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Spread the fraternal spirit with WPA Holiday Baskets

YOUR BRANCH can share the fraternal spirit this holiday season by participating in WPA's annual Holiday Basket program.

Just fill baskets with non-perishable foods and other items, and the Home Office will reimburse each branch \$40 per basket, up to three baskets per branch. Your branch can use these funds to buy a turkey, ham or additional items to fill up each basket. Branch volunteers then deliver the baskets to families in need.

Many branches start early and deliver baskets over the Thanksgiving holiday, while others participate

during the Christmas season. Some prepare baskets during both holidays.

With your help, we can spread the joy of the holiday season this year to many families in need.

We also encourage all branches to fulfill our fraternal mission by donating food and non-perishable items to their local food bank or other family service agencies throughout the year. Let your community know WPA truly cares.

For more information on participating in this year's Holiday Basket program, call the Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.



Turn your donation into a holiday greeting

This holiday season, why not wish your family and friends a Merry Christmas while supporting a worthy cause. When you make a donation of at least \$25 to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, we will publish your Christmas greeting in the December issue of *William Penn Life*. The bigger your donation, the larger your greeting:

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Nationality Rooms to host open house

PITTSBURGH -- The Nationality Rooms of the University of Pittsburgh invite everyone to a Holiday Open House to be held Sunday, Dec. 7, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The 29 rooms, each designed and furnished in the traditions of various European, Asian and African cultures, are located in the University's Cathedral of Learning in the Oakland section of the city.

From Nov. 8 until Jan. 17, the rooms will be decorated in the holiday traditions of each nationality. During the open house, guides in ethnic dress will describe the history and meaning of each room's decor.

The open house will also feature performances of holiday dances and customs every 15 minutes, as well as ethnic foods, craft demonstrations and an ethnic marketplace.

The rooms are open weekdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 24 to 26 and New Year's Day. On weekends, taped tours are available without prior reservation until 2:30 p.m.

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Branching Out

with Endre Csoman

Now is the time to get involved with your branch

AS AUTUMN CONTINUES, I want to remind all of our members how important it is to be active in your branch. Summer vacation is over, and our branches have resumed meeting regularly. I encourage you--yes, *you*--to take a bigger part in your branch by attending meetings, events and Christmas parties.

Sometimes life gets busy, and we get bogged down with errands and to-do lists. But, by becoming more active and participating in your branch's activities, you'll feel more involved and connected to your community.

It's true what they say: the quality of the soup depends on the quality of the ingredients. You have to become more active if you want to reap all fraternal benefits of your membership. Your branch may be hosting a trip to a casino, museum or hockey game; so why not join them?

You don't want life to pass you by. Take advantage of our fraternal benefits, participate in your local branch's activities and make some new, great memories.

Letters

Thanks for the pastries and supporting the WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Thank you for the donations and pastries that so many of you provided to the 14th Annual WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest which was held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Scenic View. The pastry booth sales that day benefitted the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The Foundation awards scholarship grants to our young, college bound members, and we thank all of those generous donors on their behalf. Your support of William Penn Association is much appreciated and helped make the picnic a tasty success.

Betty Vargo, Pastry Committee Coordinator
Branch 8340 Baltimore, MD

Picnic made for a great day

The picnic was wonderful and we enjoyed it all. We had a good time! The kolbász was terrific. Thank you and blessings to all who made it a great day.

Kim & Kathy Wescoat
Branch 296 Springdale, PA

2014 Branch Family Christmas Parties

Branch	City/State	Date	Time	Location
0008.....	Johnstown, PA.....	Dec. 7.....	1:30.....	Oratory Hall, corner of Chestnut Street & 8th Avenue, Johnstown
0013.....	Trenton, NJ.....	Dec. 7.....	1:00.....	Bishop Beky Center, Grand and Beatty Streets, Trenton
0014.....	Cleveland, OH.....	Nov. 22.....	1:00.....	First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills
0015.....	Chicago, IL.....	Dec. 21.....	11:00...	St. Stephen King of Hungary Church, 2015 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago
0018.....	Lincoln Park, MI.....	Nov. 23.....	1:00.....	VFW Hall, 16736 Ecorse Road, Allen Park
0019.....	New Brunswick, NJ....	Dec. 7.....	11:30...	Bayard Street Presbyterian Church, 107 Bayard St., New Brunswick
0028.....	Youngstown, OH.....	Dec. 13.....	12:30...	Aut Mori Grotto Hall, 545 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown
0034.....	Pittsburgh, PA.....	Nov. 23.....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0040.....	Martins Ferry, OH.....	Dec. 6.....	9:00.....	Eat 'N Park Restaurant, Fort Steuben Mall, Steubenville
0048.....	New York, NY.....	Dec. 6.....	2:00.....	Ruppert Towers Community Room, 222 E. 93rd St., New York
0071.....	Duquesne, PA.....	Nov. 23.....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0088.....	Rural Valley, PA.....	Dec. 14.....	3:00.....	William Penn Social Hall, 132-134 Main St., Rural Valley
0089.....	Homestead, PA.....	Dec. 6.....	1:00.....	Brunswick Playmor Bowl, 5840 Buttermilk Hollow Road, Pittsburgh
0129.....	Columbus, OH.....	Dec. 6.....	2:00.....	Columbus-Grove City Elks #37, 2140 Sonora Dr., Grove City
0132.....	South Bend, IN.....	Dec. 7.....	3:00.....	Barnaby's, 713 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend
0159.....	Phoenixville, PA.....	Dec. 7.....	1:00.....	Burger King, North Charlotte St., Pottstown
0216.....	Northampton, PA.....	Dec. 7.....	1:00.....	Burger King, North Charlotte St., Pottstown
0226.....	McKeesport, PA.....	Dec. 7.....	2:00.....	Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport
0249.....	Dayton, OH.....	Dec. 14.....	1:00.....	American Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton
0296.....	Springdale, PA.....	Nov. 29.....	12:00...	Springdale Veterans Association (VFW), 1151 Pittsburgh St., Springdale
0349.....	Weirton, WV.....	Dec. 6.....	9:00.....	Eat 'N Park Restaurant, Fort Steuben Mall, Steubenville
0352.....	Coraopolis, PA.....	Nov. 23.....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0525.....	Los Angeles, CA.....	Dec. 7.....	2:00.....	Bloomington Magyar Club, 992 W. San Bernardino Ave., Rialto
0800.....	Altoona, PA.....	Dec. 14.....	6:00.....	Holiday Inn Express, 3306 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona
8121.....	St. Marys, PA.....	Dec. 4.....	5:30.....	Gunners Restaurant & Inn, 33 St. Marys, St., St. Marys



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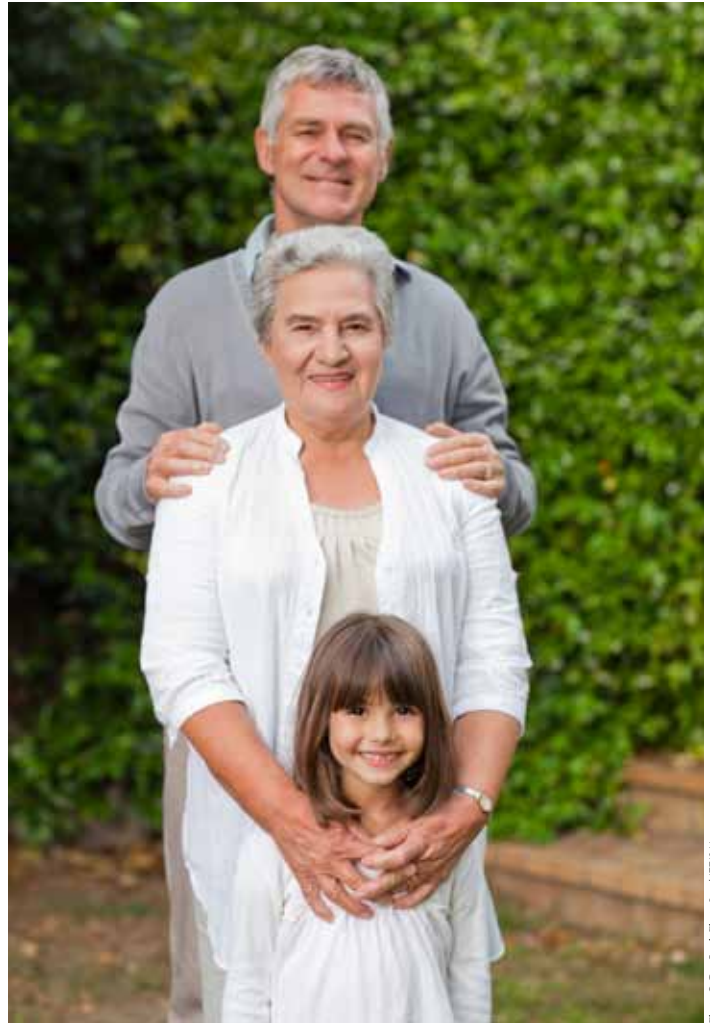


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WPA has outstanding whole life insurance plans to offer our members and those who would like to become members. □

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Over the last two years, nothing has brought Tanekqua more pleasure than sitting across from someone, one on one, and finding out how she can deliver and assist that individual. She also enjoys building relationships with the people she serves.

Tanekqua is blessed to be the mother of two sons, Tremaine and Mark. She enjoys spending time with her family and watching her favorite sport, track and field. She is a freelance digital filmmaker in her spare time.

Her passion is to serve and educate. Tanekqua welcomes the opportunity to meet those living in her area. ☐

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Memories of Magyarország

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from my second trip to Hungary in less than two months. This time, I spent 18 glorious days with my parents and siblings, visiting Budapest and what my cousins in Csót call the “real Hungary.” I could tell literally thousands of stories about my trip.

But, for this *Take*, I will limit myself to insights I gained about life in a *falu* (village). The outlook expressed by those there pertaining to the future of the country is quite the opposite of those who live in the Hungarian capital.

Csót is a sleepy farming community of about a thousand souls, located in Veszprém County about 120 miles west of the Liszt airport. The Bakony Hills stand only a few miles away. It is about 13 miles east of Pápa and 50 miles north of Lake Balaton. The coat of arms of the village is a sickle and wheat stalks, reflecting the village's agricultural history. The town also has a German-owned manufacturing facility, Shoptec, that employs about 250. There is a school with about 400 students, a post office, three churches, one cemetery, a pastry shop, a convenience store and three *sörházak* (beer houses). Other than that, the town is typical of any small farming community in Hungary.

Csót is the birthplace of my paternal great-grandparents and is the closest link to my heritage. My Aunt Gena, (she went on tour with the WPA in 1971) was our contact, linking the new and old worlds. She had shared with me many photographs and stories, but they could convey only a certain amount of information. Visiting Csót offered me an up close look at the things I had only previously seen from a second- and third-hand perspective.

Here are a few of my lasting impressions of Csót.

#1 Csót has one cemetery. My cousin Olgi took us on a tour of it. The oldest graves sit at the bottom of a small incline on the outskirts of town. Subsequently, the newer grave sites are at the top.

I noticed that there wasn't a single grave marked before 1900. I asked my cousin Zsolt (a 22-year-old college student with a vast knowledge of Magyar, English and German) why there were no graves before the 20th century. He researched the question and found that before the time of motorized vehicles, all graves were next to the church. As the dirt pathways to town were replaced by roads, the graves were covered over. At that time, most grave markers were made of wood. After a few generations, the resting places of the deceased fell into neglect and were eventually forgotten. Still many others preferred to be buried on their own property. As health standards improved, the government took over the burial sites.

The *temető* (graveyard) housed many familiar Magyar surnames, but the vast majority were relatives of mine. Names such as Cseh, Keszler, Kadi, Nagy, Kiss and Masszi dominated the grave area. Olgi, the designated family historian, began to tell various stories of how the names were part of my lineage.

Adjacent to the cemetery was a smaller group of 28 identically shaped headstones. Each limestone marker was in the shape of a cross and inscribed with a name, birth and death years, and a Hussar sword. Four of these brave soldiers were cousins of mine, and each paid the ultimate price fighting in the war.

#2 Two world wars, the Trianon Treaty of 1920 and generations of Soviet/Communist oppression kept Hungary in the Dark Ages compared to the free world. I saw photos dated as late as 1977 in which the water supply came from the type of draw wells one usually sees on tours of the *puszta* (prairie). Two telephones in the entire village and six hours of inconsistent electric power were the norm into the 1980's.

When Communism ended, the transformation to 21st century technology proceeded by leaps and bounds. The village sits upon a huge thermal water reserve. Each home now gets water from this aquifer. The village has WiFi, and cable television offers hundreds of channels. A family favorite is the cable network *Paprika TV*, the Hungarian version of *The Food Network*. It is simply hilarious to see and hear Alton Brown or Emeril rambling in Hungarian.

Watching Hungarian television taught me a valuable lesson: the goodwill ambassadors of America are not our political leaders, but our television stars. I estimate that half of the shows on Hungarian television were produced in the U.S. Young Hungarian guys love American football and basketball, but they don't follow baseball. When several English-speaking guys heard I lived near Cleveland, they wanted to talk about LeBron James.

Most young people know more than one language with English being the dominant secondary line of communication. A few miles from the home of my cousins Arpi, Géza and András is the NATO air base in Pápa. This strategically located military stronghold serves as a vital link for U.S. forces serving in the Middle East. All my relatives affectionately refer to the base as “American Air Force.” Cousin Arpi lived through the misery of the Communists and refers to the base as a reminder to the Russians that Hungary will never go back to the way things were. Just about every day, an F-15 fighter jet puts on a mini-airshow between 10:00 a.m. and noon; American fighter jets rule the sky above Veszprém Megye practicing airborne military maneuvers.

#3 The lynchpin of the Csót family is a human dynamo. Nagy Géza is the Bill Gates of Csót, the driving force behind several entrepreneurial enterprises. He is an avid horseman, *pálinka* (brandy) maker and renaissance man. A graduate of the Culinary College in Veszprém, he leads a food preparation enterprise that serves several hundred breakfasts and lunches at the school, as well as to preschoolers, to various businesses and to senior and disabled citizens in Csót and neighboring villages.



Giving the gulyás a stir in Csót.

He and his wife Judit are partners in a pastry shop. In the summer, he employs several street vendors on motorized carts, selling ice cream and soft drinks. He races a two-horse wagon and is a leader in the Bakony Horse Club. He is an advocate for Magyar culture and is optimistic about the future of Hungary.

#4 To celebrate my family's visit, our family in Csót arranged for a backyard gulyás party. At 11:00 a.m., cousins Arpi and András lit a fire using oak from the Bakony Forest. Géza soon came by with the ingredients for a full *bogrács* (kettle) of Magyar gulyás. All afternoon, the pot simmered as the backyard filled with the smells of burning wood and sizzling *hús* (meat). Around 4:00 p.m., the hearty delight was ready.

Lo and behold, two gentleman arrived. As they unloaded the car, the familiar shape of a cimbalom came into view. In tribute to the 35th anniversary of our family's Magyar radio show, and because my brother András plays the cimbalom, a two-piece *cigány zenekar* (gypsy band) was brought in to perform. Primas Florian Sallai and his brother Szabolcs performed well past midnight. I was particularly impressed with the cimbalom playing of the younger of the two brothers. Both fellows were not much older than me and appear regularly at the Daboskai Betyarsarda in Devecser. My father presented the duo with a list of 25 songs that are often requested by our radio show listeners, and they played each to perfection.

We enjoyed plenty of *pálinka* and *kenyér* (bread), and each of the 35 guests that were part of this celebration left well fed and happy. Two days later this entire scenario repeated. This time, a pig was slaughtered and used to make fresh *hurka* and *kolbász* (sausages). The *cigány zenekar* returned to perform as the guests were treated to a second

round of food, music and fun. The leftover meat was used to make *pörkölt* the next day.

#5 Our last Saturday in Csót was even more exciting. We were part of an event called *Szüreti Felvonulás*. In 2009, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and the Hungarian Parliament designated the last Saturday of September as a special holiday during which community parades are held throughout Hungary to show the pride Magyars have in their country, culture and history. Five communities in Veszprém county participated in this special celebration.

We were part of the event taking place in nearby Nagygyimót. At 2:00 p.m., participants gathered in a wheat field to begin the tour through town. A horse-drawn caravan of several carts and wagons meandered along Road 832. The six-mile trek took well over an hour. The weather cooperated with pleasant temperatures and sunshine. There were dozens of wagons with musicians playing many familiar Magyar dance tunes.

There were five stops along the way. At each stop, everyone exited their wagons and were offered plenty of *pálinka*, wine, *pogácsa* (biscuits), *kolbász*, grapes and pastries. The *zenekar* played music and dancers performed. The *polgármester* (mayor) would read aloud a special proclamation issued from Prime Minister Orbán. The parade grew longer as each group that hosted the preceding stop would then join the procession. After several hours, our memorable journey through the neighboring village ended. What an immersion into my heritage!

#6 A few years ago, I wrote a *Take* about kindred spirits. During my stay with my Magyar relatives, a definite bond was established. Our mutual respect and love grew with each passing day. Géza and Judit announced that they would be expecting their second child on April 14, 2015. My sister Lizzy was asked to be godmother. So, on a single Sunday in May, two highly anticipated events will take place in Csót--the first Holy Communion of my cousin Rebekah and the christening of Géza and Judit's baby. I don't know which members of the American side of the family will be there, but I will be, for sure.

Éljen a Magyar!

Tibor II

Tibor Check Jr. is a member of Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio, and a graduate of 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 drop me a letter in care of the William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

The Hungarian Kitchen



with Főszakács Béla

Favorite festive desserts

FÁRADJON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA!

The holidays are right around the corner, and that means plenty of cooking and entertaining your friends and family.

Every year at this time, I receive requests to reprint dessert recipes from past installments of *The Hungarian Kitchen*. This year, I'm not only sharing a few of those requested repeats but also adding a few new recipes which I have made during the past year. I am sure they will please you, the faithful readers.

Don't forget to support your branch this time of the year. Attend your branch's annual Christmas party and vote in your branch's election of officers. Better yet, run for a branch office and help keep your branch vital and active.

My first taping for CCP-TV went well, and the show will be airing sometime in November. For my initial episode, I prepared Apple Tapioca, Apple Blondies and Apple Cranberry Ginger Pie. I have included two of those recipes this month for your culinary enjoyment.

I also completed my master BBQ course, and, yes, I plan on sharing what I learned, including many techniques to make outdoor cooking a pleasure not a chore.

In last month's *William Penn Life*, Chair of the Board Barbara House shared her admiration for pizza and inquired if a Hungarian pizza was in the works. Yes, it is, and I'll share the recipe in the December issue, as I need to test the formula one more time.

Chef Vilmos and I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Monthly Trivia: *What famous department store was the first to sponsor a parade on Thanksgiving Day in celebration of the holiday?* The answer appears at the bottom of the next page.

Enjoy the recipes and the beginning of this festive season!

Jó étvágyat! Főszakács Béla

Mézeskalács (Honey Cake)

8 ounces honey
¾ cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cardamom
¼ teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon lemon peel, grated
1 tablespoon dark rum
1 teaspoon baking powder
8 ounces rye flour
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup bread crumbs
20 whole almonds, peeled
¼ cup whole milk

Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a saucepan, bring the honey to lukewarm temperature, then add ½ cup sugar and the egg yolks, mixing very well.

RECIPES

Remove from heat and add the spices, lemon peel and rum, again mixing well.

In a mixing bowl, sift the baking powder together with the flour, then beat into the honey mixture. Whip the egg whites and gently fold into the honey flour mixture.

Grease a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with the butter, then sprinkle the bread crumbs evenly in the dish. Spread the batter uniformly into the dish and place the almonds in a festive design on top.

Bake 25 minutes or until done when tested with a cake

tester. Remove from oven and brush the top with a mixture of the milk and remaining ¼ cup of sugar, creating a shiny surface.

Pumpkin Nut Roll

FOR THE ROLL

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon ground ginger
3 whole eggs
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup pecans chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
Powdered sugar for garnish

In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, eggs, pumpkin and lemon

juice. Beat until thoroughly blended. In another mixing bowl, combine the dry ingredients, then blend gradually into the wet mixture, creating a smooth batter.

Grease a 10 x 15 inch jelly roll pan and line with parchment. Pour the batter into the pan and sprinkle the chopped pecans over the entire surface. Bake at 375°F in a preheated oven for 12 to 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and sprinkle powdered sugar over the entire surface. Place a linen cloth over the pan, covering the cake, then invert the cake onto the towel. Roll the cake into a cylinder with the towel inside. Chill several hours until cool, then proceed to fill the roll.

FOR THE FILLING

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and beat until creamy. Unroll the cake, remove the towel and spread the filling evenly on the cake. Reroll the cake tightly and wrap in plastic film so the roll holds its shape. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Before serving, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Slice and serve to your guests.

Apple Cranberry Ginger Pie

FOR THE CRUST

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 sticks cold butter cut into small pats
- 6 ounces cold water
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar and butter. Using a pastry blender, cut the butter into the dry ingredients until the pieces are the size of peas. Add the cold water and mix until smooth dough forms. Divide the dough in two, then chill until ready to roll out.

FOR THE FILLING

- 7 Gala apples peeled, cored & sliced thin
- 1½ cups fresh cranberries
- ¼ cup candied ginger, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a mixing bowl, combine the fruit, ginger, lemon juice, flour and salt, stirring until well mixed. Blend the egg with the milk to create a wash for the pie.

Roll out half the pie crust and place into a 10-inch round pie dish. Spread the filling evenly in the pie shell. Roll out the top crust, at least 10 inches round, to cover the pie.

Using a pastry brush, wash the edges of the bottom crust, then place the top crust on the pie and press down the edge to seal the pie. Use a fork to create a decorative edge.

Cut slits in the top crust to allow for steam to escape when the pie bakes. Brush the remaining egg wash on the top of the pie before baking.

Bake for 50 minutes until crust is golden brown. Cool to room temperature, then slice and serve your guests.

Apple Tapioca

- 8 apples peeled, cored & quartered
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 cups apple cider
- ½ cup golden raisins
- 7 tablespoons minute tapioca

Place the apples and the rest of the ingredients--except the tapioca and raisins--in a large saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, then turn down heat to simmer the sauce. Slowly cook the apples until the pieces break down into a chunky sauce. Add the raisins, then stir in the tapioca. Continue cooking the mixture until it becomes very thick. Cool down and serve or refrigerate the tapioca in a plastic container.

Cranberry Freeze

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons oil & vinegar dressing
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 can (16 oz.) whole cranberry sauce

- 1 can (8oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1 cup freshly whipped cream or Cool Whip
- 2 cups red leaf lettuce, chopped

In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, salad dressing and sugar, blending well. Add the nuts, cranberry sauce and pineapple, mixing well. Fold in the whipped cream to make a colorful speckled mixture. Pour into glass or aluminum loaf tins and freeze overnight.

Before serving, let tins stand at room temperature for 15 minutes. Cover the bottom of a platter with the chopped lettuce. Cut the loaf into small portions and arrange on the platter. Serve immediately to your guests.

Fruitcake Bars

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup green candied cherries, chopped
- ½ cup red candied cherries, chopped
- ½ cup maraschino cherries
- 3 egg whites
- ⅓ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coconut flakes

In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, butter and brown sugar, then press evenly into a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Bake for 10 minutes at 350°F, then remove from oven and let cool.

In a bowl, beat the egg whites, then add the sugar and vanilla extract, and whip until frothy. Stir in all the dry ingredients, then pour on top of the bar mixture in the baking dish. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, then cool, cut into bars and serve your guests.

Garlic Fudge

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 7 cloves garlic peeled and halved
- 1 cup Eagle brand condensed milk
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt

In a large heavy saucepan, combine all the ingredients and cook slowly over low heat for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring constantly until the sugar is dissolved. Remove the garlic cloves and bring the mixture to a slow rolling boil, stirring all the while. Keep the mixture bubbling

Trivia Answer: In 1920, Philadelphia's Gimbels Department Store sponsored the first Thanksgiving Day parade. It featured 50 costumed store employees leading Santa to the retail giant's toy department. Macy's held their first parade in 1924.

until it becomes thick and dark gold in color. Test for doneness by dropping a little fudge into cold water. If the fudge stays together and does not cloud the water, it is done.

Remove the pan from the stove and let stand for five minutes. Beat the fudge using an electric mixer until it starts to crystalize on the sides of the bowl. Spread the fudge in a glass baking dish and let cool to room temperature, or drop blobs of fudge on parchment paper to cool. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Fudge is best eaten within two weeks.

Triple Ginger Cake

FOR THE CAKE

1 cup dark beer
1 cup molasses
1½ teaspoon baking soda
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons ground ginger
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cardamom
3 whole eggs
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup dark brown sugar
¾ cup canola oil
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter and flour, or spray, three 8-inch cake pans.

In a saucepan, bring the beer and

molasses to a boil. Remove from heat and add the baking soda. Let stand until cool. In a mixing bowl whisk the flour and the next 6 ingredients together.

In another mixing bowl, blend the eggs and both sugars very well. Blend in the oil with the eggs and sugar, then add the cooled beer mixture. Gradually combine the liquid mixture into the dry flour bowl, creating a smooth batter. Stir in the fresh ginger.

Divide the batter evenly between the three pans and bake for 25 minutes until a cake tester inserted in the middle comes clean. Set cakes aside to cool completely before decorating cake.

FOR THE FROSTING

20 ounces cream cheese
¾ cup butter unsalted, softened
1 teaspoon orange peel, finely grated
2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons candied ginger, chopped

Combine the butter, cream cheese and orange peel in a mixing bowl, blending until light and fluffy. Beat in the powdered sugar, then chill the frosting for 30 minutes before decorating the cake.

After your cake is iced, garnish the top with the candied ginger.

Pumpkin Pudding

5 whole eggs
½ cup coconut milk
12 ounces evaporated milk
½ cup light brown sugar

½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1½ cups mashed pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1½ cups whipped cream for garnish

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs and both milks, then slowly add the spices, sugar, vanilla extract and, finally, the pumpkin. Put into small ramekins or dessert cups and bake as you would for custard in a preheated 350°F oven. Check the pudding after one hour and cook longer in 10 minute intervals, if needed. Serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

Chef Béla's Apple Cider

1 gallon fresh apple cider
1 quart cranberry juice
½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon mint, crushed
½ cup dark raisins
or ½ cup citron fruit mix
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a saucepan or crockpot, combine all the ingredients and slowly bring to a boil. The aroma should fill the house when the cider is ready. Garnish with thin slices of apple, oranges or crab-apple rings that should float on top of cider. Serve hot to your guests.

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Spirituality: the path to aging well

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first installment of a new recurring feature of William Penn Life entitled Aging Well. Its focus will be on achieving optimum wellness as we age through assessing and improving the physical, social, spiritual, intellectual, vocational, emotional and environmental aspects of life. It will feature information, advice and reflections from Cathy Graham, director of the Graceful Aging Wellness Center at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa.)

IT OCCURRED TO ME one morning as I was walking my beloved miniature fox terrier Brax, that when I walk my dog, I talk to God.

The past few weeks had been very full for me. Perhaps you can relate to a time in your own life when things were just shy of crazy. It happens innocently enough: a few more dynamics float into the regular schedule called life and--BAM!--before you know it, you are going 50 miles an hour in 10 different directions, catapulting through space.

That was exactly the frame of scrambled mind I was in when I went to sleep the night before and when I woke up that morning. The only difference was that on that day, I called a truce.

As I embarked on my morning ritual of walking Brax, I took a few deep breaths and took in my surroundings. Brax has a wonderful way of sniffing a leaf or a patch of grass for extended periods of time, which allows me to slow down and sort the debris bouncing around in my head. Dawdling allows me to clear my mind's table.

As Brax investigated a tree, I found myself connecting to my roots and reaching out to God. Ahhhhhh! Everything became

clearer in my mind as I stabilized myself on the principles of being on God's team. I reminded myself that I am not alone, and that there is a higher power looking over me.

This is my version of spirituality. This is what works for me. Having a foolproof way to establish a sense of balance and purpose in the midst of disarray is the bee's knees for personal wellness. Without it, life can become overwhelming and unfulfilling. While spirituality is a "different strokes for different folks" kind of thing, the benefits are common ground.

Now, it is my turn to ask a question: What is *your* method of self-restoration? Shrugging your shoulders in noncompliance won't cut it, Jack. Establishing a way to bring meaning, hope and inner peace to each day is the most important thing you can do for personal enrichment. A daily practice of connecting to whatever it is that makes you feel loved and supported is truly important. Some folks meditate; others listen to music, practice yoga, bake, attend Bible study, play sports or iron (yes, I know a woman who turns to ironing when she has a problem to digest).

Spirituality is a highly personal matter that leads us to our fundamental beliefs and purpose. It is the ultimate antidote for feeling strewn.

As we approach the upcoming weeks and our to-do lists explode, have your personal map to inner peace in your back pocket. You can rest assured that at the first sign of overload, this girl is going to walk the dog and talk to God. □

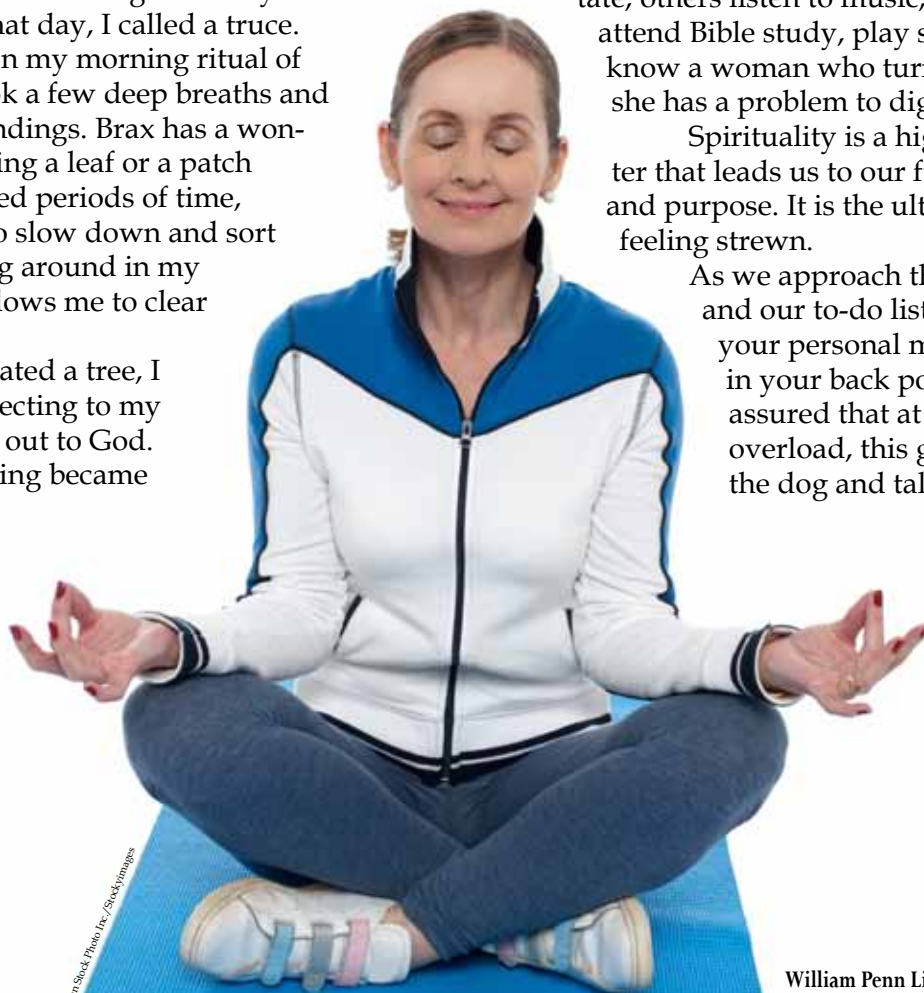


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A Salute to Our Scholars

EVERY YEAR, William Penn Association member students attending accredited colleges and universities as full-time undergraduate students are eligible to apply for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Grants are awarded to students as determined by the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation Executive Committee.

Since 1972, the WPFA Scholarship Foundation has awarded 5,665 grants totalling \$2,473,200. This year, the Foundation awarded grants to 162 students, including 55 first-time recipients, totalling \$81,000. All of this is made possible by the generosity of our members and friends through direct contributions, through the purchase of "leaves" on our Scholarship Foundation's Tree of Knowledge, and through support of various fundraising activities conducted at our annual bowling and golf tournaments, at the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest, and at events conducted by William Penn Association branches.

We congratulate all our member scholars, especially this year's new recipients honored on Pages 14 and 15, and extend our best wishes for success this academic year.

Planting the Seeds for Success



2014-2015 Scholarship Essay Awards

Students applying for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation were asked to submit an essay discussing the topic: "Who do you most admire and why?" All essays were read and judged by members of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation Executive Committee, and the best essays were selected for special recognition. Many fine essays were submitted, reflecting the outstanding fraternal spirit of our young member scholars. Prizes in the form of additional cash grants were awarded to the top three essays among both new and renewal applicants. We proudly publish those six winning essays here.

First Prize - New Students - \$500

Samantha L. Ciferno, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH

I admire most, not a person but a trait of many of the people that are important to me, and that trait is the ability to love. I admire those that love their family; that would do anything for them. I admire those who love their faith; those that are willing to withstand ridicule for it. I admire those that love this country; enough so that they are willing to put their lives on the line to protect it and the freedom that goes along with it. And most of all I admire those that love life.

Second Prize - New Students - \$300

Grace A. McBride, Br. 89 Homestead, PA

I most admire my oldest brother, Adam. He is 21 years old. He was born with spastic triplegia cerebral palsy and epilepsy. Throughout his life it has been hard for him to learn, walk steadily and accomplish tasks one-handed. Through the help of many specialists, he did learn. He accepted his limitations unquestioningly, never asking "why me?" If he couldn't do something, he found another way to achieve what he wanted to get done. His great attitude has made me realize there is always another way to achieve a goal. Adam has taught me to never "sweat the small stuff."

Third Prize - New Students - \$200

Hannah M. Fallon, Br. 89 Homestead, PA

Admiration is the greatest gift anyone can give. I greatly admire inventor Steve Jobs for his abilities and determination. Jobs never let the fact that he did not graduate from college hinder him from following his dreams. He was a revolutionary inventor because of his ability to know what people needed before they did. When people attempted to crush his dreams, he got right back up and proved everyone wrong. After dying from cancer, Jobs was credited with inventing many products. I admire Jobs for his inventing abilities, but I most admire him for his abilities to be an innovator.

First Prize - Renewal Students - \$500

Antoinette M. Doyle, Br. 8019 Pittsburgh, PA

My neighborhood is teeming with admirable people, who truly go the second mile for everyone. But, Mrs. K tops all of them--although she would be the first to tell you she doesn't. I particularly admire how she takes care of our elderly neighbors. I often see her crossing the street with a Tupperware container, using her culinary talents to serve others. On pleasant summer evenings, she sacrifices her time to take them on walks and actually listens to them as they stroll. I admire Mrs. K because she does more than care for the elderly; she preserves their dignity.

Second Prize - Renewal Students - \$300

Otto E. Nagengast, Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA

Ben Franklin was born the son of a middle-class soap boiler and died a meteorologist, politician, scientist, humorist, and Founding Father. His unrelenting curiosity about the world and his steadfast dedication to virtue enabled him to live a fulfilling, prosperous, and productive life. He knew that the complexity of the world demanded a breadth of skills, and that passion underpins any success. In college I often consider the meaning of education and its purpose, and I find myself turning to Mr. Franklin for inspiration and guidance nearly every day.

Third Prize - Renewal Students - \$200

Sarah A. Roka, Br. 226 McKeesport, PA

I admire Joey, a 17-year-old autistic child for whom I help to care for. Joey is always in a happy mood, no matter the circumstance. He is always smiling and caring for others. He might not be able to understand all things, but he always happens to lighten the mood. Unlike most people, the littlest thing can bring a bright smile to his face. He does not need the latest trend to make him happy, in fact a simple Barney DVD can make him ecstatic. He has overcome many obstacles and that is why I admire him most.

2014-2015 New Scholars



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What's Your Story?

In the past we have published articles profiling our current and former scholarship recipients. We would enjoy hearing from more of our recipients, or their parents or grandparents, about how their WPFASF scholarship helped support their education and how their careers and lives are progressing. Please send your story and recent photograph to: John E. Lovasz, William Penn Life, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Or, send it to John via email to: jlovasz@williampennassociation.org.



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Thank you, WPA, for another memorable tour to Hungary

by Richard E. Sarosi

Once again, we had another great time in Magyarország. The time flew by. Budapest, Lake Balaton, Herend, Veszprém, Eger, Tarcsl and Tokai were tremendous. The food and gypsy entertainment were wonderful. The *csikós* were excellent horse trainers. The riding stadium built inside of a hill, the Hospital in the Rock and the underground tunnel system exceeded expectations. We had many wine tasting opportunities that were enjoyed by most of the group.

There were many highlights I would love to mention, but here are just a few memories I think are of special note:

- During one of the wine tastings, we were entertained by a local musician and opera singer. Unfortunately, a member of our group picked this particular time to nod off--while sitting right in front of the singer, no less. During one song, the singer noticed our traveling companion's eyes were closed just as the singer was coming to a point in the song when a high note was to be reached with great volume. The singer leaned over and got about four inches from our companion's face and hit that note, sending our sleepy traveler about four feet off his chair. His reaction was priceless and so were the tears that were running down my face that came with the laughter.
- Speaking of music, a new version of "Az a Szép" was developed on this trip, as well as a song about Puerto Rico.
- While our bus was stopped in Tarcsl, I looked across the street and saw a





sign for a butcher shop, which showed that the owner was Sarosi Gabor. This was the third time that I saw my family name somewhere in Hungary, and I wondered if this person could be related to me.

- Several members of the group joined Alan Gardocky to look at the grave stones in a local cemetery, searching for possible members of Alan's family tree. One local resident told our tour guide about a local priest who might be able to assist Alan in his search for more information about one grave that was found.

- The food was wonderful, as was the variety of meals we enjoyed. The Danube River cruise and the cruise on Lake Balaton were relaxing.

Thank you to our local guide, Andr  a Tordai of Euro VIP Tours, for the many hours of work that went into selecting, arranging, organizing and coordinating the program we enjoyed.

Thank you to Hadas Rudy of Discover Africa, who coordinated our flights to and from Hungary. Unfortunately, the Air France pilots went on strike while we were in Hungary, which resulted in thousands of cancelled flights worldwide, including our return flight home. Hadas was able to work with Delta Airlines to get our entire group on a flight from Budapest to Paris and then home. Those who travel often know one has to be flexible, tolerant and ready for anything to happen. This was the third time I experienced an airline strike (and the second time with Air France) which interrupted my travel plans. This part of the travel experience is just like the weather; you have to roll with it and not let it affect your enjoyment of the experience.

A special thank you goes to the WPA Home Office and Board of Directors for making this trip to Hungary possible and for giving us the opportunity to experience our heritage and culture.

And thank you to National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman and Judit Ganchuk for planning and coordinating this journey.

I am looking forward to 2016!



Photos by Tom House, Richard E. Sarosi, Veronica Garry, and Anne Marie and Mark Schmidt



JUST 4 KIDZ

with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends!

Thanksgiving is coming up in a couple of weeks. Grandma Clown wants the whole family to come to her house for a turkey dinner. I love when the whole family piles into the clown car and drives to Grandma's house. When we get to Grandma's house, all of my aunts, uncles and cousins will be there. I think that my family is what I am most thankful for...and for my puppy, Mumford, of course.

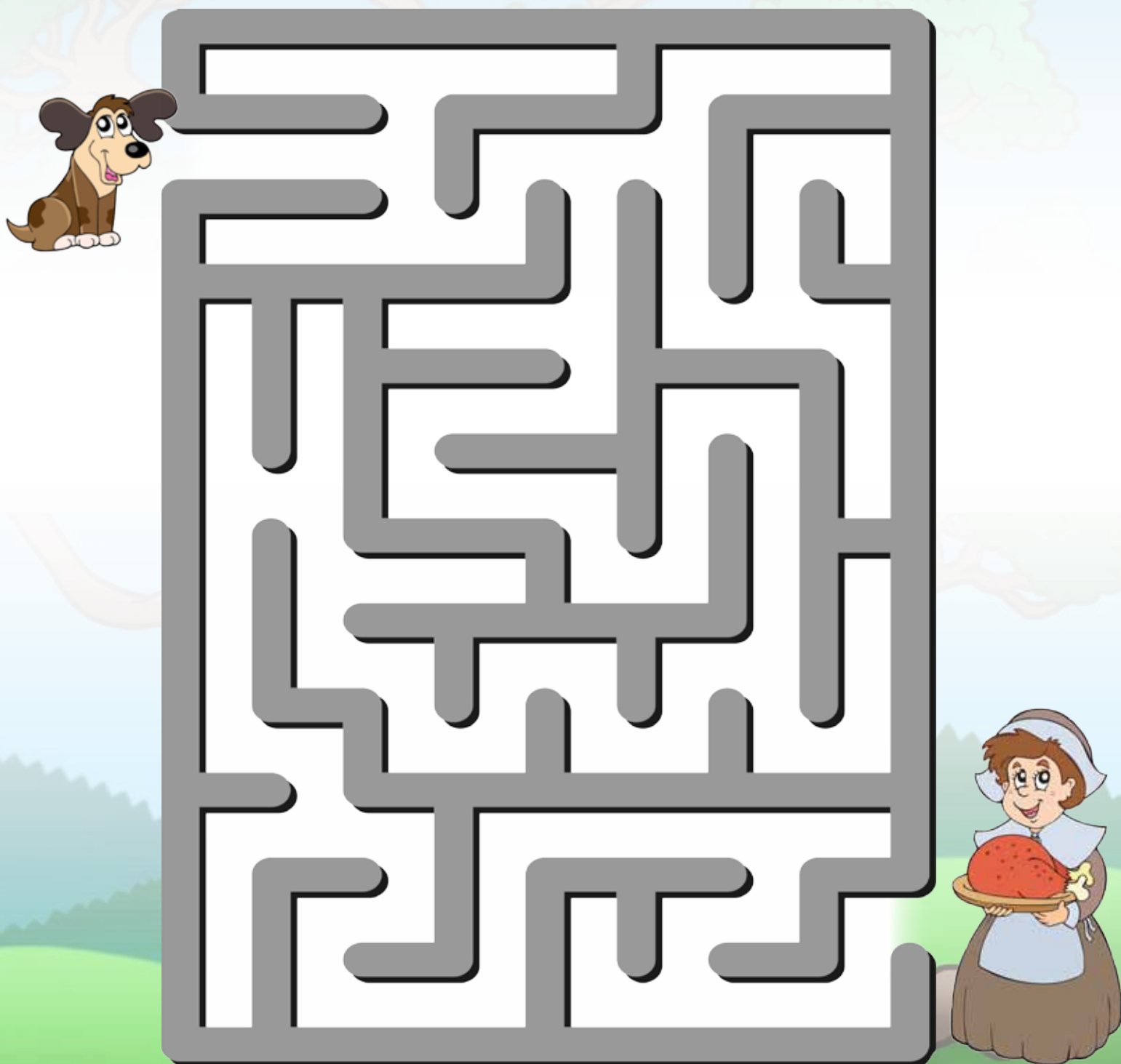
What are you most thankful for? Draw a picture of what you feel most thankful for. Take your time and make a clown proud!





An a-MAZE-ing Thanksgiving

You don't have to go over the river and through the woods to get to my grandmother's house, but you do have to make your way through a tricky maze. Can you help Mumford find his way through the maze so he can have some of Grandma's Thanksgiving turkey?



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Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

by Alexis Kozak

For its Join Hands Day project, Branch 8 donated \$300 to the Bottle Works ethnic arts center in Johnstown. The donation will be used to fund educational programming for youth at the center and its outreach locations, raising awareness of the ethnic cultures of the people of the Johnstown area.

The Bottle Works is housed in a building which originally housed the Tulip Bottling Company. The company was given its name by the wife of its founder, who wanted the business named after the national flower of her beloved homeland, Hungary. The company even printed a tulip on every bottle of soda it produced.

Today, the building is used for exhibits, events and programs which celebrate the cultural diversity of the region.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Hála Istennek, szerencsésen meg érkeztem Magyarországból. Minden nagyon jól sikerült. Wow! Two weeks in Hungary and I am writing in Hungarian. What a great transformation. What would happen in a month?

I want to thank Hadas Rudy of Discover Africa who coordinated our flights to and from Hungary. Thanks also go to National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman and Judit Ganchuk for the planning and coordination of this journey. I am looking forward to 2016!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Branch 14 family Christmas party which will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills.

The officers of Branch 14 would like to say "welcome" to our new members.

Congratulations to the following first-time Branch 14 scholarship recipients: Christopher D. Baldwin, Michael M. Congeni Jr., Alex J. Fulop, McKenna M. Klodnick, Spencer



Branch 8 President David Kozak presents a donation from the branch to Angela Rizzo, executive director of the Bottle Works ethnic arts center of Johnstown, Pa.

J. Klodnick, Roman G. Martinis and Alexandria M. Nguyen. We wish our students a successful school year filled with learning, good grades and a little fun.

Mike Congeni (pictured on next page), one of our WPA scholarship recipients, will be attending Cleveland State University (Go Vikings!), majoring in pharmaceutical sciences. Mike has been a WPA member for 18 years and is an avid swimmer.

Donations can be made to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation throughout the year. You will be helping many of our young members pursuing higher education.

Remember, too, that as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile insurance policies can be converted into adult life policies when they reach age 25. Converting their juvenile policies will ensure them of continued WPA coverage and allow them to continue receiving WPA's fraternal benefits, including this magazine and full eligibility for all our fraternal programs.

The officers of Branch 14 extend

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

Get well wishes are being sent to all Branch 14 and WPA members who might be feeling under the weather, including Branch 14 Vice President Joanne Sedensky, who was recently hospitalized, Branch 14 Auditor Paul Varga and National Director Roger G. Nagy. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating a November birthday and/or anniversary. Happy anniversary to Barbara and Tom House, who celebrated their anniversary in Hungary.

Our next two Branch 14 meetings will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Wednesday, Dec. 3. Both meetings will convene at 7:00 p.m. at The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Adult Branch 14 members are welcome to attend.

Remember, Branch 14 members having news to share about themselves or family members can reach me at RichSaro@att.net or at 1-440-248-9012.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Thanksgiving! I can't believe it is here already.

I wrote my last article before the WPA Picnic, and I really want to thank so many of our wonderful volunteers who again made this another wonderful success. Thank you to all our Official Family and their spouses for all their hard work. Thank you to all who cooked, cleaned and did all the hard work again this year. Every year it gets harder and harder to top the previous year, but I promise you we will.

Special thanks to Ronda Grotefend, to all who donated beautiful prize baskets and to Branch 18 members who made the Chinese auction run so smoothly. It truly does take a village.

Our annual trip to Hungary was another great success. At this writing, I am deep in the throes of jet lag.



Branch 14 member Michael M. Congeni Jr. celebrated Christmas with a special friend when he was just a baby. To see what this WPA scholarship recipient looks like today, see the photos of our first-time recipients on pages 14 and 15.

Some of the best memories I have are of the faces of those who visited relatives there. Their smiles went from ear to ear.

The churches were spectacular. The food and drink were unbeatable. We attended many wonderful Hungarian wine tastings. The scenery is the best in the world.

Some of our travelers were first-timers. Just to see their faces and happiness at being there made it even better for us seasoned visitors. We made a lot of new friends, and we can only hope they last a lifetime. Special "hello" to Arlene and Judy.

Thank you to Andrea Tordai and Krisztian for making this another wonderful trip.

As usual, we can't wait for the next one. A visit to Croatia will also be included in the itinerary.

We at Branch 18 are working hard preparing for our family Christmas party. It will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 16736 Ecorse Road, Allen Park. If you plan to attend, please call me so Santa will know how many gifts to bring. Hope to see you there.

Happy November birthday to my mom, Irene Korpak (Happy 92nd!), and to Jerry Hauser, Doris Schvarc-kopf, Bishop Wolfe, Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, Steve Evans, Papa Lovasz, Alyssa Trunzo, Douglas Truesdell and Denise Hurley. Hope you all have many more.

Special get well wishes to Doug Truesdell, Emma Poliska, Olga Wan-

sa and Mary Ann Deri. We hope you are all better soon.

Happy one year anniversary to National Vice President-Secretary Jerry Hauser. We at William Penn Association are so happy you and Debbie are part of our family.

Please remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Donna M. Chartier, Beth B. Gendron, R. L. Bailey and Ethel E. Farkas. We extend special condolences to Joyce and Harry Nicholson on the death of Joyce's mother, Teresa Toth. She was a very special lady. May she and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.

Our next Branch 18 meeting will be held Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center, just days before our trip to Firekeepers on Nov. 10 and 11. We ask those attending our meeting to bring with them donations of food, blankets, towels and rugs for the animals--anything that will keep the animals healthy and warm.

Last month's "Charity of the Month" was won by Linda Enyedy, and she chose the Brownstown Animal Shelter.

We hope you enjoyed last month's *William Penn Life*. Please continue to send your Hungarian stories. We must never forget. I know Tibor Deri and Laci Lukacs have stories that would be wonderful to share.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and all you love surrounding you.

Please contact me anytime at 313-418-5572 if I can be of any help with your life insurance needs or if you have news to share.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Is it really that time of the year again? Christmas is fast approaching, and Branch 28 is getting ready for its annual party to be held Saturday, Dec. 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Aut Mori Hall, 563 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown. Watch your mail for your child's invitation, but please remember that adult members are also invited to come and join in the festivities. Santa will be invited, too.

There will also be a raffle during the party to support the WPA Scholarship Foundation which aids our young members pursuing higher education.

For those of you who traveled with us to the WPA Picnic-A Great Fraternal Fest, we have some information. The missing package was found and returned to its happy owner.

Congratulations to the clergy and members of the United Church of Christ in Bridgeport, Conn., which is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year.

The Hungarian group Accord performed in our area on Oct. 9. We will share details about this special performance in next month's branch report.

We hope some of our readers will be able to visit the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh while they are decorated for the holiday season. The Hungarian Room will be decorated with a new tree and trimmings this year.

Congratulations to Mark Peyko, editor of the Metro Monthly, on receiving the Director's Award of Achievement from the Mahoning Valley Historical Society. The award recognizes those individuals who take an active role in preserving historic buildings, sites and districts. Mark participates in a program to clean historical areas and promotes the history of the area with his monthly publication.

Whether you are celebrating your birthday or anniversary this month, we hope you have a wonderful day of celebrating and that the coming year is a great one.

We extend special wishes to Steve and Audrey Mislav, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 9.

We send our thoughts and prayers to those who have recently lost a loved one.

If you have any questions about life insurance, annuities or branch activities, or if you have news to share, please give me a call at 330-746-7704.

Wishing all our readers a blessed and happy Thanksgiving. We as Americans have so many blessings to be thankful for.

Branch 40
Martins Ferry, OH
Branch 349
Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches in Martins Ferry and Weirton.

Our combined branch Christmas party is slated this year for Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Eat 'n Park restaurant at the Fort Steuben Mall in Steubenville. We will be sharing "Breakfast With Santa" this year, so save the date for more fun! You'll be able to visit with Santa and enjoy breakfast with your fellow WPA members and children. All of our branch members are welcome to attend this open house breakfast with Santa. So, stop by while you're out Christmas shopping, say hello, have some fun and maybe win prizes! All branch children will get a treat bag.

I also want to note that we lost a very treasured member on Sept. 26. Teresa Toth, my mother and our branch vice president, passed away at Liza's Place Hospice. She was 90 years old and lived those 90 years to their fullest. She always put others first and was extremely proud of her Hungarian ancestry. She passed that pride down to her three children and her grandchildren. We have many blessings to be thankful for and cherish from her life. She always touched the hearts and lives of those around her. We will miss her dearly but know that she and Dad are dancing the *csárdás* in heaven now (when he isn't golfing).

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

Branch 89
Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinac

Branch 89 hopes everyone enjoyed the change of seasons with all the colorful foliage. Now, the temperatures are starting to cool, and it's time to break out the jackets and sweaters. Let's rest up now: the



Among those who enjoyed the annual golf outing hosted by Branch 89 on Aug. 10 at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin, Pa., were (top photo, l-r) Rick Toth, Jessie Cantley, Matt Toth and Bill Ardale and (bottom photo, l-r) Tom Kalupanov, John Toth, Mary Jane Hermansdorfer and Memory Joll.

weather forecasters are predicting lots of snow and cold temperatures to come our way.

As previously reported, our golf outing was a big success. But, coordinating this event is a year-round endeavor for us. We continue to collect codes from Coke products. These codes are turned into points which are then redeemed for various merchandise and prizes, such as gift certificates and tote bags. We distributed many at the golf outing last year and again this year.

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

We also continue to collect Kellogg's Family Rewards Points. 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 boxes of Kellogg's, Keebler, Sunshine and Morningstar Farms products featuring the Kellogg's family Rewards insignia on the box. Just cut out the code, mail it to us and we'll do the rest.

Please continue sending us your Coke product bottle caps or cases (there's a code on the inside of the case). We are already working on a beach basket and a NASCAR basket for next year, so if you have any items you'd like to contribute, please call Mark or me.

We want to congratulate The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead on celebrating its 110th anniversary on Oct. 12. What a wonderful affair it was, and what a momentous occasion for any church to celebrate. We at Branch 89 are extremely proud of this accomplish-

ment and also of the roles that many of our officers and branch members play in keeping this church going.

Plans are in the works for our gulyás making project to benefit the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. Gulyás will be made by Chef János, who made the delicious gulyás served at the WPA Picnic at Scenic View. So, if you enjoyed the gulyás at the picnic, this will be your chance to stock up on this wonderful Hungarian dish. More information to come in the next issue of *William Penn Life*.

Our branch is looking forward to our annual branch Christmas party which will be held at the Brunswick Playmor Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1:00 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskarinec at 412-872-5022. When making your reservations, please state your name, the number of children who will be bowling, their ages and the number of adults bowling. We need this information to make sure we have enough lanes to accommodate everyone.

We will be participating in WPA's Holiday Basket program again. Last year, our branch distributed six baskets to various members in the branch who are not as fortunate as others are.

We are also planning a night at a Penguins game. A date has not been set for that. What a lovely way

to spend an evening at the Consol Center, relaxing with good friends and cheering on the Penguins.

Branch 89 wishes everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much turkey and stuffing, enjoy the football games on television and rest up for all those Black Friday sales the next day. Be safe!

For any of your insurance needs, please continue to call Ruth Toth at 412-872-5022.

Branch 89 would like to thank William Penn Association and its officers for their continued support of our various branch activities.

Please continue to submit your suggestions for branch activities. We are very interested in hearing what types of activities you would like us to plan.

The countdown to Christmas has already started. A Christmas department was already setup in Macy's department store in September. That's a little early for yours truly.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hello from all our members in Columbus, Ohio.

Well, we've made it to November, and Christmas is just around the corner.

Holidays for this month are Veterans Day on the 11th and Thanksgiving on the 27th. Veterans Day honors and thanks all the men and women who have served and are serving in the U.S. armed forces. Thanksgiving Day is a day to give thanks for the harvest and blessings of the past year. It is a day of giving thanks to God for his many blessings and expressing our gratitude to family members and friends.

The Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus will have a program on Sunday, Nov. 9, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served, followed by a discussion on growing up in America as a Hungarian American.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus-Grove City Elks. Hope to see you there.

We wish to extend congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and additions to their families. Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery. We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one.

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

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

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

Please keep all those under the weather in your thoughts. Get well wishes go to Branch President Malvene Heyz.

Our heartfelt prayers go to all those who have recently lost a loved one.

We also wish safe travels to the WPA intern Tímea Kerekes, who will be flying home this month. It was so nice getting to know you. Best wishes for your future endeavors.

Congrats to the newest scholarship recipients from our branch: Alexandra Keremes and Nicholas Trombola. Keep up the great work.

Our next branch meeting will most likely be held the first Tuesday in November at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 for details.

Our annual family Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport. You must RSVP with Malvene at the phone number above.

If you have recently moved or would like to have some news printed here, please contact Malvene at 412-751-1898.



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.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

It is difficult to explain how much fun and how absolutely wonderful the last two weeks have been.

I traveled with my wife and friends on the WPA trip to Hungary. We made many new friends from all over the USA. We made new friends in Hungary--Andrea, Krisztian and George. We reestablished ties with family members Sandor, Erzse and Zsolt. And, I gained a knowledge of my wife's ethnic heritage beyond anything I have experienced before.

The tour was first class all the way, with top-notch hotels in prime locations. The first hotel was in the middle of Váci Utca, which is the ultimate pedestrian shopping location in Budapest. There's Gerbeaud at one end and the Nagycsarnok Central Market at the other with hundreds of stores and shops in between.

We enjoyed several tours around Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. We visited Parliament, Fisherman's Bastion, Gellert Hill and the Castle District. We also toured St. Stephen Basilica, St. Mathias Church, the Basilica at Esztergom, and the very moving Máriapócs.

We spent a lot of time underground, too, including the interesting Hospital in the Rock under Castle Hill and all the wine cellars. I knew Hungary had wines, even world famous vintages such as Tokaji Aszu, but I had no clue about the hundreds of vineyards and many wine areas that dot Hungary. And they are delicious.

More of an acquired taste is *pálinka*, the fruit brandy. With a taste and strength somewhere between moonshine and jet fuel, I learned that *pálinka*, not Tokaji Aszu, is the drink of Hungarians. It often starts (and ends) many meals.

We visited small villages where we looked for the family grave sites of tour members.

I think we experienced the real Hungary on our walks in city neighborhoods and villages, not just the tourist version.

The food? Top rate--from the rich



National Director Anne Marie Schmidt and her husband Mark, both members of Branch 249, visited the Lázár Equestrian Park in Gödöllő during the WPA tour to Hungary this September.

buffet breakfast with eight different sausages, to the royal pheasant consommé at the Herend Porcelain factory to the chicken paprikas at Mátyás Pince. My favorite was a lunch of simple stuffed cabbage and peppers and homemade chestnut torte at our relatives' home.

I could go on for hours, sharing the more than 2000 pictures I took. But, you really have to make the effort to go on the next WPA tour. It is spectacular.

Now, back to reality.

Our next branch meeting will be held Nov. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Deck Tavern, 2651 Blanchard Ave., Moraine, Ohio. This meeting is very important as we will be electing our branch officers. Please make an effort to come.

Also, mark your calendars for the Branch 249 children's Christmas party on Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the American Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton. Santa will be our special guest of honor during a lunch served to members.

With Thanksgiving at the end of this month, I would be remiss if I didn't mention all God's great blessings that He has bestowed on this great country. This still is the best country on earth, and we are most grateful for all we have. May you have a blessed holiday with your

family.

Special get well wishes go out to those sick or in the hospital. We hope you feel better soon.

We extend our sympathy to those who have lost a loved one or friend. Everyone please keep them in your prayers.

Happy Birthday to you November Scorpions. And if you were married in November, we wish you many happy years together. I want to extend special anniversary wishes to Anne Marie; 29 fun years and counting.

For all your annuity and life insurance questions, please contact Mark and Anne Marie Schmidt at 937-667-1211 or Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-278-5970.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and don't eat too much pie. Santa is watching!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

I am pleased to say our branch bacon roast was a hit. Oakmont's Riverside Park along the Allegheny River offered relaxing scenery. More than one passerby commented how good everything smelled, or asked "what is that you're cooking? It



Members and friends of Branch 296 enjoyed a bacon roast hosted by the branch Sept. 28 at Riverside Park in Oakmont, Pa.

smells like bacon!"

Along with great food, we enjoyed a beautiful day. Friendships were rekindled, novices were taught how to roast the bacon, and we mingled with wonderful people.

National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman, who had just returned from his trip to Hungary, and his wife Arlene attended, as did National Vice President-Secretary Jerry Hauser and his wife Debbie. We also enjoyed welcoming members from other WPA branches and their guests. You are all cordially invited to join us again next year.

Compliments to our top chef, John Lovasz (that chimney starter worked great, didn't it?) and, to John Torma who provided relief.

National Vice President-Treasurer and Branch President Diane Torma provided lots of guidance and brought loads of supplies.

Branch Vice President Marge Kosheba was awesome, as was Branch Treasurer Toni Kosheba, with their help before, during and after.

Noreen Fritz also rolled up her sleeves and dove right in to help.

Thank you to everyone who brought delicious cabbage and noodles, pasta salads, desserts and other goodies.

Dorothy Dinzeo, your potato salad was delicious, and we loved it!

It's nearing that time of the year for our family branch Christmas party. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 29, for this event to be held at the Springdale Veterans Association (VFW) on Pittsburgh Street, starting at 12:00 p.m. After Thanksgiving and Black Friday shopping,

our party will offer you a chance to enjoy a relaxing time with great food and fellowship. Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting, and we promise both children and those who are young at heart a delightful time. Please RSVP by Nov. 19 by calling Diane Torma at 724-882-3802 or emailing her at dtorma@william-pennassociation.org.

Since this is also the "giving time" of the year, we kindly ask you to bring to the party a non-perishable food item or paper product which Branch 296 will in turn donate to a local food bank. You did our branch proud last year with your donations, and the Lower Valley Cooperative Ministries and Food Bank truly appreciated our generosity.

It is important to note that just prior to our Christmas party, we will hold a brief meeting at 11:00 a.m. during which we will elect officers for 2015-2016. Branch elections are now held every two years, with this being an election year. If you're interested in holding a branch office and/or would like to vote, please attend this meeting.

November greetings to one and all. This month begins the dreary part of the fall season. The leaves are off the trees, the winds turn colder, the dampness sets in, baseball is over, the World Series has a champion (ah, those poor Pirates, maybe next year) and the calendar brings us closer to year's end.

There are, however, noteworthy November events. Election Day is upon us and whatever the outcome, Pennsylvania's next governor will be named Tom. Whether his last

name is Corbett or Wolf is the question.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, "The Great War." My grandfather was a cook on a U.S. Navy submarine in that war. I'll bet each of you has a parent or grandparent who was involved in this war that claimed the lives of so many throughout Europe. On Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, please thank a vet for his or her service or anyone currently serving. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our members and your families. May you share your bounty with the ones who are nearest and dearest to you.

Congratulations to Branch 296's newest William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation grant recipients: Stephen DeCarlucci, Keely Mager, Dylan Mitchell, Todd Toth and Alexandra Varga. May you and each of our renewing scholarship recipients have an outstanding and memorable academic year. We are proud of you and encourage you to persevere through whatever lies ahead in the pursuit of your dreams. In fact, drop us a line to share with us some of the events you've participated in while attending college. Our members would enjoy reading about your successes.

Happy birthday to all of our members, including my father-in-law John L. Lovasz, who continues to recover. Belated wishes go to Dorothy Dinzeo.

Get well wishes go to each of our members who are recovering from illness or injury and condolences

go to all who have lost a loved one recently. We remember each of you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Remember, our branch meetings are always held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. Our next meeting is Nov. 13. Those of you at the bacon roast who expressed interest in joining us, here's your chance! We'd love to see you.

Please contact me if you have any news that you would like for me to share at: makelly367@verizon.net or at 724-274-5318.

Noreen Fritz, our friendly and helpful agent, has the answers to all of your life insurance and annuity needs. Noreen can be reached at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Happy November, everyone!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us. May you and your family have a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is the time of year when we are reminded to give thanks for all that God has given us. We have much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for my family and the close bond we have. I thank God every day for the good health we all enjoy and pray that it continues. My hope and prayer is that all of us will recognize our blessings and share what we can with those less fortunate.

We celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Let us remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Remember to thank a veteran for his or her service to our country.

Branch 352 will be holding its Christmas party on Sunday, Nov. 23, at Sports Haven Bowl in Bridgeville beginning at 12:00 p.m. All juvenile members should try to attend and enjoy a day of bowling fun. We are also conducting a food drive as we have done in the past. Please be generous in donating non-perishable food items for the local food bank. Your help is much needed and appreciated.



Members of Branch 8036 enjoyed a "meet and greet" event at the Green Dance Winery.

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

Our heartfelt condolences to anyone who has lost a loved one recently. May your memories help you through this difficult time.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Nov. 2 and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

If you have any news to report or need help with any insurance question, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-319-7116 or email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com. Have you recently moved? Are your beneficiaries up-to-date? Do you need additional life insurance? I can help you with your questions.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

November is upon us. On Nov. 11, our country celebrates Veterans Day. Let us all honor a veteran in some way that day.

This year, Thanksgiving will be on Thursday, Nov. 27. Branch 800 will once again have a Mass for all our deceased members at St. Mark's Church in Altoona at 9:00 a.m. All are asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

The City of Pittsburgh can be very proud of the Pirates. For the second straight year, they made the playoffs.

We change our clocks back to Eastern Standard Time on Nov. 2. We hope you enjoy your extra hour of sleep.

Our branch Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. Call Vincent Frank at 814-695-0213 to make your reservations.

Our next branch meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education Center, 873 27th St., Altoona.

Branch 800 extends birthday wishes to all members celebrating their special day this month.

We also wish all members a happy Thanksgiving as we start to prepare for the Christmas season.

Don't forget to contact Bob Jones at 814-942-2661 for all your life insurance and annuity needs.

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by the Rev. Albert Kovacs

Branch 8036 closed summer with a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon. We hosted a "meet and greet" event in September, which attracted old and new members and friends to the Green Dance Winery near Mount Pleasant.

The purpose of the gathering was to rejuvenate interest in branch activities, as the branch has been inactive for many years. It was a perfect day for sitting at the outdoor tables, with the afternoon summer sun shining down and the group re-newing ties and making new friends.

Arrangements were made by Branch President Jerry Hauser, whose friendly manner helped create instant unity among all present.

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The pastry & coffee shops of Budapest

My family and I recently returned from our first trip to Hungary. We spent a week in Budapest and 10 days visiting cousins in Csót. What made our sojourn extra special was that my entire family was together. As time passes, the opportunities to do things together will be fewer and farther between.

While there, I had the great pleasure of sampling for the first time many Magyar desserts and treats that until then I had only read about. There are so many pastry shops in Hungary, it is almost too hard to comprehend. Even the American-based fast food places offer an array of delectable cakes.

As my family traveled to the various districts on both the old and new sides of town, I was afforded many chances to partake in the specialties of the legendary coffee houses. While sampling a slice of Dobos Torte in Gerbeaud's at Vörösmarty Square, I could imagine myself listening to the inspiring speeches of Petöfi and Kossuth. The New York Café offers the same 19th century ambiance that inspired many scholars, scientists, artists and writers of long ago. During a visit to the Fisherman's Bastion area, my meanderings led me to the famous Ruszwurm Pastry Shop and Confectionary.

In Pápa, the sweet, delicate offerings continued with a stop at the Ricsi Sweet Shop. I was surprised that even a small village like Csót had a pastry café; the Jutka Cukrászda stands just a short stroll west from my cousin Olga's home. This quaint oasis of splendor offers patrons more than 20 varieties of tortes, kifli, pogácsa and sponge cakes...plus ice cream!

I could go on forever about how my inaugural trip to Hungary left such a positive and lasting impression upon me and made me appreciate my Magyar heritage even more. I now understand why so many of my forebearers were proud to be American-Magyars. I yearn to visit Hungary again and again.

Until I return to my ancestral homeland, those same high-quality Magyar delights can be enjoyed in Cleveland at the Farkas Pastry Shop. Life is so sweet and scrumptious.

This month's puzzle contains 18 clues, each the name of a shop or café I visited while in Hungary (plus Farkas).

Remember to honor our veterans on Nov. 11.

Cseh Lizzy

Puzzle Contest #110 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #110 were drawn Oct. 3, 2014, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Neal A. Blochinger, Br. 8014 Pittsburgh, PA
Derris L. Lents, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Thelma Nemeth, Br. 44 Akron, OH
Julia A. Santos, Br. 720 Dedham, MA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #113 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Pastry & Coffee Shops" Word List

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Anna Café	Fröhlich	Művész
Budapest Café	Gerbeaud	Ricsi
Café Zenit	Jutka	Ruszwurm
Centrál Kávéház	Korona	Szalai
Europa	Lukács	Szamos

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RULES

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

WPA PUZZLE #113
 709 Brighton Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Dec. 31, 2014.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Jan. 5, 2015, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Branch News

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The get-together brought out former Branch President Glenn Johnson, who brings years of experience to the branch as well as a lively spirit.

Branch Vice President Leslie Kastal shared a Riesling from the winery's offerings.

Branch Auditor Elizabeth Kastal was unable to attend, but a future branch meeting will be held at the Kastal family's Darlington Inn near Ligonier, which features Hungarian

cuisine from Transylvania.

The event was also an opportunity for me to introduce myself as the new branch coordinator. I am a semi-retired Hungarian Reformed minister and live in the Bethlen Communities at Ligonier with my wife, Theresa. I am the pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Johnstown, where Branch 8 was organized in the early 1900's to serve the new immigrant steel workers and coal miners. I can be reached at

724-995-8148.

The WPA Picnic proved once again to be a great fraternal fest with food, song and dance from the Motherland. More than 1,000 members and guests were in attendance for what turned out to be a nice day despite the weatherman's forecast of doom and gloom. Our branch donated a special basket of chocolates and candies for the Chinese auction which benefits the WPA Scholarship Foundation.

In Memoriam

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

AUGUST 2014

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Reinaldo Felio
Raymond Simmons
- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
John Lyzinski
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Frank Zeleznik
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL
Doris M. Mittelheuser

- 0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Helen Bergacs
- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
R. L. Bailey
Donna M. Chartier
Ethel E. Farkas
Beth B. Gendron
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Michael D. Kapalski
Anna Kotyuk
- 0023 POCAHONTAS, VA
Lillian Lovell
- 0048 NEW YORK, NY
Emma Salamon
- 0071 DUQUESNE, PA
Michael H. Hauber

- 0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Joseph Mosby
- 0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA
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Shirley Horvath
Alice Landtroop
- 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Jennifer L. Newman
- 0209 ST. LOUIS, MO
Les Hauser
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
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Margaret E. Simonazzi

- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
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- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
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- 0383 BUFFALO, NY
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WPFA Scholarship Foundation

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 - 26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
 - 28 - William L. Griffiths - \$4.14
 - 28 - David L. Stack - \$10.00
 - 28 - Joshua E. Spencer - \$0.90
 - 28 - Garry W. Allison - \$2.12
 - 34 - Richard M. Danko - \$10.00
 - 48 - Irene Krolewski - \$53.00
 - 89 - Melissa S. Balla - \$2.10
 - 89 - Zsuzsanna M. Takacs - \$25.00
 - 129 - Deborah L. Vecchiarelli - \$15.00
 - 129 - Thomas A. Shepard Jr. - \$2.45
 - 174 - Colleen M. Phillips - \$5.00
 - 189 - Etta Korosy - \$11.62

Our awards lead to far greater rewards

Since 1972 William Penn Association has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarship grants to its young members attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Our scholarship program is just one of many benefits available to our members. To learn more on how membership in WPA can benefit your family, call your local WPA representative or our Home Office, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.

- 216 - Ashley J. Ermold - \$10.00
- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
- 226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
- 226 - Robert W. Serena - \$5.00
- 226 - Danielle L. Anthony - \$50.00
- 296 - Eric A. Felack - \$22.00
- 352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$1.32
- 352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
- 352 - John W. Bush Jr. - \$10.00
- 705 - Katherine A. Orbon - \$0.27
- 725 - Stephen T. O'Grady - \$5.00
- 725 - Alane C. Renaud - \$10.00

- 8036 - Leah Yantko - \$2.00
- 8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$3.00

TOTAL for Month = \$344. 94

Additional Donations SEPTEMBER 2014

- Donor - Amount**
- Rosemary Balazs - \$25.00
 - Laura B. Vargo - \$20.00
 - WPA Cookbook Sales - \$140.00
- TOTAL for Month = \$185.00**

Donations In Memoriam SEPTEMBER 2014

Donor - Amount (In Memory of)

- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00
(Deceased Members Margo A. Koroknay-Palicz, Victoria C. Fazekas, Shirley G. Gegus, Emmett Hannah, Margaret Szikszay & Julia Larker)

TOTAL for Month = \$125.00

Donations Received From 31st Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

Received as of September 30, 2014

Donor - Amount (In Memory Of, if applicable)

- Stephen A. Novak - \$50.00
(Kay Novak)
- Katherine E. Novak - \$100.00
(Jean Robertson & Anna Kertesz)
- Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT - \$100.00
(Deceased Members)

TOTAL = \$250.00



Christmas Trees

Select and cut the tree of your choice
or have us cut it for you

Colorado Blue Spruce - Balsam Fir - Fraser Fir
Concolor Fir - Norway Spruce

INDIVIDUAL

LESS THAN 9 FT. = \$30

9 FT. - 12 FT. = \$45

OVER 12 FT. = \$55

BULK = \$25

- TREE WRAPPING AVAILABLE -

Stephen A. Spagina, Sr., Resident Manager
Scenic View, 118 Scenic View Lane
Rockwood, PA 15557

814-352-7575

Open 7 days a week 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Beginning Monday, December 1

5 miles east of 7 Springs' main entrance, turn right
onto Ream Road & follow signs to Scenic View.

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Put some extra jingle in your stocking

Refer a family member or friend to WPA and earn a Recommender Award!

Have a wonderful holiday with a little extra money courtesy of WPA. We will pay adult members age 16 and older **\$20** for each first-time applicant they recommend who is issued any WPA permanent or term life insurance plan. You can also earn rewards for recommending new life insurance plans to current members. WPA will pay you **\$12** for each current member you recommend who is issued a new permanent life insurance plan. You can also earn **\$10** for each current member you recommend who is issued a WPA term life plan. To claim your Recommender Award, send us the names and addresses of everyone you know who would enjoy the many fraternal benefits that come with membership in WPA.

**Family of sales agents living at the same address as the agent do not qualify for a Recommender Award.*



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WPA RECOMMENDER

Your Name: _____ Branch No.: _____

Address: _____

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Name of Prospective Applicant: _____

Address: _____

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