatoes, peeled  
2 cups all purpose flour  
2 whole eggs, slightly beaten

To cook the potatoes, boil as you would for mashed potatoes in salted water to add flavor. Let



potatoes cool, then mash using a fork or potato masher or potato ricer.

In a mixing bowl, combine the potatoes and flour, then mix until well blended. Now add the eggs and blend until a dough is formed.

Wrap dough in plastic wrap and let rest for 20 minutes to relax the gluten.

Divide the dough into 4 parts and roll each into ½-inch thick ropes. Cut each rope into ½-inch pieces, then roll down the tines of a fork or noodle board to create grooves to help the gnocchi cook.

In a large saucepan, boil water and add 1 teaspoon of salt for extra flavor. Drop the gnocchi into the water and cook until the gnocchi float to the top. Scoop out the gnocchi with a slotted

spoon or small kitchen sieve and set aside.

Serve gnocchi with your favorite sauce or with melted butter with freshly chopped parsley.

## Spätzle

2 cups all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon nutmeg  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

6 whole eggs, slightly beaten  
½ cup whole milk

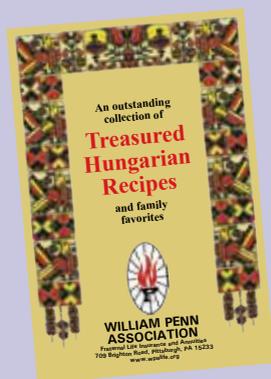
In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, nutmeg and parsley then blend well. Now add ⅓ of the eggs, stirring well, then ⅓ of the milk and blend well; continue this process until all the eggs and milk are added and you have created a smooth dough/batter. Let rest 30 minutes.

Boil water with 1 teaspoon of salt in a stockpot, then reduce to a simmer to cook the spätzle.

Using a colander with large holes or a flat food grater, spoon the dough and force through the holes and let drop into the simmering water to cook.

When the spätzle floats to the top, it is done; remove from water and let drain and set aside.

Top with your favorite sauce or serve as a side dish with melted butter.



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# American Hungarian Dual Citizenship

*It's easier to obtain than you may think*

by David S. Zelenok

**M**any of us blessed with Hungarian heritage understand all-too-well what an incredibly difficult time Hungary has been through in the last few decades. From the devastating loss of WWI and the resulting “Pittsburgh Agreement”—in which Czechoslovakia was created, largely at the expense of Austria and Hungary—to the occupations by the Nazis and, later, the Soviets, our homeland has seen millions of its citizens cut off from present-day Hungary and, sadly, fleeing in difficult times in search of prosperity, tranquility and a chance for a better life for their families.

In my case, my grandfather came here before WWI in search of work, my grandmother came here after the Soviets invaded during WWII, and more of my family was reunited after the 1956 revolution.

Now that Hungary is deeply embedded in a peaceful and successful European Union, its citizens have full rights to live, work, start a business and buy property virtually anywhere within the 27 countries which form the E.U.

Fortunately, these privileges now extend to many of us with Hungarian roots. As an American citizen with Hungarian heritage, you and your family may be entitled to become dual citizens of both the USA and Hungary “by blood” and enjoy the full benefits of being a European citizen, as well.

## Why would I want to become a citizen of Hungary and Europe?

The reasons for obtaining citizenship—and a second passport—vary widely. They include:

- *Reconnecting with your family and your heritage.*
- *Passing on your citizenship benefits to your children and grandchildren.* Many think of dual citizenship as “gifting” your Hungarian heritage (and citizenship) from your grandparents to your grandchildren and leaving them an incredible legacy and opportunity for future generations

- *Traveling, working and living virtually anywhere, usually without limits, within the EU, from Portugal to Poland, from above the Arctic Circle to Athens.* You would truly become a European citizen. Beyond the EU, Europeans have visa-free access to more than 100 countries around the globe, many more than the U.S. During the pandemic, citizens of the EU faced fewer issues travelling to and from European countries, while American citizens found Europe was practically shut down for months.

- *Doing business and banking, buying property and studying anywhere in the EU.* If you or your family members work for a company that has offices on both sides of the Atlantic, you can work, for example, in Rome or Amsterdam. Now, with today’s post-pandemic “Zoom towns,” you could even live and work remotely along the Mediterranean beaches in the South of France, because you and even members of your family can be citizens of both Hungary and Europe.

- *“Double dipping” and enjoying the many benefits afforded by the social services of both countries.*

And the list goes on.

## Are there downsides of dual citizenship?

Not many, but depending on your specific circumstances, there are some you need to consider:

- *Criminal Justice* - You would be subject to the laws of both countries, which could be troublesome for those committing crimes in Europe or the U.S.

- *Taxation* - Currently, there is a treaty generally eliminating double taxation, though the current American administration has signaled they may be changing the rules that governs earnings in both nations. For most people not doing business or earning revenue in both countries, it’s not a major concern, though you may want to consult a tax advisor.

- *Security Clearances* - Generally, those obtaining citizenship “by blood” or family heritage face few problems with U.S. government security clearances,

though they should declare their situation to the U.S. authorities.

- **Renouncing Citizenship** - It's hard to imagine why you would want to renounce your American citizenship, but it's possible and it may be a consideration to a tiny percentage of people. Americans renouncing their American citizenship may face some complications and find out later that process is a "one-way street." If you give up your U.S. citizenship, you may have problems getting it back. Fortunately, the laws of both countries allow you to be a "dual citizen" so you can--and should--keep your U.S. citizenship and simply add Hungarian citizenship.

- **Naturalization** - Those who have no Hungarian roots or family can obtain citizenship by living in Hungary and going through "naturalization." If you already hold citizenship in another country, you may be asked to renounce that one to obtain Hungarian citizenship. Slovakia, for example, until recently didn't allow dual citizenship. Again, for a U.S. citizen, you can hold multiple passports.

### Am I eligible?

If you have or had Hungarian parents or grandparents, generally, yes. There are a number of avenues to citizenship, and the time and effort needed to acquire Hungarian language skills varies.

Knowing where in Hungary (or Austria-Hungary) your family came from might be important since if, for example, your family comes from the "Hungarian part" of present-day Slovakia (part of Hungary until WWI), you may not be eligible for Hungarian citizenship since the government defines Hungarians as only those from within the current political boundaries of Hungary. However, earlier this year, the Slovak government announced they, too, now have a similar program for Americans interested in citizenship if you have family born in Czechoslovakia and you can apply there instead.

Other EU countries have similar programs as well, including Ireland, Poland and Italy, to name a few. I understand Michael Bubl  received his Italian passport since he has Italian heritage.

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# Three paths to dual citizenship

## 1 No language skills (Easiest)

The easiest, fastest way to Hungarian citizenship is if you have (or had) a parent who is a Hungarian citizen. Even if your parents weren't born in Hungary, they may have been unknowingly Hungarian citizens, and you may need to establish their status first. In other words, it may be worth, for example, filing paperwork on behalf of your American-born mother or father (Hungarian dual citizens) since they would have had at least one Hungarian parent.

Just to illustrate, in my case, my father was born outside of Pittsburgh, PA to Hungarian parents who were from the small village of M riap cs near the Ukrainian border. Grandpa came to the U.S. around 1912. Under today's rules, my U.S.-born father was, in fact a dual citizen, and that benefit can be passed on to future generations, including me.

Most importantly, if you can establish one of your parents is (or was) a citizen of Hungary, no language skills are required. In that case, for you dual citizenship is, to quote one consular official, "automatic."

## 2 Colloquial language skills (Simplified / Expedited)

If you have more distant relatives who were Hungarian citizens, you also now qualify for an "expedited" process. In that case, you'll need to file some paperwork and may be asked to have a simple conversation to show you have some very basic skills and a rudimentary understanding of the language.

You'll need to find some Hungarian birth certificates and related documents to submit to prove your ancestry. Fortunately, both the Hungarian government and church officials have been meticulous record-keepers going back more than 150 years. And, as you dig into your family tree, may uncover some intriguing family history you never knew about: a pleasant, unexpected benefit.

Spouses of citizens are eligible, too.

## 3 Naturalization (Most Difficult)

If you don't have Hungarian heritage, you'll generally need to reside in Hungary for eight years and pass both a higher-level language test and a test covering both history and an understanding of the government.

# 40<sup>th</sup> General Convention

## Notice of Qualification for Delegates, Establishment of Delegate Districts, Number of Delegates and Delegate District Elections

The Board of Directors has established the Delegate Districts for the 40th General Convention and the names of the District Chairs. The dates, times and locations for the Delegate District Election meetings have been set. This information can be found on Pages 12 and 13 of this issue. In accordance with the By-Laws of the Association, candidates for Delegate and Alternate Delegate must meet certain qualifications and the election of Delegates shall proceed as follows:

### ARTICLE 2 - THE GENERAL CONVENTION Section 205 - Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Election

#### Section 205.1 QUALIFICATIONS

Any candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the General Convention must be an Adult Benefit Member of the duly established Delegate District to which his or her Branch is assigned and qualified as follows:

- a. Attained age twenty-one (21) through age seventy-five (75) on January 1 of the year of the General Convention, has been an Adult Benefit Member of the Association for at least two full calendar years prior to his or her election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, and is a legal resident of the United States of America.
- b. Only the Certificate holder who is the basic insured Adult Benefit Member shall have the right to vote at Delegate District meetings or Branch meetings or to hold office and who is competent to so vote and/or to so perform the duties of his or her respective office.
- c. Must not have any business or personal interests which would constitute a conflict of interest in relation to the business operations of the Association.
- d. Must not be an employee of the Association or any of its subsidiaries, or an officer appointed by the Board; provided, however, that nothing in this Subparagraph (d) shall prevent the National President, the National Vice President-Secretary, the National Vice President-Treasurer, or the other Vice Presidents from serving as ex-officio Delegates if they are otherwise qualified; and provided further, that nothing in this Subparagraph (d) shall prevent Branch Coordinators and Part-time and Special Agents from serving as Delegates if they are otherwise qualified.
- e. Must not be a Full-time Agent, General Agent, Agency Manager, or Member engaged in regular business dealings with the Association or any of its Branches or subdivisions wherein he or she derives significant monetary gain or an Immediate Family Member of any of the foregoing; provided, however, that Branch Coordinators and Part-time and Special Agents are eligible to serve as Delegates if they are not also Full-time Agents, General Agents, Agency Managers, or engaged in business dealings with the Association or any of its Branch subsidiaries wherein they derive monetary gain and if they are otherwise qualified.
- f. Must not have any financial obligations to the Association as the result of previous employment.
- g. Must not have a termination of his or her employment with the Association less than four (4) years prior to a Delegate District meeting; provided, however, that nothing in this Subparagraph (g) shall prevent former Directors, National Officers and Audit Committee Members from serving as ex-officio Delegates if they are otherwise qualified.
- h. May not be a person who is directly involved in litigation or a written claim against the Association except for claims under a certificate of insurance.
- i. Must not have been a director, alternate director, officer or employee of any organization similar to or in competi-

tion with the Association or a delegate or an alternate delegate to any other fraternal benefit society convention within four (4) years prior to the date scheduled for District Delegate elections; provided, however, that nothing in this Subparagraph (i) shall prevent any person from serving as an elected, ex-officio, or Alternate Delegate to the General Convention pursuant to a merger or similar agreement between the Association and any alliance, fellowship, or society in the United States having similar aims to those of the Association.

j. Must have been a member of the same Branch for at least an uninterrupted one (1) year period prior to the Delegate District election; provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to a Benefit Member who has transferred from one Branch to another in accordance with Section 107.5.

#### Section 205.5 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

a. Each duly established Delegate District shall be entitled to elect one or more Delegates for a four (4) year term or until their successors are elected and certified by the National Vice President-Secretary, so long as such Delegate continues to meet the qualifications set forth in Section 205 hereof.

b. In addition to the elected Delegates, each Delegate District, on a separate ballot, shall elect up to an equal number of Alternate Delegates who shall be certified as such by the National Vice President-Secretary. Each nominee for Delegate or Alternate Delegate may declare himself or herself for both or either of the positions of Delegate and Alternate Delegate, as the case may be, and may be a candidate for both Delegate and Alternate Delegate on each of the two separate and subsequent elections pursuant to Section 205.7(h) hereof.

#### Section 205.6 NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

a. Election of General Convention Delegates shall be held on the first day to the fifteenth day of the calendar month which is the fourth month prior to the month of the next Regular Session of the General Convention. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting shall be given to the National Vice President-Secretary by Certified Mail, Return Receipt requested, by hand delivery, or by overnight courier, facsimile or electronic mail, with evidence of receipt, on or before one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of the next Regular Session of the General Convention and to the Branch members in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of these By-Laws.

b. If the appointed District Chair cannot perform the duties on the designated date, time and place, the Chair of the Board of the Association or, in his or her absence, the National Vice President-Secretary or, in his or her absence, the National President, shall appoint another District Chair.

#### Section 205.7 DELEGATE DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Delegate District elections shall be conducted according to the following rules and procedures:

a. With respect to each Delegate District, the Board shall appoint a District Chair.

b. The District Chair of each Delegate District will establish the date, time and place for that Delegate District's election, as provided in the By-Laws. The place for each Delegate

District election shall be at a neutral public venue.

c. The District Chair shall conduct the Delegate District meeting, and shall appoint a recording secretary to record the minutes of the Meeting.

d. Nominations for Delegates and Alternate Delegates may be made from a nominating committee appointed by the Delegate District Chair. Such nominations may also be made from the floor of the Delegate District meeting by those members in attendance.

e. The attendance of a nominee at the Delegate District meeting is not mandatory.

f. A register shall be maintained at the Delegate District meeting and signed by all Adult Benefit Members voting at such meeting.

g. The vote of each Delegate District member who is an Adult Benefit Member and has attained at least age 16 must be cast in person at the Delegate District meeting for the Delegate District to which the member is assigned. Proxy voting shall not be permitted for any purpose.

h. The candidates in each Delegate District who receive the highest number of votes shall be the duly elected Delegates to the General Convention for each of the respective Delegate Districts. A candidate for Delegate who is not elected shall be eligible to run as an Alternate Delegate for the same General Convention. In a separate and subsequent election at the same Delegate District meeting, the candidates for Alternate Delegate receiving the highest number of votes shall be the Alternate Delegates to the General Convention for each of the respective Delegate Districts. Such Alternate Delegates shall be ranked by the number of votes received. In the event of any or all tie votes for Delegate(s) or Alternate Delegate(s), as the case may be, such election shall be decided by lot drawn by the candidates involved, in the presence of the District Chair.

i. Each District Chair shall, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt requested, courier, hand delivery or electronic mail with evidence of receipt, submit the election results to the National Vice President-Secretary within ten (10) days after said election. Failure to make complete and timely submission shall result in disqualification of the subject Delegation unless the failure to comply is excused by the Board for good cause, at the next regular meeting or special meeting of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

### ARTICLE 14 - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION; NOTICES

**Section 1402.** Any notice to the Members of the Association required to be given, including convention calls, elections, changes to the Charter or By-Laws, shall be made in such official publication, and such notice shall have the same effect as though given personally in writing. Placing a copy of such official publication in the mail or by electronic means to the last known address of any Member shall be sufficient service of such notice to him or her. An affidavit by the National Vice President-Secretary certifying that such official publication was mailed or sent by electronic means to each Member on the mailing list shall be filed with the minutes of the Board at its next meeting after publication of such notice.

# 40th General Convention

## DELEGATE DISTRICT ELECTION MEETING SCHEDULE

District	Branch	Branch Location	Delegates	District Chairman	Election Meeting Date, Time & Location
1	0015 0525	Chicago, IL Los Angeles, CA	2	Laslo Corba	Sunday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. St. Stephen King of Hungary Church Hall, 2015 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, IL
2	0018	Lincoln Park, MI	3	Barbara A. House	Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. Hungarian American Cultural Center, 26257 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI
3	0132	South Bend, IN	2	John E. Burus	Tuesday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. Martin's Supermarket Deli, Second Floor of Café, 926 Erskine Plaza, South Bend, IN
4	0014	Cleveland, OH	4	Richard E. Sarosi	Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Road (corner of Aurora Road & Liberty Road), Solon OH
5	0027 0028 0705	Toledo, OH Youngstown, OH Mayville, WI	4	Katherine E. Novak	Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. Boardman Park, Georgeanna Parker Activity Ctr., 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman, OH
6	0044 0129 0278 8036	Akron, OH Columbus, OH Omaha, NE Scottsdale, PA	4	Debra A. Lewis	Thursday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus, OH
7	0005 0209 0249	Phoenix, AZ St. Louis, MO Dayton, OH	1	Anne Marie Schmidt	Saturday, June 10 at 11:00 a.m. Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, McAuley Hall, 4134 Cedar Ridge Road, Dayton, OH
8	0189 0310 0349	Alliance, OH Lynch, KY Weirton, WV	2	Joyce E. Nicholson	Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. Eat 'n Park (Front Room), 226 Three Springs Dr., Weirton, WV
9	0009 0023 0352	Hazleton, PA Pocahontas, VA Coraopolis, PA	4	George S. Charles, Jr.	Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. WPA Carriage House, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA
10	0226	McKeesport, PA	2	Judit I. Ganchuk	Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, 101 University Dr., McKeesport, PA
11	0089	Homestead, PA	2	Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec	Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m. The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, 416 E. 10th Ave., Munhall, PA
12	0296	Springdale, PA	2	Diane M. Torma	Thursday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. Eat 'n Park, 3005 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd., Tarentum, PA

# 40th General Convention

## DELEGATE DISTRICT ELECTION MEETING SCHEDULE

District	Branch	Branch Location	Delegates	District Chairman	Election Meeting Date, Time & Location
13	0034	Pittsburgh, PA	2	Gary G. Vamos	Friday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. Gianna Via's Restaurant, Caste Village, 5301 Grove Road, Pittsburgh, PA
14	0026 0088 0159 0383	Sharon, PA Rural Valley, PA Phoenixville, PA Buffalo, NY	4	Dennis A. Chobody	Saturday, June 3 at 8:00 p.m., William Penn Association Br. 88 Social Room, 132-134 W. Main St., Rural Valley, PA
15	0008 0800	Johnstown, PA Altoona, PA	2	David M. Kozak	Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m., Anthony's Restaurant, 725 Scalp Ave., Johnstown, PA
16	0216 0336	Northampton, PA Harrisburg, PA	2	James W. Robertson	Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. Verhovay Home Association, 1012 South 29th St., Harrisburg, PA
17	0001	Bridgeport, CT	1	James D. Ballas	Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. United Church of Christ, Puritan Hall, 2180 North Ave., Bridgeport, CT
18	0076 0720 8114 8340	Philadelphia, PA Dedham, MA Clarion, PA Baltimore, MD	5	Matthew J. Charles	Friday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m. Wood-N-Tap, 955 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA
19	0048 0051	New York, NY Passaic, NJ	5	Ernest Mozer, Jr.	Sunday, June 4 at 12:00 p.m. The Shrimp Box, 75 Inlet Dr., Point Pleasant, NJ
20	0019	New Brunswick, NJ	2	Evelyn B. Bodnar	Sunday, June 11, 11:30 a.m. Bayard Street Presbyterian Church, 107 Bayard St., New Brunswick, NJ
21	0400 0590	Charlotte, NC Cape Coral, FL	2	David S. Kozak	Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Gator's Dockside, 4200 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL



**Vote!**  
*It's your  
right as a  
member.*

## Getting creative with beads

Raise your hand if you've never heard of Perler beads.

We're not surprised to see so few hands. Perler beads have been around for more than 40 years and have become a popular crafting activity not just with kids but with many adults, too.

For those who don't already know, Perler beads (also called melty beads) are small, plastic beads with holes in the middle. You arrange them on a special pegboard to form a design. Some boards are made of clear plastic under which you can place a pre-made design to follow. Once you have all your beads in the right place, you fuse them together by placing a piece of parchment paper over the top and applying heat with an iron.

Those who like pixel art really enjoy creating with Perler beads. That is one reason why they are so popular with people of all ages. You can go online and see some really cool Perler bead creations, like flowers, animals and even amazing portraits of celebrities and sports heroes.

Just a couple words of caution: since the beads are so small and a hot iron is used, adults should keep a close eye on young children while they create with the beads.

### What You Need

- Assorted Perler beads
- A pegboard
- Parchment paper
- Iron (*and an adult!*)
- Perler bead tweezers (*highly recommended*)

Perler beads and pegboards are available at many retailers (such as Walmart), dollar stores, craft stores and online.

The list of what you can make with Perler beads seems endless. Here are just a few ideas:

- Picture frames
- Jewelry – charms, rings, pendants
- Key chains
- Coasters
- Toys, games and puzzles
- Gift tags for Mother's Day



*Our thanks to the folks at [perler.com](http://perler.com), [renovatedlearning.com](http://renovatedlearning.com) and [kidsactivitiesblog.com](http://kidsactivitiesblog.com) for sharing info and photos for this month's Just 4 Kidz!*

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

## Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

**By Jim Ballas**

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming and daylight is longer.

Our mild New England winter this year ended without any major snowstorms. It is hard to believe that we had only one minor snow event. As unpredictable as our weather is, we were pleasantly surprised by the mild winter. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful spring.

Our branch, along with the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, conducted a food drive during the Lenten season. Large quantities of food and basic hygiene items were donated and given to the Nourish Bridgeport food pantry.

As part of our annual Join Hands Against Hunger event, we collected many food items to benefit those in need in our local community.

Donations of candy, toys, coloring books, crayons, story books and other treats for children's Easter baskets were also received. These were assembled by branch members and distributed to children in the community.

Thanks to all those branch members who donated and helped complete these projects. Special thanks to Sandy Stasko for coordinating and managing all of this.

On May 7, several of our branch members will participate in the Greater Bridgeport Crop Walk for Hunger. CROP is the Community Appeal of Church World Service. It fights hunger locally, nationally and internationally and emphasizes self-sustaining agricultural practices. Twenty-five percent of the money collected remains in the Greater Bridgeport area. Participants collect sponsor donations for the 2.14-mile walk around the neighborhoods of North Avenue in Bridgeport. Thanks to all those



*Pictured above and at left are items collected by Branch 1 in conjunction with the United Church of Christ in Bridgeport, CT. Some of the items were used to create Easter baskets for children while food and personal items were delivered to the Nourish Bridgeport food pantry.*

who walked and donated to this cause.

There will be a special meeting on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Puritan Hall at the United Church of Christ, 2180 North Avenue, Bridgeport. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Delegate District Election for the 40th General Convention. Our branch has one delegate to be elected to attend the Convention in October. All branch members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Hope everyone is well. Enjoy the spring and upcoming summer.

## Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

**By Dora S. McKinsey**

Greetings from Branch 9! Hope all are well and enjoying the beautiful weather.

The month of May ushers in Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Enjoy every minute you have with your mother, if you are fortunate enough to have her still around. If not, I pray you have fond and loving memories of the time you spent together.

Memorial Day is held May 29 this year and honors those who lost their lives while defending our country. Be sure to thank a

veteran for their selfless service to keep us safe.

Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday this month. May you have many more, and may all of them be healthy.

We remember the families of those Branch 9 members who have lost their lives. May you find peace in the memories of your loved one.

For those eligible, be aware of the new rules governing college scholarships being awarded by the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. The eligibility rules and application form can be found on pages 26 and 27 of this issue of *William Penn Life*.

Remember that William Penn Association is a safe and reliable place to purchase life insurance and/or invest in an annuity. Contact your local agent, Sara Barra, at [s\\_mckinsey@hotmail.com](mailto:s_mckinsey@hotmail.com) to help with all your needs. Now would be a perfect time to review your policy and make sure your insurance coverage is sufficient to meet your family's needs after your death. William Penn Association has the right life and/or annuity product to meet all your needs.

In Teddy Roosevelt's words, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

## Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By Richard E. Sarosi

Happy Spring to our members and friends. How quickly the calendar year 2023 is moving toward summer. It will be nice to have Hungarian events, both inside and outside, to attend and enjoy. The Hungarian churches and Hungarian clubs have been conducting spring stuffed cabbage sales, *kolbász/hurka* sales and nut roll and/or poppy seed roll sales. Very soon it will be *szalonna* time.

It is hard to believe that we are entering the second year of the conflict in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for the people and military of Ukraine, who are giving their all in the fight for democracy in Ukraine. Let us pray for an end of the conflict to come soon. Bless the medical personnel who are helping.

Please support and encourage your students in their education goals. They represent the future, and they will have educational opportunities which would not be possible without the support of family members purchasing WPA life insurance and annuities.

We remind parents of children who will soon be growing out of the juvenile WPA life insurance plans to make sure those children enroll in adult plans. As parents, lead by example and sign up for your own WPA life insurance policy. Follow in the footsteps of your parents and grandparents by purchasing a WPA life insurance policy for yourself, your spouse and best of all, your children. Remember: students must be life benefit members in order to qualify for a WPA scholarship grant. Contact your WPA sales representative or the Home Office for information and to sign up.

Please continue to support of the William Penn Scholarship Foundation Fund. Every dollar that is received makes a difference.



## NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the June issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by May 9.

Our students are counting on you! WPA is counting on you, too!

Branch 14 meetings are held at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, OH (at the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). All WPA Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend the branch meetings.

Our schedule of 2023 meetings and events, is as follows:

- Wednesday, May 3, meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6, meeting at 7:00 pm at St. John Church.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.
- Saturday, Dec. 2, the WPA

Branch 14 Christmas party at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor, OH. Time to be determined.

- Wednesday, Dec. 6, meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church.

Please call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for any questions regarding the scheduled meeting dates listed above.

Please continue to support your local Hungarian churches, clubs, radio programs and organiza-

tions. Contact them directly for the latest event information. We are grateful that they exist and continue to promote our Hungarian customs, activities, traditions, music and food.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. Our sincere condolences go out to Ursula Markovits and her family on the passing of her beloved Tamás Markovits on March 27, 2023. Tamás was an instructor for our WPA summer language camps for many years and entertained the campers with his many stories. Tamás and Ursula were also involved with the *Fehér Rozsa Bál* (White Rose Ball) in Detroit for many years.

Remember those WPA members who are no longer with us, may they rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members, as well as our friends, who might be dealing with health issues. We wish everyone good health and to feel better. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

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

who are celebrating a May birthday and/or 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, say "hi" 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 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, where visits may or may not be possible. Call ahead to check. 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](mailto:RichSaro@att.net) or at 440-248-9012.

## Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

**By Barbara A. House**

It is so hard to believe how quickly this year is progressing. Tom and I are still in Florida as I write this and will most likely leave for Michigan some time in May. We have had crazy weather here, and so have many places in the U.S. My poor brother in Mississippi is living through one tornado after another. Joey and Wanda were here in February, and we had a marvelous time. I hope all of you are safe and well.

So very sad to report Branch 18 suffered another tragic loss with the passing of Tamás Markovits at the end of March. He was a true friend and a wonderful member. Tamás was a branch auditor for many years. He taught at the WPA's language camps and truly loved to expound...and expound...and expound...on everything Hun-

garian. We all loved him dearly. Ursula will have many changes in her life, but she knows we are here for her. We love her and will do all we can to make her happy. Love goes to daughter Nicole, son Martin and grandson Lucas.

Congratulations to National Sale Director Bob Bisceglia on his retirement from WPA. He has done a wonderful job, and he will be missed. Have fun, Bob, and enjoy your life. You've earned it.

Branch 18 will hold its Delegate District election meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard Road in Taylor, MI. See you there.

Speaking of the Cultural Center, mark your calendars for these events:

- Gulyas Cook-Off on June 10;
- Picnic on July 2; and
- Pig roast on Sept. 16.

As always, many hands are needed before, during and after these events. Please feel free to call me anytime to offer your help.

Thank you, Alex Kulcsar, for your many years as president of the Cultural Center. You will be missed. Congratulations to Roby Krajcz on his new term as president. You know WPA will be there to help, as always.

Welcome home to Steve and Darlene Szatmari. They, unlike me, love hot weather and are down here in Florida as often as possible. We have been breaking heat records here since January. What I wouldn't give for some wonderful Rhapsody food. See you soon.

Thank you to my wonderful Krisztina for keeping me in the loop. I miss you, too.

Welcome home, Fr. Barnabas. I would love to be in Hungary. Maybe soon. There is no other church like Holy Cross. We miss all our wonderful parish friends. Special hello to Irene and Joe Fischer. Hope all is well.

Happy birthday to my brother Joe Gall. His wife Wanda is in

Alaska visiting family. I know he is counting the days for her to return home.

Special get well wishes go to Pauline Frost Kulcsar, our brand new branch secretary. If anyone can win this fight, she can. We send you lots of prayers and love. Get well wishes also go to all our ailing members; we are sending you all our love.

Please feel free to call me with questions, news, offers of help or just to say hello. My phone number is 313-418-5572.

If you would like to volunteer your time and services for any projects or events, you can also call Tom at 313-402-5839.

Summer is just around the corner. We will see you soon!

## Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

**By Kathy Novak**

It's so nice to know there will be summer festivals and activities taking place again. Take some time to reconnect with friends and attend some of them, not just for a fun time but to support the sponsors of the event.

On March 14, the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation hosted a program to commemorate the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence. The program included Irene Szurovy reciting the traditional famous poem "Nemzeti Dal." Marta Simonyi also recited a poem pertaining to this historical event.

Maria Schauer spoke about the Darr Mine disaster, which occurred on Dec. 19, 1907, killing 239 men and boys. It was one of the worst mining accidents in Pennsylvania's history. In 1994 an historical marker was dedicated near the actual mine location.

The program concluded with a sing-along, and a delightful social with refreshments followed.

Please continue to support the WPPFA Scholarship Foundation. It's

with generosity that the WPA can provide financial assistance to so many students who choose to continue their education.

Best wishes to all of our birthday and anniversary celebrants.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent out to John Dankovich, Sandor Tollas, Frank Schauer, Shirley Szabo, Alice Nagy, Violet Sarosi and David Kozak.

Condolences are extended to everyone who has recently lost a loved one. Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Tamás Markovits, who recently passed away. He was a knowledgeable man who took time to share his knowledge with so many. His presence as an instructor at the WPA Hungarian Heritage Experience for many years was greatly appreciated by all those who attended. He also was a vital part of the Hungarian community in the Detroit area. May he rest in peace.

As Memorial Day approaches, keep in mind all those currently serving our country, as well as giving honor to all those veterans and especially all those who sacrificed their lives to keep our country safe.

For answers to your insurance questions, please call Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-746-7704.

Enjoy the beauty of all the bright colorful flowers.

## Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

**By Marguerite McNelis**

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. Relax and enjoy the day!

Memorial Day is Monday, May 29. Please pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way. Don't forget to thank a veteran.

Roseann Vamos presented a check from Branch 34 to Jessica Eberley, who is in charge of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Our branch is also making a donation



*Roseann Vamos (right) presents a check from Branch 34 to Jessica Eberley of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.*

to the local food bank for Join Hands Day. As the saying goes: "Pay it forward!"

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays, especially my dear sister-in-law Roseann Vamos. Also, happy anniversary wishes to my dear brother and sister-in-law and everyone celebrating a special event. May you enjoy many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

Please remember our deceased members in your prayers.

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

## Branch 44 Akron, OH

**By Elizabeth Darago**

Ah, spring! While we didn't have massive amounts of snow, the cold weather, rain and cloudy windy days of winter are finally over. Looking out my window, I see colorful spring flowers...bright colors in the sunshine.

March and April were filled with indoor Branch 44 activities. Junior

members collected and delivered stuffed animals and toys and a big Easter basket to the Ronald McDonald House located by Akron's Regional Children's Hospital. What a nice way to bring joy to the families facing tough times.

Members young and old, with the help of the Home Office, assembled and delivered food baskets for Easter. Next month, we'll tell you about these families. Hint: one had two sets of twin infants.

Young members also filled bags with dry cat food for pet food pantries in Summit, Portage and Stark counties in Ohio. With giggles and hard work, over 200 resealable plastic bags of dry cat food were filled and distributed. In the past year, pet food has doubled in price. Thus, many families really appreciate these donations....and so do their cats. Thank you, young members: you are purr-fect.

We began volunteering with a church food bank for Join Hands Day. More about this project in next month's report.

Members who travel out of town to attend their children's sporting events have started do-



*Branch 44 member Micah Bentley delivers stuffed animals, toys and Easter baskets donated by young members of the branch to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron.*



Members of Branch 51 prepare to deliver food and other items they and their fellow members donated for the branch's annual food drive.

Henley Pena helped the members of Branch 51 pack Easter Baskets for local families in need.

nating unused and new personal care products they get in their hotel rooms. We already have filled one large box. Way to go! This year-round activity is sure to be a Branch 44 "home run."

Wishes for much happiness go to all those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or arrival of a new child.

Our love and support is sent out to all military personnel.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

And, best wishes for good health to all those feeling under the weather.

Please contact any branch officer with ideas for branch activities or to volunteer for branch activities.

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

## Branch 51 Passaic, NJ

**By Christine Baldyga**

We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather we've been experiencing as summer approaches. Try to find some time to enjoy the outdoors.

On March 19, a memorial Mass

was celebrated at St. Stephen's Church in Passaic, NJ in remembrance of the deceased members of Branch 51.

Also on that day, the branch held its annual food drive. Thanks to the generous support of our branch members, we were able to collect more than 20 bags of groceries and other items for the local food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul. This organization makes such a positive difference in the lives of many families in need.

Branch 51 also participated in the Association's 2023 Easter Baskets program by donating four baskets. Being thankful for family and friends, the Holiday Baskets program encourages us to give back to local families in need. Some of Branch 51 members gathered to help prepare baskets containing gift cards to a grocery store along with some Easter goodies and decorated plastic eggs.

All the basket recipients were grateful for the generous baskets and send a personal thank you to the members of William Penn Association.

Wishing all mothers a very happy and enjoyable Mother's Day!

## Branch 89 Homestead, PA

**By Mark S. Maskarinec**

We hope you enjoyed a happy and blessed Easter. We attended a very lovely Maundy Thursday service as well as an Easter service. Everyone was in good voice, and there was a great sense of fraternity during and after the service.

We continue to plan for our 2023 golf outing and dinner benefiting the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. As usual, we will be holding the outing at Champion Lakes Golf Resort on Saturday, June 24. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. with the first foursome teeing off at 9:30 a.m.

Champion Lakes is just north of Ligonier in Bolivar, PA. For those traveling from the east, it is 30 minutes from the Donegal exit on the PA Turnpike. It's convenient for those travelling from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, West Virginia and Virginia. Just exit at Donegal and take Route 711 straight to the golf course. There also are several hotels close to the Donegal exit. And there is a Ramada Inn in Ligonier which offers reasonable rates and breakfast.

Our event will again be a best

ball scramble, but this year it will not be a shotgun start. We are booked for 10 to 12 foursomes.

Your intrepid golf committee continues to collect items for prizes, swag bags and the auction. We have several items already, including attaché cases, drink mixer kits and little towels to keep the sweat off your brow as you line up that 20-foot birdie putt. As has become our tradition, we will be including a “mystery basket” on the auction table, which has become one of our most popular auction items.

While we were sad to learn that there will not be a WPA Golf Tournament this year, we extend an invitation to all WPA golfers to make the trip to Champion Lakes for our branch’s outing. Come and spend a day in the country and perhaps you’ll have the chance to meet former Pirate great Dick Groat. Dick and his daughter Allison cannot do enough to make our outings a success. It’s for a great cause, and we always look forward to seeing new people.

Keep in mind you do not have to golf in order to participate. You can come for dinner only, volunteer, sponsor a hole, sponsor a function like hot dogs at the turn, or donate auction items, such as bottles of wine, gift cards or lottery tickets.

The golf committee has been holding weekly meetings at Dave and Busters on Wednesday evenings. On those days, you can play the games for half price. We’ve made good use of our winnings in the gift shop, and I’ll leave it at that. We invite all members to come and join us between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. It would be great to see you. Just don’t bother Lisa when she’s playing Yahtzee!

Branch 89 continues to extend get well wishes to Bishop Emeritus Louis Medgyesi. Word came to us that Bishop Medgyesi was in the hospital in serious condition. Bishop Medgyesi is not only a dear friend to our branch but is very



**WPA Branch 89  
Golf Outing**  
**Saturday, June 24**  
**Champion Lakes GC**  
Bolivar, PA  
For info & reservations,  
Call Mark @ 412-352-7077

## Deadline for reservations is June 13

special to Lisa and I as he was one of the ministers who married us. He pronounced us married in Hungarian and pronounced my last name with a real flair. 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 him and grant him a speedy recovery.

Lisa continues to mend from her knee infection. Thank you, Dr. Mike. Please continue to hold her in your prayers. She is now fighting bronchitis which has become something of a spring event. In its own way, this is a more serious issue than the knee infection.

The branch would like to take a moment to acknowledge and mourn the passing of two long-time friends and past church members: Janet Toboz and Paul Popely.

On a more cheerful note, Branch 89 wishes a Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts. May you have a very special day.

Also, we will be participating in a special Memorial Day service held annually at our church. Come help us remember those who died in the line of service for this great country.

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

the Convention of course.

Keep in touch with everyone and take a moment and reach out and brighten someone’s day. You will make them feel good and yourself also.

## Branch 129 Columbus, OH

*By Debbie Lewis*

Hello all from Branch 129 Columbus. We hope everyone had a beautiful Easter spent with family and was able to enjoy great weather.

With schools closing soon for the summer and family vacation season around the corner, please be safe in all your travels.

Important dates for May include:

- Mother’s Day, May 14, a day to recognize, honor and celebrate the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers;
- Armed Forces Day, May 20, when citizens come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country; and
- Memorial Day, May 29, when we remember and honor all men and women who have died in military service for the United States.

Our branch again participated, or will soon participate, in this year’s Easter Basket Program, Join



*Zak Hutchinson joined members of Branch 226 recently to make greeting cards to be delivered to those in local hospitals, crisis centers, retirement homes and other facilities. His card reads: "Enjoy the rhythm of each day."*

### Hands Against Hunger and Join Hands Day.

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

Don't forget all those new or renewal applicants for a WPA scholarship grant need to have their completed application in by May 26. This is a great program for our eligible members. If you have been a recipient or have had a child or grandchild benefit from this program, please consider giving back with a monetary donation.

We will be having our Delegate District election meeting for this year's General Convention on June 1 at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus. The meeting will start at 4:00 p.m. If you have any ques-

tions, you can call me, Debbie Lewis, at 614-875-9968.

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

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently lost a loved one. Keep them all in your prayers.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share in this magazine, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or email [DAL9968@aol.com](mailto:DAL9968@aol.com).

## Branch 132 South Bend, IN

**By John E. Burus**

Spring is in the air as I write this. The trees are budding, the grass is turning green, the flowers are popping and crocus, tulips and daffodils are starting to come up. It will soon be time to start the garden for fresh vegetables. The best time of the year!

All adult benefit members of Branch 132 are invited to an important meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Martins Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend. This is the Delegate District election meeting during which our members will elect two delegates to represent us at WPA's 40th General Convention in October.

Our branch's 13th annual summer picnic date will be held Sunday, July 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion Number 1. Please make your reservations by July 24 so we can plan accordingly. 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 there!

## Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

**By Judit Ganchuk**

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in May!

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!

At our last general meeting in March, we elected Cathy Trunzo as our branch vice president. We thank her for volunteering for this position.

We also agreed to make a donation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for the Join Hands Against Hunger program initiative from the WPA Home Office. Its name means what it says, and, through it, our branch can help many local food banks in and around McKeesport.

We also voted to approve four separate Easter Baskets to distribute in our local community.

After the business portion of the meeting, our branch members volunteered to create handmade cards. The cards will be delivered to hospitals, crisis centers, retirement homes and other organizations and will bring smiles and encouragement to people in need nationwide.

All adult benefit members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend the Delegate District election meeting on Sunday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church upstairs kitchen. We will be electing two delegates for the General Convention to be held on Oct. 7 and 8 in Pittsburgh. Branch President Judit Ganchuk will be the Delegate District Chair presiding at the election meeting.

Our branch's general meetings are held quarterly at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport's social hall near the

high school in June, September and December at the Christmas party. Our branch's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27, at 6:00 p.m. We will focus on planning a picnic, enjoying snacks and making cards for charity through a program called Creative Kindness. This will be an easy task for all ages to participate. We look forward to creating summery sentiments with you!

Students applying for grants through the WPFA Scholarship Foundation should note that the rules have been revised. Please see the eligibility rules on Page 26 of this issue. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann at the Home Office at 412-231-2979, ext. 128 or via email at [mkelly@wपालife.org](mailto:mkelly@wपालife.org). Deadline to submit your application is May 26.

## Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Well, April showers really did bring May flowers. Lots of rain and warm days put trees in bloom, flowers in bloom, grass and weeds in bloom...AAAAACHOO! Pass me the antihistamine and let's get outside.

As I wrote this, we were looking forward to the Eastern European Heritage Experience in Dayton on April 15. Many Eastern European clubs were to come together at the American Czech-Slovak Club to celebrate their culture, food, music, dancing and folk art. WPA Branch 249 had a booth promoting William Penn Association and local branch activities. We planned to hand out goodies supplied by the Home Office and sell cook books to support the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

An Eastern European-sized thank you to the Home Office for the goodies and sponsoring the main performance stage. WPA was a major sponsor of the Heritage

Experience and can always be counted on to support fraternal and ethnic activities across the country. I know local Hungarians appreciate the support, and I have been told multiple times by other ethnic club members that they appreciate all WPA has done for ethnic fraternalism.

Our next Branch 249 gathering will be the Delegate District election meeting for the WPA 40th General Convention. This happens every four years. Please be there to cast your vote for our delegate on Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m. at McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs Church 4134 Cedar Ridge Road, Dayton.

Cinco de Mayo is always a fun time, but be safe with the margaritas.

Don't forget May 14, Mother's Day. Where would you be without dear ole Mom? Not here, that's where!

The end of May and early June are the end of the school year, so please keep your eyes open and slow down driving in neighborhoods and parks. Summer vacation will soon be here and let's keep the next generation safe.

Also May 29 is Memorial Day, the unofficial start to summer. Memorial Day honors service members who have died in military service to the nation. The holiday has roots dating back to the post-Civil War era, when citizens would informally place spring flower memorials on the graves of fallen soldiers. By the early 20th century, Memorial Day morphed into an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased rela-



Members of Branch 226 create greeting cards for a program called Creative Kindness during a recent branch meeting. Members will gather again to create more cards during their next meeting on June 27.

tives, whether they had served in the military or not.

Happy birthday to all the May babies and a BIG happy birthday to branch members Marilyn Schmidt, my mom, at 90, and Frank Murin, a youngster of 102. We hope you both have many more to come.

May has the warm weather and the feeling of rebirth and renewal that spring brings, which is so appropriate for a wedding. Speaking of weddings, happy anniversary to the May couples, especially Cassie and Greg Heitman. Love you guys.

We extend our prayers and thoughts to the loves cherished and lost, especially branch members Don Dugan and Jo Ann Trautman. May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes to those who have been ill or injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

If you have any news or ideas contact me at 937-938-0198 or [amschmidt@msn.com](mailto:amschmidt@msn.com).

Until next time, enjoy the soft rains, warm weather and sharpen your lawn mower blades 'cause the grass is truly greener this time of year.



Branch 296 member Mary Ann Slaninka wonders if Eat 'n Park restaurants could really make a fish sandwich this big that she could share with her fellow members.

## Branch 296 Springdale, PA

**By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz**

This year continues to move along at a quick pace, doesn't it? May is upon us, and we've got a lot going on.

WPA's 40th General Convention will be convened this October in Pittsburgh. Our Branch 296 is in Delegate District 12, and adult benefit members (ages 16 and up) will meet on Thursday, June 1, at the Pittsburgh Mills Eat'n Park Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. in their meeting room, to elect two delegates and two alternate delegates for the Convention. Come join us for a brief meeting and election, followed by a meal or dessert.

If you are interested in being nominated as a delegate or alternate delegate, please contact our Delegate District Chair, Diane Torma, at 412-231-2979, ext. 106, or by email at [dtorma@wपालife.org](mailto:dtorma@wपालife.org).

Attention all high school seniors and renewing WPFASF, Inc. students! Now is the time to review the updated eligibility rules. There have been a number of changes to the rules, so this is your reminder

to carefully review them, without further delay. Our 2023 eligibility rules and application appear on pages 26 and 27 of this issue of *William Penn Life*. You can also find them on our website at [www.wपालife.org](http://www.wपालife.org). Submission deadline for your application and essay is May 26, so don't delay!

Since writing this branch news, Branch 296 has participated in our snack bag prep for Pittsburgh's Ronald McDonald House. Next month's

branch news will provide more details on our project.

Branch 296 will have its next regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tarentum (Pittsburgh Mills) Eat'n Park Restaurant's meeting room. We again invite you to please join us.

I have to mention that it was great being able to get together again recently, and we all looked fabulous! As I recall, we were discussing the Lenten fish fries taking place in our area and were laughing about the gigantic fish sign that was displayed by the Eat'n Park entrance. A perfect photo op.

To all moms, grandmas, aunts and to those who have acted in place of mothers, we wish a happy Mother's Day. You are greatly loved! Also, loving thoughts for all mothers who are no longer with us. May your memories be eternal.

We send happy May birthday greetings to Helen Slaninka and all of our 296-ers born during this month. Our grandniece, Makaia Fedner, who is a new WPA member, will be celebrating her first birthday soon, and no doubt it's been an eventful year for her parents, Mike and Skyla!

Happy anniversary and congrat-

ulatory wedding wishes to all who were united in matrimony during this beautiful month.

Wishing all who are recuperating complete recoveries.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Remember that sending a card, calling, or in some way reaching out to those who are recovering or grieving can make an impactful difference in their lives. Do it today.

If you have any branch news, birthday, anniversary or personal milestones that you would like to share, please contact me at [makeilly367@verizon.net](mailto:makeilly367@verizon.net) or at 724-274-5318.

Have questions about life insurance or annuities? Our handy and helpful WPA agent, Noreen Fritz, is available at 412-821-1837 or email her at [noreen.fritz@comcast.net](mailto:noreen.fritz@comcast.net).

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next branch meeting on May 18, as well as our Delegate District election meeting on June 1.

## Branch 349 Weirton, WV

**By Joyce Nicholson**

We thank William Penn Association for giving our branch the means to donate to local needy individuals and organizations for the Easter Basket program this year. The Friendship House, Urban Mission, Salvation Army and family we contributed to were very thankful for the donations.

Spring is very beautiful right now where our branch is located in wild, wonderful West Virginia and neighboring Ohio. But some other areas of the Midwest and West have had a very horrific spring with uncommon heavy snow storms and strong tornadoes. We pray for those affected people and the struggles they will need to overcome with rebuilding their homes and lives.

As well, we pray for the people

nearby in East Palestine, OH where their lives were changed when a train carrying hazardous materials derailed on Feb. 3. It's only about 30 miles away from us. The controlled burn of toxic chemicals that followed sent a plume of black smoke into the air that could be seen for miles around. No one knows how long the impact of this chemical release will be felt in the lives of those in the community of East Palestine and immediate surrounding areas.

The application deadline for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation is May 26. Please review the revised, wider-encompassing rules for scholarship grants found on page 26 of this issue. If you are an eligible student, take a few minutes to complete your application.

If you are a past recipient of a scholarship, please think about paying it forward and making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation. Every donation received makes a difference in our students' educational lives.

Now, this issue's interesting fact: Thanks to simplified Hungarian citizenship naturalization, nearly 1.2 million Hungarians living abroad have been granted citizenship. Last year, 318,083 Hungarians from outside the country borders exercised their right to vote in Hungarian political affairs.

We congratulate Branch 349 secretary/treasurer Emily Nicholson on her engagement to Christian Nelson. He surprised her with

a beautiful ring, and she said "yes." We wish them all the best for a healthy and happy lifetime of love.

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

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

Get well wishes continue to go out to Violet Sarosi and all those feeling ill.

If you have any news you wish to share with us, please call me or email at [jen567476@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

Greetings to all branch members!

The deadline is fast approaching to apply for a WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applicants need to give careful attention to the eligibility rules, as they have been substantially revised.

Recently, Bob Jones, our branch coordinator and treasurer, was featured in the Bishop Guilfoyle High School *Purple & Gold* alumnae magazine. Kudos to Bob!

God bless all mothers. Express your love for them, not just on Mother's Day, but every day.

Armed Forces Day occurs on the third Saturday of May. Thank men and women on active duty for our country.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who died while serving in our nation's military. This is the month that many graves are decorated.

Mark your calendar for the branch's annual picnic scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park in Altoona.

Happy graduation to all who are completing an educational/training program this spring.

Best wishes to those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special day.

We hope our members are enjoying good health and able to assist one another when in need.

Sincere sympathy is extended to families who have lost a loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

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

Branch 800 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Education Center, 873-27th St., Altoona. There are no meetings during June and July, and our August meeting is held at the annual picnic.

We look forward to June and summer!



# Next Deadline: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

# Dual Citizenship (cont.)

## Taking things step-by-step

Now that you've concluded you are eligible for dual citizenship, you need to consider the pros and cons discussed earlier. If you conclude the pros outweigh the cons, and you decide to proceed, then let's take a look at a best-case scenario.

You can prove you have/had a Hungarian parent or have Hungarian heritage. You also have some key documents, like birth certificates (including your own).

Next, you'll need to make an appointment to file an application at either the Hungarian Embassy (located near the National Zoo in Washington, DC) or at a consulate general office (located in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York). The Hungarians also have vice consuls and honorary consuls in 19 other U.S. cities who often have the authority to notarize documents and provide other assistance. Check the Hungarian Embassy's website at [www.washington.mfa.gov.hu/eng](http://www.washington.mfa.gov.hu/eng) for a listing of locations, and you may save a trip to a far-away consulate. No fees are needed, unless you decide to apply for a passport at the same time as you file the paperwork.

Your application will be reviewed by officials in Budapest, and you should expect that 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.



## The devil's in the details

Keep in mind that because of Hungary's complicated history of emigration, invasions and occupations, the rules as to who is entitled to citizenship may depend on a number of factors, such as:

- Who left Hungary in what year?
- What were the rules at that time?
- How long did they stay, where?
- Did they keep their Hungarian citizenship?

Further, there are a number of exemptions and opportunities for many, based on who was where, when and for how long?

## The bottom line

Hungarian citizenship may not be something you would use much, but establishing your dual citizenship status can be of enormous assistance to your children and grandchildren as their world can, and will, be a different one.

No one more than us Hungarian-Americans understand how the world situation can change in a heartbeat (think: Ukraine/Russia). Offering your Hungarian heritage to your children formally in a tangible, valuable way for future generations can be priceless. The possibilities are endless!

## What will I need to get started?

- Birth certificates:
  - Yours
  - Your Hungarian parent(s) or grandparent(s)
- Marriage licenses
- Divorce papers (if applicable)
- Citizenship application
- An appointment when you're ready to proceed

*If you'd like some help in your pursuit of dual citizenship, please feel free to contact me. I've just been through the process successfully myself and would be happy to help out. If you need some more specific help, such as translating or tracking down paperwork in Europe, I'd be happy to refer you to someone who can help in Hungary. You can reach me by phone at 719-491-1547 or by email at [david.zelenok@gmail.com](mailto:david.zelenok@gmail.com).*

## Eligibility Rules for Year 2023 Scholarship Grants

The Board of Directors has established the following rules governing eligibility for scholarship recipients:

- a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing for four (4) years as of January 1, 2023.
- b) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they are accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university, school of nursing, technical or trade school.
- c) Grants are awarded based on the student's plan of insurance:
  - Applicants with the Special Juvenile Term to Age 25 plan are eligible for a ONE-TIME \$500 grant, **OR**
  - Applicants with any Whole Life plan with a \$5,000 minimum face amount are eligible for a ONE-TIME \$2,000 grant.
  - Conversion from the Juvenile Term plan to a Whole Life plan is permitted to be eligible for the larger grant. This must be completed before submitting your scholarship application.
  - 2023 Renewal Students will receive the remaining balance of a \$2,000 grant, less previous grants awarded, regardless of insurance plan.
- d) All applicants must complete and submit the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Application for Scholarship Grant, which can be found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. An application also may be obtained by writing to: WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 or may be downloaded from the Association's website at [www.wpalife.org](http://www.wpalife.org).
- e) **All Applicants** must complete one (1) of the following requirements:
  - Submit a one-time essay on a topic that is meaningful to you, limited to between 150-200 words.
  - Attend a WPA branch event/project, which must be approved and verified by a branch officer and submitted by the student to the WPA Home Office by the application deadline date. You may also submit a photograph of your participation for publication in *William Penn Life*.
  - Participate in a community service project, proof of which must be detailed and verified by the Event Coordinator and submitted by the student to the WPA Home Office by the application deadline date. You may also submit a photograph of your participation for publication in *William Penn Life*.
  - Write an article for publication in *William Penn Life*, approved at the Editor's discretion.
- f) All applications, essays, documents and articles must be signed and dated by the student applicant and submitted either via the U.S. Postal Service to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. at the address listed in section (d) above, OR via email to [scholarship@wpalife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpalife.org), OR via fax to 412-231-8535. Materials submitted by anyone other than the student applicant will not be considered. All applications, essays, articles and other documents (excluding proof of enrollment) must be post-marked, emailed or faxed by **Friday, May 26, 2023**. Items postmarked, emailed or faxed after that date will not be considered.
- g) All applicants must submit proof of enrollment for the Fall 2023 academic term. Such proof of enrollment must be mailed and postmarked, emailed or faxed to the WPA Home Office by **August 31, 2023**.
- h) Scholarship grants will be awarded to the applicant by the Executive Committee of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. on a one-time basis. **Grants will be paid directly to the student applicant provided the student applicant is a life benefit member in good standing on the date the check is issued, and all the eligibility requirements stated herein have been met.**
- i) If for any reason the recipient does not attend the school after receiving the grant, it must be returned to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
- j) In compliance with current privacy laws, all information regarding scholarship status will be divulged only to the student applicant and to the parents and/or legal guardians of the applicant.

***Students with questions about these eligibility rules may contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office.  
Phone: 412-231-2979, Ext. 128 • E-mail: [scholarship@wpalife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpalife.org) • Fax: 412-231-8535.***



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

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## Donations

### Donations Through Premium Payments

#### FEBRUARY 2023

- Branch - Donor - Amount
- 14 - Gabriel J. Corrigan - \$10.00
  - 28 - Mary R. Purton - \$5.00
  - 28 - Beverly D. Catalogna - \$4.11
  - 28 - Delaney A. Panigall - \$5.00
  - 28 - Patricia A. Palotsee - \$6.25
  - 34 - Katherine Ann Eitel - \$100.00
  - 88 - Anthony Odooso - \$10.00
  - 89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$3.06
  - 129 - William I. Bracken - \$100.00
  - 129 - Stephanie L. Shepard - \$9.58
  - 129 - Julie Westcamp - \$1.53
  - 129 - Mollie A. Westcamp - \$1.20

- 159 - William Scherfel - \$1.71
  - 209 - Kelli A. Felde - \$25.00
  - 226 - Judit Borsay - \$25.00
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  - 352 - John W. Bush - \$15.00
  - 352 - Louis J. Wasserman - \$25.00
  - 352 - Kaitlyn R. Macie - \$25.00
  - 720 - John A. Puleo - \$28.09
  - 720 - Ronald R. Ferguson - \$13.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$469.93**

#### MARCH 2023

- Branch - Donor - Amount
- 8 - Judith A. Thurman - \$5.00

- 14 - Frances E. Pickett - \$15.00
  - 18 - Emma J. Cislo - \$5.00
  - 19 - Benjamin C. Lopresti - \$14.09
  - 28 - Shane P. Spencer - \$20.00
  - 44 - Elizabeth K. Darago - \$36.65
  - 44 - Kimberly L. Confer - \$44.32
  - 89 - Audrey M. Swartele - \$50.00
  - 89 - Caitlin R. Farley - \$20.00
  - 89 - Michael C. Pillar - \$20.00
  - 129 - Thomas A. Shepard - \$10.88
  - 216 - Jane A. Rucci - \$20.00
  - 336 - Joseph R. Krajcsik - \$20.00
  - 352 - Daniel J. Hurley - \$10.00
  - 720 - Karen F. Puleo - \$7.75
- TOTAL for Month = \$298.69**

### Additional Donations

#### FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

- Donor - Amount  
(In Memory of, if applicable)
- Carol Burlikowski - \$100.00
  - Anne Marie Schmidt - \$25.00  
(Janice Kaskocsak)
  - Anne Marie Schmidt - \$25.00  
(Andrew Bogdanyi)
  - Anne Marie Schmidt - \$25.00  
(Jo Ann Trautman)
  - Anne Marie Schmidt - \$25.00  
(Donald G. Dugan)
  - WPA Cookbook Sales - \$145.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$345.00**



## 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. 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.



# Magyar desserts you have to try

Recently, my parents, siblings and I gathered on a cold winter weekend to plan for our family’s Easter celebration. As usual, we discussed our menu options while enjoying slices of *Dobos* and *Eszterházy torta*, along with coffee. Then, my *anya* (mother) brought up an article online about Hungarian desserts one should try when visiting Hungary.

As I perused the list, I realized that I have eaten all but one of them either here in the States or in Hungary when my family and I visited our relatives several years ago. My cousin Judit has a sweet little shop in Csót, Hungary called *Jutka Cukrászda és Fagyizó* (Jutka Confectionery and Ice Cream Shop). There, I had several special

desserts for the first time.

The one dish mentioned in the story that I have not tried is called *Meggyleves* (Sour Cherry Soup). My *apa* (father) informed us that he had it growing up as a child. His grandmother made the creamy sweet and sour cherry soup from fruit grown in a small orchard in her backyard. He went on to say that he also had it several times at the Hungarian Day gathering at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh.

The May 2023 Wordsearch is a partial list of some great Hungarian sweet treats. There are 14 clues in this month’s contest.

Good Luck and Happy Mother’s Day!

## WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #199 OFFICIAL ENTRY

E	I	D	O	W	P	V	U	E	N	V	A	I	G	A
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S	E	V	E	L	Y	G	G	E	M	G	I	S	M	C

### “Magyar Desserts” Word List

Almás Torta	Gombóc	Palacsinta
Beigli	Kakaós Csiga	Puncsszelet
Dobos Torta	Kókuszgolyó	Rakott Tészta
Fánk	Kürtőskalács	Túrós Rétes
Gerbeaud Cake	Meggyleves	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### RULES

ALL WPA members are eligible to enter. Complete the word search puzzle correctly. Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and WPA Certificate Number, to:

WPA PUZZLE #199  
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Entries must be received at the Home Office by June 30, 2023. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about July 6, 2023, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

### Puzzle Contest #197 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #197 were drawn April 5, 2023 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

- Anna Mae Prindle, Br. 26 Sharon, PA
  - Barbara L. Lipscomb, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
  - Margaret Balogh, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
  - Juanita Harrison, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
- Each won \$50 for their correct entry.



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