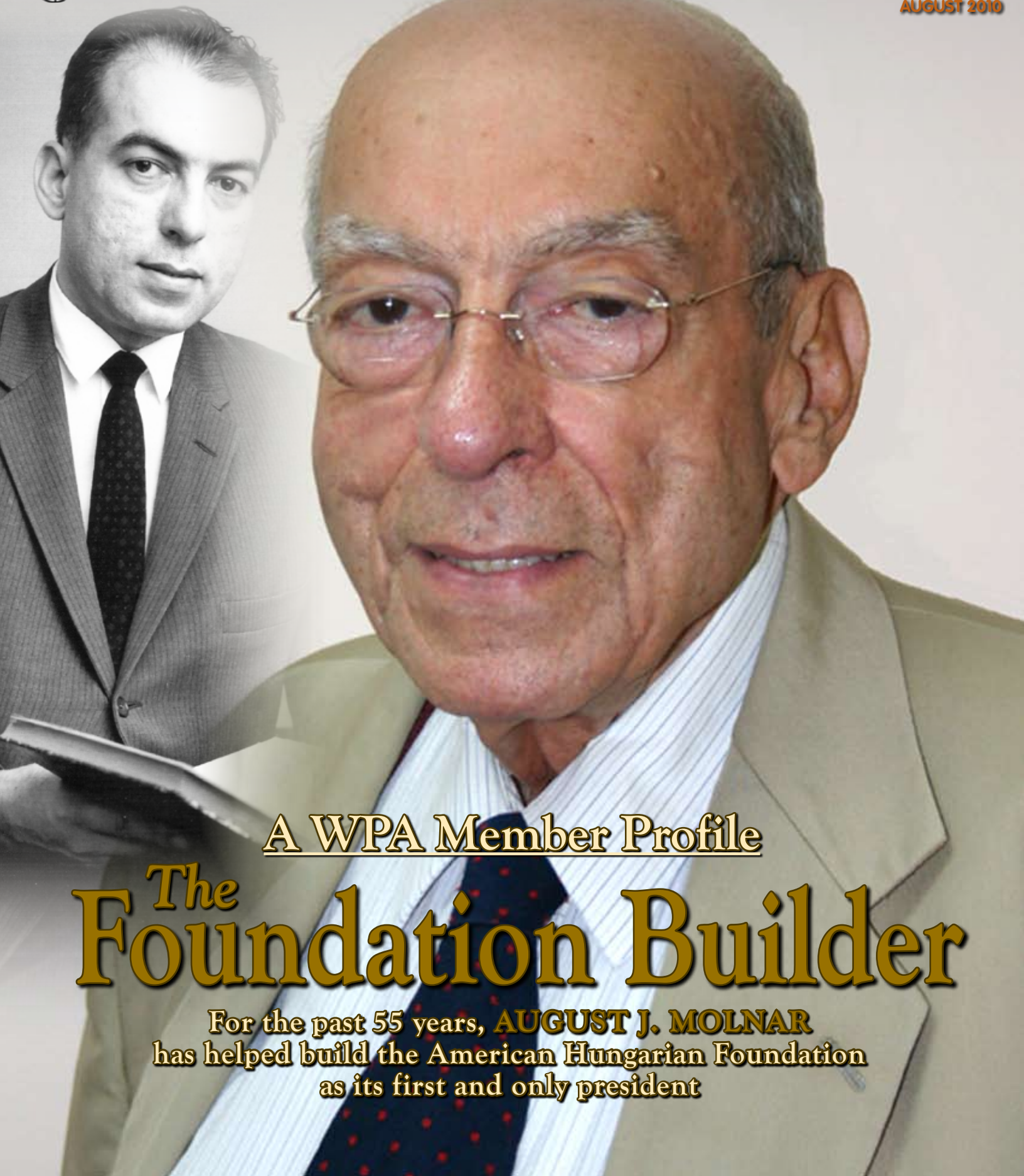




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WPA establishes matching fund to aid flood victims in Hungary



A farm is washed away June 3 by the flooding waters of the Sajo River in Sajokeresztur, about 135 miles northeast of Budapest.

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PITTSBURGH -- The floods which devastated much of Hungary this May and June left many homeless and left thousands more with severely damaged homes in need of much costly repair. Farmers in the northeastern section of the country saw millions of acres of arable land destroyed, their source of income and their livelihood washed away by a fit of nature.

To help those victimized by the record rainfalls, William Penn Association is appealing to its members and friends for donations to aid in the relief and recovery efforts. WPA will double that aid by matching all donations dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000.

"Our hearts go out to all those suffering in Hungary," said Endre Csoman, National Vice President-Fraternal. "Many of those affected are poor farmers who had a hard enough time supporting their families even before the flooding. They need our help."

The need for assistance is great, widespread and immediate.

The problems began in May when record rainfalls swelled rivers and drenched wide areas. In May alone about 8.5 inches of rain fell per square meter, the equivalent of an entire year's worth of rainfall normally. In northeastern Hungary, the level reached a record 10.75 inches per square meter.

The rains continued into June, widening the scope of the disaster.

At one point, more than 27,000 people were working around the clock in some 265 towns trying to build defenses against the rising Danube, Hernad, Sajó and Boldva rivers. Prime Minister Viktor Orbán declared a state of emergency in eight of the country's 19 counties. More than 6,000 people were forced to flee their homes during the deluge.

Hardest hit were farmers. Officials estimate about five million acres of farmland were destroyed, causing an estimated 300 million euros (roughly \$400 million) damage to the farming sector. Experts predict a drop of between 30 and 40 percent in fruit production, leading to shortages in markets and higher prices.

If you would like to aid those devastated by the flooding, please make your tax-deductible donation payable to "William Penn Association Foundation" and send it to: **Hungary Flood Relief, William Penn Association Foundation, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.**

All moneys raised through this appeal will be hand delivered by WPA representatives to officials in Hungary working in the hardest hit areas. "We are in contact with government officials there trying to determine where the most help is needed," Mr. Csoman said. "We want to make sure our members donations will go to the people in the greatest need." □

Scholarship Foundation holds annual meeting

BLAIRSVILLE, PA -- The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation held its annual meeting July 16 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center as part of the WPA's 27th Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days.

Those attending the meeting showed their strong support for the Foundation by pledging a total of \$7,325 during the meeting. The funds raised during the meeting were part of the \$18,964 raised from all the

activities held during the tournament weekend.

Chairman of the Board Stephen J. Varga announced that the Foundation's Spring Appeal had raised more than \$13,000. A second appeal will occur in the fall, and WPA plans to mail such appeals to every member household each spring and fall.

In other business, the Foundation elected 13 members of WPA to serve on the Foundation's board of directors. Those members elected by

unanimous vote were: Michele Daley-LaFlame, Thomas F. House, Doug Miller, Gregory G. Nagy, Katherine E. Novak, Zita Prowse, Frank J. Radvany, Jim Robertson, Catharine Ryan, Cassie Schmidt, Mark Schmidt, Carol Truesdell and Becky Williams.

In addition to the 13 elected members, the Scholarship Foundation board of directors consists of the members of the WPA Board of Directors and the WPA National Officers. □



A weekend for the entire family

THIS MONTH, I want to step away from my usual focus on helping you and your family reach your financial goals, and talk about another aspect of WPA that benefits your family--the fun, fraternal side of WPA.

For 10 years William Penn Association has been holding our annual picnic at Scenic View in the beautiful Laurel Highlands of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Most years our members come in Saturday morning and return home at the end of what can be a long day. We would like to suggest that you try something different for this year's picnic.

The Laurel Highlands offer great family activities and some of the most picturesque scenery in all of Pennsylvania. Fall is one of the most beautiful times to explore the many historic sites and attractions that this area has to offer. We would like to encourage our members and guests to make a weekend of this year's event.

Here's just a sampling of the things you can do while visiting the area:

ACTIVITIES

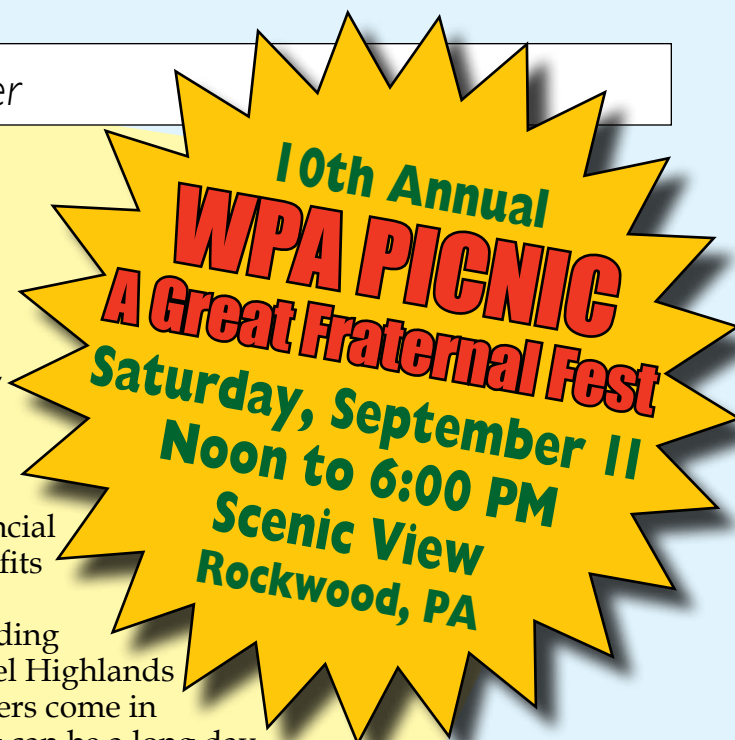
- White water rafting
- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Mountain climbing
- Tennis
- Cave exploring
- Golf (20 courses within 10 miles)
- Alpine Slide
- Bird watching
- Shooting range
- Horseback riding
- Archery
- Paintball
- Hayrides
- Swimming
- Boating
- Fishing/Fly fishing
- Bowling

ATTRACTIONS & HISTORIC SITES

- Fallingwater - World famous home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright
- Fort Ligonier and the historic town of Ligonier, Pennsylvania
- Ohiopyle State Park - White water rafting, canoeing and biking
- Nemacolin Woodlands Resort and Spa
- Seven Springs Resort - 4 miles
- Hidden Valley Resort - 7 miles
- Fort Necessity Battlefield
- Flight 93 Memorial - Shanksville, Pennsylvania
- Laurel Caverns - Cave tours and exploration

LODGING

- **Seven Springs Resort** - (www.7springs.com) offers great activities for families, couples and singles. Well known as a leading ski resort since the 1950's, over the last 10 years Seven Springs has continually developed activities and attractions to make it a year round destination for the entire family.
- If Seven Springs doesn't fit your lifestyle, **Hidden Valley Resort** (www.hiddenvalleyresort.com), located within seven miles of Scenic View, may be ideal.
- If you would prefer a traditional hotel or bed and breakfast, you can find them close by in Somerset, Pa., located just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and less than 25 minutes from Scenic View.



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So what are you waiting for? Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to be a part of our 10th anniversary event! Remember, the WPA Picnic is all about quality family time.



Help us tell our story



In 2011, WPA will mark its 125th year of serving families, our heritage and the greater community. You can help us make it a memorable year by sharing with us any historical items you own relating to WPA and its predecessor organizations. Anything you are willing to share--photos, awards, pins, banners, programs, newspaper clippings, publications--will be greatly appreciated. All items, either loaned or donated, will be included in a special exhibit that will be on display during our 37th General Convention in September 2011. If you have items you would like to loan or donate to our 125th Anniversary exhibit, or if you would like more information, please call Endre Csoman toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 136.



THANK YOU!



Immigrants' stories would be welcome new feature

HOORAY for the new magazine. Love the cover, the paper and the articles. I am enjoying Tibor's writings and have sent him notes telling him so.

You asked for some ideas: First off, this Christmas consider selling a calendar which would have some pictures of old and new Hungary, some pictures of foods and recipes, costumes, etc.

I would love to see some stories from your members telling us where they or their parents or grandparents came from. Did they come through Ellis Island? Do they have stories about the trip on the ships? Where did they settle? Some of these have to be scary stories for them, some funny, some sad. I suggest this as an idea since my lovely daughter has been trying to trace my father's history for 12 years. She's had some luck, some not. She went to Ellis Island last year and had the family name put on the plaque.

So, these are just a few of my thoughts. Hope they are useful. Keep up the good work. Get the chefs to keep working on their recipes...especially the really old authentic recipes from Europe.

Have a good day,
Anna Cassar
Scottsdale, AZ

(It's always a good day, Anna, when we receive letters from members like you. Thanks for the kind words and, more importantly, your suggestions. We will give them serious consideration.)

Remembering more about St. Ann's pastor

I AM WRITING in response to Endre Csoman's "Remembering St. Ann's Hungarian R. C. Church" in the June 2010 issue. Mr. Csoman's piece did not mention the other Roman Catholic Hungarian Church that Father Dismachek served in Daisytown, Pa. I attended this church, the Hungarian

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Assumption Church, with my mother and grandmother for almost 20 years. Father Dismachek drove from Hazelwood every Sunday and all holidays no matter what the weather. He would drive to Christmas midnight Mass because he said it reminded him of Bethlehem.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Huffman
Eighty Four, PA

WPA support helps Florida students compete at Science Olympiad

I JUST WANTED to thank William Penn Association for helping to sponsor me to the National Science Olympiad Competition held at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana last May 22. It was a daunting task to raise enough money to send 13 team members plus their coaches and chaperones in such a short time period. We are not very experienced in fund raising as this team has only been competing for three years. I am proud to have been a three-year member.

The first year, my team won the Central Florida Regional Competition and placed seventh in the state com-

petition. The second and third years, my team won the Central Florida Regional Competition, however, we also placed second in the state of Florida (both years), which afforded us the opportunity to compete nationally.

Although we did respectably at the national event last May, we did not take home any medals. However, my team was awarded the Spirit Award for the middle school division. As you may not know, the Science Olympiad Spirit Awards are among the highest honors given to teams, and recognize students and coaches that have a positive attitude, exemplify teamwork, have respect for the rules and their fellow competitors, and exhibit sportsmanlike conduct. This award consists of a beautiful trophy and a \$2,000 check to be used toward furthering the schools' Science Olympiad program. I am proud to have helped contribute to the science enrichment of my lower classmates for next year. Although this was my last year at Windy Ridge Middle School and I'll be attending Olympia High School next year, I will surely miss all of my coaches and teammates. Way to go, Windy Ridge!

Again, thanks for helping to make this event so memorable for me, my parents, and especially my grandfather, Michael F. Tomcsak.

Maren M. Tomcsak
Orlando, FL

Bronze leaf is family's way of thanking WPA

Enclosed find a check for \$250 to purchase a leaf on the bronze level on the Tree of Knowledge.

The Simon family is very grateful to William Penn Association for the grant they provided to their children.

They have all graduated with business, masters and nursing degrees, and all are doing well.

We would like to thank WPA for their gifts and generosity.

Faternally yours,
The Simon Family

Hungary remains defiant with IMF despite dire predictions

BUDAPEST -- Prime Minister Viktor Orbán maintained a defiant stance over Hungary's failed negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), despite predictions the impasse could weaken the nation's bonds and currency.

Talks between Hungary and the IMF ended in July with the two sides failing to agree to terms on a new standby credit agreement and other long term issues, including Hungary's 2011 budget.

The IMF issued a statement saying the government needs to make "tough decisions, notably on spending" if it is to reach its previously agreed goal of reducing Hungary's deficit to 3.8 percent of GDP this year.

Orbán, in remarks following a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel held several days after the IMF talks stalled, said he sees no point in continuing negotiations with the IMF and will instead confer exclusively with the EU on how to reduce the budget deficit to below 3 percent in 2011. He also said Hungary will

meet it's 3.8 percent goal this year.

The IMF is providing much of a 20-billion-euro emergency loan to Hungary under a 2008 bailout agreement. Meanwhile, Hungary is in its fifth year of belt-tightening measures and hopes to persuade creditors to loosen restraints on the country's deficit targets.

"This is definitely negative for bonds and negative for the currency, both in speculative terms and in real flows," said London-based economist Peter Attard Montalto in an interview with Bloomberg BusinessWeek.

The forint fell 4.6 percent against the euro in the two days following the end of talks with the IMF and has fallen 6.5 percent against the euro in the past three months.

The forint did recover slightly a few days later, but some financial analysts expect the forint and bond prices to drop further and are advising investors to stay away for now.

"Our responsibility is to restore confidence in Hungary," said Deputy Prime Minister Tibor Navracsics. □

Emergency fund established to aid victims of Philly duck boat accident

MARSHALLTON, PA -- The local United Methodist Church is collecting donations to aid the Hungarian students and teachers involved in the July duck boat accident on the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

Two Hungarian students--Dóra Schwendtner, 16, and Szabolcs Prem, 20--died in the incident.

The Hungarian students and teachers were staying with members of the church while visiting the U.S. as part of a cultural exchange program. They were on a sightseeing trip July 7 aboard the duck boat, when the boat became disabled in the river and was rammed by a barge being pushed by a tugboat. The 35 passengers on the duck boat were thrown into the river, and all were rescued except the two students. Their bodies were recovered two days later.

In the days following the accident, Pastor Scott Widmer said his church received many expressions of condolences and monetary donations. It set up the Hungarian Students Emergency Fund to handle the donations.

The money will be used to help all the victims of the accident, both Hungarian and American, he said. Funds will be used to pay for medical bills, counseling, potential lost income and any other unforeseen expenses.

Memorial services for the victims were held July 10, both along the banks of the Delaware River and outside Kossuth Lajos Secondary School in Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary, where the victims were students.

For information on the emergency fund, please call the church at 610-696-5247, or visit the church's web site at www.marshalltonchurch.org. □

In Brief

□ The Annual Birmingham (Ohio) Ethnic Festival will be held Sunday, Aug. 15, from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Consaul Street in East Toledo's Birmingham neighborhood. This family event features Hungarian and ethnic foods, arts and crafts exhibits, cultural displays and a wide variety of music, dance and entertainment. Food available for purchase includes chicken paprikás and kolbász dinners, Hungarian pastries, paprikás noodles and gravy, kolbász sandwiches, stuffed cabbages and szalonna sütés. For more information, visit the Festival web site at www.birminghamethnicsfestival.org.

□ The American Hungarian Reformed Presbyter's Association will hold its 64th Annual Conference Aug. 28 and 29 at the Bethlen Communities Conference Room in Ligonier, Pa. The theme for this year's conference will be the "Past, Present and Future of the Presbyter's Association." Organizers of the meeting are planning open forum discussions during which attendees can determine the group's future by exploring its past. For more information, call Wilburn A. Roby Jr. at 724-285-8851 or email him at warajr@embarqmail.com.

□ Fidesz-Christian Democrat candidate Pál Schmitt was elected Hungary's new president in a landslide during voting in Parliament June 29. Schmitt received 263 of a possible 366 votes. He will succeed incumbent László Sólyom on Aug. 6. In his acceptance speech Schmitt said "it is an historic task to create a new Constitution for a united Hungarian nation. All people are born equal, are entitled to the same rights and have the same obligations." Prior to the election, the Jobbik Party said it would not vote. Jobbik chairman Gábor Vona said "we consider Schmitt a decent Hungarian. The big question is whether he will be able to politically meet the challenge, as we know he is a party politician." András Schiffer of the Politics Can Be Different Party (LMP) said he expects the president-elect to be an effective counterweight against the governing power. LMP had wanted Sólyom to retain his post, but will cooperate with Schmitt.

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Ed has completed a series of Life Office Management Association (LOMA) courses. He has successfully completed a Dale Carnegie class in public relations. Ed has been a member of several com-

panies' President's Round Tables, reserved for the companies' top 12 agents nationwide. Since joining WPA, Ed has consistently been one of our leading sales representatives.

His personal interests include traveling and all major sports. He also enjoys playing tennis and racquetball. He is the proud father of 12-year-old twins Susan and Natalie.

Ed has a spot in his heart for all children. He provides Thanksgiving meals to less fortunate families and gives presents to deserving children on Christmas because he believes no child should wake up Christmas morning without a present to open.

Ed feels very fortunate to be not only a representative but also a member of WPA and encourages all his family members and friends to become members of this great fraternal society. "The Home Office is friendly and always willing to go that extra mile for our members," Ed says.

Ed has been a big help to his clients with insurance selection, complexity and cost maintenance. Ed's interested in developing a relationship with his clients for the long-term by meeting their needs. Many members consider Ed their friend who happens to sell William Penn Association insurance. □

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Tibor's Take with Tibor Check, Jr.

Hungarian cookbooks serve many purposes

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, I have received several emails and letters in response to May's take on "Cooking Hungarian Style." Among them were several questions about Hungarian cookbooks. For someone who is new to Hungarian traditions, or for someone who needs help preparing a difficult recipe, a cookbook is an essential part of anyone's library. As a result, choosing the right book can be a maddening process, because there are so many variables to be considered.

The gastronomical recommendations are best left to the professionals like Chef Béla, as first and foremost, a cookbook should be filled with recipes that are: (a) easy to follow and (b) taste good. If a cookbook cannot deliver good Hungarian food, then more than likely it is not worth the pages it is printed on. So, here are a few pointers to make your search a little easier:

Ask around. What books do your relatives and friends use? Is there a common cookbook that everyone uses, even if it is not their favorite?

Eat around. Have you really enjoyed someone's *gulyás* or *paprikás csirke* (chicken paprikas)? Ask the chef where he or she got their recipe. (But be careful: sometimes the ingredient lists and recipes are closely guarded secrets.)

Shop around. The information age has really made

research much easier. Go on

Amazon.com,

Ebay or other shopping

websites and look for cookbooks. Many times, previous shoppers will leave reviews that are a great help in deciding which book is right for you.

Of course, different cookbooks have different applications. Some cookbooks are geared toward non-Hungarians who want to try their hand at one of the world's most delicious cuisines. Local Hungarian churches and organizations will compile a book filled with member-submitted recipes. These are very reliable, as every submission is nearly guaranteed to be a success, due to self-editing. Would you put a subpar recipe in a book for all to see? These cookbooks also have a great deal of non-Hungarian dishes, which makes for a great multitasker in the kitchen.

Now, what are my recommendations? First, the WPA Cookbook is a must, due to its easy to understand recipes and wide range of dishes, including well-known Hungarian favorites and more exotic victuals.

My personal favorite is a cookbook called *Culinaria Hungary*. It is thick and heavy (it could double as a coffee table book). It is filled with vivid full-color photos



Consider & Discuss

Next month, WPA will be hosting its 10th annual WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest. This day-long Hungarian celebration features world-class Magyar food. Among the gastronomic delights served will be chicken and mushroom *paprikás*, *kolbász*, *gulyás* and *szalonna sütés*. Try everything, return for more; it is your choice of what you want and how much.


This is your opportunity to listen to world-class Hungarian music, too. Internationally-acclaimed cimbalom virtuoso Alex Udvarý will team up with renowned *primás* George Batyi of Pittsburgh to entertain listeners and dancers alike with Magyar music so sweet that it's usually only heard at the best restaurants in Budapest.

There will be Hungarian dancers performing in full costume. There will be raffles for beautiful prizes. There will be vendors selling hundreds of Hungarian items, anything from paprika to recorded Magyar music to "Hungarian Pride" shirts and blouses. Meet WPA President George Charles, as well as the other National Officers and members of the Board, and *William Penn Life*

contributors such as Endre Csoman, John Lovasz, and Chef Bela.

I have received literally hundreds of communiqués from readers of my column wondering how they can get their children or grandchildren to become more involved in Hungarian activities. My suggestion is to come to Scenic View on Sept. 11. Talk with your youthful loved ones on the way down. Explain to them the music, show them pictures and maps, tell them stories about growing up as a Magyar. This event showcases our pride in being Hungarians, where it is cool to be a Hungarian American. I hope to see you there.

If the fabulous Fraternal Fest does not completely whet your Hungarian whistle, I suggest that you travel a short distance to Youngstown, Ohio's, lovely West Side for the 25th Annual Youngstown Hungarian Heritage Day. It starts at noon on Sunday, Sept. 12. Just as at the affair from the day before, here you can experience limitless Magyar culture, food and music. I'll be there as well. Stop on by and have some fun, Hungarian Style! □



and detailed recipes that capture authentic, unadulterated Hungarian cuisine. It also has articles and stories that deal with the history and lore of Hungary, whether it is the legends about the csárda (road-side inn) or Hungarian Christmas traditions. I like *Culinaria Hungary* because it is part history book, part tourist pamphlet, part picture book, and mostly, a really, really good cookbook.

Yet, I confess there is another reason for it being my favorite cookbook. Over the years, our copy has grown and swelled with newspaper articles, recipes scribbled hastily on index cards, pictures drawn by my siblings and me, and many other items of note. Just by cracking open *Culinaria*, half of our family history falls out. That is why I recently acquired a second copy of *Culinaria Hungary*. I now use one copy for archiving and casual reading and the other copy for whipping up a great Hungarian dish. With two copies of the cookbook, I can concentrate on either cooking or reminiscing.

Maybe the same is true in your family. Maybe there is a cookbook that has been used for decades, passed through generations, and with each passing year, it becomes more than a cookbook. Maybe Grandma put a birthday card next to her favorite goulash recipe, or maybe the writing next to the *krémes* recipe is the last bit of handwriting left from Great-grandma who came over from Hungary. Maybe there are old newspaper clippings announcing engagements, weddings or births. Maybe there is the odd photo of an uncle's military graduation or an old letter hastily written in Hungarian.

Much of my family's history is contained between those yellowed pages. Every stain or smudge is an artifact left over from bygone days. Cookbooks in my family are like time capsules. As a general rule, every time our recipe books are taken down from the shelf, it returns to its place with something new. Whether it is my sister inadvertently dripping some *lekvar* on

a page or my Dad clipping a newspaper article next to a preferred recipe, our cookbooks grow and swell with the history of the Cseh Család.

As a historian, it gives me chills to think that one day that my descendants may be carefully opening some of the cookbooks that my family and I used. Who knows, maybe in the distant future, paper and bound books will be an antiquity, obsolete just as a telegraph machine is today. No matter, our heritage will be preserved for the generations that will follow me. If only it was that simple for all Hungarian-Americans.

So, whether you are just buying your first Hungarian cookbook, or if you are looking for one to fill some space on the shelf, choose carefully. Buy one that is practical of course, but make sure there is plenty of space between the pages, as you can bet that little mementos and notes of your family's past will sneak their way in. I know now it may seem inconsequential, but believe me, it will be cherished by your future Magyar-American generations.

Éljen a Magyar, Tibor

Tibor Check Jr. is a member of Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio, and a student at Cleveland State University. He serves as host of the "Souvenirs of Hungary" weekly radio show broadcast on WKTL-90.7 FM in Struthers, Ohio.

What's your take?

Let me know how you enjoy my thoughts and views on growing up Hungarian Style. If you have any questions or comments about me or my column, please email me at: SilverKing1937@yahoo.com, or drop me a letter in care of the William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

Did you know they're Hungarian?

Did you know John Ratzenberger is Hungarian? The name may not ring a bell, but this popular actor and voice for Pixar/Disney animated movies is best known from a television show "where everybody knows your name." That's right, Cliff Clavin, the know-it-all mailman from the beloved sitcom *Cheers* is a true red, white and green Hungarian-American.

He was born János Desző Ratzenberger in Bridgeport, Conn., on April 6, 1947, son of Desző and Bertha Ratzenberger. He attended St. Ann's school and briefly enrolled at Sacred Heart University. Like many comedians, he tried several occupations before hitting it big in show business. He spent 10 years in England as a carpenter, and in his spare time tried his hand at English theater. He then returned to America and unsuccessfully tried out for small acting roles in television.

His big break came when he was invited by the creators of *Cheers* to read for the role of Norm. After being rejected for that part, he approached the show's idea people about having a bar buddy for Norm. The new character would be a smart aleck know-it-all that could solve everybody's problems but his own. Ratzenberger's presentation was so convincing that the producers of *Cheers* hired him on the spot for the newly-created role. He was given free rein to develop the character of Cliff Clavin.

Besides *Cheers*, Ratzenberger hosted Travel Channel's award winning show *Made in America!* (2003-2008). Recently, Ratzenberger's voice has become one of the most recognized in the world of cartoon animation. He has voiced the roles of "Hamm" in three *Toy Story* movies and "Mack" in *Cars*. He is one of Hollywood's top 20 money makers over the last 20 years. □



Flatbreads



FÁRADJON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA!

The Tom's Run course in Blairsville, Pa., attracted many golfers and the weather was a perfect backdrop for the WPA tournament. All had a great time. A good course, just like a good restaurant, attracts the best. Next year we are back at Quicksilver in Midway, Pa.

Good friends planted a garden next to the house in early spring, which provides us with veggies from the middle of July until the end of the season. The green cabbage count was 83 heads. This fall we will be eating plenty of stuffed cabbage! An abundance of green, yellow and pole beans round out the harvest. Yet to come, are the summer squash, zucchini, parsnips and beets. My job has been weeding and watering all summer long.

In New Hampshire, we are enjoying a very casual summer of hot days in the 80's and cool nights below 65. Only one complaint--the summer is going by too fast. While school and teaching are fun, I could use a few more weeks of rest and relaxation.

Monthly Trivia: *How many flatbreads does one bushel of wheat produce?* Fresh from the oven, the answer awaits.

Baked for over 6,000 years, providing sustenance for many cultures, bread is a staple of our diets. It is a simple product of flour, water, yeast and salt. The earliest breads were baked using the coals of a fire, providing a constant heat source. After the discovery of yeast and the fermentation process, ancient bakers created new breads having more body.

Flatbreads were the first produced and remain popular today. Pita, lavash, naan, matzo, tortillas and pizza are the most popular flatbreads consumed. The Romans called it *panis focacius*, and we know it as *focaccia*, or flatbread pizza, baked in the ashes or hot coals of the fireplace. The Turks call it *pita*, and we Hungarians know it as *lángos*. When the Turks invaded Hungary, they brought many influences to Magyar cuisine. Another Turkish influence, *bogaca*, became *pógácsa*, a type of sweet biscuit. A future column of The HK will provide more about biscuits and scones.

Lángos used to be baked next to the open flame of a wood-fired oven. Now, it is deep-fried, which makes it different from the other flatbreads. Open flames produce

intense heat, baking dough in a matter of minutes and producing a dry finished product. Deep-frying seals the dough, creating a crispy outside and soft center.

Adding potatoes--a Magyar trend to the flatbread recipe--makes a tastier dough known as *krumplislángos*. This flatbread is a very popular fast food in many European countries sold by street vendors at festivals and fairs. It is also available in fast food restaurants and is regarded as both a meal and snack food.

Here are some tips to produce the best *lángos*.

- Use smaller new potatoes, steamed then mashed with butter, salt and white pepper.
- Add a savory flavor to the flour, such as granulated garlic, onion powder, barbecue spice or a soup base.
- Use sweet flavorings--such as cocoa powder, almond paste, fruit juice, cordials or liqueurs--for the liquid portion of the recipe.
- Do not over mix the dough.
- Add chopped fruit, nuts, meats, or veggies toward the end of the kneading process.
- Use canola oil or lard when frying for best results.
- Let the *lángos* drain on paper towels before serving.

Enjoy the recipes and be creative with your flavors and toppings. Take advantage of the seasonal fresh veggies and fruits from your garden or local farmers market.

Trivia answer: 360 four-ounce, whole wheat flatbreads are produced using a 90-pound bushel of wheat.

Have a great month!

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Zöldségeskert Lángos

1 pound bread flour
 ½ cup milk warmed to 110 degrees
 ½ pounds boiled & mashed potatoes
 1 teaspoon sugar
 2¼ teaspoons dry yeast
 1 envelope of Knorr Vegetable soup mix
 ½ cup warm water
 Oil or lard to deep fry

In a small bowl, combine yeast in warm milk with sugar then let rise for 15 minutes. In another small bowl, combine the cold water and soup mix and let stand for 15 minutes until the veggies soften. Add more water if needed. In a large mixing bowl, mix the flour and soup liquid with the mashed potatoes making a well for the yeast/milk liquid. Pour the yeast liquid in and make dough that is silky smooth. Add more flour if the dough is too sticky or cold water if the dough is too dry. Let dough rise to double in size. Punch down and

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portion dough equally. Make circles about ½-inch thick then fry until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels then top with shredded cheese or sour cream and serve.

Krumpli Lángos

2 pounds potatoes, peeled & quartered
 2 whole eggs
 ½ teaspoon salt
 3 cups flour
 Oil or lard for frying

In a sauce pan, boil the potatoes until soft then mash with salt, white pepper and butter. Adjust flavor to your taste. Slightly cool then add the eggs and flour in three steps. Add cold water a tablespoon at a time if the mixture is

dry. Mix until you have smooth dough. Portion dough equally then roll into thin circles before frying. Fry until both sides are golden brown. Drain on paper towels then top and serve.

Griddle Flatbread

3 cups bread flour
 1 cup water or flavored liquid
 3 tablespoons melted, unsalted butter
 2 teaspoons salt
 ¼ teaspoon white pepper
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon baking soda
 Canola oil for frying

In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except the canola oil and mix then knead into smooth dough. Cut dough into equal pieces then roll into a thin circle and prick with a fork. Heat a griddle or black iron skillet then add canola oil and cook until golden brown on each side turning once using a spatula. Top and serve warm to your guests.

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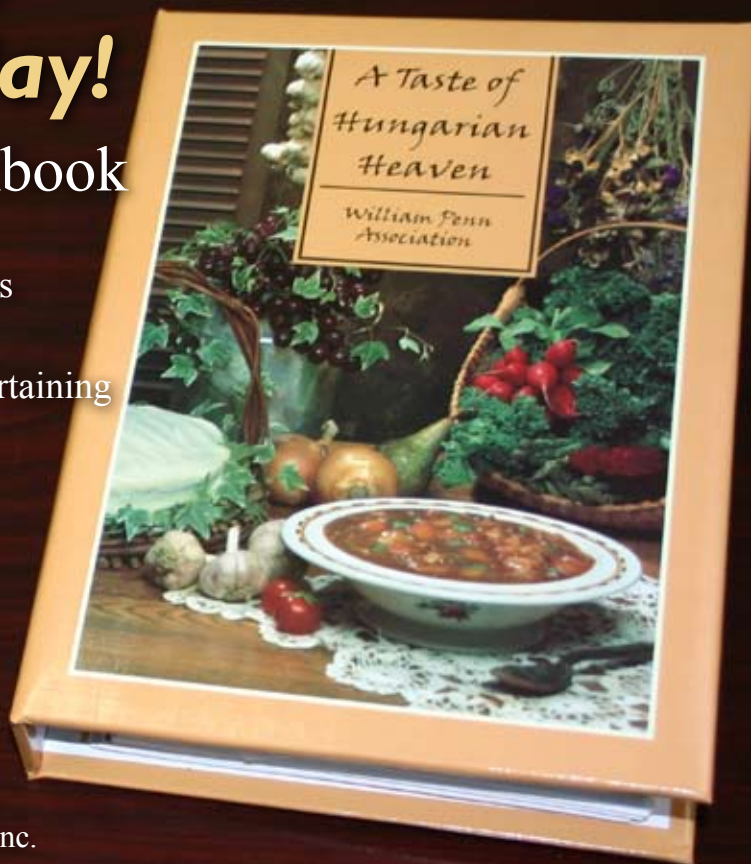
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Supplementing your diet

Vitamins, minerals and beyond

from News In Health

The world of dietary supplements is getting more and more complicated. People aren't just taking vitamins and minerals anymore. Now, things like glucosamine, saw palmetto, black cohosh and ginkgo biloba are crowding onto shelves beside old standbys like vitamin C, calcium and iron. How do you sort through it all?

Dietary supplements include a broad range of vitamins, minerals, herbs and other substances meant to improve upon your diet. They can come as pills, capsules, powders and liquids.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which regulates dietary supplements, treats them more like foods than like drugs. Dr. Paul M. Coates, director of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), says, "dietary supplements are generally regarded as safe based on a long history of human use, unless proven otherwise. By contrast, drugs are not assumed to be safe until extensive testing has been done to prove their safety."

Supplements can play an important role in your health. Some doctors advise patients to take a multivitamin-mineral supplement to make sure they're getting enough of all the nutrients they need. While this may provide some insurance, Carol Haggans, a consultant with ODS, cautions, "people shouldn't feel they can make up for an unhealthy diet by taking a multivitamin-mineral supplement." A combination of all the vitamins and minerals together in foods provide the greatest health benefit, she says. "In general, if you eat a healthy diet, you shouldn't need to supplement it with extra nutrients."

However, some people might need

more of certain nutrients. Doctors often advise women of child-bearing age to take folic acid, for example. Many people don't get enough calcium. It's probably best to eat two to three servings per day of calcium-rich foods like dairy products. But if you have trouble eating dairy products because they upset your stomach and you don't get enough calcium in other foods, a supplement might help.

Since some supplements may help you, it's easy to go a step farther and think that taking more would be even better. This can cost a lot and may not provide the benefit you expect. It can also be risky.

"Almost all of the nutrients have tolerable upper intake levels--the amount it's recommended you stay under each day," Haggans says. Amounts above these levels can be toxic. Too much vitamin A, for instance, can cause birth defects, liver problems, weak bones and nervous system disorders. Too much calcium can cause kidney problems and block your ability to use other minerals in your diet.

NIH has several studies under way to look at whether high doses of certain supplements can prevent disease. Dr. Coates explains that, for the most part, supplement "megadoses" haven't been tested. "Absence of evidence of harm isn't the same as evidence of absence of harm," he says. "In many cases we just don't know."

It's not difficult to get high doses of certain nutrients, either. Breakfast cereals have long been fortified with vitamins and minerals. Now, many other fortified products are crowding onto grocery shelves as consumers buy into the idea that more is better. Look at the foods and supplements

you're eating together to make sure that your total intake of any one nutrient isn't too high. If you're concerned, talk to a health care provider such as a doctor, pharmacist or registered dietitian, or check the nutrient recommendation information at the ODS web site.

Dietary supplements beyond traditional vitamins and minerals have also become popular. In one study, about one out of every five people surveyed used natural products such as echinacea, ginseng, glucosamine and ginkgo biloba. But since they're regulated more like foods than drugs, in a lot of cases it is not known how or even if these supplements work as their supporters claim.

"Be prepared to ask questions," Dr. Coates advises. "These products are available on drug store shelves, supermarket shelves and vitamin store shelves in packaging that makes them look like drugs, but they aren't regulated like drugs. Consumers have to realize that the drug rules don't apply."

Haggans adds, "people assume if it's on the shelf it must be safe and we must know a lot about it, but that's not necessarily the case."

If you're considering taking a supplement, consult with your health care provider. Some supplements can interfere with other medications, so have a list ready of all the medications and supplements you're taking or considering.

If you decide that a particular dietary supplement is right for you, make sure you're buying a reliable brand. There are independent laboratories that test supplement products for quality and purity. "There are companies whose products are made to very high standards," Dr. Coates says, "but that's not always the case." □

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A WPA Member Profile

The Foundation Builder

*Professor, minister, author, historian
and card-carrying bricklayer,*

AUGUST J. MOLNAR

*used all his knowledge, skills and
experiences to help build the
American Hungarian Foundation
as its first and only president
for the past 55 years*

By Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

*August J. Molnar, in the early days of the
American Hungarian Foundation (left) and
as he approaches the end of his tenure as
president (right).*

Life takes us on a journey, sometimes on a straight and obvious path. That path can also meander and take us to places we've dreamt as a possibility but not quite a reality. The key ingredient to realization is destiny. The journey toward that destiny can be quite a story, such as the life of Professor August J. Molnar, executive officer and president of the American Hungarian Foundation (AHF) in New Brunswick, New Jersey. For the past 55 years Prof. Molnar has performed this role and there have been many who have touched his life and who have made this all possible for him.

Walking towards the door of the Foundation's Hungarian Heritage Center on Somerset Street in New Brunswick, I am struck by the beautiful simplicity of the building's architecture. This was once the sight of the James Potter Needle Factory where many immigrants were employed. Here, you are welcomed with a warm, Hungarian feeling, which was probably what building architect Laszlo Papp had envisioned.

A friendly woman waves to me as she waters the flowers in the courtyard. Waiting with me to enter the building is Susan, a high school junior who is reporting for her first day on the job at the Foundation. It is a sunny, warm morning, typical for late June in northern New Jersey. I am early for my 11:00 a.m. appointment as I ring the door bell.

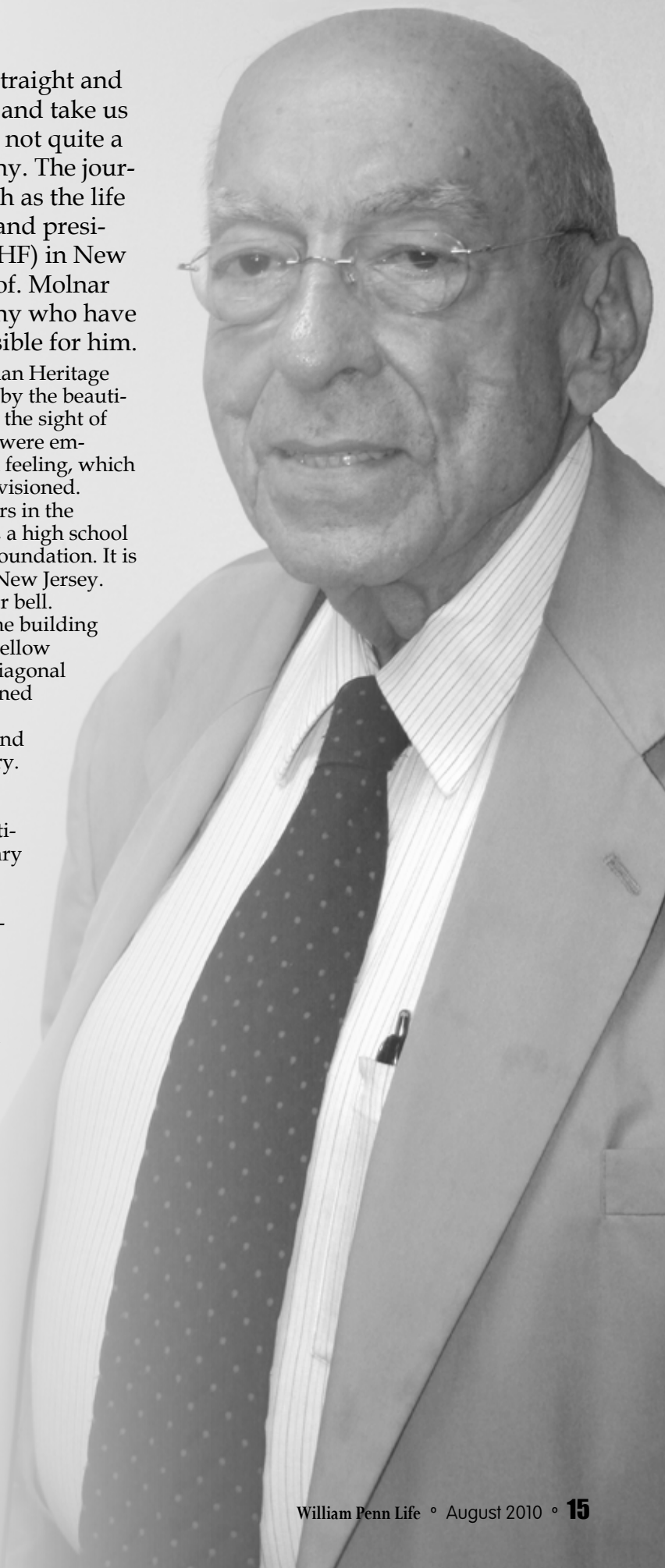
After a minute or two, a man approaches from inside the building to open the door. He is wearing a short-sleeve, blue-and-yellow striped shirt, suspenders and a blue tie with thin yellow diagonal stripes which hangs loosely knotted and from his unbuttoned collar. For a moment, I see "Gus," not "Prof. Molnar."

He is pleased to have Susan on board and happy to spend part of the day showing me around and telling me his story. For an 83 year old, Prof. Molnar is fresh and excited about what the day has to offer and begins describing how his previous week had ended. He explained that teachers participating in the Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar in Hungary and the Czech Republic had their orientation program in conjunction with the City of New Brunswick and Rutgers University, both with which Prof. Molnar has a close affiliation. The Fulbright participants visited the Hungarian Heritage Center, and Prof. Molnar made a presentation to the teachers.

Such is the life of Prof. Molnar: demanding, a bit daunting at times, with a bit of diplomacy added for good measure. Apparently it's not boring because Prof. Molnar has spent most of his life devoted to the Foundation's credo to "Conserve, Collect, Celebrate" the Hungarian culture in America.

Throughout his days at work, Prof. Molnar is surrounded by many aspects of the Hungarian culture. Currently at the Foundation's museum is a vibrant display of Hungarian folk art. After guiding me on a quick tour of the awesome displays, Prof. Molnar leads me upstairs to the Foundation's archives.

Along the way, lining the outside wall of a number of shelves, are the intriguing coats of arms of the major Hungarian universities, which were donated to the Foundation by the University of Pittsburgh. Laid out before us in the archives are rows upon rows of shelves of the vast Edmund Vasvary Collec-



tion on Hungarians in America. This is a rather significant collection and a valuable resource about Hungarian-Americans. The collection is a glimpse into the lives of Hungarian-Americans--a treasure trove for those researching this ethnic group. The project of microfilming and cataloging these items was one of many projects which Prof. Molnar has overseen throughout his tenure.

We settle in the Foundation's library, which is used in conjunction with the library of Rutgers University, also located in New Brunswick, where Prof. Molnar was professor of Hungarian Studies. He still has a close affiliation with Rutgers and is pleased that the AHF continues its relationship with the university, seeing it as a benefit for anyone who wants to use this library for their own research.

As we sit in the library, I immediately recognize the hand-carved matching tables and chairs. They were originally created specifically for the Verhovay Aid Association as its board room furniture and graced WPA's board room for many years before becoming part of WPA's archival collection at the AHF. This furniture definitely works well with the room and has found another life within the walls of the Foundation.

As I begin to ask questions of Prof. Molnar, I am struck by the fact that he is the face of the American Hungarian Foundation. But, he is quick to point out that "the job is bigger than one person", and credits all of the individuals and institutions that have made the Foundation a reality and not merely a dream.

To examine Prof. Molnar's life's work, you have to begin with his father, the first August Molnar. "I really want to do a story on his life," Prof. Molnar said. "This is one of the things, if the good Lord gives me the time, I'd like to go to Hungary and get all of the details."

It is here one has to wonder: "What if?"--as in, what if his father had not decided to emigrate from Hungary to the United States in 1910? So, in effect, Prof. Molnar's story is rooted in his father's decision to leave his homeland.

The elder August was raised in Ózd in northern Hungary. Typically, few people left this region of Hungary because there were plenty of jobs available in that industrial town. He was a bricklayer and stone mason by trade, but the time came when he was required to enter the military and eventually was trained as an officer. "But, he wanted no part of the next war," Prof. Molnar remembers. "If he stayed, he felt he would never make it through the war. So, he served his three mandatory years, and he left and came" to America to pursue his trade in an enterprising, new country.

Settling first in Virginia, Mr. Molnar worked in the mines alongside other immigrants. He quickly made friends and established contacts for other types of work, always looking to achieve his goal of having his own business. The Nemeth family in particular, who would eventually settle in Bobtown, Pa., became close with him, and Prof. Molnar recalls as a child often visiting the Nemeth's in Bobtown.

Mr. Molnar moved to Philadelphia and stayed for



August Molnar's parents, August and Mary, on their wedding day.

several years where he took work in a hat factory. Ever mindful that hat making was not his life's work, he decided to travel to western Pennsylvania where his skills could be put to better use. His sights were on Pittsburgh and Aliquippa where steel mills were under construction. While working in the mills, Prof. Molnar's father was a bricklayer assigned the dangerous task of replacing bricks in the open hearth ovens of the furnaces. Not afraid of hard work and maintaining his goals, he was able to use his tradesman's abilities and learned how to use them in the hellish environment "on the American scene," as Prof. Molnar says.

After saving some money, conversing with co-workers, and reading Hungarian-American newspapers, Mr. Molnar was next drawn to Cleveland. There, more work was to be found, as he continued practicing his trade under the tutelage of

American contractors and builders. By 1918 Mr. Molnar had established himself as an independent contractor. "He built the Hungarian Baptist Church in Cleveland, and that was his first major construction job," Prof. Molnar proudly stated. It would be the first of numerous construction jobs on Hungarian churches that Mr. Molnar oversaw throughout Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio.

His father developed relationships along his path. These relationships led to business referrals and enduring friendships as well, so his businessman father was in demand. Prof. Molnar also credits the Hungarian language newspapers that his father read with providing leads for available work. "Cleveland was an attractive place for all walks of life, even tradesmen, as he could use opportunities," explained Prof. Molnar.

Throughout his career, Mr. Molnar built houses, stores, apartment buildings and even mansions in the Shaker Heights section of Cleveland. "I grew up with this," said

The Hungarian studies program at Elmhurst received both support and recognition from the Verhovay Aid Association.

Hungarian Student Group Welcomed To Elmhurst College



The President of Elmhurst College welcomes the Hungarian student group: 1 to r: Dr. Diskmeyer; Ronald Korsch, Cleveland; Lilla Finley, Passaic, N. J.; Joan Nagy, Detroit; Arlene Wauther, Chicago; Barnabas Veres, Alhpa, N. J.; Edith Zoltani, Chicago; Pirooska Ablanczy, Schenectady, N. Y.; Robert Deak, Duquesne, Pa.; August J. Molnar, professor; Second row: John Molnar, Cleveland; Fred Nuld, Belleville, Ill.; Martha Korpos, Chicago; Margaret Szakacs, Detroit; Joseph Armsky, Cleveland; Missing from the picture: Dolores Baljak, Detroit; George Csalany, Kankakee, Ill.

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Prof. Molnar. It became a part of his life to see his father's construction jobs come to fruition. "As soon as I was able to, I'd go out with him in the summer on his jobs. I really enjoyed that," Prof. Molnar recalls with a smile. He also recalled that, in the 1930s, his father rebuilt Branch 14 of the former Verhovay Aid Association, located on 80th and Buckeye Streets in Cleveland, and remembers accompanying a Hungarian man in his truck to locate building materials for this project.

By the time he was an established tradesmen and businessman, the elder August met his wife Mary, also from Hungary, who had settled in Cleveland in the 1920s, along with her sister and brothers. Although the Molnars did not live in a typically Hungarian neighborhood in Cleveland's Westside, they maintained close ties to relatives in Warren, Ohio, and in Sharon, Pa., where Prof. Molnar recounts visiting as a child.

Born March 24, 1927, in Cleveland, August J. Molnar was the oldest of three children and the only boy. He was about two years old, around the time that his sister Helen was born, when his father arranged for Mary's mother to immigrate to the United States to help Mary, who was in poor health. Prof. Molnar says this arrangement was a "great plan", having another maternal influence in the family. Several years later his youngest sister Irene was born. He and his sisters and their families are now scattered across this country, with Helen in Naples, Fla., and Irene in Tulsa, Okla., but Prof. Molnar remembers their closeness during their childhood. "That growing up period was very important for us from having a grandmother with us. It was extremely important." And having a businessman father who was in much demand, it was an important factor to always have a "maternal figure present in the household." Unfortunately, in 1940, his grandmother passed away, and his mother as well the following year.

His father remarried several years later, relocated the family from Cleveland's city life to a farm life in nearby Lyndhurst, Ohio, near his step-mother's family, and built a new family home.

Moving to Cleveland's rural suburb proved very beneficial to the young Gus Molnar. "That really shaped my life, I think, because of the school system," he said, nodding his head. He entered the 10th grade at Lyndhurst's Charles F. Brush High School, which was part of a school district totaling about 600 students. Had his family not moved there, he would have attended one of Cleveland's larger technical high schools and would have been amongst several thousand students. Attending a smaller school allowed

teachers to give each student "very personal attention in very many, many ways," he said. "They had good teachers who were very much able to see and notice talents."

Young Gus' talent and skills as a writer were honed when he became the editor of *HiLite*, the school's yearbook. His talent and experience as a builder--gained while working alongside his father--were utilized to help build sets for school plays. This led to Gus winning one-line roles in various plays. He chuckles at the memory of when he was assigned his first major acting role, playing the lead in the student production of *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, a role he felt was thrust upon him. However, before it was staged, the director left and a new teacher agreed to go on with the show. Recalling the difficulty of this production, with its 15 scene changes, young Gus and the other cast and crew rose to the occasion. Apparently these types of challenges--public speaking in front of a live audience and the willingness to adapt to change--would prove to be useful assets throughout his life.

During his formative years, there were a number of influences which guided August Molnar to the path he would eventually walk. First, there was his Hungarian-American family, who freely spoke the Hungarian language at home and to acquaintances. Then there was the Hungarian summer school he and his sisters attended, which taught them more extensively their ancestral language, history and culture. There were his neighbors in Lyndhurst, who he described as not only relying on one another, but were very giving and shared whatever skills or talents they had to offer. This close-knit community took care of one another. All of this nurturing made a lasting impression in his mind and in his heart.

But, again, Prof. Molnar recalls the dedicated teachers at Charles F. Brush High School who recognized his various talents, drew them out and showed him how to develop these talents into life skills.

One teacher in particular, John Jacques, who taught history, left an indelible mark on him. Mr. Jacques counseled students who wanted to further their education beyond high school. Serving as Gus Molnar's college advisor, Jacques remained friends with Prof. Molnar and his wife Priscilla for many years. Prof. Molnar smiled as he recalled the last piece of advice that Mr. Jacques gave to him: "Gus, don't ever get old!"

And then there was his father. One could reasonably say that August Molnar was definitely his father's son. Since his father was a businessman, young Gus was accustomed to seeing him deal with clients as they came in to their family home, where the dining room served as

his father's office. Growing up with a father who would take him to work sites and took the time to show him how to draw up plans for a house, made a lasting impression. In fact, while Gus was in college, his father asked him to draw plans for a new house for their old friends, the Nemeth family.

It appeared that the natural thing for him to do would be to follow in his father's footsteps. "In life, you have to have a trade," his father had told him. "You can always use a trade because you never know what will happen." So, he apprenticed as a bricklayer and worked as a laborer as time permitted throughout high school. "I worked for six years and ended up with my bricklayers union card. I could have gone on, but I was also planning to go into architecture."

Although he aspired to become a builder or an architect, an opportunity arose for young people with Hungarian backgrounds like his. In the early 1940s, Elmhurst College in Illinois had introduced its Hungarian Studies Department, the only one of its kind offered in the United States. Dr. Barnabas Dienes, who was President of the Magyar Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, accepted Elmhurst's invitation to head this program. Not only did Dr. Dienes develop Elmhurst's Hungarian Studies curriculum, he instructed and also promoted the program and openly recruited students. It was not uncommon for Dr. Dienes, accompanied by students, to visit Hungarian congregations and other social events throughout the Midwest, recruiting prospective students. It was Dr. Dienes' honorable duty to personally correspond to young people interested in Hungarian Studies at Elmhurst and to reveal their accessibility to scholarships. He also undertook the responsibility of soliciting donations for funds from various organizations. The Verhovay Aid Association (now WPA) generously responded to Dr. Dienes' request, providing funds for Elmhurst's Hungarian Studies scholars.

Prof. Molnar's father learned of Elmhurst's program and felt that his son could benefit from such an education. "At that time, parents made decisions for their children, and you didn't question it very much. We honored their decisions. He felt that it was more important that I go to a school like Elmhurst College that had a program in Hungarian studies where you could learn your Hungarian background and everything else....And, of course, he was paying the bill for me to go, so...."

It turned out to be the right decision. He enrolled in Elmhurst, studying history and the Hungarian language, as well as studying for the ministry of the Reformed Church in America. He met Dr. Dienes, who quickly became his mentor and immersed him and his classmates in the Hungarian culture. Dr. Dienes took the students on the road, performing plays and poetry recitations to promote the Hungarian studies program.

It was during one of these recruiting visits when Gus Molnar may have had first contact with his future wife, Priscilla Arvay. As a sophomore, he performed in an Elmhurst-sponsored play to a Hungarian congregation in Toledo, Ohio, where Priscilla was in attendance. As a junior the following fall, Gus Molnar was a member of the freshman orientation committee. He remembers walking over to a table of freshman girls from Toledo and actually meeting Priscilla. "It was probably love at first sight," he fondly recalled, "and from then on out we became a couple: Priscilla Arvay and Gus Molnar." As Priscilla com-



August Molnar with his wife Priscilla and their children August John Jr. and Katherine in 1964.

pleted her studies in elementary education, Gus Molnar graduated from Elmhurst and completed his graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Lancaster Theological Seminary. Afterwards, he was ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ (Calvin Conference). Throughout all of this, Priscilla and Gus remained a couple and planned to marry.

In 1952, their lives were steered onto a path that led to the Cleveland area, where Priscilla had accepted a teaching position and Prof. Molnar accepted a ministerial position. Everything appeared to be set, but their destination together would soon change.

Gus was visiting the Elmhurst campus when he decided to say hello to college president Dr. Henry W. Dinkmeyer. What was intended to be a quick greeting ended up changing Gus and Priscilla's plans. Extremely happy to see his visitor, Dr. Dinkmeyer proceeded to ask the recently ordained Reverend Molnar if he would consider returning to the college. He explained that Dr. Dienes had left Elmhurst to aid Hungarian Protestant refugees in Europe after the war, then went on to serve his mission in South America. After Dr. Dienes' departure, the Hungarian Studies program had begun to flounder. It was Dr. Dinkmeyer's hope that Gus Molnar could return as a "world history professor/head of the Hungarian Studies program/admissions officer." "What to do?" Gus Molnar pondered. "It was a great dilemma." Both he and Priscilla were about to marry and begin their new life together in Cleveland, when suddenly this fell into his lap. He sought advice from several people, and, in the end, it was the words of his former dean at seminary which held the answer. The dean put forth a simple question: "Where can you serve your people best?"

So in this question came the answer. The newly-married Molnars would return to Elmhurst. They lived in faculty housing, with Priscilla teaching in Illinois and Gus chairing the Hungarian Studies Department. Giving credit to his mentor, Dr. Dienes, who died suddenly while in South America in 1950: "I walked in his pathway."

While still at Elmhurst and pursuing his doctorate at Columbia University, another opportunity arose. In 1957 he became a Cholnoky Research Fellow in Europe for five months. While there, his duties were to interview Hungarian refugees from the 1956 Revolution. "They were Hungarians who should be interviewed," he said. Visiting sites in Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland and Italy, Prof. Molnar experienced the oral recollection of many displaced Hungarians; asking questions and recording their role in the events and listening to what freedom meant to them. The Cholnoky Research project became one of the best studies of this historic event and one that Prof. Molnar is proud to have represented. A book retelling these oral histories was later published.

Priscilla and their baby son traveled with him to Europe. It was a rare opportunity to travel abroad and to sightsee during some free time, while allowing Prof. Molnar to dive into a vast research project involving people of his and his wife's ancestry. Again, memories resurfaced as Prof. Molnar spoke of Priscilla's preparation before their trip abroad. Anticipating that baby food may not be readily available, Priscilla had the foresight to pack plenty of jars just in case. She was a hit with the other young mothers who had accompanied their husbands with their small children on the trip, as she was able to share their bounty of baby food with them for their children. The Molnar's saw the trip as a great educational tool for them because of their shared Hungarian ancestry, and both would see it as an experience of a lifetime.

Meanwhile, the seeds of the American Hungarian Foundation had taken root. As Elmhurst's Hungarian Studies Department flourished, the late Dr. Dienes' vision of all of this extending beyond a college major of study became the genesis for the Foundation. Within two years after Prof. Molnar's return to Elmhurst, a small committee of like-minded individuals decided that "out of a small seed, something much bigger" had to be created, Prof. Molnar said. With financial assistance from the Verhovay, other organizations and an array of ecumenical Hungarian religious groups, the idea came together for

what was originally to be called the American Hungarian Studies Foundation. Following Dr. Dienes' ideals, the goals were broad, combining Hungarian history and culture. There would be plans for a museum to be housed in a physical building as well.

It took 15 years from the time Dr. Dienes planted the first seeds until the Foundation held its first Board of Directors meeting in January 1955. Among the board's first actions was electing Prof. Molnar as its first president. "I knew I was going to be elected; I was doing all the paperwork." This role presented him with new challenges, but the opportunity to follow through on Dr. Dienes' vision was exhilarating. "We created something that had to be done." The Board's instructions to him: "Go run with it!"

Like his mentor, Prof. Molnar proceeded in exploring all options and avenues relative to the Foundation: a location for the building, and the ever-present solicitation of funds. Discussions arose regarding where to move the Foundation, since funding for the program at Elmhurst College had run out. It was decided to accept an offer in 1959 from Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, at the invitation of its president, Dr. Mason W. Gross, to start a Hungarian Studies program at their school. New Brunswick, N.J., would be the new home for the Foundation as well as for the Molnar Family. Prof. Molnar also became a professor at Rutgers in addition to his duties with the Foundation.

Before the move to New Jersey, Prof. Molnar received a lesson in extraordinary fundraising. With a goal of \$500,000 in mind to kick-start efforts for what would lie ahead, Prof. Molnar oversaw several classical music benefit concerts to boost donations. The first of these concerts was an exceptionally large undertaking, one that Prof. Molnar expressed that he could not even conceive of doing today. Beginning in 1955, Prof. Molnar wrote to world renowned maestro Antal Dorati of the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra, asking if he would be willing to perform a benefit concert with the symphony for the Foundation. "I told him we would like to introduce the Foundation to the community of America, and we'd like to introduce it at a level where these are the kind of things we'd like to do, cultural events," Prof. Molnar explained. The appeal began to take on a life of its own when the Budapest-born and educated conductor responded to Prof. Molnar's request with plans for an all-Bartók concert to be performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City, in February 1957. Dorati also included in his letter that he would donate his income for this performance as his contribution to the cause.

Béla Bartók--a Hungarian and one of the 20th century's most significant composers--up to that time had never had a concert solely dedicated to his music. His style had a distinctively Magyar folk music tradition to it. Dorati had also arranged for violin virtuoso and Bartók master Yehudi Menuhin to be the guest artist for this concert. It was an event not to be missed. "Here we have one of the great violinists of the day, a great symphony orchestra, a great Hungarian-born conductor and Carnegie Hall all together," Prof. Molnar said.

All of this was excellent news. But, the Foundation needed start up money to pay for various expenses, so Prof. Molnar turned to the one person who had guided him along his path so many times before. "We had no money, and the only person who had money was my father," Prof. Molnar says with a laugh.



August Molnar at work, reviewing a copy of an old Hungarian newspaper maintained in the AHF's archives.



ABOVE: Priscilla and August Molnar in 1995.
LEFT: Prof. Molnar, his sisters, their children and grandchildren gather at the AHF's 50th Anniversary Carousel Ball in 2005.

It was a wise investment for the elder August. The Carnegie Hall concert on Feb. 17, 1957, was a tremendous success. The AHF recouped its expenses and raised quite a bit more. More importantly, many people got involved, and it proved to be a great salvo for the Foundation.

Prof. Molnar received yet another booster of support a year later. Unbeknownst to Prof. Molnar, a recording was made of the all-Bartók concert with the royalties earmarked for the Foundation. This gift kept giving for several more years as the records were sold.

Besides the monetary benefits, the best reward from this experience, Prof. Molnar believes, was that it not only appealed to the Hungarian audience, but also attracted the American audience and introduced many Americans to the best of Hungarian cultural traditions.

The timing of this concert was significant, as well. Sandwiched between the conception of the concert in 1955 and the actual performance in 1957, was the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. This historical event sparked interest in Hungary, its people and their culture in America. "We sold the idea of donating for scholarships for Hungarian students, and we got people involved," Prof. Molnar said. In effect, the Revolution and its cause shined a light on the Foundation, which in turn aided the refugees. Prof. Molnar persuaded Elmhurst to accept refugees as students for an intensive six-week course in English to introduce them to the English language so that they could continue their studies.

By 1959, the American Hungarian Studies Foundation had relocated to New Brunswick. ("Fifty years--my gosh!" Prof. Molnar says, sounding both slightly awed and bemused.) Since then, the Foundation has grown under Prof. Molnar's guidance. In the early 1960s research was the primary goal and within 10 years, these goals were attained in sharing Hungarian history, culture and heritage with America. In 1974 the name was changed to the American Hungarian Foundation, reflecting the Foundation's broader cultural and research program. By 1987 ground was broken for the Foundation's new site, housing its museum, archives and library.

Smiling, Prof. Molnar recalls the Foundation's former and much smaller location at 177 Somerset St. He mentions his son August Jr. and daughter Katherine, who "grew up with the Foundation." They--much like he did as a youngster--joined their father at his work. Often they would pitch in cleaning up the office and help send out mailings. Along with Priscilla, it was truly a family effort, supporting the Foundation.

By 1989, with the new building completed, the dream came to life. "Early on, when we were planning this building, we became a part of the redevelopment [of New Brunswick]. We did this to stabilize the community." Prof. Molnar acknowledges with gratitude the many individuals, institutions and organizations that made this possible. He emphasized the importance of the building for saving collections of artifacts. "We say this often here that we collect, conserve and celebrate," he said. "We collect and conserve the traditions and then we celebrate those traditions."

"You know," Prof. Molnar continues, "my father came here as a Hungarian, but he worked as an American. So, we continue to work in that same way."

Prof. Molnar and his family settled in New Brunswick and this is where he has remained for 51 years. New Brunswick proved to be an excellent fit for both Prof. Molnar, as well as the Foundation. Within this city is the highest concentration of Hungarian Americans in the state of New Jersey. A short distance from New York City, this is where so many from the Magyar homeland found work and assimilated to American life. And, it continues today. The Hungarian Americans of New Brunswick are proud of their heritage and show it. They continue to support several active Hungarian churches of various denominations and the still-successful Hungarian American Athletic Club.

The city is also proud of its Sister City affiliation with Debrecen, Hungary, for more than 20 years. This isn't merely a title, and Prof. Molnar, who serves on the New Brunswick Sister Cities Association, explains their activities. Each year, there is a week-long student exchange program with middle-school students. These "little ambassadors" from both cities represent the youth as a bridge to better understanding of our different cultures.

Walking around the city, it is evident that this is a noticeable face in the community. Prof. Molnar has a gentlemanly, engaging personality and passersby greet him, as he notices them, too. He is known and respected by everyone from the parking lot attendant at City Hall to the city's mayor. "I became active in municipal life, not politically, but to help out here and there." His activities beyond the walls of the Foundation include serving on the Community Advisory Board of the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, being a founding member of The Mason W. Gross Foundation, as well as many other professional and academic societies. Along with this, he has been an active member of WPA Branch 19 and has served

as a member of WPA's National Advisory Committee and as a delegate to several General Conventions.

For 43 years, his wife Priscilla joined him on his interesting journey. Her outstanding teaching career was recognized and honored by the governor of New Jersey. She died in 1995, and it is evident that this is still a great loss for Prof. Molnar. "She was more than an equal partner," he says softly describing his wife. "She was loved by everybody and greatly missed. Without her I wouldn't have been able to do this," he says with a sweeping gesture of his hand. Priscilla understood the necessity of him devoting a great deal of time to his work. And, through the years with Priscilla, Prof. Molnar feels, they actually gained more--not monetarily, but with friendships that enriched them. They found this to be both helpful and valuable. Because of her dedication to her profession, there is a scholarship at Elmhurst College in Priscilla's memory for teaching the developmentally impaired.

For all of the satisfaction he's gained from devotion to his life's work, Prof. Molnar does feel a sense of accomplishment. He believes that the groundwork laid by the Foundation is imperative to future generations. "Hungarians have been in America from the American Revolution. You need to collect that history and what they contributed to American life....You enjoy the difference you have in your heritage. To share and enjoy. We share our talents."

The connections to Hungary are equally important. When asked if he felt that having something as the Foundation is helpful to U.S./Hungary relations, he replied, "Definitely, in unknown ways." Called upon to counsel and advise, he's described the AHF as "very important extension of America (to Hungary) at the highest levels."

Still, with all he's accomplished there are items on his "to do" list. "There's so much in a sense that we need to do more!" I've never felt that we've arrived....But, we've been able to accomplish and fulfill some of the dreams others have had. We've been able to pull together and bind."

While it has taken the vision and efforts of many to achieve what the Foundation has, there remains a wide-

spread conception that the Foundation *is* August Molnar and vice versa, a notion Prof. Molnar respectfully disputes. "An institution cannot be one person. It's never been one person," he explains. "The institution stays; the individual goes....I don't feel that things will collapse with Molnar gone. It's much bigger than that."

After leading the AHF for 55 years, Prof. Molnar envisions the time when he is no longer its president. That time will most likely come soon. "I would have liked to have gone 10 years ago, and I even asked our Board to think about it," he says. "I even gave them a date, last December--and I'm still here." But, recently, the AHF's Executive Committee and its Committee on Succession recommended to the AHF Board of Directors that Prof. Molnar be appointed to the newly-created position of chancellor and a new president elected. It would be another turn, albeit a slight one, on his life's path, one in which he would remain the public face of the AHF but not be responsible for its day-to-day operations.

He looks forward to his new role. "If I didn't have to sit in an office here and be here all the time, then I could get out on the road...and talk to people" about the Foundation and gain their support. "I would not be a 'president emeritus.' That means you're retired."

Having overseen the AHF from its beginning stages to the respected institution that it has become, he emphasizes again that he has not done this alone. Besides his family and the AHF Board, the number of individuals and organizations who have donated their time, money and artifacts, he is above all grateful to his staff. Each person, he states has had a dedication to "the cause". And they in turn have expressed their respect and fondness for him.

Speaking with August Molnar, it is clear that he found his destiny. His life has taken a path of purpose. Thinking of the 'what ifs' in his life: if his father had not left Hungary--if he had not attended Elmhurst College; if he had not decided to return there to teach--it becomes very clear Gus Molnar followed a higher plan, if you will, and found his destiny. □



The place where August Molnar's path led him: the American Hungarian Foundation and its museum in the AHF's Hungarian Heritage Center in New Brunswick, N.J.

An Slice of a

BLAIRSVILLE, PA -- A total of 117 golfers and scores of additional members and friends of WPA enjoyed warm weather, delicious food and boundless fraternal fellowship during the 27th Annual WPA Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days held July 16 and 17 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center in Blairsville, Pa.

Heavy rains Friday afternoon and evening dampened the Tom's Run Golf Course for Saturday's tournament, but by early Saturday morning the skies cleared and the sun slowly dried out the course and made for a rather warm day of golf.

Competition among the golfing teams was tight with a number of teams staying in contention throughout the day. But, after all the scores were compiled, the trio of John Toth, Tom Kalupanov and Steve Meyers took first prize with a score of 60. Four teams tied with identical rounds of 62 to take second through fifth places. In addition to the team prizes, a number of individual prizes were awarded to golfers who won the various skill shot contests held along the course (see "The Leader Board" below).

Once again, no one scored a hole-in-one during the tournament. So none of the big cash prizes were awarded. Murray Sperling, a member of Branch 336 Harrisburg, Pa., won \$500 for getting his tee shot closest to the pin at Hole #8, which offered a \$15,000 prize for a hole-in-one. Several non-members got their tee shots closer than Murray, but were ineligible to win on that "big money" hole.

A couple of other big prizes went unclaimed during the weekend's festivities. Ten lucky contestants, plus three alternates, all had a chance to win \$1,000 at the annual putting contest held during the golfers reception the evening prior to the tournament. But, no one could sink the required 30-foot putt. As a consolation, three of their names were pulled at random with each winning a smaller cash prize: Drew Bitner (\$100), Chip Kozak (\$75) and Margit Kish (\$50). The other big unclaimed prize was the \$2,500 which would have been awarded for sinking a 50-foot putt during the awards barbeque, held at the course immediately following tournament play.

The fun and excitement of the tournament weekend was again heightened by a "Monte Carlo Night" held during Friday's golfers reception. Guests tried their luck at various casino games, including Poker, Black Jack, Roulette, Texas

Hold 'Em and Craps. Players purchased cash coupons at the cashier's table staffed by WPA employees. Players then traded the coupons for chips at the gaming tables, and used the chips to place their bets. At the end of the night, players redeemed their chips for raffle tickets, which they then used to try to win one of several great prizes in a Chinese auction-styled raffle.

As always, the weekend's biggest winners were the young WPA members who will receive scholarship grants from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. All the weekend's activities benefited the Scholarship Foundation. The weekend raised a total of \$18,964 for the foundation. Much of that total--\$7,325--was raised through donations, the majority of which were made during the Foundation's annual meeting held at Chestnut Ridge on Friday evening. The remainder of the funds were raised through tournament hole sponsors (\$7,000), Monte Carlo Night (\$2,050), the Chinese auction (\$1,935) a 50/50 raffle (\$530), Friday evening's putting contest (\$109) and WPA Cookbook sales (\$15). The success of this year's tournament was made possible through the hard work and dedication of many people. Our heartfelt thanks go to the National Officers; the Home Office staff; tournament co-administrators Andrew W. McNelis and Roger G. Nagy; our hole spotters; and the staff and management of Chestnut Ridge and the Hampton Inn and Suites. □

The Leader Board

SCRAMBLE PRIZE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE: John Toth, Tom Kalupanov & Steve Meyers

SECOND PLACE: Jack Kelly, Ed DePersis, Nick DePersis & Paul Snyder

THIRD PLACE: Ronald Solomon, Rick Madey, Tom McKee & Murray Sperling

FOURTH PLACE: Janet Peternel, Thomas Peternel, James Hoy & Amanda Ott

FIFTH PLACE: Dan Deabner, Mike Hatalowich, Ron Blatt & Dave Sheridan

Weekend

Fellowship, fun & food make for another successful WPA Golf Tournament

Story & Photos by John E. Lovasz



*Jared Wallace of Dillsburg, Pa.
tees off at Hole #9.*

SKILL SHOT WINNERS

Longest Putt (Hole #18): Cory Ermold & Betsy Piccola
Longest Drive Ages 18-59: Rick Madey & Betsy Griffith
Longest Drive Ages 60 & Up: Tim Klodnick (No women's winner)
Closest To Line (Hole #14): Jack Kelly & Lorie Gray
Closest To Pin (Hole #2): Ron Blatt & Grace Matlock
Closest To Pin (Hole #11): Ron Blatt (No women's winner)
Closest To Pin (Hole #16): Bob Harbison & Michelle Zamberry

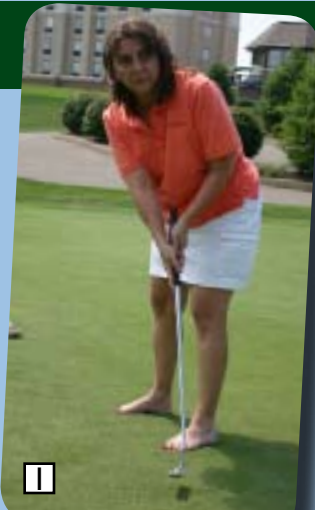
HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

Holes #2 - #8 - #11 - #16
No Winners

CONSOLATION PRIZES

Closest to Pin - Hole #8
Murray Sperling - 11' 8" - \$500
Cory Ermold - 22' 2" - \$200

Golf Weekend



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(1) Janet Peternel attempts a 50-foot putt for \$2,500...she missed; (2) Let's play some Black Jack; (3) Lining up at the barbeque; (4) Roger Nagy (l) congratulates scramble winners Steve Meyers, Tom Kalupanov and John Toth; (5) How about a little Texas Hold'em? (6) Taking a spin at the Roulette table; (7) Sampling the buffet at Friday's reception; (8) Hit me one more time; (9) Friday's putting contest consolation prize drawing winners Drew Bitner, Chip Kozak and Margit Kish; (10) Taking a roll of the dice; (11) Partaking of the sundae bar at the reception; (12) Scanning the prizes at the Chinese auction; (13) To double down, or not to double down, that is the question; (14) Enjoying the tasty barbeque under the big top; (15) Margit Kish just misses winning \$1,000 during Friday's putting contest.

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Our Golfers



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Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

by Alexis C. Kozak

Branch 8 would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Best wishes to our Branch Secretary Dorothy Kedves who is recovering from a knee replacement. Dorothy is doing very well, as we all knew she would. We all hope that she will be at Scenic View with her potato peeler in September. Dorothy and Ernest Kedves, our branch president, enjoy the fellowship shared each September at Scenic View in preparation for the Great Fraternal Fest.

We are all looking forward to Sept. 11 at Scenic View. Members, if you've never experienced this great day, you owe it to yourselves. The event gets bigger and better every year. Fun for all ages. Try the experience: you will love it.

If you need any information or details about the Fest on Sept. 11 at Scenic View, please feel free to call me at the number below.

On June 22, the Johnstown Symphony Auxiliary and Bottle Works (Ethnic Arts Center) of Johnstown held a dinner-dance, "All Things Hungarian." The evening in Cambria City was changed into a night in Budapest. What a first class affair, with authentic Hungarian music, food and wine. The food was prepared by Darlington Inn and music provided by the Gypsy Strings led by George Batyi. The outdoor event was like a sidewalk café on the Danube River.

We were all thrilled that National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman was in attendance, along with his lovely wife Arlene and the Kiraly's from Somerset County. Mr. Csoman made a speech on behalf of our great Association. Everyone was very charmed by Mr. Csoman's charismatic personality and his genuine love for our culture. Thanks Endre.

It is wonderful and refreshing that Johnstown is still trying to keep the ethnicity alive that is so wonderful for all of us, past, present and future. Roots are the stability to our future.



The Gypsy Strings (at right) entertain guests—including members of Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa.—attending the "All Things Hungarian" event held June 22 in Cambria City, Pa.

Branch 8 would like to have a bacon roast this fall, **but we need your response!** Please call 814-242-0000 and reserve a seat. We will then contact you with a date and time. We hope to see our friends from Branch 8 for a day of reminiscing, song and good food.

Your life insurance needs or those great rates on WPA annuities can be discussed with me at anytime. Please give me a call at 814-242-0000. WPA has among the best annuity rates anywhere. Invest in your future.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and God bless you all.

Branch 10
Barton, OH
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Martins Ferry, OH
Branch 248
Monaville, WV
Branch 349
Weirton, WV
Branch 8164
Steubenville, OH

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches from Barton, Martins Ferry, Weirton, Steubenville and Monaville.

Our branches will have a combined picnic and bacon fry on Sun-

day, Sept. 19, with the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Club at Warren Township Park between Tiltonsville and Yorkville, Ohio. The picnic is slated to begin at noon. Meat and beverages will be furnished but please bring a covered dish to share! If you need directions or have any questions, please call me.

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

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Dawn D. Ward

The summer months have been a time of tremendous growth for Branch 14. We enthusiastically welcome **19 new members**. They are: Jaiden Doan, Mike Doan, Devin Trecek, Cassidy Podolak, Josie Kriss, Anthony Davenport, Michael Berry, Gillian Benns, Jenna Benns, Brandt Almady, Kylah Almady, Deacon Toth, Mia Moore, Bendeguz Pigniczky, Enese Pigniczky, Keve Pigniczky, Vajk Pigniczky, Elizabeth Gymorie and Richard Gymorie.

We encourage everyone in this group to avail themselves of the many benefits and opportunities Branch 14 offers, which include our annual branch children's Christmas party, a great picnic at WPA's Scenic View property in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands on Sept. 11 and various sporting activities and out-

ings.

The branch was well represented at the recent WPA annual golf tournament held July 17 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort in Blairsville, Pa. Those participating from the branch were Tim Klodnick, David Martinis, Jeff Klecan, Joe Volter, Virginia Volter, David Horvath, Carl Horvath and Jeff Ward. Various family members of this group also attended the Friday night welcome reception and the after-golf barbeque.

We hope to see many members at the 10th annual WPA Picnic Sept. 11, 2010. More details can be found on the inside of the front cover of this issue and in Doug Miller's column on Page 3.

The next branch meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bethlen Hall of the First Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. All adult members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Remember all those cold days when you wished for heat? Well, we got them. We are sweltering here in Michigan, and I know you are, too. This too shall pass. Just hang in there and take good care of yourself. Think fall and winter.

Isn't our "new" magazine format wonderful? We are so proud of all our hard-working employees that work so hard on every edition.

Speaking of employees...nice job, Doug Miller, on introducing our Home Office and some of our employees in the last issue. Looking forward to part two.

I was fortunate to meet Tibor Check and his father when I was last in Pittsburgh. Tibor writes "Tibor's Take" in the *William Penn Life*. He is only 19 years old. It is so great to see a young person work so hard to keep his heritage alive. I am honored to know him.

Our annual June bus trip up to Sault Ste. Marie was wonderful. I believe it was our best trip so far. We had 31 compatible members on



Members of Branch 18 prepare to leave for Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., during the branch's annual June bus trip. A total of 31 members participated in this year's trip.

the trip. We had a few very lucky people and some not so lucky. I think we were all lucky just to be together.

Now, we are working on our wonderful Fraternal Fest. I hope you are planning on joining us. We have many wonderful surprises waiting for you.

Endre Csoman is on top of the world. He has a waiting list for the Hungarian Heritage Experience. Next year, get your reservation and check in as soon as possible. I hope you all have wonderful weather and fraternalism.

The House family, including Gabby, enjoyed the annual golf tournament. After that we went to Florida where we planned to spend about a month. We miss spending time with our family when we are back in Michigan. I can always be reached on my cell at 1-313-418-5572.

Thank you, Kantor and Truesdell families, for your donations to our Chinese auction at the golf tournament. Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Special thank you to the Crossman and Ladd families for your donations to our upcoming Christmas party.

Branch 18 made donations to Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Festival, Lincoln Park Cheerleaders and the Taylor softball and soccer leagues. We love to help. Call me if we can help you.

Congrats, Rita Marchelletta, a \$2,000 Taylor softball raffle winner. It couldn't happen to a nicer person.

Congrats also to George and Doris Schvarckopf, big winners in the monthly Knights of Columbus



Branch 18 member Julius Sabo recently celebrated his 90th birthday at a party attended by family, friends and fellow WPA members.

monthly raffle. Thanks for sharing.

Welcome new members Tamas Markovits and Clara Varga. Thank you, Donna Burinda. We promise WPA will take good care of you.

William Penn Association is in the middle of the Mort 90 conversion. I have met some wonderful members I never met before. I hope you are taking advantage of this super offer. Hello, Elizabeth Saier.

Get well wishes to Julius Sabo, George Schvarckopf and Ann and Steve Nagy. Hope you are all well very soon.

Tom and I were invited to Julius Sabo's 90th birthday party. Best food and wonderful friends. Happy birthday, Deac. He will be at our WPA Picnic in September. Be sure to wish him "happy birthday" when you see him. He is a super WPA supporter.

Remember in your prayers our



Volunteers of all ages from Branch 18 gathered this June at the West Mound United Methodist Church in Michigan to plant flowers and spruce up the grounds of the church. The effort was part of the branch's annual Join Hands Day project.

deceased members and their families, especially Irene O'Brien, Joseph Penzes and Edward Mayoros. May they rest in peace.

The WPA trip to Hungary is right around the corner. This is my 16th and Tom's 3rd trip there. I promise that once you go, you have to go again. Hope you can join us some time.

Our next branch meeting will be held Sept. 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Allen Park. Looking forward to seeing you all there. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer and think "cool."

My home phone number is 734-782-4667. My Florida number is 321-752-0365. Call me anytime.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

What a wonderful two days the 27th Annual WPA Golf Tournament was. Everyone had a great time enjoying time with friends, chances on winning very nice items on the Chinese auction, golfing on the beautiful course and eating the delicious food available. Once again, the Home

Office staff, National Officers and Board of Directors did an outstanding job of preparing such a great scholarship fund raising event.

To show Branch 28's support for its two multi-year golf tournament participants--Sonny and John Tollas--the branch purchased shirts for them to wear at this year's event. The shirts advertised WPA and Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio.

Congratulations to Terrence Check Sr. who recently retired from his teaching career. We hope you have many years of spare time with much enjoyment.

It seems like no matter where you go, you find a fellow WPA member. Recently, my dad and I attended a picnic in Hiram and sat with William Takacs and his daughter from the Cleveland area. Both are WPA members, and Mr. Takach has attended the annual WPA Picnic.

Also, while working at the Youngstown State University festival of the arts, I was talking to a gentleman about Hungarian food. He mentioned he and his wife attended a wonderful picnic where they ate some really good food. After a few minutes of conversation, I learned the picnic was our own Great Fraternal Fest.

We hope Art and Vera Szoke enjoyed their belated 60th anniversary celebration over the 4th of July weekend. All their children and most of their grandchildren came to the Youngstown area to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Best wishes to them and to all the other couples marking another year of wedded bliss.

Special birthday wishes go out to Branch 28 President Steve Novak and everyone else celebrating their special day.

Get well wishes are sent to everyone feeling under the weather, especially Rachel and Alyssa Schauer, Irene Devlin and Ferenc Goda.

Great job on the new publication. So many people are enjoying the special feature articles, as they may not be able to visit in person the locations discussed in the articles.

We're looking forward to the Great Fraternal Fest on Sept. 11. Seats are still available on the branch's bus trip to Scenic View. Call Steve at 330-746-7704 or Frank at 330-549-2935 to reserve your seat.

We offer our deepest sympathy to all who recently experienced the loss of a loved one, especially to Nick and Shirley Kotik and William Vasvary.

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

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Maria Bistey

We bid a fond farewell to fellow Branch 34 member Zita Kara who passed away earlier this year. Zita was the wife of former National Auditor Michael Kara.

Rest in peace, Zita. You were a very special person.

In the "good old days" you were always ready to pitch in wherever there was a need, either at William

Next Deadline August 16



Branch 34 member Zita Kara (r), who passed away earlier this year, poses with her daughter Mary Ann in this 1998 photo.

Penn functions, St. Ann's Church or one of the many other charities you supported.

I have fond memories of our trip to Winston-Salem, N.C., when we visited your son and my old neighbor.

It was an honor to know you.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Kara family.

Branch 59 Windber, PA

by Shirley A. Rakoczy Przywara
The 4th of July was observed in true patriotic fashion with all the usual pageantry and celebration in Windber, including parades, picnics and fireworks. All the pavilions at the Windber Recreation Park atop 9th Street hill were full of people celebrating family reunions, birthday and other events all weekend. The playground and swimming pool were also full and busy all day long.

The seventh Rakoczy family reunion was held July 3 with about 65 people in attendance. We had our traditional bacon roast in the morning, as you will note from the photo of our Hungarian Chefs Mark Rakoczy, WPA member Ron Rakoczy, Mike Toth, John Rakoczy and Kevin Francis. WPA member Steve Beretsel was absent for the picture.

Also pictured are many of the family members in attendance, including first-time attendee Alex John Kenneth McGlade.

The family has been meeting every five years and plans are underway for the next reunion in 2015. Family members came from California, Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.



ABOVE: About 65 members of the Rakoczy family—many of whom are members of Branch 59—gathered July 3 at the Windber (Pa.) Recreation Park for their seventh family reunion. Among them was first-time attendee Alex McGlade (pictured below right). BELOW LEFT: Preparing Hungarian specialties for the family to enjoy were chefs Mark Rakoczy, Ron Rakoczy, Mike Toth, John Rakoczy and Kevin Francis.



We also celebrated a couple of birthdays: Mike Beretsel on July 1 and John Rakoczy of Novelty, Ohio, who turned 75 on the 4th.

The usual Hungarian food was served, including stuffed cabbage and roast chicken, as well as rigatoni and corn on the cob. Many family members helped in any way they could to make it a great success.

I have posted notices all around town about the WPA Picnic on Sept. 11 at Scenic View, and all indications are that Windberites will be well represented. I am hoping for wonderful PA weather and would encourage all to attend.

Judging from the local news reports, the temporary memorial at the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville is now open. You may also want to consider visiting that site while in

the area. Construction has begun for the permanent Memorial.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by the Branch 132 Officers
After a hot summer we will soon be getting cooler days. The students will be going back to school, so drive carefully in school areas.

Our Little League Baseball team placed third in their league. They did a great job. Congratulations to all the team members, including Max Horvath.

In next month's issue, we will report on our annual picnic, which was to be held at Potawatomi Park.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m. at



The Little League Baseball team sponsored by Branch 132 finished the season in third place.



Participating in Branch 249's Join Hands Day project were (l-r) Helen Cleveland, Steve LaFlame, two students and their mother from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Anne Marie Schmidt, Mark Schmidt and Father John.

the Martin's Supermarket café on Ireland Road.

Happy birthday wishes go out to all celebrating in August. Those celebrating their special day this month include two Branch 132 members living in California, Paula and Lauren Cirillo. Also, happy birthday to Max Horvath.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of Rose Mary Bognar and Albert Torok. May they rest in peace.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

We had a cool, windy day for Join Hands Day in May, but the members that attended went right to work at both local Hungarian churches and soon warmed up the temperature.

We met in the morning at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Old North Dayton for coffee and donuts. Our first project was to clean, weed,

trim and plant around the Blessed Mother Shrine and Rose Garden. The group then moved on to The Old Troy Pike Community Church where they cleaned the picnic pavilion and then had a fried chicken lunch. We extend a big thank you to all who volunteered and worked so hard. We hope to see you again next year.

The Festival Club of Dayton had a beautiful booth at the World A-Fair at the Dayton Convention Center in May. The theme this year was "Music," and it was great to see the cimbalom on display along with the colorful costumes. Please visit the web site www.daytonhungarians.com to see pictures. Each year thousands of people visit this event to learn about other cultures, watch the dancers and, of course, eat the delicious ethnic foods.

The Magyar Club of Dayton had a big turnout for their June bacon fry. Sixty people from local Hungarian churches and groups, including WPA members, enjoyed the food

and fraternalism at the recently cleaned picnic pavilion.

We hope everyone had a great time at the 27th Annual WPA Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days. Good times were shared with many old and new friends. Congratulations to all who helped make this weekend a success.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Aug. 22, at noon at St. Stephen's Catholic Church undercroft. We will be serving a chicken paprikás dinner. There is no charge for members, and guests pay \$5 each. Please make your reservations by calling Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970.

Remember to mark your calendars for the 10th Annual WPA Picnic at Scenic View on Sept. 11. This is a beautiful property owned by the Association, and the food, music, dancing, games and activities on a beautiful fall day in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania is not to be missed.

Our next cabbage roll sale will be held on Sept. 30, at St. Stephen's Church undercroft. The cost of the cabbage rolls is \$2 each. Please call your order in to Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970, Annie Kertesz at 937-275-6654, or Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211 by Sept. 24.

Happy birthday to Branch 249 members, and best wishes to members celebrating an anniversary.

Our prayers go out to those who are ill or who may have lost a loved one recently.

For your life insurance and annuity needs, please contact Branch Coordinator Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Vincent Frank

Labor Day, the last summer holiday, will be observed Monday, Sept. 6. It will be a nice, big three-day summer weekend celebration for all of us. Do something you enjoy doing outdoors, for the summer weather will be winding down as we approach this workers holiday weekend.

Your branch officers wish to congratulate all branch members cel-



Members of Branch 249 were among 60 people who enjoyed a traditional bacon fry hosted in June by the Magyar Club of Dayton.



Nothing is more "Hungarian" than szalonna sütés, as these guests at the bacon fry hosted by the Magyar Club of Dayton can attest.

celebrating a birthday or anniversary during this month and the months ahead. Have an enjoyable day.

As we wind down the summer vacations, your branch is looking forward to resuming monthly meetings after being in recess during the summer months. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes religious education center, 873 - 27th St., Altoona. All members are invited.

With the long, drawn-out war in the Middle East continuing, our troops need our prayers and support more than ever to get them through it all and come home safely. God bless America and all those in uniform.

If you are interested in purchasing good life insurance for your children or grandchildren, please give Bob Jones a call in Altoona at 814-942-2661. He can give you details on all the different plans and payment options to choose from, and it's all available through WPA.

Branch 8114 Clarion, PA

by Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF (in Pittsburgh)
Branch 8114's annual steak fry will be held Aug. 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Rectory. This is always a wonderful fraternal event that I look forward to and thoroughly enjoy. I am looking forward to seeing our branch members.

I received a note from Kevin Slike.

Kevin is like a little angel who is always trying to make everybody's life a little brighter. In his note he said that this summer has been devastating to the area, as the Owens-Illinois glass plant closed. This plant was in operation for over 100 years and its closing has left 420 people out of work, not to mention the other business's effected by this large company leaving. He has requested that we keep his small community in our thoughts and prayers.

Best of wishes and congratulations on your distinguished achievements to:

- Tyler Gates, son of member Cynthia Gates, who completed his studies to become an attorney and passed all his bar exams in Florida. Tyler is now holding the position of assistant public defender in Duval County, Fla.

- Dylan Jones, son of member Susan Jones, who is currently on a cycling team and racing in Zeron, Paris. Dylan is on a cycle team that is rated only one category below that of professional cyclists. He is also attending Colorado State University, majoring in political science.

- Paulette Lebda, M.D., who completed her diagnostic radiology residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. She is continuing her training at University of California at San Francisco in a women's imaging fellowship.

- Douglas Lebda, CPA, who continues his successful career with KPMG in their Chicago office. On

July 1, he was promoted to Senior Manager.

Tyler, Dylan, Paulette and Douglas are the grandchildren of Donald and Louise Schmader. With 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Don and Louise are always counting their blessings. Being part of our WPA family has helped many of the grandchildren fund their education with the help of grants through the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. All the members of Branch 8114 and WPA take great pleasure in congratulating all of you.

Congratulations on the wedding of member Patrick E. Aaron and his bride Lindsay (Kevech) Aaron. Patrick is the son of longtime members Art and Nola Aaron.

Members celebrating birthdays in August are: Daniel Estadt, Donna Schill, Melvin Stark, Parker Jones, Bradley Beichner, Diane Beichner, Tom Pierucci, Eileen Schill, Bryant Santini, Thomas Sarvey, David Atlas, Austin Gates, Hayden Medford, Katherine Reed, Robert Wiant Jr., Illean Kossman, Clayton McElravy, Melvin Stark, Kylynn Smith and Clair Bauer. Hope your birthday is filled with lots of laughter, cheer and cake. Yummy!

If you have news to share or questions on life insurance, tax-deferred annuities, IRA's, any retirement plan, or service on your existing certificates, I work in most areas and there is no service charge. I can be reached at 412-821-1837. My e-mail address is noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Branch 8121 St. Marys, PA

by Mary Lou B. Schutz

Members of Branch 8121 met on a beautiful, hot and sunny afternoon July 7 for our annual picnic and a short business meeting.

We received "thank you" notes from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation for our hole sponsorship at the WPA golf tournament and from

the Christian Food Bank for our donation in conjunction with the WPA Food Drive 2010.

Congratulations to WPA scholarship recipient Melinda Marconi, who graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in letters, arts and sciences. She was valedictorian for the year 2010 with a 4.0 GPA. Melinda spent a week with her school service group to help rebuild communities in New Orleans in conjunction with Presby-

terian Disaster Assistance.

Our branch is very proud of her accomplishments. Best wishes for the future.

After the meeting, members enjoyed selecting a dinner of their choice from the restaurant's menu. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, good conversation and renewed friendships. We are looking forward to next year's picnic.

We hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the summer.

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through Premium Payments JUNE 2010

Branch - Donor - Amount
 1 - Donna M. Farnsworth - \$3.00
 1 - Elizabeth A. Nixon - \$3.00
 1 - Andrea R. Onderdonk - \$1.00
 1 - Barbara M. Onderdonk - \$1.00
 1 - Dina M. Beschel - \$10.00
 8 - Kim S. Budnick - \$20.00
 13 - John E. Radvany II - \$25.00
 14 - Alexander J. Richling - \$5.00
 18 - John E. Pasko - \$1.36
 18 - Lorraine E. Baranyai - \$6.88
 18 - Marianne T. Orsargos - \$10.00
 28 - Margaret Baker - \$1.83
 28 - Debra R. Suffolk - \$5.00
 28 - Stephanie M. Burnett - \$5.00
 28 - David P. Burnett - \$15.00
 28 - Cynthia J. Bakos - \$2.00
 34 - Jill A. Eitel - \$10.00
 76 - Kathleen Fiordimondo - \$10.00
 89 - Eric J. Berger - \$10.00

98 - Cory Ermold - \$25.00
 129 - Virginia Abahazie - \$5.00
 129 - Julie Westcamp - \$4.53
 129 - Stephanie L. Koser - \$9.14
 129 - Thomas A. Shepard Jr. - \$2.45
 129 - Debra A. Lewis - \$20.00
 129 - Erzsebet I. Huber - \$25.00
 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
 226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
 226 - Dennis S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
 226 - Robert W. Serena - \$5.00
 226 - Stephen M. Benedek - \$25.00
 226 - Antonette J. Grygo - \$10.00
 249 - Sue A. Dugan - \$10.00
 296 - Dorothy J. Boyle - \$7.80
 296 - Geraldine M. Heade - \$10.00
 352 - Ellen M. Jones - \$2.88
 352 - John P. McKinsey - \$1.32
 352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
 590 - Robert F. Toth - \$5.00
 705 - Sylvia I. Nezda - \$2.00
 705 - Loren C. Bongirno - \$3.80
 720 - David L. Vargo - \$14.93
 720 - Julie A. Bjork - \$5.00
 720 - Barbara Mroz - \$10.00
 723 - Lawrence J. Drayton - \$20.00
 8019 - Lillian A. Schmidt - \$5.00
 8020 - Karen M. Dansak - \$2.00
 8036 - Cathy J. Savage - \$10.00
 8075 - Diane Fala Klingner - \$5.00
TOTAL for Month = \$403.34

Additional Donations JUNE 2010

Donor - Amount
 Gabriel C. & Louise C. Amato - \$5.00
 Helen L. Wysocki - \$50.00
 WPA Cookbook Sales - \$705.00
TOTAL for Month = \$760.00

Donations In Memoriam JUNE 2010

Donor - Amount
(In Memory of)
 Bernadette E. Mikolics - \$20.00
 (Husband William Mikolics)
 Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00
 (Deceased Members Violet Kovacs & Rocco Borsa)
TOTAL for Month = \$145.00

SPRING APPEAL JUNE 2010

**Tree of Knowledge
Gold Leaf**
Donor - Amount
 Irene B. Charles - \$1,000.00
TOTAL for Month = \$1,000.00

Tree of Knowledge Silver Leaf

Donor - Amount
 M/M John M. Juhasz Jr. - \$500.00
TOTAL for Month = \$500.00

Tree of Knowledge Bronze Leaf

Donor - Amount
 James W. Cunningham - \$250.00
 (In Honor of VVPFASF Staff)
 M/M John Lauer - \$250.00
 Zsolt Szekeres - \$250.00
TOTAL for Month = \$750.00

Donations

Donor - Amount
 M/M Joseph S. Demko - \$100.00
 Peter Di Donato - \$100.00
 M/M Frank A. Dugovich - \$20.00
 Juliann Eveges - \$100.00
 M/M Laszlo G. Fulop - \$50.00
 Andrew J. Girard - \$50.00
 M/M George Herdon - \$100.00
 Helen A. Kolacz - \$25.00
 Steven L. Koser - \$25.00
 Ruth E. Lancsak - \$40.00
 Betty Molnar - \$5.00
 Maryann Mraz - \$25.00
 Anna T. Steiner - \$25.00
 M/M Edwin A. Storer - \$50.00
 John Toth - \$100.00
 Michael Vargo - \$50.00
 Caroline B. Varner - \$50.00
TOTAL for Month = \$915.00

Donations In Memoriam

Donor - Amount
(In Memory Of)
 M/M John Mozer - \$100.00
 (Ernest J. Mozer, Sr.)
TOTAL for Month = \$100.00

Spring Appeal
 Total for June 2010
\$3,265.00

**Spring Appeal
 Total to Date
 \$13,197.00**

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Best of the Fest

WE ARE ONLY a few weeks away from the legendary 10th Annual WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest, which takes place on Saturday, Sept. 11. Scenic View is nestled in the picturesque Laurel Highlands of southwestern Pennsylvania.

This exciting event offers just about everything that is great about being an American-Hungarian--great Magyar food, one of the world's best Hungarian orchestras, and dancers executing intricate routines originally performed over 100 years ago. There will also be scores of raffles for neat prizes, a hayride up to the firetower (where you can see for what seems to be forever!), and a lake for fishing. You can stroll through the tree farm and smell the refreshing fragrances of the spruce and hemlock, visit the lodges and buildings while noting the unique architecture of each structure, or sit in the Kohut Pavillion and observe everyone laughing, singing, eating, dancing and enjoying the camaraderie only a Magyar picnic can bring.

Of course, this whole extravaganza could not take place without the scores of volunteers that begin preparing for this festival months in advance. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate to make this the best celebration ever! I hope to see you there!

Good Luck with the puzzle! There are 25 words you must find in this month's installment. Each word has something to do with the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #62 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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Best of the Fest Word List

Batyi	Lodges	Rockwood
Dancers	Magyar	Somerset
Experi- ence	Music	Sütés
Fishing	Paprikás	Szalonna
Gulyás	Pennsylvania	Tower
Hungarian	Picnic	Trees
Kohut	Pond	Udvaryi
Kolbász	Prizes	Zene
	Raffle	

Puzzle Contest #59 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #59 were drawn July 6, 2010, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Mary E. Gilbert DeFeo, Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT
Gerald M. Fingeret, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA
Josephine E. Good, Br. 8014 Pittsburgh, PA
Florence E. Kleinosky, Br. 59 Windber, PA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry. WAY TO GO!

RULES

1. ALL **WPA Life Benefit Members** are eligible to enter.
2. Complete the word search puzzle correctly.
3. Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and WPA Certificate Number, to:

WPA PUZZLE #62
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **September 30, 2010.**
5. Four (4) winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Oct. 4, 2010, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Please complete the information below:

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 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 WPA Certificate No.: _____

In Memoriam

ETHEL I. KATONA
BRIDGEPORT, CT -- The members of Branch 1 Bridgeport were saddened by the recent death of Ethel I. Katona. Mrs. Katona, 84, passed away June 9, 2010, at Hewitt Memorial Hospital.

She worked as a clerk at the Association's former district office in Bridgeport for many years, and during her time there she was well-liked and respected by all who knew her. She was a tireless advocate for the Association and helped it maintain a strong, vibrant presence in the area's American Hungarian community.

She was preceded in death her husband, Charles Katona; a daughter, Margaret Williams; and two brothers, William and Arthur Moran.

She is survived by a daughter, Irene Blakey; four grandchildren, Susan Krug, Jeffrey Price, Julie Blakey and Jessica Blakey; one great-grandchild, Chelsea Krug; one sister-in-law, Mary Katona; and

one niece, Beth Klein.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 11 at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Stratford, Conn. Burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Society.

May she rest in peace.

We ask you to pray for the eternal rest of Mrs. Katona and all our recently departed members listed below:

JUNE 2010

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Lois M. Hogan
Vincent Jakucenis
Ethel I. Katona
Marion D. Seremet
Felix I. Wojtunik
- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Doris R. Behory
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ
Marie Mickolas
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Margaret B. Barrish
Gisela Sabitsch
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL
George Stefely
- 0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Grace Petercsak
Helen Urban

- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Edward Mayoros
Irene O'Brien
Joseph Penzes
- 0023 POCAHONTAS, WV
Alex Szabo
- 0024 CHICAGO, IL
Ann Margaret Joza
- 0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Bertha Wytko
John Yancsurak
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
John S. Bishop
Julia J. Gemzala
- 0048 NEW YORK, NY
Ludie Perkinson
- 0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Julia Walker
- 0071 DUQUESNE, PA
Rev. David E. Rosage
Daniel V. Sullivan
- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Frank M. Funa
Helen Shumaker
- 0127 JOLIET, IL
Margaret R. Keck
- 0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Andy Boros
Norma Pierson
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Robert Bralick
Irene Stankus
- 0174 SCRANTON, PA
John Parada, Jr.
- 0189 ALLIANCE, OH
Kenneth H. Zurbrugg
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
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Dorothy E. McCormick
- 0278 OMAHA, NE
Earl L. Riedasch
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Helen Capozzi
Helen Pastierik
- 0349 WEIRTON, WV
Marilynn Burwell
Joseph G. Kulin
Alex Sabo
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Joseph F. Dahm
Frank Nenadovich
- 0525 LOS ANGELES, CA
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- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
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Thomas Wiktorek
- 0705 MAYVILLE, WI
Erma E. Uecker
- 0720 DEDHAM, MA
Claire Cole
- 0723 WORCESTER, MA
Kenneth M. Alves
- 0725 SPRINGFIELD, MA
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