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Holiday Greetings from the Chair

William Penn has had another wonderful, busy and eventful year.

Special thanks to our National Officers, Home Office employees, Board of Directors and especially you, our wonderful members, for helping to make this, our 127th year, so memorable. Thank you to all who participated and supported all our events. We had many branches take part in Join Hands Day, our super bowling and golf tournaments, our early sell-out of the Hungarian Heritage Experience and our record-breaking WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest.

We then had many travelers on our European trip just four days after the picnic. On the trip, we saw most of Transylvania and Hungary. Next year, we will stay in Hungary. We want to see as much of our heritage as we can in two weeks. Please join us. We are tentatively scheduled to depart Sept. 10.

We will close this year with many wonderful branch Christmas parties.

Thank you to all my Branch 18 officers, who again pitched in so I could attend some of your events. I love you all.

All of these events will again be offered in 2014. Please plan to attend as many as possible. They will again have early bird discounts. This will help us plan these events and make them better.

The Official Family will again do our best to attend as many of your branch activities as we can during the coming year.

We are always available to help you build your branches so they will last at least another 127 years.

Remember your juvenile members. They are our future.

Do your best to hang on to our scholarship recipients. Ask for their input. They are a wonderful group of members. We awarded 170 scholarships again this year. Thank you for all your donations.

Please help your branch. Be an active member. Make suggestions for activities. Keep your branch going into the future. The future depends on you. Recruit new members. We are the only Hungarian American fraternal society. We must support each other, Americans and Hungarians alike. It's all up to you.

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I wish you a wonderful holiday season. I hope you spend it with those you love. We ask God to continue blessing our beloved William Penn Association and you, our wonderful members.

May you always have enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough success to keep you eager, enough faith to give you courage, and enough determination to make each day a good day. (Thank you, Father Barnabas, for the blessing.)

Boldog és áldott Karácsonyt a bethlesemi Jézus áldásával és békés, sikeres új esztendőt.

With much thanks and love,

Barbara Ann House

Celebrate Christmas with your branch

We invite you and your family to celebrate the holiday season in the true fraternal spirit with your fellow WPA members. You can find a schedule of branch family Christmas parties in last month's issue of *William Penn Life*, which can be found on our website at www.williampennassociation.org.

We also have new information on one more branch party:

Branch 24 Chicago will host its party on Saturday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Hungarian Church, 4759 McCook Ave., East Chicago, IN.

American Hungarian Foundation prepares for Festival of Trees

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ -- A holiday tradition with an international flavor will return to the Museum of the American Hungarian Foundation in New Brunswick with the opening of the 25th Annual Festival of Trees on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Visitors are invited to get into the holiday spirit and enjoy the cultural traditions of 11 different cultures, including America, Belarus, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latin America, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Ukraine.

During the festival, which runs through the end of January, Christmas trees decorated by volunteers from different ethnic groups will be on view. The trees are trimmed with handmade ornaments, cookies and

treats. Along with the trees, there is a unique Menorah to celebrate the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

The public is invited to the opening reception on Dec. 15 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Individuals representing the decorating groups will be present in folk dress, entertaining with holiday music and verse. Many will also be serving their special holiday treats for visitors to sample.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.. The suggested donation is \$5. The museum is located at 300 Somerset Street in New Brunswick, NJ. For more details, call 732.846.5777 or see the museum's website: www.ahfoundation.org.



WPA Fraternal Events 2014

WPA Bowling Tournament

May 2 & 3 Our annual bowling event, promising a fun time for the entire family, returns to the Meadows Racetrack and Casino, located in Washington, Pa., just south of Pittsburgh.

Join Hands Day

May 3 This annual, nationwide day of service brings together youths and adults to plan, organize and work together on projects that will benefit their neighbors and their communities.

31st Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

July 18 & 19 Our annual 18-hole event returns to the magnificent Quicksilver Golf Course in Midway, Pa., the site of several previous WPA tournaments and a number of professional events.

Hungarian Heritage Experience

August 3 to 9 Scenic View in Rockwood, Pa., will again play host to this week-long program where members can learn the language of the Magyars while getting a taste of Hungarian history and culture. We have already received reservation requests, so if you want to attend, reserve your space today.

14th Annual WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest

September 6 The Association's most popular annual fraternal event returns to Scenic View, offering another afternoon of Hungarian food, music and dancing, along with fun for the entire family.

WPA Trip to Hungary

September (dates to be announced) Join your fellow members and friends of the Association on an excursion to the Land of the Magyars. Spaces for this tour are already being reserved, so do not delay in making your reservation.

Other Noteworthy Events

The Hungarian Arts Club 56th Annual White Rose Ball • February 1 • Dearborn, MI
American Hungarian Foundation 51st Annual Carousel Ball • April 26 • New Brunswick, NJ
Univ. of Pittsburgh Hungarian Classroom's 75th Anniversary Celebration • April 27 • Pittsburgh, PA
39th Annual Hungarian Festival • June 7 • New Brunswick, NJ
Lake County Captains' Hungarian Heritage Night • June 7 • Eastlake, OH
40th Annual Birmingham Ethnic Festival • August 16 & 17 • Toledo, OH



Start planning for 2014 now

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED on the previous page there is a schedule of our WPA fraternal activities for the coming year 2014. We also listed the dates and locations of some other noteworthy events that should be of interest to the Hungarian community. If you have not already done so, please review this information and write down the dates on your calendars. I would also suggest you read our branch news section each month to learn about additional Hungarian events happening throughout the U.S. I encourage all of you to attend as many of these events as possible. Without your support, such events will cease to exist, and part of our great Hungarian culture and traditions could be lost. And that would be a tragedy.

For its part, WPA will continue to offer a number of events open to all of our members and friends. I would like to highlight two of our events.

First, our annual **Bowling Tournament** will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2014. It will again be held at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Washington, Pa., located just south of Pittsburgh. There will be bowling events for both adults and children, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the bowling lanes located inside the casino. Prior to the start of bowling, a continental breakfast buffet will be available

to all bowlers and guests at the lanes. Following the conclusion of the bowling events, the awards banquet will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, located adjacent to the casino. Look in the January issue of *William Penn Life* for more information and a registration form. All registration forms will be due at our office by April 11, 2014.

The other event I wish to mention is our **31st Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days**, which will be held July 18 and 19, 2014. The 18-hole tournament will once again be played at the Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa. The Pittsburgh Airport Marriott will again offer accommodations for all golfers and guests, and will serve as the site for both the annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation and the Friday night golfers reception. The golf tournament will again feature a shotgun start and a scramble format. More information about this summer fraternal weekend, along with a registration form, will be published in the January issue of *William Penn Life*. The deadline for golf registration will be June 24, 2014.

I wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Kívánok kellemes karácsonyi ünnepeket és boldog új évet.

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Moving forward in 2014

A review of two of our permanent life insurance contracts

SOON WE WILL BE MOVING into the new year, and I would like to spend the next several months highlighting a few of our permanent and term life insurance contracts. This month, I would like to highlight our **Life Paid Up at Age 65** and our **Almost Guaranteed Issue** plans.

Life Paid up at Age 65 Plan

This is an excellent way to maintain a lifetime of insurance protection for you and your loved ones while paying premiums only during your income-earning years. Premiums are payable to age 65, or until the death of the insured, if earlier.

The issue ages for the Life Paid up at Age 65 plan are 0 to 60.

The minimum issue amount for ages 0 to 54 is \$5,000, and the minimum for ages 55 to 60 is \$2,000.

This plan can be suited to your financial needs, both present and future. You select the schedule of premium payments which is most beneficial for you: that is, annual, semi-annual, quarterly or monthly.

Plus, this plan has a competitive cash value growth that can possibly be an important source of income later on.

This plan also offers a banded premium which means that the more insurance you buy, the lower your premium rate per \$1,000 of insurance.

You also have the flexibility to add the Waiver of Premium Benefit and the Accidental Death Benefit to this plan.

Non-smokers may qualify for preferred rates at the minimum face amount issue of \$25,000 and up.

Almost Guaranteed Issue Plan

This plan offers you the greatest amount of insurance protection for the lowest premium. This plan was developed for ages 21 to 55 with attractive discounted premium rates and a choice of using the Ordinary Life or Life Paid Up at Age 65 insurance plans.

The issue ages for the Ordinary Life plan are 21 to 55. The issue ages for the Life Paid Up at Age 65 plan are 21 to 45.

Only one Almost Guaranteed Issue Life Paid Up at Age 65 plan is allowed per member.

This plan is sold with banded face amounts of insurance of \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 and \$25,000 with 10 year age groupings to the nearest birthday.

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Natalie graduated from the University of Arkansas with two master's degrees and is a retired Army lieutenant colonel. She has 30 years of experience in all areas and lines of insurance, but four years ago entered the sales arena as an independent agent.

Natalie's enjoyment is seeing her vision come to life and sharing that vision with others. She is a respected mentor and colleague among her peers. Her aspiration is to introduce, recruit and mentor highly motivated and success-driven young people into the world of entrepreneurship.

Natalie has two sons, Torrey and Brent, who have themselves become young entrepreneurs. □

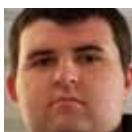
WPA is looking for a few good agents who want to grow with us

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.

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No Christmas gifts this year

MY SIBLINGS AND I were born about a year apart from each other. We grew up together. Many of my friends have sisters or brothers who are a decade or more older or younger than they are. Some of my peers are related to their siblings by blood and not much else. A friend once told me: "I have an older brother, but I never knew him. He was off to college when I was five years old. I cannot recall ever doing something with my brother like you and your brother Andrew do on a daily basis."

As my siblings and I grew, we continued to share our interests. Life moments--such as First Communions, sport competitions and graduations--were clustered in groups of threes. There were many fond memories:

- The three of us would hold onto and read together my Grandpa Cseh's books, such as *The Christmas Anna Angel*, *The Good Master* and *The Singing Tree*.

- There were our Christmas trips to the Cleveland West Side Market. At the Farkas Bakery, each of us was allowed to select one cake. I would order the Gerbeaud, Lizzy a Krémes and Andrew a Linzer. Our noses would be crammed up against the glass showcase eagerly anticipating our slice of Hungarian heaven.

- The Branch 28 Christmas party was always a big event for us. The last party that my *nagyapa*¹ attended before his untimely passing in 2004 brought an unexpected joy to each of us. Grandpa won the 50/50 drawing at that very party. Without hesitation, he gave each of us equal shares of the winnings.

My mother affectionately refers to us as her *három dinnye*.² My Aunt Olga calls us "the three Magyar amigos."

Upon graduating from secondary school, each of us proceeded to college. Fortunately, we attend the same institution of higher learning. We often get together on campus, but as an entire family unit, our moments together are pared down to once or so a month. Between my commitment to law school, each of our jobs and various other obligations, we are left with very little time or opportunity to be together as a family.

However, this coming May, the three Cseh children will once again experience a big life event as a "unit of three." We will all graduate from college at the same time. This milestone will most likely mark the end of one era and will usher in a new chapter in the book of life for my family.

Up to this point, we have lived in the same house or at least in the same immediate area. But, I envision at least

one of us embarking on a new career far away from Ohio. I have concentrated my legal studies on international law. I would love to practice my vocation in Hungary, but only God knows my future destiny. My brother and sister will have a wide choice of locales to move to once they graduate. One thing I know for sure, our shared times as a family will be few and far between.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME for giving and receiving. For the younger portion of the population, receiving is more important than giving. As one grows older however, the latter becomes the important part of the season, and the receiving of gifts becomes unimportant and trivial. The most important aspect of Christmas is, of course, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The family is, and will forever be, the real reason to worship and celebrate.

Just a few days ago, my family got together to lay a strategy for the upcoming Christmas season. In a somber tone, my *anya*³ and *apa*⁴ announced that we will not be getting any birthday, graduation or Christmas gifts this year. They also requested that we not exchange gifts amongst ourselves or give anything to them either. We were left rather speechless. My question was, "Why?" Was this a new era of being "the Cseh family Scrooge?" Was this new frugality caused by economic or health hardships, or something else?

After a short pause came the explanation. My mother started first. She smiled and said, "the family will be celebrating Christmas during the last half of the month of May in 2014."

This did not lessen our confusion or alleviate our surprise.

Then, my father spoke. "As a celebration," he began, "the five of us are going to Hungary. We will spend a week in Budapest and the rest of the time at relatives' homes in Csót. We will take side trips to Pannonhalma, Pápa and the Balaton. The money that you save by omitting gift giving this year will cover your expenses. Save your money. Mother and I will pay for the flights, hotels and special nights out, such as going to the Mátyás Pince and Gundel's. You will be on your own for daily meals and souvenir purchases."

My parents' next statement was the most surprising. I asked how they were going to pay for this trip. *Anyá* replied: "We have been squirreling away money for years with the intention to do this one last big family event."

Point to Ponder....

Do you have specific questions or concerns that could be answered if you visited Hungary? If so, please share them with me. You can either email your questions to me at silverking1937@yahoo.com, or write to me in care of the WPA Home Office. Merry Christmas/Boldog Karácsonyt! - Tibor



Other than for future weddings or funerals, we will probably not be all together again as a family very often. Consider this excursion a big send-off and graduation celebration."

My *apa* added: "I wanted to actually take all of us on the WPA tour, but realized that the trip traditionally takes place in the autumn when each of you will be immersed into establishing your careers. Once each of you gets financially stable, then maybe you can take your mom and me on a WPA trip."

Although our "rendezvous in Budapest" is six months away, many things have to be done in preparation for this excursion. By preparation, I don't mean the travel arrangements; my parents are taking care of those. What I mean is prioritizing just what I would like to learn and experience during my journey to Hungary.

There are so many questions I would love to have answered while on holiday in Hungary. One set of questions will be about Hungarian society and culture, which can be answered by observing and engaging in informal conversations with the locals.

The other category of inquiries will lead me on a search for personal enlightenment. When visiting the home village of my great-grandparents Kadi and Cseh, will there be a "kindred spirit" ignited within me? I'm trying to imagine myself walking down the same street on which my forebears trod more than a century ago. I want to pick up a handful of soil from the yard where my great-grandmother once played as a little girl. I want to kneel at the same Communion rail where my great-uncles Feri, Mihály and Jóska did as altar boys 90 years ago. I would love to see the church records revealing names of relatives that lived generations before me. I want to touch a 125-year-old tree in their village. I would love to stroll down the main street and imagine myself as a young lad enjoying an early spring afternoon. Will I meet new relatives in the village? Will I learn of lost or hidden family stories of sorrow, happiness, strife or bravery in my ancestral village? I suspect that this will be a transcendent journey of self-discovery that not only changes how I view the past, but also how I look towards the future.

As a student of history and government, I would like to learn just how our brothers and sisters in Hungary live, function and view life in general. Typical American Hungarians know very little about the legal parameters set by the national and local governments of Hungary. I have a

LOT of questions:

- As I asked in my *Take* this June, are we Americans better off than our counterparts in Hungary?
 - How much money does a typical Magyar earn?
 - What is considered routine Hungarian medical care?
 - Do Magyars take physician prescribed medicines as often as Americans do?
 - Are Magyars taxed as extensively as Americans?
 - Is news coverage in Hungary as thorough as it is here in the states?
 - Do Hungarians view Americans in a light that will surprise me?
 - Are stores and shopping in Hungary similar to ours?
 - Does the Hungarian government provide food stamps, housing and other tax-funded benefits for poor or handicapped individuals?
 - If so, how much is provided in comparison to America?
 - How do the hospital systems of Hungary handle such maladies as cancer, cardiovascular disease, arthritis and mental illnesses?
 - Do Hungarians utilize charge accounts, home financing and savings like we do?
 - Are the percentage of single family households in Hungary comparable to American statistics?
 - How do parents of unwed, teenage mothers handle such a situation?
 - What does the typical Magyar think about America's leadership and foreign policy?
- My list of questions about Hungary goes far beyond the realm of culture, music and food. Will I be enlightened, surprised or disappointed in what I learn? Will I find out more about myself and my own country? Will the typical Hungarian answer my questions candidly?
- Hopefully, the translation from Hungarian to American will not dilute or skew the answers.
- This is one *Take* that is most definitely "to be continued."

Éljen a Magyar!

Tibor II

(Translation notes: (1) grandfather; (2) three melons; (3) mother; (4) father.)

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

Let's hear your take

If you have any questions or comments about me or my column, please email me at silverking1937@yahoo.com, or write to me in care of William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.



One door closes, another opens

SAYING GOODBYE is often very difficult, especially when you're saying goodbye to a friend and colleague who you have worked with for years. Alas, dear readers, that is exactly what I must do now, and it saddens me.

For more than 10 years, Chef Béla presided over "The Hungarian Kitchen" in the pages of this magazine. He graciously shared with us his vast knowledge of not only Hungarian cooking but also the culinary arts in general and healthier eating in particular.

But, even the best of things must come to an end, and thus has the good chef's time with us. He has taken his talents to a new town with a view of new horizons. We wish him nothing but good luck, good health and, always, *jó étvágyat!*

Okay, so we have closed our door to "The Hungarian Kitchen." That means it's time to open another door--a door of opportunity--for you, dear readers. With Chef Béla gone, we need to find a new way to continue spreading the word about Hungarian food. I will take over this section of the magazine, at least for the time being. It's a big challenge for me, one I'm not sure I can handle alone. I could really use your help.

I would be tickled pink if you would share your family's favorite recipes with us. Sure, we have plenty of recipes we can present from WPA's fantastic cookbook,

A Taste of Hungarian Heaven, and we will share many of those. But, we also know there are countless variations to many traditional recipes, and I think many of you--just as I do--would love to discover new ways of making (and perhaps improving upon) old favorites.

If you would like to see your recipe in a future issue of *William Penn Life*, send it to: Chef Vilmos, c/o William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Or, you can email it directly to our managing editor, John E. Lovasz, at jlovasz@williampennassociation.org.

In the meantime, until we get your recipes, I'd like to share with you recipes for some dishes that are a part of many Hungarian families' Christmas meals. From the WPA cookbook, we have recipes for a tasty fish soup, classic fried fish and an incredible stuffing for your holiday turkey. We also present, courtesy of our good friends at the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum, a recipe for *szaloncukor*, or "parlor candy." This traditional treat has sweetened Christmas for generations of Hungarian children.

My wish for you this Christmas is that you truly enjoy the holiday. Traditions are wonderful, but if things don't go quite according to plan, stay flexible and enjoy whatever comes your way. Stay focused on the true spirit of the holiday, and all else will fall into place. *Boldog Karácsonyt!*

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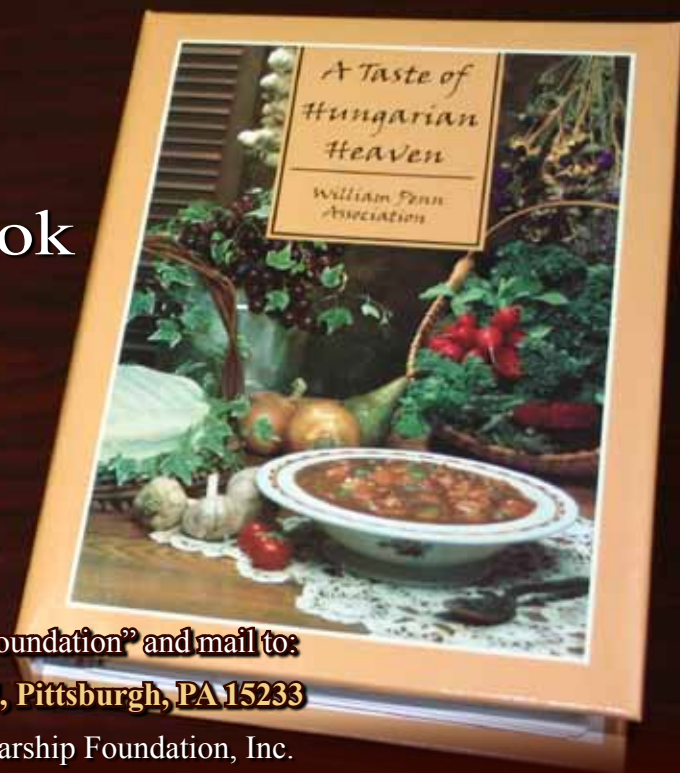
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RECIPES

Lake Balaton Fish Soup

5 pounds boned white fish, cut into 2-inch pieces (carp is traditional, but you can substitute striped bass or pike)
 2 cups celery, diced
 ¾ cup green & red peppers, diced
 ½ cup red onion, diced
 1 cup carrots, grated
 ½ Hungarian banana pepper, minced
 ¼ cup bacon fat
 1 tablespoon Hungarian sweet paprika
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 12 cups spring water
 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 3 bay leaves
 12 teaspoons marjoram
 1½ cups sour cream
 Salt & black pepper to taste

In a small soup pot, sauté all the vegetables in the bacon fat until they are soft. Stir in the sweet paprika and the kosher salt. Put all the cut fish pieces over the vegetables and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add the water, vinegar, bay leaves and marjoram. Make sure the liquid just covers the top of the fish. Bring liquid to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Shake the soup pot but do not stir the soup with a spoon. Simmer for 20 minutes or until the fish flakes apart. Strain the fish from the broth and place into a serving vessel. Pour the broth over the fish, saving ½ cup. In a sauce bowl or gravy boat, mix the ½ cup of saved broth with the sour cream. Serve this alongside the soup. Recipe serves 10.

Hungarian Fried Fish

1½ pounds fish fillets
 1 small can evaporated milk
 2 large eggs, beaten
 1½ cups instant potato flakes
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ tablespoon Hungarian paprika
 ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 ½ teaspoon white pepper
 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
 2 cups canola oil
 Lemon wedges for garnish
 Tartar sauce

In a shallow bowl, combine the flour and spices, blending well. In a mixing bowl, combine the eggs and evaporated milk. In a third dish, pour the potato flakes. Dredge each piece of fish in the flour, then in the egg wash, and finally in the potato flakes. Heat the canola oil in a black iron skillet. Fry the fish a few minutes on each side until golden brown. Garnish with parsley and serve with lemon wedges and tartar sauce. Serve your guests.



Szaloncukor

(This recipe courtesy of the Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Museum)

2½ cups sugar
 6 tablespoons milk
 6 tablespoons water (or coffee or orange juice)
 2½ tablespoons unsalted butter
 Flavorings or essences (raspberry, lemon, rum, vanilla, etc.)

Optional

Melted chocolate to cover candy pieces
 (For best results, use the kind especially made for candy-making)

Combine the sugar, milk, and water in ceramic pot over the stove burner. Bring to a boil over medium high heat, stirring slowly. When it begins to boil, reduce the heat to low and let it simmer without stirring for 3 minutes. Pour into a heat-proof glass dish. (Don't scrape the pot--it will cause the sugar to crystallize!) Add the unsalted butter, and the desired flavoring(s). Stir with a wooden spoon until mixture turns white and stiff. Pour the stiffened mixture onto a damp cotton napkin or kitchen towel and form into a rectangle about 3 inches thick. Let it stiffen a bit more, but before it becomes com-

pletely hard, cut into small squares or rectangles with a wet knife. (Rectangles are easier to wrap.)

Traditionally, this was the only way szaloncukor was made. Covering the candy with chocolate has become popular only in the last 20 to 30 years. The plain or chocolate-covered pieces are wrapped first in rectangular pieces of white tissue paper--with frilled ends--and then colored foil is wrapped around the center of each piece, leaving the frilled ends exposed. Recipe yields about 30 to 35 pieces.

(A note on flavorings: In place of the water, you can use coffee or orange juice. For the chocolate version, add a level tablespoon of cocoa powder and a half teaspoon of vanilla along with the butter.)

Mother Vozar's Hungarian Stuffing

(For an 18- to 20-pound turkey)

16 eggs
 8 chicken livers, cut into small

pieces

10 slices stuffing bread, toasted, buttered & cut into cubes
 ½ pint fresh mushrooms, sliced
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 rib celery & top, diced
 3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
 ¼ pound butter or oleo
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 ¼ teaspoon paprika
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon black pepper
 80 soda crackers, crushed
 1¼ cups water

In a large pot, put the bread, parsley, eggs, salt, pepper and paprika; mix, but do not beat. In a sauce pan, sauté onions in butter, then add celery and mushrooms. Cover over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes. Set aside to cool. In another bowl, add the water to the crushed cracker and blend with a pastry blender. Add the mushroom soup and mix. Add the egg and bread mixture and blend with pastry blender. Add the livers and the cooled onion and mushroom mixture. Mix stuffing well, then stuff into the breast cavity of an 18- to 20-pound turkey. Cook turkey at 450°F for 3½ hours or until done.

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Former Board member leaves legacy to his Hungarian home

DETROIT --Stephen Danko, former member of the WPA Board of Directors, is being remembered throughout all of Hungary as an *igazi magyar*, a "true Hungarian."

Mr. Danko, who passed away July 10 at the age of 95, left his homeland in 1929 when he was 12 years old, but he never forgot where he came from.

One of his last wishes was to have half of his ashes taken back to Nyírkársz, Hungary, the small village in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County where he spent his early childhood.

He bequeathed \$250,000 of his estate to the construction of a preschool and a cultural arts center in the village. He also bequeathed \$25,000 each to the village's Greek Catholic and Roman Catholic churches.

These wishes were granted with pride by his daughter Darlene and son-in-law Stephen Szatmari in October when the couple visited the village.

Mr. Danko's generosity and the love he had for his family and his heritage will never be forgotten.



Remembering the revolution

CLIFTON, NJ -- Members and friends of the Association gathered Oct. 23 in Clifton, N.J., for a flag-raising ceremony to commemorate the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. (Photo by László Kerkay)

Scholarships for students of fine arts available

YPSILANTI, MI -- Students of Hungarian descent studying the visual or performing arts may qualify for up to \$2,000 in scholarship grants being offered by the Hungarian Arts Club.

Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program in the fine arts. The number of scholarships and the awarded amounts will vary depending on funding. Deadline for applications is Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013.

Students must submit two letters of recommendation, proof of their Hungarian ancestry and a portfolio of their work, demonstrating their talent and ability in their chosen field.

Those awarded scholarships must attend the Club's annual Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball), to be held Feb. 1, 2014, in Dearborn, Mich.

For more information and an application form, contact R. Richard Hayes, at 248-505-1171 or by email at Hungarianartsclub@gmail.com.

Hungarian Room Committee makes plans for holiday open house

PITTSBURGH - The Hungarian Room Committee of the Nationality Rooms Program at the University of Pittsburgh welcomed members and nonmembers to decorate the Hungarian Classroom at the University's Cathedral of Learning on Nov. 16.

The room was decorated for the holiday season in preparation for the Nationality Rooms Open House to be held Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon to 4:00 p.m. During the open house, the Hungarian Room Committee will sell cookies, pastries and perhaps other items.

The Hungarian Room Committee fall meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1. A welcome reception will be held on the 12th floor of the Cathedral of Learning at 2:00 p.m. with the meeting to be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Hungarian Classroom.

Among the topics of discussion will be plans for the classroom's 75th

anniversary celebration to be held April 27, 2014.

Please send Committee Chair Kati Csoman an email message at cso-mank@juniata.edu if you would like more information or would like to participate in any of these events.

Ms. Csoman was able to make the connection between the Hungarian Room Committee scholarship winner for 2013, Katherine M. Haas, and Magdolna Zimányi, a new member of the Hungarian Room Committee. Ms. Zimányi is the niece of architect Dénes Györgyi, who designed the Hungarian Classroom.

Katherine said Ms. Zimányi "helped me find my hostel (The Goat Hostel), set me up with a rail pass to Vienna, and provided me with a Budapest student card. We wandered around the Pest side of the Danube, and she pointed out several buildings also designed by Dénes Györgyi."

Just 4 Kidz

with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends! Merry Christmas!

Christmas is less than a month away, and my mom wants me to work on my Christmas wish list. I was a really good little clown this year and was hoping that Santa would bring me a bike. I am going to draw Santa a picture of a purple bike and a purple helmet. If I promise my mom and dad that I will be extra careful and always wear a helmet, maybe, just maybe, they will put in a good word to Santa for a purple bike. Do you want to draw your Christmas wish, too? In the space below, draw the one thing that you really want for Christmas.



Can you help Santa & his reindeer find their way?

Santa's on his way to deliver gifts to all the good boys and girls, but he needs to lead his reindeer through a tricky maze. Help Santa pick the correct entrance, then find his way to the exit at the bottom.



Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

by James D. Ballas

"Fuel for the Heart," a blood drive sponsored by Branch 1 Bridgeport, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, took place Oct. 19 in Bessemer Center Hall. Our branch members volunteered their time and effort to help fill the worldwide need for blood. As the Red Cross states: "The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood."

Of the 50 or so people who came to give blood, only half were actually able to give. The Red Cross uses a stringent screening process to ensure that the blood supply is safe and free of any disease before it goes into the system. Many times, people are turned away because of pre-existing conditions.

Those who arrived early were treated to coffee, tea and donuts. Branch President Bill Bero cooked an authentic Hungarian Gulyás lunch for those who gave blood and the dozen Red Cross staff who were present. Branch members Sandra Stasko and Ann Ballas and I were on hand to assist and serve for the day. Ann also baked Hungarian pastries that were served to all.

Andy Girard, of the Girard Insurance Agency, was on hand for the day to answer any questions regarding WPA insurance plans. Several policies were sold throughout the day. Andy is very knowledgeable about all of the William Penn products available.

In all, it was a very successful day. Our branch contributed to help fill a vital community need. We came together with not only our fellow branch members but also residents of the local neighborhood and wider community. We demonstrated our Hungarian spirit in food and hospitality to all. We look forward to the coming year when we will plan more events to bring our members together.

The Red Cross conducts blood drives every day. We encourage everyone to go on the web and visit www.redcrossblood.org and find out where you can give blood in your area.



Among those who made Branch 1's "Fuel for the Heart" blood drive a success were (l-r): WPA Sales Representative Andy Girard, Sandy Stasko, Branch Coordinator James Ballas, Ann Ballas, Cindy Carney and Red Cross representative Paul Leahy.

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Branch 349
Weirton, WV
Branch 8164
Steubenville, OH

by Joyce Nicholson

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

We congratulate Ryan Bodley of Branch 349 for being chosen a recipient of a William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship. Wishing you all the success in the future, Ryan.

Our holiday baskets were a great success this year. We'll have more about this in upcoming issues.

I want to take time and space here to celebrate the life of a great man in William Penn Association. Nick Toth Jr., my father, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 at home. He was 91 years old, a great inspiration, and a friend to all. I am proud of him and all he accomplished in life. He will always be my hero.

He was an avid promoter of the Hungarian culture and inspired me to find my roots in our Magyar heritage. But he was more than an ancestral branch on our Hungarian

family tree; he *was* our family tree. Much like the tall, strong cherry tree that grew in our family's front yard, Nick (pictured below) put down roots



in his community to raise his family in a safe, secure environment. Those roots were firmly planted and deeply rooted in his abiding faith. The sturdy trunk of that tree stood resolute

through many storms and grew stronger to support the spreading branches with each year.

I would clamber throughout the branches of that stately cherry tree to pick the fruit it produced every season. Dad hung a swing from its branches. The branches of that tree shaded and protected me from any harm that threatened trouble. Even though that tree has now fallen, it has left an influence in my life, along with many vivid and irreplaceable memories of my childhood.

The testament my dad leaves is very much like the cherry tree from our front yard. He was a kind, strong, loving man who reached out to protect, serve and support his family and friends. Dad loved the outdoors, especially golfing, gardening, hunting and fishing. He truly enjoyed nature and left his Earth better than he found it. Love you, Dad!

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in

the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
(Psalms 1:1-3)

If you have any news you would like to share or would like more information about branch activities, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Where did 2013 go? This year has flown by so fast. Now, we are getting ready to celebrate the holidays and start 2014. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. To all of our members and friends, Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

I was happy to share with you my experiences on the 2013 WPA trip to Hungary and Székely Land in last month's *William Penn Life*. Traveling to Hungary and areas of the former kingdom of Hungary is truly a journey one should try to take at least once. It helps you gain an understanding of where our ancestors came from and of the traditions, customs and delicious foods we have come to love and continue to prepare. You also get an idea of the long journey they took in order to reach America.

Each time I have traveled to Hungary, my grandparents have been on my mind. I don't know how they were able to leave their family, friends and little *faluk* (villages) behind and travel to a strange, new country seeking a better life. I remember seeing a small suitcase and a trunk tucked away in their attic or basement, which they used to hold their worldly belongings all the way to Cleveland, Ohio. Yet, I joke about what to bring in one suitcase about the size of their trunk for my two-week vacation to Hungary.

I have seen some of the small villages in Hungary, and I see why



Congratulations to Branch 14 member Lynn Lanzara and Robert Chamberlain who were married on Oct. 12.

my grandparents were determined to leave. In some of the areas we visited in Romania this year, life does not appear to have changed much since the day they left for America nearly 100 years ago.

This is a land where time has stood still. In the *faluk* of Székely Land, some roads are paved, but there are still many dirt roads. Cars share the road with cows. The villagers appeared rich, with their small homes and yards and their roosters, chickens, mules and pigs. Horses and horse drawn wagons still provided transportation for many. Small gardens and fruit trees decorate small plots of land which the villagers call home.

This is how the homes in Cleveland's Buckeye Road community looked at one time--small parcels with vegetable gardens, flowers and fruit trees. At times, you might have heard chickens and roosters, even though the city did not allow them.

People in Transylvania in 2013 still work the fields by hand using picks and shovels. I saw no modern farm machinery until we got back into Hungary. I saw several men using sickles to cut grass around their *kapuk* (gates), just like in the paintings that show the Hungarian way

of life. I saw few businesses, small shops or factories, and I wondered what people did for income in many areas we passed through.

Then there was Aunt Ida, who was 88 years old. She opened her house to strangers and proudly showed us her most prized belongings, including the wedding dresses that were nearly 200 years old and had been worn by her, her mother and her grandmother. Aunt Ida also proudly showed us tablecloths, curtains, towels, bedding, pillows, clothing and painted walls--all of which were created by hand. I did not see a sewing machine to make the job easier for her. Each of the wrinkles on her face was a sign that much squinting had taken place over the years.

One day, our bus passed several horse-drawn wagons filled with young people in costumes who were traveling the streets, singing and inviting everyone who could hear to a festival that evening. This is what we did in Cleveland in the 50's and 60's to announce the *Szüréti Bál* for the local churches. We used decorated cars to parade up and down the streets to announce the dance for that afternoon.

There is one area of Hungary I still have to visit: Kassa/Kosice, the area where my grandparents once lived. That will make my journey "home" complete. I can't help but wonder what my reaction will be when that happens.

Each time I leave Hungary, I get a little teary eyed as the plane begins to lift and I say goodbye to Budapest once again. Beautiful Budapest is getting a little easier to navigate with each visit. Pretty soon I will know Budapest like I know Cleveland. I wonder what our journey will bring in 2014 and what stories I will be able to tell...

We are in the planning stages of WPA events for 2014. You can look forward to the Annual Bowling Tournament, Join Hands Day, Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake Erie Captains, the Annual Golf Tournament, the Hungarian Heritage Experience, the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest, the 2014 WPA Trip to Hungary and the Branch 14 Christmas party.

My niece and Branch 14 member Lynn M. Lanzara and her husband Robert Chamberlain shared with us a picture from their Oct. 12 wedding. Lynn is the daughter of Branch President Caroline Lanzara and the late John Lanzara. Lynn's father provided the October sunshine for the happy couple to enjoy all day as he watched from above. Congratulations and best wishes to Lynn and Bob as you begin your new life together.

Congratulations also to Branch President Lanzara on her election as Chief Elder and to Branch 14 member Albert Frate on his election as Vice Chief Elder of The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland. Their terms begin Jan. 1, 2014.

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

Get well wishes are being sent to

all Branch 14 members who might be feeling under the weather. We would like to continue sending get well wishes and prayers to the Rev. Peter Toth of the Lorain Hungarian Reformed Church. We also send get well wishes to Arlene Csoman. Please keep all of our members in your prayers and wish them a speedy recovery.

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

Our next Branch 14 meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Adult branch members are encouraged to attend.

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Can you believe 2013 is rapidly coming to an end? I hope we all made some wonderful memories and friends this year. I have, and I treasure every one.

I hope you are all ready to greet Baby Jesus into your hearts and homes. Tommy, Gabby and I will celebrate all the holidays in Florida. I can always be reached on my cell at 313-418-5572.

We are happy to welcome to our William Penn family Jerry Hauser, our new National Vice President-Secretary. We look forward to many wonderful years with Jerry. Welcome!

Special congratulations to the Bethlen Communities. All their new homes have been sold. God certainly smiles on this wonderful and caring community. I am very proud to represent WPA on their board. May God continue to bless you and all your good works.

Congratulations also to Steve Charles on acquiring his first home. Welcome to the world of...well, you'll find out soon enough.

Welcome to the Pokornys, new travelers on Branch 18 trips. We do a few trips every year. You will enjoy every one of them. Our next one will be in July 2014 to beautiful Traverse City. Details will be announced soon.

The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble performed at the Music Hall Nov. 23. I hope you all had the opportunity to see them. I understand they are touring through America. Watch for them coming to your area.

Thanks, John Kozarevich, for the donation. I loved it.

Get well wishes to all our wonderful members, especially Joey Gall (who is recuperating from triple bypass surgery), Arlene Csoman, former WPA National President Al Vargo, Doug and Carol Truesdell and Mary Pedrys. You are all much loved. Please get better soon.

Our next and last meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian Cultural Center on Goddard Road in Taylor. This is our annual sup-




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RIGHT: Members of the New Brunswick, N.J., Fire Department help Branch 19 distribute food to needy families at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church.



BELOW: Members of Branch 28 joined Hungarian Americans of the Youngstown area Oct. 20 in commemorating the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.



portive members Christmas party. If you wish to participate in the grab bag, bring a \$10 gift. We also, as always, will be accepting donations of animal food. Winter is especially hard for our animal friends. Any donation is welcome.

October's Charity of the Month was selected by Loraine Randall, who chose the Brownstown Animal Shelter.

We break for winter and will resume our meetings on April 23, 2014.

Please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Nick Toth (a true member and friend), Michael Forgo, Pauline Roskevitch, Madeline Banjack and Katherine Kiacz. May they all rest in peace.

Happy December birthday to Dennis Chobody, Dave Chakey, Nick Kotik, Bob Kantor and, last but certainly not least, Gabby House who will be a teenager (13). May you all have many, many more.

Have a wonderful Christmas and the very best new year ever. We thank God for all our wonderful blessings in 2013.

Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn B. Bodnar

We are busy getting ready for our annual Christmas party, which will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick. We hope you can join us.

We continue to distribute food to needy families on the last Saturday of each month at the church. On Oct. 26, we celebrated the third anniversary of this service to our community, giving food to 170 people. Each child received a plastic pumpkin filled with special treats.

Also, each Wednesday morning we distribute bread, cookies and produce.

On Thanksgiving, we offer a free dinner to anyone in our neighborhood who is alone or needy.

Our outreach program keeps the Rev. Joseph Bodnar very busy. Any branch members willing to help are always welcome.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

I cannot believe another year has come and gone. Soon, our homes will be filled with the warmth and joy of the Christmas season once again.

As always, Branch 28 wishes to thank the Home Office for its generous support of and special treats for our branch family Christmas party. More details about our Dec. 14 party will be in a future issue, along with the names of our holiday scholarship raffle.

As part of the Holiday Basket program promoted by the Home Office, Branch 28 added some extra funds and extended our donations to a few additional charitable groups.

The memorial service honoring the heroes of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution was held Oct. 20 at the Franciscan Friary. Songs, poems and prayers were offered, and Maria Schauer presented the following bit of history about Dr. Ilona Toth (1932-1957):

Dr. Toth (pictured below) and her colleagues, were treating the wounded freedom fighters, and when they became aware the secret service was looking



for these heroes, Dr. Toth and her friends hid them and denied they were there and saved numerous lives. Their downfall came as a result of a betrayal, because

one secret service AVO agent posed as a first aid worker and asked to be given the wounded so he could transfer them to a safe hospital. Trustingly they were turned over to him, and later they found out that the wounded were turned over to the authorities.

The same secret service agent returned once again because he was so successful at the first try. Some of the hospital workers recognized him for who he really was and they attacked and killed him. Dr. Toth was working in another part of the hospital and was not

aware of these happenings.

Soon after, Dr. Ilona Toth and her co-workers were arrested, given a swift trial and sentenced to death. On June 27, 1957, all of them were executed, death by hanging. She was only 24 years old.

Dr. Toth was buried in a mass grave with other heroes of the Revolution. After the fall of Communism, these heroes were exhumed and given proper burials. Today, her and other grave sites are well-maintained and offer a reminder of the high cost of freedom.

With all the holiday festivities taking place, we can't forget to wish happy birthday and anniversary to all those celebrating their special day this month.

Get well wishes to all those feeling a little under the weather, especially Susan Willis, Jean Szabo, Joan Mauer-man, Al Vargo, Evelyn Horvath and the Rev. Joseph Rudjak.

Special thoughts and prayers go out to all those having recently lost a loved one.

Special congratulations to the members of the Third Avenue Calvin Reformed Church in Beaver Falls, Pa., on their church's 105th anniversary. What a wonderful celebration, both spiritually and fraternally.

For more information about WPA programs and products, including our special Guaranteed Issue plan, call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinac

Branch 89 hopes everyone is enjoying the fall season and gearing up for the Christmas season.

Don't give up, Steelers fans. We're not quite out, yet. Miracles do happen.

Branch 89 is busily preparing for our annual family Christmas party, which will be held at the Brunswick Playmor Bowl on Dec. 7 at 1:00 p.m. It will be cosmic bowling. Yes, there will be bumpers on the lanes, and we will serve pizza and soft drinks. Reservations can be made by calling the branch coordinator at 412-872-5022. We hear that Santa Claus will pay us a visit. Seems Santa likes



Members of Branch 89 enjoy the branch's first-ever Steeler party at Dave & Buster's on Nov. 3.

cosmic bowling.

We held our first-ever Steeler party Nov. 3 at Dave & Buster's at the Waterfront. The weather was nice. The game not so nice, but the fellowship and good will was outstanding. Many people in attendance commented we should do this again. And most importantly, the food was tremendous. During the party, we had a Chinese auction and football pool. In the end, the First Hungarian Reformed Church was the recipient of a donation of \$200 from the proceeds from this auction.

We also recruited two new juvenile members as a result of this outing and showed our guests the many benefits of belonging to WPA. WPA not only hosts great events but also gives back to the community and our members.

Branch 89 will be making up Holiday Baskets for those in need and will also be a sponsor of the First Hungarian Reformed Church's annual Christmas party and play. It's always a joy watching the reactions on the children's faces during this party, especially when Santa arrives.

Our branch continues to collect codes from Coke products. These

codes will be turned into points which can then be redeemed for various merchandise and prizes to be used at our outings. We have collected and redeemed over 5,000 Coke Rewards points. In doing so, we will be able to give away higher valued merchandise for next to no cost for the branch. Thanks to all who have helped us. Anyone with any codes can email them to Mark Maskarinac at maskarinac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

We are also collecting Kellogg's Family Rewards™ points this year. Kellogg's Family Rewards™ work much the same as

Green Stamps: open an account, put in your codes and earn your points. You can redeem your points for various items in their catalog. The Kellogg's catalog includes an entire section of Wilson Sporting Goods items, many of which are related to golf. The codes are found inside the box, usually on the front or back. Look for boxes of Kellogg's, Keebler, Sunshine and Morningstar Farms products with the Family Rewards logo. Just cut out the code, mail it to us and we'll do the rest.

A few activities in the planning stages for the branch are: a weekend trip to New York City, a night at the casino, a branch outing at the ballpark, dinner and a movie night. While we may not be as big as some of the other branches, we are still strong, and we look forward to meeting a lot of our members in the coming year at some of these events.

Please contact the branch coordinator if you'd like to see other activities, and we'll do our best to accommodate those requests. For any of your insurance needs, please call Ruth Toth at 412-461-5812.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Warmest greetings to all from Columbus, Ohio.

As 2013 comes to a close, we wish everyone a great start to 2014. May you all be blessed with happiness and good health in the year ahead.

Our last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m. at Plank's Café, 743 Parsons Ave., Columbus.

We will have our branch Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus-Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Drive, Grove City.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and hope everyone gets to spend time with family and friends for the holidays.

Welcome to our newest branch members: Kyla Frazier, Stephen Schwartzwalder, Libby McVity and Alicia McVity.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Congratulations to all who have recently welcomed new additions to their families.

We send get well wishes to all that have been sick or hospitalized and hope all have a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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 Branch Coordinator Debbie Lewis, at 614-875-9968 or email DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by the Branch Officers

We hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and are enjoying getting ready for a blessed Christmas with family and friends.

This fall, the Michigan fruit crop was plentiful and delicious. The prune plums were hard to find, but

we got several pounds from an area farmer. We made three batches of *szilvás gombóc* (plum dumplings). Great memories from our childhood.

Congratulations to our Branch 132 scholarship recipients, Lauren Cirillo, Taylor Vukovits and Erika and Mariah Pfeiffer. Good luck in your studies and in your future.

Our Christmas party will be held Dec. 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Barnaby's Restaurant, 713 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend. All members are invited.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Ann (Marko) Lipinski.

Kellemes Karácsonyt!

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Borsay

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to all our members celebrating their special day in December!

Don't forget: families, please RSVP to Malvene at 412-751-1898 for our annual Christmas party for juvenile members to be held Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport. We'll have a special performance from a fantastic ventriloquist in addition to a special guest!

Our next branch meeting will be in January at Malvene's home. All members are welcomed to join us. Please call the number above for directions.

We are so proud of our member, Katherine Rose Anthony (*pictured right*), who will be performing in the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater's presentation of *The Nutcracker* for the third year in a row. You can see her in action at the Benedum Center on weekends from Dec. 7 to 30. Her parents, Harry and Danielle Anthony, and grandparents, Leslie & Sarah (Sally) Petras, are so proud of her, and we are, too! Keep up the great work, Katherine!

Do you have news you'd like to share here? Please call.



We won't know till you tell us!

There's a song from the movie, *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, which describes Christmas as: "A part of childhood we'll always remember. It is the summer of the soul in December... when you do your best for love, it feels like Christmas."

That rings true. The attitude of gratitude is one of the million ways to show your love to friends and family this Christmas. On behalf of Branch 226, we wish you a safe and wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, or in Hungarian: *Kellemes karácsonyi ünnepeket és boldog új évet kívánunk!*

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Well, the first snow fell, and it wasn't even Thanksgiving yet. Winter officially arrived with its cold winds and shoveling. But I don't mind; it's the holiday season! I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pies...oh, my waistline.

And how great is it to have extra time with your family and loved ones? And how about the shopping specials? Did you shop until you dropped? This truly is a special time of year to be thankful for all the good Lord has given us.

Locally, Branch 249 is holding its very popular children's Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:00 p.m. at a new location, the American Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton. Entrance and parking is at the rear of the building. Lunch will be served. Although this is his busiest time of the year, St. Nicholas is expected to pay us a visit. Have you been nice? All members are encouraged to come for the 12:30 p.m. Branch 249 meeting. Your input on local events is always appreciated. Remember, this is *your* branch.

Just a few more weeks until Christmas and the new year. The Branch 249 officers wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Be safe in all your shopping and travels. Remember to keep the real reason for the season in

your hearts. And, please, remember those members, relatives and friends who are either in nursing homes or are home bound because of age and poor health. I know everyone is very busy this time of year, but just a simple card, call or visit will mean so much to them.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays and any new additions to their families. We wish blessings to those who celebrate an anniversary this month. Get well wishes to those who have been sick or hospitalized. We are hoping you have a full and speedy recovery. We also extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any questions concerning annuities, life insurance, IRA transfers or rollovers, please contact Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970 or Anne Marie and Mark Schmidt at 937-667-1211.

Again Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Be safe in all your travels. Next up, 2014!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

The year is nearing its end. For those who have been spooked by the number 13 throughout this year, you've only a little more time to endure "triskaidekaphobia"--the fear of the number 13. For some odd reason, throughout this year I have dated checks, letters, etc. with the year 2014. So, I've had to make a lot of corrections. I guess I just haven't been able to wrap my brain around that number. At the very least, I'll be ready for 2014!

Branch 296's family Christmas party was held earlier this time; right after Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoyed this change and had a nice afternoon with members of all ages, along with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. For the first time, our branch also collected non-perishable items for the Lower Valley Food Bank, which serves the Springdale/Cheswick/Harmar area. The food bank greatly appreciated the items donated from our members. Please let us know your thoughts; we always like feed-



back. Before we know it, we'll be planning 2014's party.

We are sad to report the recent death of Gertie Simon, wife of our former Branch president, John F. Simon Jr., who also died this past August. Gertie and John had been married for 69 years. Our sympathy to the Simon family on the loss of both of their parents and grandparents so close together. We also extend our condolences to family and friends of our Branch 296 members. You are remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Get well wishes to our members who are recovering from illness or injury. You, too, are remembered in our thoughts as we gather for our monthly meetings.

Birthday greetings to Martha Schuller, Noreen Fritz and all of our members who were born in the month of December. May you enjoy your special day and have many more to celebrate.

The Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh are anticipating Christmas, as well. Their annual Holiday Open House is on Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Although this day will offer ethnic entertainment and foods, the holiday décor will remain throughout the Christmas season. Each room is a feast for the eyes. If you and your family and friends are looking for an indoor activity over the Christmas holidays in the Pittsburgh area, you may want to take a tour of these rooms. The Hungarian Classroom is remarkable any day of the year, but Christmastime is extra special. Visit the Pitt Nationality Room website at: www.pitt.edu/~natrooms for more information.

At this time of year, many of us tend to become too busy to enjoy the season and all that it has to offer.

A date to remember

Deadline for submissions to our magazine is the 10th day of each month. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

May each of you be surrounded by love, good cheer, good company and God's blessings; Merry Christmas!

Please contact me if you have any news or personal milestones that you would like for me to share, at makelly367@verizon.net or at 724-274-5318. For your life insurance and annuity needs, contact Noreen Fritz at 412-821-1837 or email her at noreen-bunny.fritz@verizon.net. Don't forget to wish Noreen a happy birthday!

Until 2014, (yes, good-bye, 2013) stay warm and well.

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

by Barbara Kreiser

December is here, and I don't know about you, but I'm still full of turkey from Thanksgiving! Why, oh, why do we make so much food, only to have an over abundance of leftovers?

December brings us the Christmas season and a lot of hustle and bustle. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Branch 336! We hope your season is full of joy and happiness.

Among the happenings at the branch in December is the children's Christmas party on Dec. 8. A sign-up sheet is posted in the club, so make sure you get your child or grandchild signed up for a fun-filled day. We'll also have our members-only Christmas party on Dec. 15 and our New Year's Eve party, both held at the club.

For more information about local happenings, check our website at www.verhovay.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Verhovay. Feel free to comment on Facebook; it's your page, too, and we'd love to hear your comments.

Welcome to new member Danielle Tritch. We are happy to have you join the William Penn family.

A big "happy birthday" to everybody celebrating a birthday in December, and congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries.

Our meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Verhovay Home Association on 29th Street in Harrisburg. Please come out and help make the decisions that affect your branch. All active members are welcome.

I would love to hear of any special news in your lives--birthdays, graduations, returning home from military service, special awards received--or if you know of a shut-in who would appreciate a card every now and then. Anything that you would like to share, I would be happy to include it in *William Penn Life*. Please contact me, Barbara Kreiser, at 717-418-3369, or by email at Barbara_Kreiser@yahoo.com.

Keep in mind, if you have any life insurance or annuity needs, whether you just need a policy tune up, are looking for a new policy or know someone who is, call Charles Johns at 717-439-8620.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

What an exciting time of the year, especially for the little ones. The anticipation of Christmas morning is almost too much to bear for the children (and some adults as well). May you all have a very merry and blessed Christmas. I hope we all remember the real reason for the season--the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this Christmas season, may we all give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. There are many who are struggling to put food on the table for their families. Please remember those less fortunate and make a donation to your local food pantry.

Let us not forget that the holiday season is especially difficult for those who have lost a loved one. It might brighten their day if you write them a short note letting them know you are thinking of them.

As this article is being written, our branch Christmas party has not yet taken place. A report will be published in the January 2014 issue of *William Penn Life*.

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that another year is almost done. May the new year bring good health and happiness to all.

For those of us who live in a cold weather area, stay warm and safe this winter.

For all those celebrating a birthday this month, we wish you a happy birthday! May you have many more, and may all of them be healthy.

Don't forget, if you have any news to share, or if you need assistance with any life insurance question, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-319-7116 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 525 Los Angeles, CA

by Sarika Gotz

Hello from California! It's been a while since I submitted an article from Branch 525. I am sorry to say that, once again, I missed the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest, but I am determined to not miss the next one in 2014.

Can you believe the fall has almost come and gone? Time really goes by quickly. All the Hungarian clubs have held their harvest dances. Our Bloomington Hungarian Club held its ball on Oct. 6, and we had a great turnout. The ladies and men were dressed in the Hungarian outfits. It was so nice to see everyone keeping our Magyar traditions alive.

A big "thank you" goes to Ica Martincsek for bringing me from Budapest a beautiful Hungarian blouse and a Hungarian baby dress for my great-granddaughter. We are going to wear them at our branch Christmas party on Dec. 1. I will send pictures.

Speaking of our party, it will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Hungarian Club. The club will serve dinner, and Jolly Old St. Nick and his helpers will hand out gifts to the children.

I would really like to hear from

our Branch 525 members. I would like to submit more articles to *William Penn Life*, so tell me about your birthdays, anniversaries and special stories about Hungary. I will share them here. Call me at 909-350-1620.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

We at Branch 800 hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Our branch celebrated a Mass for our deceased members at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thanksgiving morning. We continue to maintain this longtime tradition in memory of our past members.

The holiday season is upon us. Everyone is shopping and planning for the excitement of Christmas. Our branch's annual Christmas party will be held Dec. 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 3. We hope to see our members at this joyful gathering of fraternal fellowship.

Our branch will again participate in the WPA's Holiday Basket program. We find it gratifying to help those in need, especially during the holidays. Thanks to the Home Office for helping with this program.

Branch 800 is pleased to have two WPA scholarship recipients this year, Nathan Kupchella and Regino Flores. Congratulations to both.

Branch 800 Auditor Myron Yeager will be celebrating his 94th birthday on Dec. 3. The branch thanks Myron for his attendance at our meetings and wishes him continued good health.

We also hope our children enjoyed the "Just 4 Kidz" section once again. We hope they found all ten differences in the two pictures of friends gathered for Thanksgiving.

Branch 800 wishes all Pennsylvania hunters good luck as they try to bag that "big one" throughout the hunting season.

We wish all members a Merry Christmas and hope everyone can enjoy the birth of our Lord by attending church. We also hope Santa treats everyone well this year.

Once again, for all your life insur-

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ance needs, call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661.

We wish the Penguins continued good luck, hoping they continue their hot start. We hope the Steelers can improve during the remaining part of their season. We in Altoona also wish the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School football team good luck in the playoffs.

Even though it's early, I want to say "Let's go, Bucs!" in 2014.

Until next month....

Branch 8121 St. Marys, PA

by Mary Lou Schutz

During our most recent branch meeting on Nov. 7, we confirmed the plans for our annual branch Christmas party. The party will be held Dec. 5 at Gunners Restaurant. We hope you can join us.

We also decided to make a donation this Thanksgiving to the

St. Marys Christian Food Bank in conjunction with the WPA's Holiday Basket program. We received a nice "thank you" note from the Christian Food Bank for our branch's October donation.

We signed and mailed a Thanksgiving card to Margaret Marconi, our retired longtime branch secretary.

We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all WPA members.

In Memoriam

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

OCTOBER 2013

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Louis Fray
Joseph Milot
Florence Richards
0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Robert Bearjar
Edward Sowerbrower
Irene Szkibo
Andy W. Tomko
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Elizabeth Denes
Joshua Geiger
Rose Haydu

- Bette Scully
Rose Szalay
0015 CHICAGO, IL
Leona M. Joda
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Madeline M. Banjack
Michael G. Forgo
Katherine Kiacz
Pauline Roskevitch
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Hermina E. Guman
Mary B. McGee
E. Diane Wrobel Menter
0026 SHARON, PA
Mary Ann Dunch
Harold L. Shaw
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Sue K. Nagy
0071 DUQUESNE, PA
Joan S. Pohlman

- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Leona B. Kennedy
0090 ALLENTOWN, PA
Anna F. Batori
Louis Besz
0098 BETHLEHEM, PA
Agnes Albarelli
0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Otto Kemper
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
David F. Miller
0226 MCKEESPORT, PA
Susan T. Siko
0249 DAYTON, OH
Charles Mobley, Jr.
0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Louis J. Ostroski
Joseph Sklar
William Szuch

- 0336 HARRISBURG, PA
Catherine M. Murray
0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Suzanne M. Kapton
Andrea D. Luff
Ella Scharl
0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Mary A. Juhasz
Robert L. Scekeres
0705 MAYVILLE, WI
Ruth M. Mendlesky
0725 SPRINGFIELD, MA
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8014 PITTSBURGH, PA
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OCTOBER 2013

- Branch - Donor - Amount**
19 - Mary Jane Nagy - \$1.00
26 - Elizabeth R. Pacy - \$2.16
28 - Chris S. Paul - \$9.68
28 - Shane P. Spencer - \$0.90
28 - Edward J. Crump Jr. - \$5.00
28 - George R. Fercana - \$1.00
28 - Nannette L. McKnight - \$1.81
44 - Mary V. Hower - \$20.00
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59 - Carter J. Vitez - \$10.00
90 - Attila Kun-Szabo - \$15.00
90 - Buda Kun-Szabo - \$15.00
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129 - Stephanie L. Koser - \$3.58
159 - Kirstin E. Mayberry - \$1.85

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- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
226 - Robert W. Serena - \$5.00
226 - Joan E. Bickey - \$2.00
296 - Irene B. Charles - \$25.00
296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$1.00
336 - Jacquelyn Wenrich - \$2.01
352 - John W. Bush Jr. - 25.00

- 352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$1.32
352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
720 - Colin P. Kavanaugh - \$10.00
720 - Andrew J. Kavanaugh - \$10.00
723 - Jeanine T. Godbout - \$1.00
8036 - Leah Yantko - \$2.00
TOTAL for Month = \$190.33

Additional Donations OCTOBER 2013

Donor - Amount
Marita Maloney - \$50.00
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$155.00
TOTAL for Month = \$205.00

Donations In Memoriam OCTOBER 2013

Donor - Amount
(In memory of)
Stephen & Nancy Baranyai - \$50.00
(Dr. William Baranyai)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00
(Deceased Members)
TOTAL for Month = \$175.00

**Donations Received
From 30th Annual WPA
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& Scholarship Days**
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Donor - Amount
(In memory of, if applicable)
Rebecca L. Williams - \$50.00



Puzzle Contest #102 with Lizzy Cseh

Saints & Martyrs

Boldog Szt. Mikulást és Karácsonyt! Happy St. Nicholas Day (on Dec. 6) and Merry Christmas! This is the most wonderful time of the year.

When I attended the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest in September, a distinguished looking lady from the Bethlehem, Pa., area approached me and expressed her approval concerning the topics selected as themes for each puzzle contest. Her name was Margaret. Unfortunately, I never got a last name and/or any other details about her. When mingling with well over a thousand attendees at the picnic, personal interaction often times proves to be fast and furious. During our brief conversation, Margaret suggested a puzzle be created listing the saints of Hungarian origin, kinship or regal marriage.

In researching the topic, I found several canonized saints with a Magyar connection. Some are obvious, while others were a bit more obscure. The familiar names speak for themselves, but several of these lesser known saints have unique stories that were often times an integral part of the development of Hungarian history.

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I present to you the December 2013 word search. There are 21 CLUES in this puzzle. PLEASE NOTE: For those clues which include the word "of" in the name, the word "of" is NOT found in the puzzle. For example, the clue "Agnes (of) Bohemia" would be found in the puzzle as "Agnes Bohemia."

To learn more about each name mentioned in this puzzle, I suggest you log onto the following website: www.hungariancatholicmission.com. Locate and highlight the horizontal menu item, "FAITH." Other interesting subjects concerning Hungarian culture can be found on this website as well.

Good luck, and allow me to wish each of you a Happy New Year 2014. See you next year! (Boldog új évet 2014!)

Éljen a Magyar,
Cseh Erzsi/Lizzy Check

Puzzle Contest #99 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #99 were drawn Nov. 4, 2013, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Judith L. Hufford, Br. 27 Toledo, OH
Janet M. Lang, Br. 8014 Pittsburgh, PA
James M. Melovich, Br. 13 Trenton, NJ
Carol A. Pisanelli, Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #102 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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Saints & Martyrs Word List

Adalbert	Gerard Sagredo	King Stephen
Agnes (of) Bohemia*	Gunther	Ladislaus
Andrew Svorad	Hedwig (of) Poland*	Louis (of) Toulouse*
Astrik	Imre	Margaret
Benedict Vaganus	Irene	Mark
Bystrik	John (of) Capistrano*	Melchior
Elizabeth	Kinga	Stephen (of) Kassa*

*Please note: The word "of" does not appear in the puzzle.

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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 #102
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Jan. 31, 2014.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Feb. 4, 2014, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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