

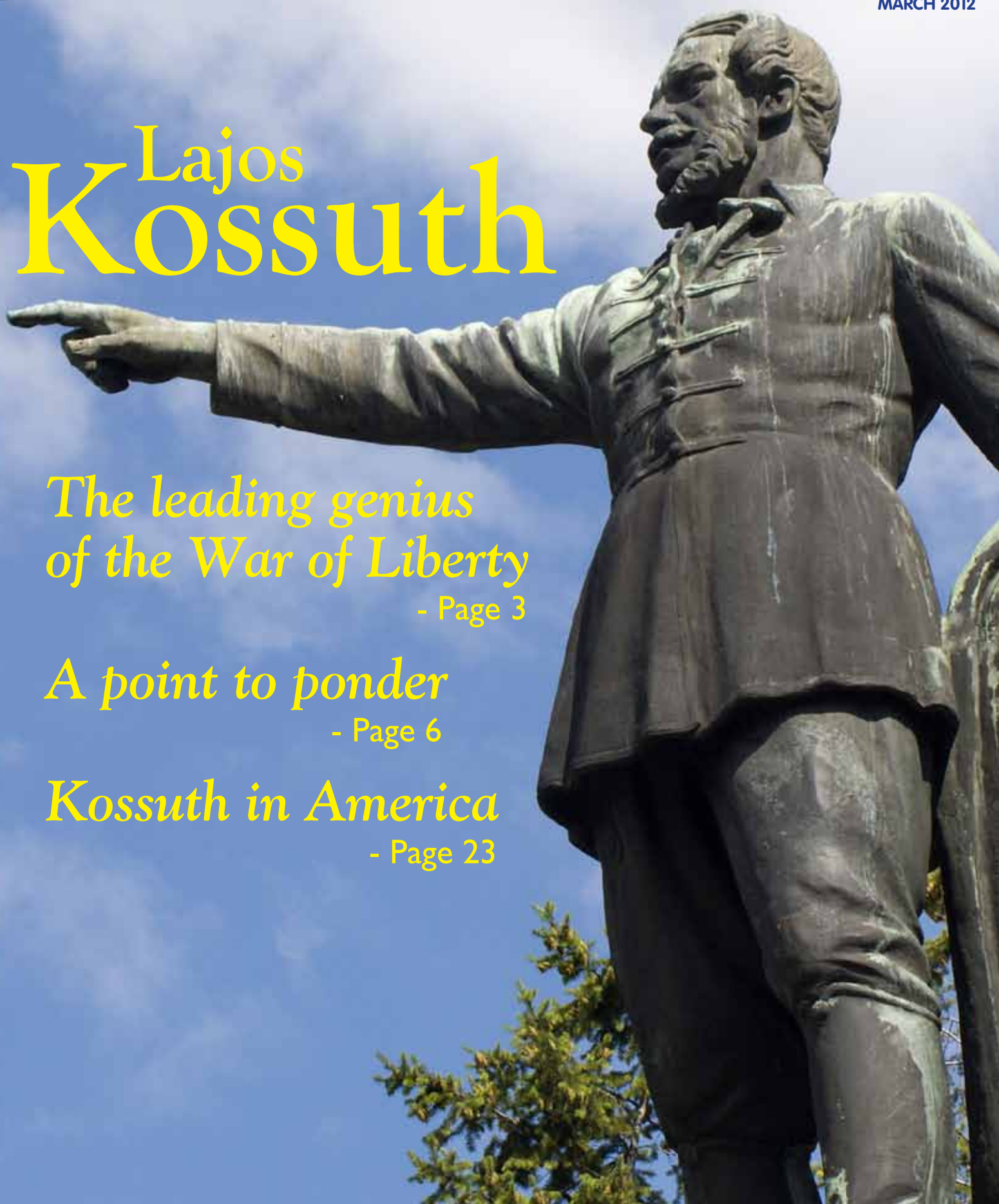


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William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility Rules for Year 2012 Scholarship Grants

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

- a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association for four (4) years.
- b) For both new and renewal applicants, the student must be the child or grandchild of a life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing. For the 2012 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2012.
- c) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they have been accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university or school of nursing.
- d) Grants are awarded for a two- or four-year period.
- e) **New applicants** must submit the following:
 1. WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Application for Scholarship Grant, which may be obtained by writing to: President, William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, or may be downloaded from the Association's website at www.williampennassociation.org.
 2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer entitled: **"How can we get 'you' to participate in our branch activities?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The Scholarship Application and Essay must be mailed and postmarked by Thursday, May 31, 2012. We recommend student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

 3. A transcript of the student's latest high school scholastic record.
 4. A copy of the student's SAT/ACT scores or waiver letter from the school in which enrolled.
 5. Proof of enrollment for the coming school year in September.

Items 3, 4 and 5 must be submitted by **Friday, September 28, 2012.**
- f) **Renewal applicants** must submit the following:
 1. A letter requesting a renewal grant.
 2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer entitled: **"How can we get 'you' to participate in our branch activities?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The Renewal Letter and Essay must be mailed and postmarked by Thursday, May 31, 2012. We recommend student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

 3. A copy of the student's latest scholastic record. All renewal applicants **must maintain no lower than a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale to qualify.**
 4. Proof of enrollment for the new term in September.

Items 3 and 4 must be submitted by **Friday, September 28, 2012.**
- g) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be submitted and signed by the student requesting the grant and mailed to the attention of the President. Eligibility rules for renewal grants will be in accordance with the eligibility rules in effect for the initial grant. Materials submitted by anyone other than the student will not be considered. **E-mailed submissions will NOT be accepted.**
- h) Scholarship grants will be awarded by the Executive Committee of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., once each year. Grants will be paid directly to the applicant provided the student is a life benefit member in good standing on the date the check is issued and all of the eligibility requirements stated herein have been met.
- i) If for any reason the recipient does not attend college after receiving the grant, it must be returned to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
- j) In compliance with current privacy laws, all information in regards to the scholarship status will be divulged only to the applicant/student.
- k) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be postmarked no later than **Thursday, May 31, 2012.** Any applications, renewal letters and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered.

If unsure of eligibility rules, the student may call Gerry Davenport at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 128 or e-mail us at scholarship@williampennassociation.org.

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Scholars thank WPA for financial support

THANK YOU so much for providing me with a scholarship for my four years of undergraduate studies at West Virginia University. I will be graduating in May with a B.S. in exercise physiology and then attending Alderson-Broaddus College for their Physician Assistant masters program

Thanks again for your generosity.

Chelsea Blankenship
Branch 296 Springdale, PA

I WANTED TO THANK YOU for the \$500 scholarships that I applied for and got my freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years of college. I graduated from IUPUI in the spring of 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. I am currently employed at a health center in Indianapolis as interpreter and registration clerk.

Laura Czajkowski
Branch 132 South Bend, IN

Kathy Megyeri's articles are excellent

I CONGRATULATE you for publishing Kathy Megyeri's article on "Hungarians, Unite in Support of WPA" in the [February 2012] issue of your magazine. This is only one of the several excellent articles I have read written by her for your publication. I greatly enjoy reading her pieces because she addresses critical issues facing the Hungarian-American community. I applaud the editors of your magazine for selecting her writings and look forward to more in the future.

Laszlo Pasztor
Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

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or send your comments by email to:
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For Starters

It's time to join the 2012 WPA Tour to Hungary

AS THE HOME OFFICE finalizes the details for our 2012 Trip to Hungary, now is the time for you to make your plans to join us for this exciting adventure to the Land of the Magyars. This year's tour will depart on Sept. 21 and return Oct. 4. As with the last several tours, this year's tour will include a visit to one of Hungary's neighbors.

This time, guests will have the opportunity to explore one of the world's most historic and beautiful cities, Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. According to online travel guide Wikitravel: "This magical city of bridges, cathedrals, gold-tipped towers and church domes, has been mirrored in the surface of the swan-filled Vltava River for more than ten centuries." It rivals Budapest as one of the top travel destinations in Europe.

In addition to both a two-night stay in Prague and a four-night stay in Budapest, our tour will include visits to the Czech Republic towns of Karlovy Vary and Telc, as well as numerous Hungarian cities and sights, including Balatonfüred, Herend, the Tihany Peninsula, Szigliget (for the Harvest Festival) and the Káli basin (for a wine tasting and folklore program).

The estimated price for the tour will be approximately \$3,100, but rest assured that--despite the daily fluctuations in the prices of air travel--WPA is working with travel agents both here and abroad to get the best price available. The price will include round-trip airfare from the USA to Europe, all hotel accommodations, ground transportation, breakfast daily, most lunches and dinners and all sightseeing tours listed in the itinerary.

See next month's William Penn Life for more information, or call Endre Csoman at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 136.

(Pictured above: The 600-year-old Astronomical Clock in Prague. (c) Dragoneye/Dreamstime.com.)



Having a Bál in Michigan

WPA Chair of the Board Barbara A. House (center) welcomes fellow members of WPA's Official Family to the 2012 Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball), hosted by the Hungarian Arts Club in Dearborn, Mich. Pictured are (l-r): National Vice President-Secretary Richard W. Toth, National Director Anne Marie Schmidt, National Director Richard E. Sarosi, National Director James W. Robertson, National Director Katherine E. Novak, National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman, National Director Andrew W. McNelis and Vice Chairman of the Board William J. Bero.



Lajos Kossuth

The leading genius of the War of Liberty in 1848

Lajos (Louis) Kossuth was born April 27, 1802, in Monok, (Zemplén County). He began his education at a school in Ujhely and continued it at the Calvinist College of Sárospatak. He continued with his studies in law at the Lutheran College of Eperjes. He finally went to Pest to attend the high courts of law.

In the meantime, the distrust against the Hapsburgs grew in Louis Kossuth. His extremely effective newspaper articles earned him nationwide recognition and trust. He was imprisoned by the Hapsburg government, which only increased his popularity.

Upon his release from prison, he defended the noble Hungarian cause; he became consecrated in the soul of the Hungarian nation. As the head of a delegation to Vienna in March, 1848, Kossuth was given what he had demanded: he re-obtained possession of the Hungarian constitution and immediately formed a Hungarian cabinet, which was composed of such outstanding Hungarian patriots and leaders as Count Lajos Bathanyi, Ferenc Deak, Count István Szecsenyi and others. It seemed that the Austrian ruler had at last succumbed to the intense feelings of the Hungarian wishes.

But such was not the case. Austria stabbed Hungary in the back. They enticed the Croats and Serbians to revolt against defenseless Hungary. For many months, Hungarian soldiers (Honvéd) fought courageously and had almost defeated the Austrians in every one of the battles, but an ill omen appeared. The northern horizon blackened with 200,000 Russian advance troops. The cause was lost. Kossuth was forced into exile. On August 12, 1849, Kossuth transferred civil authority to General Görgey. Then, with several thousand of his followers, Kossuth fled to Turkish territory. Görgey's army laid down their arms at Világos, near Arad.

Lajos Kossuth, the exiled Governor-President of Hungary, visited America 1851 to 1852. He spent six months here as a "guest of the American nation." During his stay in the United States, he visited more than 40 American cities, making as many as 500 public appearances and speeches. Kossuth was greeted enthusiastically by enormous crowds everywhere from New York to St. Louis, from Pittsburgh to New Orleans.

Finally, he settled in Turin, Italy, where he carried on political activities until his death.

In the history of Hungary, the person who has been respected and loved by the Magyar people the most is Lajos Kossuth. Main streets and squares have been named after the great patriot. Kossuth statues have been erected all over where Hungarians live.



Március Idusa

Március 15-dikén minden Magyar ember áhitattal áldozik a Márciusi ifjak emlékének, akik egy vakmerő gesztussal megteremtették a Magyar sajtószabadságot és megtették az első lépést a Magyar alkotmányosság kivívása felé.

Csodálatos nap volt 1848 Március 15-ike és 164 esztendő távlatából még mindig ragyogó varázsa van a Márciusi ifjak emlékének. Igen mert azok az eszmék, amelyeket a Márciusi ifjak képviseltek, nem fakultak meg az idővel sem és nem is fognak sohasem. Századokon tovább élnek a nemzet lelkében. A negyvennyolcas nemzedék példából, tapasztalatból tudta mit jelent az, ha egy szűkebbkörű társaság rátelepszik a nemzet nyakára és a nemzet beleszólása nélkül a maga érdeke szerint intézi az ország ügyeit.

Tudta milyen megalázás milyen kétségbeesztő szegény az, ha az erőszak feldarabolja az ország ősi hagyományát. Tudta mit jelent a lelkiismeretben elkövetett mindennapos erőszak, a kényszerű némaság, a felülről irányított sajtó az alkotmányos képviselők hiánya. A negyven nyolcas nemzedék mindezt nagyon jól tudta.

Ezért lelkesedett a Márciusi ifjak programjába fölvetett szabadság-jogokért. Fegyverrel a kezében ezért rohant a csatatérre meghalni SZENT SZABADSÁGÉRT.

Március idusán a negyven nyolcas nemzedék felé tehát hálnak sugárzik. Gyujtsuk meg az emlékezet gyertyáit!

Március idusa, örök emlékeztető nap lesz mindenkor a szabadság szerető népek történelmében!



Protection for all ages

Special insurance plans for the young and young-at-heart

WE CONTINUE WITH OUR REVIEW of WPA's permanent and term life insurance contracts with a look at two special plans: our Ordinary Life Senior Special for those ages 56 to 90, and our Juvenile Term to Age 25 plan for children ages 0 to 21. No matter what your age, we can help you plan for your financial security.

ORDINARY LIFE SENIOR SPECIAL

This plan is specifically designed for seniors, offering an affordable way to protect your finances and offset the cost of final expenses.

The issue ages for the Ordinary Life Senior Special are 56 to 90. There is no certificate fee.

Benefits are offered per annual premium units of either \$200 or \$400 using five-year age groups. You can suit this plan to your financial needs by selecting the schedule of premium payments most beneficial for you, either annual, semi-annual, quarterly or monthly.

Issue Age	Face Amount for \$200 Annual Premium		Face Amount for \$400 Annual Premium	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
56-60	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000
61-65	\$4,900	\$6,800	\$9,800	\$13,600
66-70	\$4,100	\$5,600	\$8,200	\$11,200
71-75	\$3,300	\$4,700	\$6,600	\$9,400
76-80	\$2,500	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$7,600
81-85	\$1,700	\$2,900	\$3,400	\$5,800
86-90	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$4,000

JUVENILE TERM TO AGE 25

Buy \$10,000 of insurance for your child and we'll double the coverage to \$20,000 to age 25 at no extra cost to you.

Our Single Premium Juvenile Term to Age 25 plan offers this coverage for a one-time, discounted premium payment.

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Either plan offers your child a solid start toward financial security.

Either plan provides \$20,000 of term life insurance which can be converted to \$20,000 of permanent life insurance when your child reaches age 25, without medical questions asked. When converted to a permanent plan, the certificate can take on regular cash and loan values.

Children ages 0 to 21 are eligible for either plan, subject to evidence of insurability, and the coverage continues to age 25.

At age 25, your child can use the conversion credit earned with either plan to purchase a permanent life insurance plan.

If you do not have a WPA agent, please call the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 120, and we can assist you in finding an agent who will serve you and your family by offering:

- A Review of Your Needs • Life Insurance Protection • Taxed-Deferred Annuities •
- Juvenile Insurance Plans • Special Fraternal Benefits •

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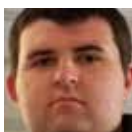
Call Roger for a review of your current situation or for any questions about maximizing the efficiency of your money. □

WPA is looking for a few good agents who want to grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 200 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 20 states. The states include; CA, CT, DC, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. Good agents are the lifeblood of any association, and WPA is a strong and growing association that has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us.

If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Barbi Tew at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 120, or Jeff DeSantes at ext. 134. Thank you.





Passing on family legacies

DURING THIS RECENT *Karácsonyi* holiday season, my father entrusted my siblings and me with a small parcel of old Magyar coins. He told us that, with about a quarter of his life remaining, it was time to give to us the things he has been keeping and saving over these many years. "I want to you to appreciate and cherish these small fragments of our *család's* past," he told us. "If I wait and never pass on these mementos, they will end up misplaced, thrown out or sold at a garage sale whenever I go up to meet grandma and grandpa in heaven!"

This ritual of passing down a family legacy began not long after my *Nagypapa* Cseh passed away in 2004. It started when my brother and I were entrusted with my Dad's favorite boyhood toy, a Rifleman Winchester cap gun. (Remember Chuck Connors?) My sister got my great-grandmother's Christmas tree that was brought over from Hungary (see my Dec. 2011 *Take*). This repeating ritual, so to speak, continues during each holiday season.

Initially, I felt this early endowment of family history was kind of creepy and morbid. But, after I thought about it, I began to understand the logic to my parents' thinking.

What made a difference in the toy gun and *Karácsonyi fenyő* becoming a family legacy was that with the gun came a detailed explanation of the meaning and history of that old used toy. Knowing what that item meant to my

dad instilled upon me a curator/preservationist attitude when considering that play rifle. My brother and I became the guardians and protectors of this sentimental jewel. To further encourage our stewardship of our play rifle, our family began to watch reruns of "The Rifleman" on a cable television channel that airs classic television shows. Ironically, we really got into watching those old black and white classics. As a family, we would all sit down and watch the program along with a piece of *kalács* or *pogácsa*. One day my brother Endre brought up a very astute analogy concerning The Rifleman: "Dad identifies Chuck Connors as The Rifleman the way you and I do with Chuck Norris as Walker Texas Ranger!"

I remember back in 2004 when my Grandpa Cseh passed. Although he was nearly 80 years old, no one was expecting him to pass so quickly and unexpectedly. Although he had a will, the really hard part was breaking up of his house. My *édes nagymama* had passed nearly 11 years prior to my *nagypapa*, so there was no one left in the house to inherit the everyday items. Another problem was getting rid of the items of sentimental value. The obstacle was not who was to get the items, but it was in what to keep, to sell or throw out?

The biggest hurdle in breaking up my gramp's house was handling the Hungarian records that had accumulated in his basement. Most of the records were 78 RPM discs. My mom had me count them; I stopped after reaching the 5,000 mark. I estimate there were at least twice that many I did not count. My father and mother didn't know what to do with them all.

They all were donated by listeners to our radio program. My father recalls the time he and my gramps went up way north of Toronto to collect an entire pickup truckload of 78's. An elderly Magyar gent wanted to give his collection of discography to someone that could use them. We eventually kept only about a thousand of the

Point to Ponder....

As mentioned by my sister Erzsi in the March 2012 Wordsearch, Louis Kossuth left America a disappointed man. He was loved by the common American but was loathed by the monied people and politicians. His "Waterloo" was not committing to the slavery issue one way or another. My question is one of deep historical analysis. Being a lover of freedom, choice and independence, Kossuth should have only had one viewpoint on emancipation and that was of freedom for all. What do you think about Kossuth's omission on the slavery issue? - Tibor

old records. Regrettably, most had to be discarded. We did not have the room or time to chronicle or catalog so many records. Those thousands of musical renderings now sit in a refuse dump in the limestone quarries outside of Bessemer, Pennsylvania. How many of those records were one of a kind or were the last to exist. We have equipment at home to record and duplicate for the sake of music preservation, but the obstacle is time and storage.

I estimated that we would have needed 40 continuous years of recording time to save each record for history.

My question concerning this preservation of Magyar Musical History is: Will it matter 100 years from now? Will anyone down the road care or even be interested in knowing about this saved music?

My dad had a departed friend who had in his possession every edition of an official naval historical magazine that was issued. The tabloid began in print not long after the Civil War in 1865. This history of the U.S. Navy was filled with pictures that were not available anywhere else. The negative plates were destroyed long ago. He wanted my father to take custody of the collection. He mentioned to my dad that no one wanted it. He even wanted to give it to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, for the cadets to use as historical reference. They respectfully declined his offer. When this gentleman passed, there was no one to give this collection to, and it ended up in the same dump as my gramps old 78's.

This gentleman also gave my father hundreds of new

recordings. (For those of you in the Y-town area, you may remember the late George Gregosits.) My dad kept most of them. This gentleman was in many respects just like an interesting fellow I mentioned in an earlier edition of *Tibor's Take*: Paul Lasher. Just like Mr. Lasher, he had a passion for recording live Magyar Zene music. This gentleman though recorded decades before even Mr. Lasher was born. These recordings were done on reel to reel tapes and, believe it or not, on spooled copper wire. My father kept some of these early renderings, but another problem surfaced. Where can a person obtain the equipment to playback a copper wire recording?

I raise again the old question: "How do you know where you are going if you don't know where you have been?" But, sometimes, you have to ask: "When do you save? When do you throw out? Who, if anyone, will be interested in this bit of preserved culture?"

One thing is for sure: You can't take it with you. Pass that legacy on. Just don't give it without explanation. Include the history behind it, the significance of it. Use that item as a tool to create a bond with you, the benefactor and previous generations. If you are unsure that the benefactor will truly become a trusted guardian of that item, then perform a preliminary worthiness test. Give that person a smaller, less significant item of sentimental value and see how he or she takes care of it. If the person shows little reverence or feeling towards this newly anointed stewardship, maybe you select a different person as the guardian of those family or generational legacies.

In a future installment of *Tibor's Take*, I will expound a little more on those sack of old Magyar coins that I opened my column with and their imagined/presumed significance to not only me but the rest of my immediate family.

Did you know they're Hungarian?

Most of us watched the Super Bowl this past February. Did you notice the punter and holder for the field goals and extra points of the New England Patriots--Zoltan Mesko--is a Hungarian?

Proud parents Mihaly and Erszabet Mesko of Timisoara, Romania, welcomed into this world their son Zoltan on March 16, 1986. The fall of Communism and a green card enabled the Mesko family to immigrate to America in 1997. Soon afterward the family ended up in Twinsburg, Ohio.

When Zoltan was in the 8th grade, he was kicking a football inside the gym when one of his punts shattered a ceiling light. The teacher noticed that the tough metal screen protecting the light was literally torn apart like a piece of tissue paper. He gave Zoltan two options concerning the destroyed light and fixture: pay for the replacement of the light or go out for the high school football team as a kicker. Zoltan chose to play football, and the rest is history.

Zoltan went on to star at Twinsburg High School and Michigan State University, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. He was drafted by the Patriots in the 2010 NFL Draft. At 6 feet 4 inches tall, Mesko holds several kicking records in the high school, college and professional levels. Mihaly Mesko was a professional nine pin bowler. □

Éljen a Magyar!

Tibor II

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Let's hear 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.



March food madness

FÁRADJON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA!

If you are a college basketball fan, the term “March Madness” is synonymous with great tournament action by many fine teams from around the nation. A few years back, Chef Vilmos and I compiled an article about tailgating at football games and what you should bring to enjoy the perfect experience. Now, its time to return the favor for all my college basketball friends who plan on enjoying the games in the comfort of their living room and not a stadium parking lot. There is a special camaraderie shared by those who partake of football tailgates in parking lots or living room accommodations with a giant screen TV for hoops action. No matter which venue you choose, food is always part of the attraction.

Here is your trivia for the month: *What are the top three items consumed when watching basketball games on TV?* Your answer is in the kitchen at the end.

Watching TV in your living room will give you a total feeling of comfort and security. In that situation most people will chow down more than a regular meal. So, besides all the junk food you will eat, throw in some healthy choices as well. How about some salad greens with sliced roast chicken or marinated steak tips? Grilled salmon chunks are great with sautéed baby spinach and a light vinaigrette. If your group is not into the real fancy fixings on game day, go with less expensive healthy choices that are sure to please.

Besides the main items on your menu, include some healthy munchies rather than potato chips, cheese doodles, or something covered with fake cheese from a jar. It's real simple to provide better food. Keep the method of preparation the same; just change or substitute ingredients. If you're making a veggie dip to go with your crudités, use yogurt instead of sour cream. Stay away from salt and use various flavoring agents. Garlic or onion powders are great with chili. Hot sauces and mustards are better than fatty mayonnaise for your hoagies and sandwich platters.

One last tip: Don't surround yourself with all the food. Keep the food in another room but still within view of the television. Getting up and walking to the food is not the best exercise, but it's better than none at all.

Have a great month and enjoy the tournament!

*Jó étvágyat
Főszakács Béla*

The Hungarian Kitchen is a trademark of William S. Vasvary.



Hungarian Meat Balls

½ pound ground beef
½ pound ground pork
2 slices seedless rye bread

OR

½ cup bread crumbs
2 eggs
1 small onion grated
1 clove garlic minced
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
4 ounces shortening

Soak the bread in water OR use bread crumbs and mix all the ingredients, except the shortening, together. Take two tablespoons of meat mixture and roll into a ball. In a skillet heat the shortening, then fry the meatballs until tender and well done. Serve with sub rolls for sandwiches.

Hungarian Lecsó

2 green peppers
2 red peppers
2 yellow peppers
1 large onion, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons olive oil
Salt & pepper to taste
2 tablespoon Hungarian Paprika
4 tomatoes skinned, seeded and quartered

Wash all the vegetables and pat dry with paper towels. To prepare tomatoes, cut out the core and drop them into boiling water for a few minutes. Remove from the water and let cool. Skin should easily peel away when scraped with a paring knife. Cut peppers into strips and onion into fine slices. In a skillet, heat the oil and sweat the garlic and onions. Add paprika and stir well. Add peppers and cook until they are limp. Add tomatoes and cook until they become soft. Adjust the seasoning and serve hot. Use as a side dish for grilled sausage or pork chops.

Cabbage & Sausage

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1½ cups milk
⅓ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon white vinegar

RECIPES



1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 cups cabbage
1 pound kolbász or smoked sausage

Melt the butter, then add the flour, making a roux. Stir in the milk until the mixture is smooth. Add mayonnaise and stir well. Add the salt and pepper then the Worcestershire sauce. Put cabbage into a casserole dish and cover with the sauce, then top with slices of the kolbász on top of cabbage. Heat in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until the cabbage is cooked.

High on the Hog Chile

2 pounds pork loin
4 dried chipotle chiles
2 dried ancho chiles
1 cup crushed tomatoes
½ cup chopped onions
¼ cup vegetable oil
½ cup cider vinegar
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place the pork in a baking pan and roast for one hour until cooked through. When cool

enough to handle, tear the meat into bite size shreds and set aside. Place the chiles in a large heat-proof bowl and cover with boiling water. Let stand for 30 minutes until soft, then seed and stem. In a food processor or blender, puree the chiles with the tomatoes, then set aside. In a large skillet, sauté the onions in the oil. When onions start to soften, add the shredded pork, tossing and stirring in the hot oil. Drizzle in the vinegar, then add the chile puree, cumin, Worcestershire sauce and sugar. Lower the heat and cook for 10 minutes. Serve with cornbread.

Deviled Ham Dip

2 (2¼ oz.) cans deviled ham
1 (5 oz.) jar pimento cheese
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons finely minced onion
2 tablespoons minced dill pickle
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ teaspoon onion salt
¼ teaspoon celery salt

Combine all ingredients; blend well then chill for 1 hour. Makes about 1½ cups. Serve with crackers or a crusty bread.

Clam Cheese Dip

4-ounce package cream cheese
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon clam juice
2 teaspoons lemon juice
½ cup minced clams, drained (7-oz. can)

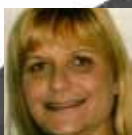
Combine all the ingredients; beat until light and fluffy. Makes about one cup. Serve as a spread for crackers.

Tuna Dip

4 ounces cream cheese
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 tablespoon chopped, ripe olives
1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
¼ teaspoon garlic salt
¼ teaspoon celery salt
½ teaspoon onion salt
½ teaspoon soy sauce
7 ounces canned tuna

Combine all ingredients, except tuna; blend well. Add the tuna in flakes then blend and chill for one hour. Serve with crackers or a crusty bread.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Like fans of most sports, the average American basketball junkie prefers to snack on, in order of preference, pizza, chicken wings and potato chips while watching the tournament.



Hypertension

Preventing high blood pressure is critical for your long-term health

BEING A NURSE on a 36-bed hospital unit, I see just about every ailment and illness there is. But one disease seems to be afflicting many more of my patients, and at much younger ages: hypertension or high blood pressure.

About one in every four adult Americans suffers from hypertension, which is a major risk factor for heart and kidney diseases, stroke and heart failure. High blood pressure is especially dangerous because it often comes with no symptoms or warnings.

Fortunately, it is easy to check your blood pressure regularly. Many pharmacies have blood pressure monitors that are free and easy to use, and home machines have become very affordable.

If when checking your blood pressure your top number (the *systolic* number) is greater than 140, or the bottom number (the *diastolic* number) is greater than 90, see your physician.

If you have hypertension, you will need to take steps to reduce it. Just as important, if your blood pressure is normal, you need to take steps to keep it that way.


You can help prevent high blood pressure now by following these suggestions:

***Maintain a healthy weight.** Being overweight makes you six times more likely to develop hypertension. Even small amounts of weight loss can prevent or treat high blood pressure

***Getting regular exercise.** Daily exercise can reduce your risks by 20-50%. You don't have to become a marathon runner, just a daily walk or household chores will lower your risk

***Reducing salt intake.** Often when people cut back on the salt in their food, their blood pressure falls. Reducing salt intake also prevents blood pressure from rising

***Drink alcohol in moderation, if at all.** Drinking too much alcohol



will raise your blood pressure. So, if you drink alcohol, limit yourself to no more than two drinks a day for men and one drink a day for women.

***Reduce stress.** Stress can make blood pressure go up and can be a main contributor toward a diagnosis of hypertension. Take some quiet time on a regular--if not daily--basis. Listen to music or take a bubble bath.

Other things, like dietary supplements may also help to prevent high blood pressure. Important elements to keep in your diet include:

***Potassium.** Eating foods high in potassium can help some people from developing hypertension. A diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables and fresh fish will probably give you all you need, with no need for supplements.

***Calcium.** Studies have shown that populations with low calcium intake have higher incidences of high blood pressure. However, it has not been proven if taking a calcium supplement will prevent hypertension. Nevertheless, it is important to get at least the recommended amount of calcium--1,000 milligrams per day for an adult and 1,200 for children and pregnant women--from the foods you eat. A diet that includes low-fat milk, cheese and yogurt should give you what you need.

***Magnesium.** A diet low in magnesium will cause some people to have high blood pressure, but physicians do not want their patients taking magnesium supplements to prevent an elevated blood pressure. The amount

you get in eating leafy green vegetables, whole grains, nuts, peas and beans is usually enough.

***Garlic.** There has been some research showing garlic does have some affect on lowering blood pressure. Garlic has also been shown to lower cholesterol and prevent some cancers. More studies on the effects of garlic are to be released soon.

Always check with your doctor before starting any exercise program, or taking any supplements. There could be an interaction with your prescription medications.

So, eat that leafy green salad with your low-fat veggie pizza on a whole wheat crust and enjoy a nice glass of wine. Then, stop and get a frozen yogurt while on your after dinner walk. End the day with a warm bubble bath and watch your high blood pressure melt away.

Till next month....

Be Healthy!

Be Happy!

Stay Fit!

Egészségére!

Debbie

Health Links

To learn more about hypertension (high blood pressure), how to prevent it and its possible effects on your overall health, log onto:

➔ <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/high-blood-pressure/DS00100>

(Information on high blood pressure, including symptoms, causes, complications, treatments, and lifestyle and home remedies)

➔ <http://www.ash-us.org/documents/BloodPressureHealthEnglish.pdf>

(A pamphlet entitled "Blood Pressure and Your Health" published by the American Society of Hypertension, Inc.)

WPA Annual Bowling

May 4 & 5, 2012 • The Meadows

WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION is happy to announce the return of our Annual Bowling Tournament, Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. This weekend of fun for the whole family will be held at The Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa., just south of Pittsburgh.

The format for this year's tournament weekend will be quite different from WPA tournaments of the past. Rather than being a sanctioned, competitive event, this year's tournament will focus on FUN!

Accommodations will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands. WPA's special room rate for the weekend is \$109 per night (double occupancy). For room reservations, call the DoubleTree at 724-222-6200 or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. Use the group code "WPA" to ensure you receive our special rate. Deadline for hotel reservations is 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3.

Bowlers and guests will arrive Friday, May 4. After checking in at the WPA information table near the hotel lobby, guests are free to spend the evening enjoying all the exciting games and amenities of The Meadows.

Bowling will be held Saturday, May 5, at Meadows Lanes,

a state-of-the-art bowling facility located within The Meadows, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. Bowlers are welcome to arrive at the lanes at 8:00 a.m. to enjoy a free continental breakfast. There will be no team event. Instead, four bowlers will be assigned to each lane. Each bowler will bowl three (3) games. Prizes will be awarded to the top three bowlers among both the men and women.

Bowlers will also have the chance to win some special prizes during the event. Anyone bowling a perfect 300 game during the event will win a \$1,000 five-year WPA annuity. There will also be a Lucky Strike Contest. During each of the three games, the names of one man and one woman bowler will be randomly selected. If either bowls a strike during the frame after their name is announced, he or she will win \$25. If neither wins, the prize will be added to the next game. Plus, there will be a special 50/50 raffle.

Children are invited to participate in their own special Juvenile Fun Event. Our young bowlers will bowl on lanes

A Fun Weekend

- Adult and
- Prizes for
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Tournament at Racetrack & Casino Washington, PA

separate from the adults and will enjoy pizza and soft drinks. After the adult and juvenile bowling events are concluded, all are welcome to share in a barbecue buffet at the hotel, beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The number of adult bowlers will be limited to 80, so please register as soon as possible.

Cost for the event is \$50 per adult. The cost includes bowling, admission to the barbecue and the continental breakfast Saturday morning. Cost for the Juvenile Fun Event is \$5 per child ages 15 and younger. Admission to the barbecue only is \$25 per adult and \$10 per juvenile ages 12 to 15. The barbecue is free for children ages 11 and under.

Register TODAY! And watch for more information in next month's *William Penn Life*. □



Weekend for the Entire Family

Juvenile Bowling
Prize for the top adult bowlers
Prize for a perfect game
Strike Contest
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Registration Form

For more information
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Last minute Join Hands Day ideas

You may be short on time to plan a project, but we have some fun ideas for you

JOIN HANDS DAY is less than two months away. You and your branch want to participate, but you're short on time and aren't sure what kind of project to conduct.

Relax. There are plenty of worthwhile projects you can organize in time for this year's Join Hands Day on Saturday, May 5.

Remember: Join Hands Days is an opportunity for fraternalists and non-fraternalists alike to come together to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects that connect youths and adults.

What kind of projects? Here are some ideas for successful projects from the American Fraternal Alliance.

- Sort clothes at a shelter for homeless people.
- Prepare sandwiches and personal care kits for homeless people.
- Provide childcare while homeless parents attend classes or look for employment.
- Write letters to local politicians, newspapers, etc., on local environmental issues.
- Walk dogs at a local animal shelter.
- Volunteer at a recycling center.
- Clean up trash along a local bicycle path or the side of a local road.
- Paint a flagpole and donate a flag.
- Build wheelchair ramps.
- Deliver meals to homebound people.
- Visit hospital patients and bring flowers, door decorations and reading materials.
- Paint a mural on a school wall.
- Record books for people with vision disabilities.
- Run errands, paint or do yard work for people with physical limitations.
- Repair bicycles to give disadvantaged children and teach them bicycle maintenance.
- Repair gravestones and improve landscaping in a cemetery. Document historic grave sites.
- Plant flowers, shrubs and trees in a park or other location. Work with a landscape architect and/or master gardeners to develop a special garden in a park, at a nursing home or group home.
- Revitalize a community facility by mulching; planting trees and flowers; refurbishing sandboxes, swings and a track area; or painting picnic tables or bleachers.
- Collect stuffed bears (and other animals), write messages to tie or clip onto the bears and give them to local police departments to use in comforting children.
- Help seniors by installing safety devices, raking yards, cleaning gutters



or shopping for their groceries.

- Assemble "Summer Fun Reading Bags" for children to encourage reading and learning over the summer months.
- Clear out an illegal tire dump, giving the tires to a recycler.
- Plant a vegetable garden at a seniors' residence or children's center.
- Take seniors and/or children fishing.
- Paint a mural at a school, community center or group home.
- Clean up a community ballpark or soccer field.
- Plant sunflowers and other wildflowers on country roadsides.
- Build and put up birdhouses, butterfly boxes or bat houses.

There are almost countless projects you can do. For more ideas and information on how to partner with youth in your area to plan and conduct successful projects, visit the Join Hands Day website at www.joinhandsday.org or call the Join Hands Day Action Center at 630-522-6322.

Don't forget...

...to share the story of your Join Hands Day project. Make sure you have someone take pictures of your volunteers in action and write a story about your project to share with your local media and *William Penn Life*.

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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! It's time to get out and enjoy some branch activities, get together and have some fun!

We are planning an outing for our branch members to a Wheeling Nailers hockey game. All our branch members and their families are invited to attend, but the seating is limited. So, please call me to reserve your seats as soon as possible at 740-264-6238.

The date for the game is Sunday, March 25, against the Elmira (N.Y.) Jackals. The game begins at 4:00 p.m.

As this issue was going to press, the Nailers were in second place in the Atlantic Division of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), just three points behind the first-place Jackals. It should be a great game.

The Wheeling Nailers play at Wesbanco Arena in Wheeling, W.Va. The Nailers are the ECHL affiliate of both the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Montreal Canadiens of the NHL.

If you plan to attend, call me soon to reserve your tickets. Hope to see you there.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at 63 Meadow Lane, Wintersville, Ohio. We will be planning our Join Hands Day events.

Also, keep Sunday, June 3, open on your calendar for the next joint picnic with the Ohio Valley Hungarian Club. Details about this event will follow.

For information about Branch activities please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

Branch 14 **Cleveland, OH**

by Dawn D. Ward

Top o' the morning to ya! The intense enthusiasm at St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations nationwide is a great example of Celtic pride.

Even though there are approximately 36 million Irish-Americans in the United States, as compared to about four million Hungarian-Americans, the Hungarian heritage is just as strong, as evidenced by the recollections of 90-year-old Branch member Carolyn Cederlund.

Carolyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Czomba, lived in Cleveland with their family of five children and moved to a farm in Windsor, Ohio, in 1931. Mrs. Czomba had a large garden, and, despite the Great Depression, Mr. Czomba was able to provide for his brood. Mrs. Czomba always made great Hungarian meals, and she also sold insurance in the 1930's and 1940's for the Verhovay Aid Association. She travelled to several counties in eastern Ohio selling Verhovay insurance.

Carolyn was one of the five children, and in 1941, her sister Pat was born. Carolyn, who turned 90 on Jan. 22, 2012, and Pat (age 70) are the only two surviving siblings.

"I can't believe I lived so long and I'm still a member of WPA," Carolyn said. "Mom insured all her children, and we still do business with our friend, Jeff Ward."

Carolyn's great-grandchildren are fifth-generation WPA members, many of whom enjoy our annual children's Christmas party.

Thanks to their great-great grandmother's efforts, the wonderful lineage continues, hopefully in perpetuity.

Prospective and current college students are encouraged to investigate scholarship opportunities through William Penn Association. Eligibility rules for the 2012-2013 academic year can be found inside the front cover of this issue.

The branch welcomes the following new members: William Schweda III, William Schweda IV, Sara Schweda, Michael Fisher, Sylvia Kelly, Liam Kelly, Stella Palmieri,

Gavyn Sandlin, Taylor Welker, Dennis Bregitzer, Michelle Moccia-Frazier, Isabella Frazier, Emma Bueno and Elaina Kotabish. We look forward to seeing you all at our numerous branch activities.

Branch meetings will be held April 4 and May 2 prior to our summer recess. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Bethlen Hall of the First Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. All adult branch members are welcome to attend and help plan future activities.

Branch 18 **Lincoln Park, MI**

by Barbara A. House

Think Spring!

I have just returned to Florida after attending the White Rose Ball in Michigan. Wasn't that the best one ever? Thank you to all the WPA National Directors, Officers and members for your support and attendance at the event. Honorary Chairperson Darlene Szatmari was a gracious guest of honor and looked lovely. Thank you to all the Hungarian Arts Club members and officers for another job well done. WPA members, as always, make me so proud.

Thank you, Helen Molnar, for all your help. We had a great time together.

Thank you also to Irene Korpak for all the goodies. We had a lovely day.

Thank you, Steve Szatmari and all the Rhapsody employees, for a wonderful evening and super meal.

Special thanks also to the Rev. Barnabas Kiss for all the beautiful words. You made us all feel so welcome, as always.

Welcome to new member Charlotte Ann Deri. We are looking forward to your participation in our branch. Really enjoyed talking to you, Mary Ann. See you soon.

We are working on our trip to Hungary. I missed going last year, so I am really looking forward to this year's trip. We are planning to visit Prague. Everyone says Prague is as beautiful as Budapest. I doubt that, but I'm looking forward to see-



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A date to remember...

Attention all branch news contributors and those wishing to submit articles and photographs for publication in **William Penn Life**. The deadline for all submissions to our magazine will be the 10th day of each month. By meeting this deadline, you will help ensure that our magazine gets in our readers' hands in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz, Managing Editor, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135. Or, email John at jlovasz@williampennassociation.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

ing for myself. I hope you are planning to join us this year. We have so many wonderful things planned for you.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially: Dave Chakey on the death of his brother; Dora McKinsey on the death of her aunt; and members Joseph J. Soter and Judy Schroeder. May they all rest in peace.

Congratulations to Tom House on being chosen as Prince of the Valentine dinner-dance here in Florida. He has played the "Prince thing" for all it's worth.

There are many activities here in Florida, but there is no place like home. We should be back home by the end of March. But, as usual, I am always available to you on my cell phone at 313-418-5572.

Our first branch meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, April 11. Remember: we are now meeting at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard Road at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to the HACC for making us feel so welcome. We are looking forward to doing business with you.

Get well wishes to Judy Chakey, Endre Csoman, Carol Truesdell, Al and Olga Wansa and Julia Bubenko. Hope you are all better very soon.

Bon voyage to Glenn and Debbie Wolfe as they embark on a wonderful cruise. I'm sure going to miss you guys.

Happy Birthday to Prince Tom House, Tony and Tina Wolfe, Helen Molnar, Roger Nagy and Ursula Markovits. May you all have many more.

Congratulations to Gerry Davenport on her retirement from WPA. She has been a loyal employee for 43 years. What am I going to do without you? You have been a friend, mentor, helper, sounding board and even a soft shoulder to cry on more than once. I'll never forget you, my friend. Thank you so much for all you do. You will be missed so much.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to our Irish members. Aren't we all Irish on March 17?

Looking forward to seeing you very soon.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

What a wonderful first time experience I had at the White Rose Ball in Dearborn, Mich. The Hungarian Arts Club should be very proud of themselves for continuing such an elegant Hungarian tradition. The event was an inspiration, knowing so many young members of the Hungarian community take such pride in participating in the event.

Special thanks to Helen for being our Sunday tour guide. Everyone there was so friendly and helpful. It was also nice to visit with the Rev. Barnabas Kiss, who left the Youngstown area 18 years ago to relocate to Detroit. We also had the opportunity to attend Mass at the beautiful Holy Cross Hungarian Roman Catholic Church.

I'm marking my calendar now for next year's ball.

On a sadder note, the last official Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Church was celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 12. Many former members of the parish, supportive community members and members of the newly-formed Holy Apostle Parish were in attendance. Celebrant was Bishop George Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown.

A dinner was held following Mass, allowing people to visit and share memories.

The worship sites of Holy Apostle Parish will be St. Stephen of Hungary and Sts. Peter and Paul churches.

The Youngstown American Hungarian Federation will host its annual program commemorating the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence on Sunday, March 18. The event will be held at the Youngstown American Hungarian Club, 2219 Donald Ave., beginning at 2:30 p.m.

We are so looking forward to all the upcoming WPA events and visiting with all our friends.

Happy retirement wishes to Margie Sams.

Get well wishes to Maria Goda, Leo Hrecska, Glenn Davenport and Judy Chakey.

Many happy returns to the birthday and anniversary celebrants this month. Special wishes to the WPA on its 126th anniversary of fraternalism and fellowship while providing beneficial insurance products.

We extend our sympathy to those who recently lost a loved one.

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

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

The groundhog said six more weeks of winter, but we really can't complain so far. We have been spared this year.

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

The White Rose Ball in Michigan was beautiful. It was nice to see so many beautiful young women and handsome young men participating in this event again. Thanks to everyone for the great hospitality, especially since we didn't have to come home to snow! The dinner at Rhapsody was delicious, as usual. It was great to see Endre walking so well. Missed you Arlene.

A special "Happy Birthday" to branch members Mitzi Berei, Carmella DeBlasio and Becky Williams. May you have many more. Extra special birthday wishes go to my husband Andy. Love you very much. Birthday wishes go out to all branch members celebrating their birthdays. We hope that you all are happy and healthy.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Andy McNelis at 412-421-6031. For information about WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please contact Branch Coordinator Maria Bistey at 412-431-6035.

Branch 59 Windber, PA

by Shirley A. Rakoczy-Przywara

What can I say--old Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Feb. 2, Ground Hog Day in Pennsylvania. So, we were supposed to have six more weeks of winter! However, it has been most pleasant here in Windber, and I think Phil must have seen someone else's shadow. Maybe it was Gov. Corbett's; he was at the Ground Hog Day festivities. However, whatever kind of weather we will have until Spring finally arrives, tried and true Pennsylvanians know how to deal with it.

I am writing this on Feb. 5, a Su-



Among those attending Branch 88's Founders Day party were: (front, l-r) John Toth, Joseph Chobody and Endre L. Csoman; (back, l-r) Samuel Mikita, National Vice President-Secretary Richard W. Toth, National Director Dennis Chobody, Vice Chair of the Board William J. Bero and National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman.

per Bowl Sunday. I'm sure most of the country was glued to their television sets for the big game between the New England Patriots and Tom Brady and the New York Giants and Eli Manning. I was hoping to see a great game.

Well, Super Bowl XLVI is now history, and the New York Giants won the game--and if you were watching, I'm sure you will agree it was a GREAT game!

Don't forget to send me those items you would like to see included in our Branch 59 new reports in upcoming issues of *William Penn Life*, and don't hesitate to call me with any questions about the Association and its life insurance and annuity plans. My number is 814-509-6190 in Windber.

Please remember in your prayers all those with afflictions. Also, please remember to pray for all of our military personnel, that one day they will all return home safely. God is listening.

Finally, to all those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, I wish you a great and happy day. My only granddaughter turns eight on Feb. 16. She is a sweetheart in every sense of the word and a juvenile member of WPA. Happy Birthday, Sammie!

Branch 88 Rural Valley, PA

by Joe Chobody

Members gathered on Sunday, Feb. 19, for Branch 88's annual Founders Day party. The menu included chicken paprikás and dumplings, kolbász, hot sausage and salad. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and a great meal.

Special thanks go out to Endre and Butch Csoman, John and Richard Toth and Bill Bero for their help and support.

Also, thanks go to Dennis and Kathy Chobody, Joe Chobody, Sam and Sandy Mikita, Tom and Diane Firmant and Tom, Melissa and Jack Baculik.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello, all, from Columbus, Ohio. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. May you be blessed with good health and happiness this year.

Our branch Christmas party was held on Dec. 10 at the Grove City Elks Club. We had about 190 mem-



Young members of Branch 129 welcome Santa Claus to the branch's annual Christmas party.



Santa extends a special greeting to the newest member of Branch 129, Kason Ash, during the branch's annual Christmas party.

bers and guests in attendance. The children were entertained by a balloon artist who made something for each of them. The meal was catered by the Cultural Club of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus. We had an excellent meal consisting of cabbage rolls, sausage and sauerkraut, fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, veggies and kiflis.

After the meal, Santa visited and gave the children gift bags provided by the Home Office as well as candy and a monetary gift. The adults each received a calendar and goodie bag provided by the Home Office. Carols were sung and door prizes given out. All seemed to have a great time.

Mark your calendar for Dec. 1 for

this year's Christmas party.

The branch officers for 2012 are Marge Boso, president; Terry Albert, vice president; Margaret Leonardo, secretary; Debbie Lewis, treasurer; and Velma Nadalin and Diane Walker, auditors. Congratulations!

Our branch meetings this year will be held on March 6, June 5, Sept. 4 and Nov. 27. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. at Planks Cafe, 743 Parsons Ave., Columbus. We would like to see more members in attendance. We need your input. Hope to see you.

Several members are already planning to attend the 65th WPA Annual Bowling Tournament to be held on May 4 and 5. We have one team ready to go. It is a great time, and we hope we can get more of our members to attend.

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

Warm wishes to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

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

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, please contact Arpad Sibrik at 614-231-8024 or Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Debbie Lewis, at 614-875-9968.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Borsay

Warm wishes to everyone from Branch 226!

Sometimes it's hard to find the positive things that lift our spirits from the doldrums of winter, but birthday parties are a great way to gather with friends and enjoy good food. Some birthday parties are more of a special occasion than others,



and that's the case with Julia E. Genes of McKeesport, Pa., who turned 96 in January. Julia (pictured left) has been a William Penn Association member for more than 30

years. She likes attending her church and its events and enjoys reading the newspaper, watching the Game Show Network, and being with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She's even been able to travel to Hungary with her sisters and granddaughter, Malvene.

She welcomes people to call her "Gramma" with a bright smile on her face; so now you too can wish her "Happy Birthday, Gramma!"

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Michele Daley-LaFlame

Hope everyone is enjoying the weather, whatever it may be this day.

Just a reminder to all about some upcoming events.:

- Two dinners commemorating the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence will be held this month. The first will be at the Old Troy Pike Community Church, Kossuth Hall, on Sunday, March 11, at 1:00 pm. and the other will be held at St. Stephen Church Undercroft on Sunday, March 18, at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per person.

- St. Stephen Church will be making and selling sausage on Thursday, March 22 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.75 a pound. Call Michele

LaFlame to place your order by March 18 at 937-278-5970.

- Our branch's Cabbage Roll Sale will be held on Thursday, March 29. Pick-up is from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Call Michele LaFlame to place your order by March 25 at 937-278-5970.

We will be bowling "just for fun" and in preparation for WPA's Annual Bowling Tournament on the last Sunday of the months of March and April. Call Anne Marie Schmidt for further information at 937-667-1211.

We are also looking forward to doing a Pizza Party/Mother's Day/Father's Day craft with our youth on April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for the next two meetings of Branch 249 on March 11 and April 15. Both convene at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see some of you there at St. Stephen Church. Call Michele LaFlame for further information at 937-278-5970 or Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211.

As you can see, we have a busy calendar. Hope to see you at some of these events. Happy Spring!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora McKinsey

The first day of spring is March 20, and just the thought of seeing flowers and trees bloom and witnessing new life emerge from the ground is exciting. I can't wait.

It's also the time that many of WPA's fraternal activities will begin. The bowling tournament May 4 and 5 will be here soon. This promises to be a fun, fraternal event with several changes from our previous bowling tournaments. The Meadows Casino and Racetrack will be celebrating the Kentucky Derby that weekend. So many things are being planned by the Casino that our guests will be able to participate in. You can find information on the tournament and an entry form in this month's issue of *William Penn Life*. The April issue will include the final details of the bowling tournament.

Also coming up are Join Hands Day on May 5, the Annual Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days on July 20 and 21, the Hungarian Heritage Experience in August, the

WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest at Scenic View on Sept. 8 and, last but not least, the WPA sponsored trip to Hungary in September. Please try to support as many WPA fraternal functions as possible.

Branch 352 will be holding a branch meeting in the near future. Look for details as to where and when in the next issue of *William Penn Life*. We will be discussing future projects for the branch, so come to the meeting with ideas of what you would like to see the branch do in our communities.

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

Easter is early this year-April 8-and the April issue may not arrive in your mail before that. So, I'm wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!

If you have any insurance questions or have news to share with our readers, please contact me at 412-319-7116 or email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 590 Cape Coral, FL

by Joan Mauerman

Greetings from sunny Florida. Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Christmas party was held at the Golden Corral in Punta Gorda, Fla. Bingo was played and songs were sung. Everyone enjoyed the day. Goodie bags were distributed, and the 2012 calendars were a big hit. Thanks to WPA for the contributions.

A short business meeting was held during which we elected our branch officers. Elected were: Mike Tomcsak, president; Eugene Toth, vice president; and Joan Mauerman, secretary-treasurer. Good luck to all.

Congratulations to Jodi and Jersey Reyes on the birth of their first child, Ethan. He is my 21st great-grandchild. They are currently in Hawaii, where Jersey is stationed for three years. He is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. Jodi is a registered nurse. God bless all of them.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating this month.

Our branch held a picnic in

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November at Gilcrist Park in Punta Gorda. (I was in the hospital and could not attend.) I am told it was very nice.

The branch made a donation of \$250 to the WPA's Tree of Knowledge, which supports the Association's Scholarship Foundation. The inscription on our leaf reads: "In Memory of Deceased Members of Branch 590."

Congratulations to Kathy Novak on being elected to the WPA Board of Directors. She is a real asset to the Board.

Get well wishes go to Carol Truesdell. She is such a hard worker, but she is always friendly with a smile on her face.

Congratulations to Sarina Mauerman, a junior at Boardman High School in Boardman, Ohio. She came in first place during the pole vault event at a recent track meet at Youngstown State University. Way to go, girl! She is a WPA member.

I was sorry to hear that Our Lady of Hungary Church in Youngstown was being closed due to downsizing by the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio.

Our next branch meeting will be a picnic at Gilcrist Park. Cards will be mailed listing the date and time.

If you have news to share, or if you have questions about WPA life insurance and annuities, call Mike Tomcsak at 863-858-8071.

WPA Annual Bowling Tournament

May 4 & 5, 2012 • The Meadows Racetrack & Casino
Washington, PA



BOWLING REGISTRATION & BARBECUE RESERVATIONS

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

ADULT BOWLERS (AGES 16 & UP)

NAME	WPA MEMBER?
1. _____	YES NO
2. _____	YES NO
3. _____	YES NO
4. _____	YES NO
5. _____	YES NO
6. _____	YES NO
7. _____	YES NO
8. _____	YES NO

JUVENILE BOWLERS (AGES 15 & UNDER)

NAME	WPA MEMBER?
1. _____	YES NO
2. _____	YES NO
3. _____	YES NO
4. _____	YES NO

FEES & COSTS

Adult Bowlers \$50.00 x ____ = \$ _____
(Barbecue included in price)

Juvenile Bowlers \$5.00 x ____ = \$ _____
(Barbecue NOT included)

Non-Bowling Adult \$25.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Barbecue Guests

Juvenile Barbecue Guests \$10.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Ages 12-15

Juvenile Barbecue Guests FREE x ____ = N/A
Ages 11 and Under

TOTAL FEES & COSTS\$ _____

Make check payable to "William Penn Association"

NON-BOWLING BARBECUE GUESTS

NAME	(CIRCLE ADULT OR JUVENILE)
1. _____	ADULT / JUVENILE
2. _____	ADULT / JUVENILE
3. _____	ADULT / JUVENILE
4. _____	ADULT / JUVENILE

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands**. All bowlers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s), call the hotel at 724-222-6200, or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. Use the group code "WPA" to receive our special rate of \$109 per night (double occupancy). **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012.**

Mail completed form & check to:

Bowling Committee, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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Kossuth in America

The March 2012 word search is dedicated to the memory of Magyar patriot, Lajos Kossuth. He lived for 91 years and spent much of his time in forced exile. He could have easily led a life of comparative luxury and comfort, but chose to fight for the freedom of his fellow Hungarians. He was an extraordinary orator in not only Magyar but also English. Kossuth taught himself to speak Shakespearian style while serving a three-year prison term for publishing the minutes to the meetings of the Diet. During his incarceration, Kossuth had access to only an English version of the Bible and copies of plays by William Shakespeare.

Kossuth arrived in America on the USS Humboldt on Dec. 4, 1851, from Turkey at age 45. He was a White House guest of President Millard Fillmore, spoke to both the Senate and House of Representatives, and made over 500 official speeches and countless impromptu oratorical presentations. He was named as a "Champion of Liberty," by the press.

Kossuth left America in early July 1852 very disappointed and emotionally drained. He was popular among common folk and social set alike, but was disdained by the political and monetary power brokers.

His visit was about 10 years prior to America's Civil War. The battle lines over abolition were already drawn. It was only a matter time before the war would start. Kossuth made the discretionary blunder on his trip to America of remaining neutral on the abolition of slavery. This gave both sides of the emancipation issue the necessary fodder to ignore Kossuth's request for fiscal and international political support.

In retrospect, if Kossuth only would have taken the side of the Union, he more than likely would have gained much needed support for his endeavors. Ironically, two nephews of Kossuth fought and died as cavalry officers for the Union Army.

In honor of "America's Guest," Lajos Kossuth, I present you this word search for March 2012. During his eight-month visit to the United States of America, Kossuth visited a total of 17 states and the District of Columbia. The 17 word search clues include the names of many of the states that Kossuth visited.

Good Luck!
Lizzy Check (Erszi Cseh)

Puzzle Contest #78 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #78 were drawn Feb. 2, 2012, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Anna Czajkowski, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Paul A. Niglio, Br. 336 Harrisburg, PA
Susan L. Schneider, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Florence L. Thomas, Br. 174 Scranton, PA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #81 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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

Kossuth in America Word List

Alabama	Maryland	Ohio
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Georgia	Missouri	South Carolina
Indiana	New Jersey	Virginia
Kentucky	New York	Washington DC
Louisiana	North Carolina	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WPA Certificate No.: _____

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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 #81
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **April 30, 2012**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about May 4, 2012, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

In Memoriam

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

JANUARY 2012

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Mary A. Filicko
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Dorothy Campbell
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0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Margaret Zemantauski
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(Daniel M. Chakey)
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