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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.



ROGER G. NAGY

*National Director
1983-1999
2007-2015*

WPA mourns loss of Roger G. Nagy

MANDEVILLE, LA -- The members of Branch 71 Duquesne, Pa., the Association's Official Family and WPA members across the nation mourned the recent death of former National Director Roger G. Nagy. Mr. Nagy, 71, passed away Sept. 24, 2015, after a year-long battle against pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Nagy loved the Association and was dedicated to its fraternal mission, a legacy passed on to him by his father, the late Gus G. Nagy, who served WPA as a National Officer for many years.

Roger Nagy was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1983 and served on the Board for 16 years until 1999. Eight years later, he was again elected to the Board and served for another eight years until his death.

Throughout his decades of service, Mr. Nagy was a fixture at many WPA events, serving as a coordinator of a number of WPA bowling and golf tournaments.

He was born March 7, 1944, in Duquesne, Pa., the son of the late Gus and Elizabeth (Rinkacs) Nagy. He earned his bachelor's degree from California State

University in California, Pa., in 1968, and his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979.

He was employed by Consolidated Natural Gas for 31 years, retiring in 2001.

A resident of Mandeville since 1990, Mr. Nagy was an avid British sports car enthusiast who restored cars and belonged to several sports car clubs and organizations. He also loved to bake and volunteered to help bake with Pennies for Bread at St. Joseph's Abbey in St. Benedict, La.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna (Yakin) Nagy.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte (Hokkanen) Nagy; his son, Gregory G. Nagy (Michelle); and his daughter, Sarah E. Nagy (Joseph Pitts).

A memorial Mass was celebrated Sept. 29 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mandeville.

The family requests donations in Mr. Nagy's memory be made to St. Joseph Abbey Pennies for Bread.

May he rest in peace.

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. 6, 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. 7 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 2:30 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 24 to 26 and New Year's Day.

From Dec. 27 to 31, guided tours will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On weekends, narrated taped tours are available without prior reservation. The last tours are dispatched each day at 2:30 p.m. Tour fees are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students ages 8 to 18.

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2015 Branch Family Christmas Parties

Branch	City/State	Date	Time	Location
0001.....	Bridgeport, CT.....	Dec. 5.....	12:00...	Bessemer Center Hall, 2200 North Ave., Bridgeport
0013.....	Trenton, NJ.....	Dec. 6.....	TBD.....	For more information, please call 609-617-0471
0014.....	Cleveland, OH.....	Nov. 21....	1:00.....	First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills
0018.....	Lincoln Park, MI.....	Nov. 22....	1:00.....	Polish Roman Catholic Union (PRCU), 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte
0019.....	New Brunswick, NJ....	Dec. 5.....	3:00.....	Confectionately Yours, 3391 Route 27, Franklin Park, NJ
0024.....	Chicago, IL.....	Dec. 19....	4:00.....	Holy Trinity Hungarian Church Hall, 4759 McCook Ave., East Chicago
0026.....	Sharon, PA.....	Nov. 22....	1:00.....	King's Restaurant, 1920 Leesburg-Grove City Road, Grove City
0028.....	Youngstown, OH.....	Dec. 5.....	12:30...	Aut Mori Grotto Hall, 563 N. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown
0034.....	Pittsburgh, PA.....	Nov. 22....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0040.....	Martins Ferry, OH.....	Dec. 19....	9:00.....	King's Family Restaurant, 1063 Canton Road, Wintersville
0048.....	New York, NY.....	Dec. 6.....	2:00.....	Ruppert House Community Room, 222 E. 93rd St., New York
0051.....	Passaic, NJ.....	Dec. 6.....	2:00.....	American Hungarian Citizens League, 21 New Schley St., Garfield
0071.....	Duquesne, PA.....	Nov. 22....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0088.....	Rural Valley, PA.....	Dec. 13....	2:00.....	William Penn Social Hall, 132-134 Main St., Rural Valley
0089.....	Homestead, PA.....	Dec. 5.....	12:30...	Brunswick Playmor Bowl, 5840 Buttermilk Hollow Road, Pittsburgh
0129.....	Columbus, OH.....	Dec. 5.....	2:00.....	Columbus-Grove City Elks, 2140 Sonora Dr., Grove City
0132.....	South Bend, IN.....	Dec. 6.....	3:00.....	Barnaby's Pizza of South Bend, 713 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend
0226.....	McKeesport, PA.....	Dec. 13....	2:00.....	Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport
0249.....	Dayton, OH.....	Dec. 13....	1:00.....	American Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton
0296.....	Springdale, PA.....	Nov. 29....	12:00...	Springdale Veterans Association (VFW), 1151 Pittsburgh St., Springdale
0336.....	Harrisburg, PA.....	Dec. 13....	1:00.....	Penbrook Borough Hall (Community Building), 150 S. 28th St., Harrisburg
0349.....	Weirton, WV.....	Dec. 19....	9:00.....	King's Family Restaurant, 1063 Canton Road, Wintersville
0352.....	Coraopolis, PA.....	Nov. 22....	12:00...	Sports Haven Bowl, 143 Carol Ave., Bridgeville
0800.....	Altoona, PA.....	Dec. 6.....	6:00.....	Hampton Inn, 180 Charlotte Dr., Altoona



Character and integrity

EARLY IN MY CAREER, I attended a seminar where the guest speaker said, “a person of character will purchase life insurance...but it takes a person with integrity to continue paying the premiums.” That quote stuck with me throughout my entire career.

Unfortunately, I have seen too many situations where I visited a client's home following the death of a loved one, only to find out that one or more of the insurance policies they were trying to claim had lapsed or expired. Funds they were counting on to pay final expenses, pay off a mortgage, help with education or defray additional living expenses would not be available. Nothing is more frustrating to the professional insurance agent or to the claimant.

Back in the 80s, the company I was representing instituted a reinstatement campaign in which we were asked to visit the homes of customers whose policies had lapsed or expired. Our standard comment to clients was: we don't want your loved ones to find your policy in a drawer, only to find out that it's worthless and blame the insurance company.

You see, that certificate is a contract, a contract that includes a lot of promises on the part of your insurance company: promises to accumulate cash value and pay dividends (if appropriate), promises to pay (or waive) your premiums if you get sick or injured, and promises to pay your loved ones a specified amount at your death (and

possibly double or triple that amount if the death were accidental in nature).

Your part--your *only* obligation--to make sure that the company makes good on all those promises is to maintain the premium payments in a timely manner.

Some clients would ask, “what would it cost me to get this insurance back in force?” or “what would it cost for a new policy today?” It's amazing how many clients would take advantage of our offer to either reinstate their existing coverage or purchase additional insurance.

Here in the fraternal world, if you allow your policy to lapse, you are giving up not only the promises found within your certificate but also all of the other benefits that come with membership in our fraternal society.

That certificate is just a worthless piece of paper unless YOU make good on YOUR promise. It's a promise that you make to your loved ones, not to the insurance company. Purchasing insurance takes character; maintaining the premium payments (keeping your promises) takes integrity.

Do you or a loved one have an expired or lapsed policy? Or, are you considering stopping payments on an existing contract? Then now is the perfect time to call your WPA agent for a complete review of your needs. Don't have an agent? Call our Home Office to have one assigned to your account. □

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Easing the pain of mean behavior

THROUGHOUT MY NEARLY 54 YEARS OF LIFE, I have held on to several strings more tightly than I should. One of them I have held onto so firmly that it has embedded its sisal self into my skin. It burns, scrapes and bares a bitter scab.

It started out to be the color of ugly but recently it has turned a likeable shade of turquoise and gained more of a smooth, silky texture. Once I began looking at it in a nonchalant way, it began loosening itself and it appeared different. As with many important things that have occurred in my life, this has been a long time coming and it never made sense before now.

What I'm referring to is my lifelong fear of mean people. Call them bullies, tormenters, aggressors, monsters, whatever you like. I have been hiding and running from them like a scared kitten for as long as I can remember.

That is until now. I haven't done this by becoming tough-skinned or brazen or developing a sharp edge. I have done this by understanding.

Under the right circumstances, almost anyone can become mean. Often, it appears that there are many mean people in the world around us because mean behavior stands out. We tend to dwell more on an untrue criticism than a deserved compliment. The

more malicious the behavior, the more strike it has. Being yelled at is hurtful. It's mean.

But, what if the mean person does not understand that they are so frightening? Is it possible that mean people are just out of sync with the rest of us? Perhaps they lack social skills, or communicating skills and they turn up the volume and act a fool to be heard. Deep down, perhaps they feel unheard. The meanies may have poor self-esteem, a deep lack of happiness or tons of anxiety.

Hmm. I never thought of it that way before. Meanness can be self-protection due to the person's inability to take responsibility for their own problems. Mean people may just be angry at the world or caught up in negativity. They project out what they feel inside. A controlling person may be trying hard to make the world around him more comfortable.

I could go on and on, but I hope you get the point. Mean people may be damaged. I don't think what they do is excusable. I just know for sure that it's more about them and not about me. I will wish them harmony and peace. And just as sure as I am about my faith and myself, I will let it go.

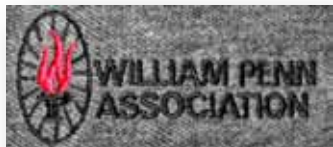
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Solving the 'problem' of exogamy

WEDDINGS HAVE BEEN ON MY MIND a great deal recently. As readers know, my sister celebrated her wedding just over two months ago. My own impending nuptials are scheduled for next July. While my fiancée and I are naturally consumed with the usual preparations and discussions, my thoughts have recently been turning to an issue that has remained underneath the surface of polite conversation. And, since I attempt to share with you the observations and stories of a young man trying to grow up and start a life in a modern, diverse America--while maintaining my Hungarian heritage--I thought it would be appropriate to share my latest thoughts with you now.

I am one-half Hungarian. My dad is of 100 percent Hungarian ancestry, while my mom is Slovak with other ethnic roots--those typical of Pennsylvania coal-miners and millwrights are--blended in. My intended is of Southern lineage, thus mostly English or Scottish. She has no Eastern European--let alone Hungarian--ancestry at all. As a result, our children will be 25 percent Hungarian. If my children follow in my stead (and my father's) and fail to marry a Hungarian, my grandchildren will be 12.5 percent Hungarian. If the trend continues, my great-grandchildren will be 6.75 percent Hungarian. By the time we arrive at my great-great-grandchildren, they will be 3.375 percent Hungarian.

The picture, I hope, is becoming clear. By the time my great-great-grandchildren are on this earth at 3.375 percent Hungarian blood, they'll barely be Hungarian at all. At which point, I cannot help but wonder if they would sample Hungarian cooking, listen to Hungarian music, read Hungarian literature, or speak a few Hungarian words or phrases? I cannot help but feel that the answer to that is "no." And, if they are say, 75 percent Thai, shouldn't they rightly eat Thai food, listen to Thai music, and read and speak Thai? If that were the case, it would be strange if they took their Hungarian lineage more seriously than their Thai ancestry.

That is the "problem" I've been having, a thought

puzzle that I've turned over and over in my mind. The scenario above is what is likely to happen. With the various ethnicities on this earth, and in this multicultural day-and-age, the odds of marrying a Hungarian are more or less the same as marrying a person of any other ethnicity. Even so, who is to say that my bloodlines' interest in Hungarian culture won't wane before the great-great-grandchildren? While that is uncertain, what is certain is that if my descendants are like me, like my father, and like my sister, they will marry someone who is not Hungarian.

Obviously, my Hungarian culture is important to me. That's why I have found it distressing that no matter what I do in terms of propagating my bloodline and promoting my heritage, there will most likely come a time in the not so distant future when my descendants do not identify as American-Hungarian. So, what am I to do? What are any of us to do? How do we, as American-Hungarians, promote our culture and heritage among our children and grandchildren when they may not be as genetically invested in Hungarian culture as we are today?

In years past, when the American-Hungarian community was in its golden age, most members of the community married other Hungarians. Or, although it may have been controversial at the time, they married someone from

a country or region not so dissimilar to Hungary, such as Czechoslovakia, Poland, Slovenia or Austria. Even if a person did marry another with no Hungarian blood, they were most likely still geographically located in a place where Hungarian culture predominated, where the butchers and bakers prepared Hungarian delicacies, where their relatives would have been Hungarian. Thus, they would learn about Magyar traditions, culture, history and food through osmosis, much like how non-Hungarians living in Hungary are now likely to acquire the traits and customs of the land that they live in.

But, that is no longer the case. Now, there is no Buckeye Road in Ohio, or Arpadhon in Louisiana, or Yorkville in

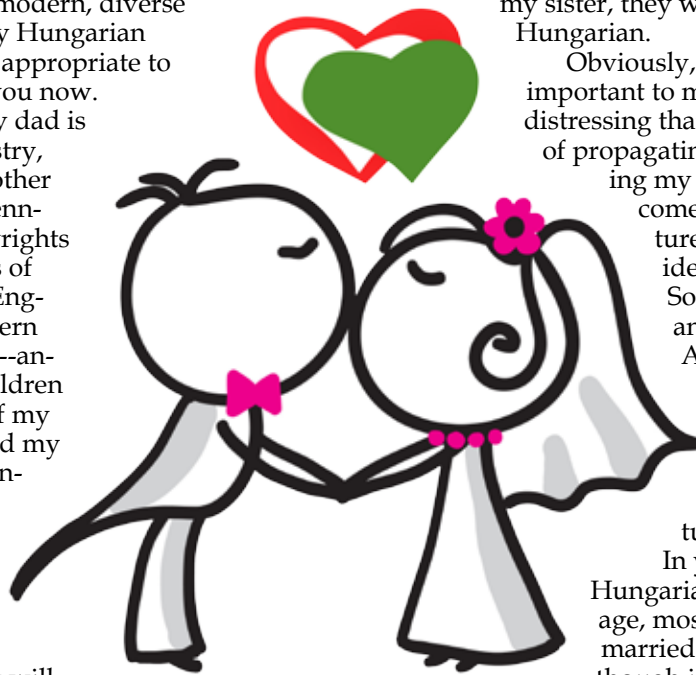


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Point to Ponder....

Do you agree with me? Or, should we promote endogamy, the practice of marrying within one's own social or ethnic group? Do you have another solution to this "problem"? What are your experiences in raising children in a multicultural household? - Tibor

Did you know they're Hungarian?

While doing research about George Pataki, my *apu* mentioned another Pataki who may have appeared on television and the silver screen more often than the former governor of New York. Although the name Mike Pataki may not sound familiar to you, he had roles in hundreds of movies and TV shows from the 1950's until his passing in 2010.



Born in 1938 in Youngstown, Ohio, Mike's father was Hungarian-born. Mike attended Southern California University where he studied drama. His television credits include *The Twilight Zone*, *The Flying Nun*, *Bonanza*, *McCloud*, *All in the Family*, and perhaps most notably, as a Klingon in the "Trouble with

Tribbles" episode of the original *Star Trek*. He also appeared in many movies with his most memorable role being that of the Soviet boxing administrator Nicoli Koloff in *Rocky IV*.

He directed the film version of *Cinderella* and did voice-overs for several commercials and animated television shows, including *Batman* and *Ren and Stimpy*. Pataki appeared in many "B" horror movies, often times portraying vampires.

Most likely, Mike Pataki is one of those actors whose face you recognize but whose name you don't know...and who just happens to be an American-Hungarian.



Manhattan--or, at least how they were historically. Nowadays, the world is diverse, and Hungarian-Americans no longer live in communities where their neighbors and co-workers are Hungarian. They will marry people who are likewise not Hungarian.

So, how does our community solve the "problem" of exogamy, the practice of marrying outside of one's ethnic group? I use the quotation marks because I do not know if it is a "problem" in the strictest sense, nor am I convinced that any of the "solutions" listed below are satisfying in any meaningful way. But, here are the ideas that I've come up with, and I'm eager to hear what you, the readers, think.

1. Promote endogamy (marrying within one's own ethnic or social group) among young American-Hungarians. This solution is straightforward--essentially, encourage your children and their grandchildren to bring home a nice Hungarian boy or girl. Let's be honest: according to recent census figures, Hungarian-Americans

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comprise only 1.5 million of all Americans. Assuming that 33 percent of them are of marriageable age, that's 500,000 people spread out across the United States. Those are pretty slim pickings for anyone out there.

Even if numbers weren't an issue, is promoting endogamy really our best policy? My father, who is as ardent an American Hungarian as they come, didn't advocate such a course when the time came for my sister to marry, nor before I proposed to my fiancée. He didn't even mention the ethnicity of my sister's significant other nor mine. If he had, he would have been on unsure footing because he himself would not have taken his own advice.

This course of action is a rather unsatisfying solution, and let's be honest, even if we were to advocate such a course, would young American-Hungarians listen? Probably not. I know I wouldn't; I'd tell someone to stuff it if they said that I should marry a Hungarian girl instead of my intended.

2. Practice "symbolic endogamy." The other course that comes to mind is the one that I will adopt in my adulthood--promote my Hungarian heritage, pass on its lessons and tales and foods to my children, and hope that they find their heritage as important as I and my siblings do today. One prerequisite, of course, is to have a spouse who is willing to participate in this effort, so that learning Hungarian heritage is a practice that binds the house together, instead of dividing it. In this way, I think that "symbolic endogamy" is the better course.

If Hungarian heritage is important to you, marry someone who is willing to go along with you to Magyar events and festivals and is willing to put up with your garlic breath after eating kolbász and Székely gulyás. You can also strike a bargain with your mate--both spouses will promote and cherish the heritage of the other. I know I will...Southern barbeque is tasty!

When the time comes for me to raise children of my own, I'll encourage them to do the same thing so, even if my great-great-grandchildren are only 3.375 percent Hungarian by blood, they will still know the Magyar part of their ethnicity and will cherish it as much as they do any other part.

I think that's the best we can hope for.

Éljen a Magyar!

Tibor II

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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

An apple primer, part 2

FÁRADJON BE A MAGYAR KONYHÁBA!

Last month, we discussed choosing the right apple for your recipe. A wise cook will use a mélange of apples, more than one variety, to obtain great aroma, flavor and body in a dish. If you want your cooking to go from okay to gourmet, find ways to impart flavor wherever you can in your recipes. An excellent example would be using at least two types of apples in whatever you are making.

While you may choose from the assortment of apples available in your local supermarket, nothing beats fresh from the farm. If you're fortunate to live in a prime apple-growing area--such as New England, Pennsylvania or Ohio--you get the best apples all season long. I am lucky that there are many farm stands right outside of Philadelphia with a plethora of apples to choose for my recipes.

Here are some seldom known facts about storing or keeping your apples.

Once an apple is picked, it starts to respire. Exposure to oxygen causes the apple to discharge ethylene gas, which will make the apple ripen faster if it is in a closed container or in a drawer in your refrigerator. Most commercial apple farms put their apples in a sealed room then pump in nitrogen, which stops the respiring process. The apples are basically put to sleep in a blanket of nitrogen lasting up to about six months. Once the apples are removed from the nitrogen blanket, the aging process continues.

If you want to store apples in your home for long periods of time, try this easy method: rinse your apples in cold water, shake off the excess water, then place them in a plastic bag. Punch some small holes in the bag and place it in the coldest part of your refrigerator, usually in the back bottom shelf.

Here's another factor affecting flavor you need to consider when using apples in any recipe: should you peel your apples or leave the skin on? Apple skin has a lot of taste which adds more complexity to your dish. If you don't believe me, just taste the skin next time you decide to peel your apples. Some apple varieties have heavy, bitter skins, but most apples have a tasty skin. To prove this point, the next time you make applesauce, leave the skin on the apples and compare with regular peeled apple sauce. You will be amazed at the difference. The skin will also hold the apple pieces together if you are making a stuffing, pie or just baking the apple whole.

Of course, there are recipes for which you really should peel your apples, such as desserts like open-faced tarts, galettes, or, my favorite, Apple Tarte Tatin in which you would caramelize or glaze the apples for eye appeal and extra flavor.

So, now you know a bit more about apples and how to further enhance and enjoy their flavor. Chef Vilmos and I have gotten many requests for recipes that use apples in the main entrée or as a compliment to the entrée. Here are some recipes that fit that menu plus others you can try all month long, especially around Thanksgiving. Have a great month!

Jó étvágyat!
Főszakács Béla

Fish Fillets in Cider Mustard Sauce

- 4 fish fillets
- ½ cup whole grain dijon mustard
- 1 cup hard cider
- ½ cup heavy cream
- Salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 12 apple slices
- 4 flat parsley sprigs

Place a rack near the top of your oven and preheat to 450°F.

Season the fillets with salt and pepper, then arrange single layer in a baking dish. Spread the mustard evenly on all the fillets and pour the cider into the dish to a depth of ¼ inch.

Bake for 12 minutes, then add the cream and bake an additional five minutes to let the cream thicken. Baste the fish with the cider-cream reduction for two more minutes.

Transfer the fish to a serving platter and spoon the pan sauce over the fillets. Garnish each piece of fish with three apple slices and one sprig of flat parsley. Serve hot to your guests.

Pork & Apple Pie with Horseradish Sauce

- 2 round 10-inch pie crust dough disks, ⅛-inch thick
- 4 Granny Smith apples peeled, halved, cored & sliced
- 1 pound lean ground pork
- 3 tablespoons yellow onion, minced
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- 1½ teaspoons fresh sage minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 small egg
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- ⅓ cup horseradish

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

To make the filling, place the apples in a large bowl and scatter the pork over the top, then mix with a large spoon to make an even mixture. Sprinkle the onion, sugar, thyme, sage and salt over the top and mix again until thoroughly combined.

Place one of the pie crust dough disks into a pie pan and trim the overhang, if necessary. Spoon the pork/apple mix-

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ture into the pie shell, filling it evenly. Egg wash the edge of the crust and place the second dough disk over the top and pat down slightly to seal the top crust to the bottom. Trim the overhang and cut a few small slits in the top and brush with remaining egg wash.

Bake for 1 hour until the pastry is shiny and golden. The apples should be soft when pierced with a knife through a slit vent. Place on a wire rack to cool.

In a small mixing bowl, combine the sour cream and horseradish to make the sauce.

Slice and serve the pie warm or at room temperature with the sauce on the side.

Holiday Parsnips

- 2 slices thick Hungarian bacon
- 30 dried apple slices
- 3 cups hard cider
- 7 parsnips peeled & halved then cut into ¼-inch slices
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt, to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

In a sauté pan, fry the bacon until all the fat is rendered. Add the apple slices and one cup of cider, then simmer uncovered for 20 minutes until the apples begin to soften. Add the parsnips and enough of the remaining cider to cover them and continue cooking at a simmer for 20 minutes, giving you tender parsnips. Add the cream and cook until the cream starts to reduce and thicken. Remove the bacon strips, place into a serving dish and serve hot to your guests.

Sauerkraut-Stuffed Apples

- 1½ cups fresh sauerkraut
- 2 slices thick Hungarian bacon, diced small
- ¾ cup Portobello mushrooms, chopped
- ¼ teaspoon caraway seeds
- ¼ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 4 baking apples
- 1 cup apple cider

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

In a mixing bowl, combine the sauer-

kraut, bacon, mushroom, caraway seeds and pepper, then mix well.

Cut a ½-inch slice off the stem end of each apple and discard the tops. Using a melon baller, scoop out the core from each apple but do not pierce the bottom, making a hole. Continue scooping out apple flesh to form a cavity with solid sides. Save all the pulp you remove from the apple.

Spoon the sauerkraut mixture evenly into the four apples. Place the apples in a baking dish large enough to hold all four firmly. Pour cider into the dish to a depth of ¼ inch. Bake for 40 minutes until the apples are fork tender.

Serve hot to your guests.

Caramelized Apple Tart

- 7 apples
- 2 ounces butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- One 10-inch unbaked tart shell
- 3 ounces vanilla sugar

Preheat the oven to 375°F.

Peel the apples, cut them into quarters and remove the cores. Cut each quarter slice in half to make two thick wedges.

Heat the butter in a sauté pan over high heat; add the apples and cook for about 15 minutes until the apples are lightly golden and soft. Adjust the flame so the apples do not simmer in their own juices.

Add the vanilla and sauté another five seconds, then remove from the heat and cool completely.

Arrange the apples in the tart shell and sprinkle the vanilla sugar evenly over the top.

Bake for 50 to 60 minutes until the pastry has browned and the apples are lightly caramelized.

Serve warm to your guests.

Apple Chutney

- 2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1½ pounds Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored & diced into ½-inch pieces
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 10 garlic cloves
- 2 ounces fresh ginger, peeled & coarsely chopped

1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon dried, crushed red pepper
1½ cups golden raisins
2 tablespoons yellow mustard seeds

In a non-reactive saucepan, combine the vinegar and sugar and bring to a boil, stirring all the time until sugar dissolves. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a stainless steel or porcelain bowl, toss the apples in the lemon juice.

Combine the garlic, ginger, salt and red pepper in a food processor and blend until finely chopped. Add this mixture to the vinegar/sugar pan. Now, add the apples, raisins and mustard seeds. Simmer over low heat until apples go tender and the chutney thickens. Stir occasionally so bottom of pan doesn't burn.

Serve warm with a roasted meat or chill for one hour and serve as a condiment with the meal.

Katie Stalker's Apple Cake

3 whole eggs
1½ cups fine sugar (not powdered)
1 cup vegetable oil
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
7 apples peeled, cored & diced

Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients, then fold in the diced apples. Grease a loaf pan and pour batter into pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until cake is done. Let cool, then slice and sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Serve to your guests.

Grandma Szuhay's Apple Cake

1 cup vegetable oil
3 whole eggs
1 cup fine sugar (not powdered)
¾ cup brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons cinnamon



5 apples peeled, cored & diced
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 325°F, then grease and flour a square baking pan. In a mixing bowl, mix the first five ingredients. Add all the other ingredients except for the apples and walnuts. Batter will be thick so use an electric mixer. Fold in the apples and walnuts then spread into the pan. Bake for one hour or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cake cool slightly, then serve warm to your guests with powdered sugar and a dollop of freshly whipped cream.

Light House Apple Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 whole eggs
1½ cups fine sugar (not powdered)
1 cup vegetable oil
4 apples peeled, cored & diced
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients and mix well. Grease a square baking pan and pour in the batter. Bake for one hour and test cake with a toothpick. Cool slightly then serve warm to your guests.

Chef Béla's Apple Cider

1 gallon fresh apple cider
1 quart cranberry juice
½ cup light brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
½ tablespoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon crushed mint
1 handful dark raisins or citron fruit mix
1 pinch of cayenne pepper

In a large saucepan, combine ingredients and slowly bring to a boil. Turn down heat and let simmer until the aroma fills the house. Pour into mugs and garnish each mug with thin slices of apples or crab apple rings.

Apple Filling

(When making your poppy seed and nut rolls this holiday season, make some extra dough and try this tasty filling.)

2 pounds apples, peeled, cored & chopped
¼ cup chopped walnuts
¼ cup golden raisins
¾ cup sugar
½ tablespoon ground cinnamon
⅓ cup melted sweet butter
¼ cup bread crumbs
1 teaspoon melted butter

In a mixing bowl, combine the apples, walnuts, raisins, sugar and cinnamon. Add the sweet butter and toss until apples are coated and well mixed. Spread the mixture on your dough, then sprinkle bread crumbs on top before rolling the dough according to your recipe. Brush with the melted butter and bake at 375°F until golden brown. Cool to room temperature then cut and serve your guests.

National Shrine holds dedication for Our Lady of Hungary Chapel

by Barbara Ann Bernard

"Magyarok nagyasszonya könyörögjetelek érteünk."

These words--which mean "Our Lady of Hungary pray for us"--are inscribed above the icon in the Chapel of Our Lady of Hungary, located in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The chapel was dedicated Aug. 29. This reality came to be through the efforts of many Hungarians.

Those efforts began in 2006, the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution, when P  ter Cardinal Erd   petitioned that the chapel be established. The small chapel was completed in spring of 2015.

This is the 81st chapel in the National Shrine but only the second to be financially supported by an ethnic group. Hungarians in the U.S. and abroad helped with funding.

Many busses carried pilgrims to participate in the dedication. They arrived from around the United States and Canada. Hungarian nationals attended as well.

Catholic tradition is rich in its actions and symbolism, as demonstrated by the dedication ceremony. The dedication was conducted in both English and Hungarian and was contained within the solemn liturgy of the Mass.

Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, was the principal celebrant. Cardinal Erd   was concelebrant and delivered the homily in Hungarian, with a translation provided for those who needed it.

The small chapel rests in an alcove, as do most of the chapels in the Shrine. It is in the lower church, which is beautiful in its simplicity.

Upon entering the chapel, one immediately sees the mosaic icon of Our Lady of Hungary on the back wall, which was fabricated in Italy. The marble reliefs on the surrounding walls, carved in Botticino marble in Italy, depict Saints Emeric, Gerard, Ladislaus, Elizabeth, Gizela, and Margaret.

On the side walls are reliefs of St.



The icon of Our Lady of Hungary, located in the new chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Stephen: one depicting his baptism and coronation in 1000; the other, offering his crown to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the day of his death in 1038.

There is a small gold cross in a small alcove within the chapel. It is a relic of St. Stephen, gifted to the chapel by Cardinal Erd   and the Archdiocese of Esztergom-Budapest.

The altar is made from Hungarian Tardos marble and is modeled on the design of the altar located at the Szent Ist  n Bazilika in Budapest. The walls and floor were also fabricated in Hungary from Hungarian marble and stone.

Barbara Ann Bernard is a member of WPA Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio.

Hungarian Friends host Grape Harvest Dinner-Dance

LORAIN, OH -- The Hungarian Friends Society of Lorain, Ohio, will host a Grape Harvest Dinner-Dance Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Hungarian Reformed Church Social Hall, 1691 East 31st St., Lorain. The family-style dinner will feature Chicken Paprik  s, stuffed cabbage, green beans, salad, dessert and coffee. A social hour with cash bar will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include a performance by the Hungarian Youth Dance Group and music by Roy and The Hungarians. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$20 per person. For reservations and more information, call Ilona Kiss at 440-985-1183 or Magda Koos at 440-960-0256.

If you have news about people, places or happenings in the American Hungarian community that you think would be of interest to our readers, please share it with us. Email information about your "Magyar Matters" to: jlovasz@williampennassociation.org.

Acting as one

Delegates display unity during 38th General Convention

WASHINGTON, PA -- William Penn Association, the nation's ONLY Hungarian fraternal benefit society, held its 38th General Convention Oct. 10 to 12 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Meadow Lands.

During the three-day meeting, the 84 elected and ex-officio delegates attending the Convention adopted revisions to the Association's By-Laws, elected 10 members to the Board of Directors, paid tribute to several of its retiring fraternal leaders, and raised thousands of dollars for WPA's scholarship foundation.

The Convention's schedule of events began Saturday, Oct. 10, with delegate registration and the opening of the delegate hospitality suite. After receiving their credentials and welcoming gifts at registration, many delegates and their guests visited the hospitality suite, where they could enjoy hors d'oeuvres, Hungarian pastries and soft drinks while meeting their fellow delegates, renewing old friendships and making new friends.

Later that evening, members of the Credentials, Resolutions and Nominating Committees met separately to lay the groundwork for the remainder of the Convention.

The Convention was officially called to order Sunday, Oct. 11, by Barbara A. House, Chair of the WPA Board of Directors and Chair of the Convention. She introduced the Rev. John P. McKinsey Jr., a delegate from Branch 352 Coraopolis, Pa., who offered the invocation.

In a united display of patriotism, all in attendance joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, led by 8-year-old Teagan Charles of Branch 720 Dedham, Mass., then singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," led by delegate



General Counsel Ralph F. Manning (left) swears in WPA's National Officers, elected during a special Board meeting held at the 38th General Convention (l-r): Jerry A. Hauser, National Vice President-Secretary; George S. "Pete" Charles Jr., National President; and Diane M. Torma, National Vice President-Treasurer. (All photos by John E. Lovasz)

Evelyn Bodnar of Branch 19 New Brunswick, N.J.

With equal fervor, the delegates voiced their love of our Association's Hungarian heritage as they joined Mrs. Bodnar in singing the Magyar Himnusz.

The meeting's opening session featured greetings from National President George S. (Pete) Charles Jr. He praised the members of the WPA for their hard work, loyalty and dedication which have helped the WPA to not only survive but also thrive during its 129 year history. He noted many challenges lay ahead for the Association, but concluded those challenges could be met successfully with the continued loyalty and support of our members.

National Vice President-Secretary Jerry A. Hauser also greeted the delegates. He read greetings from a number of dignitaries, including President Barack Obama, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania State Sen. Wayne D. Fontana and Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto.

National Vice President-Treasurer Diane M. Torma extended greetings to the delegates and offered a brief review of the financial strength of the WPA.

In yet another show of unity, the Convention elected by unanimous ballot both the Board of Directors and Alternate Directors.

Reelected to the Board were: Andrew W. McNelis of Branch 34 Pittsburgh, Pa.; Katherine E. Novak of Branch 28 Youngstown, Ohio; James W. Robertson of Branch 336 Harrisburg, Pa.; Richard E. Sarosi of Branch 14 Cleveland, Ohio; and Anne Marie Schmidt of Branch 249 Dayton, Ohio.

The Convention also elected five new members to the Board: Michael J. Chobody of Branch 88 Rural Valley, Pa.;



New Chair of the Board Andrew W. McNelis presents to retiring Chair Barbara A. House the Association's Distinguished Service Award.



Retiring Chair of the Board Barbara A. House (rear, center) presents the newly-sworn in WPA Board of Directors (l-r): David M. Kozak, Chair Andrew W. McNelis, Vice Chair Katherine E. Novak, Richard E. Sarosi, Debra A. Lewis, Michael J. Chobody, Vice Chair Anne Marie Schmidt, Joyce E. Nicholson, James W. Robertson and Albert Frate.

Albert Frate of Branch 14 Cleveland, Ohio; David M. Kozak of Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa.; Debra A. Lewis of Branch 129 Columbus, Ohio; and Joyce E. Nicholson of Branch 349 Weirton, W.Va.

The new Board was sworn into office by the WPA's General Counsel, Ralph F. Manning.

The new Board later met in a special session at which it elected Mr. McNelis as Chair of the Board, and Ms. Novak and Mrs. Schmidt as Vice Chairs. The Board also reelected Mr. Charles as National President, Mr. Hauser as National Vice President-Secretary and Mrs. Torma as National Vice President-Treasurer.

While welcoming its new leaders, the Convention also took time to honor and thank several loyal and dedicated fraternalists who were retiring from the Association's Board. As his first official act as Chair of the Board, Mr. McNelis presented the Distinguished Service Award and special gifts to outgoing National Directors Dennis A. Chobody and Nickolas M. Kotik.

The Convention paid special tribute to National Director Roger G. Nagy, who passed away two weeks before the Convention. Chair McNelis presented Mr. Nagy's Distinguished Service Award to his son, Gregory. Throughout the Convention, delegates wore red, white and green

Mardi Gras beads in honor of Mr. Nagy, who lived in Louisiana and who had given similar beads to the delegates of previous Conventions.

The final honoree was outgoing Chair Barbara A. House. Chair McNelis presented Mrs. House with her special award. President Charles and the National Officers then presented a portrait of Mrs. House which will hang in the WPA's Home Office. Then, National Director Robertson, along with the rest of the Board, presented a special gift to Mrs. House, honoring her for her outstanding leadership: a special gold "leaf" for the WPA's Tree of Knowledge, made in the shape of a dog, in remembrance of her beloved dog, Gabby.

The delegates then took time to remember the distinguished members and friends of the WPA who had passed away since the last Convention in 2011. The Rev. Joseph D. Bodnar, a delegate from Branch 19 New Brunswick, N.J., led the service, which included the delegates singing the first verse of "Amazing Grace."

The Convention's final business session featured one last show of unity by the delegates, this time in support of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. The delegates pledged and donated thousands of dollars to the fund, which provides grants to young members seeking a higher education.

A portion of the funds generated during the Convention were raised through a special raffle, the prize being an acoustic guitar autographed by country music superstar Kenny Chesney and donated by National Director Nicholson. The winner was National Director Robertson.

Delegates also heard from several speakers who shared important information with the Convention delegates, including:

- Robert E. Bruce, who offered highlights of the WPA's actuarial report and noted the strong financial standing the Association continues to enjoy; and
- WPA General Counsel Ralph F. Manning, who led the delegates in a review of the Association's proposed by-laws, which for the first time had been pre-approved by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. After reviewing the by-laws, the Convention unanimously adopted them.

By Monday afternoon the Convention had adjourned with all eager to resume the work necessary to help WPA not only survive but thrive in the years ahead. □

Special Edition

William Penn Life will be publishing a special "General Convention edition." This special edition will contain expanded coverage of the Convention, the complete revised By-Laws of the Association and many photographs from the Convention. Watch for this special edition in late December or early January.

JubiTábor

Celebrating 70 years of Hungarian scouting in exile

Story and photos by Richard E. Sarosi

As I turned into the parking area of the Sik Sándor Cserkészpark in Fillmore, N.Y., Aug. 14, I was not sure of what to expect. I was invited there to attend the Hungarian Scout Jamboree celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris by Camp Director and Branch 14 member Endre Szentkiralyi.

At the entrance, I noticed a familiar looking tower, but I was not sure where I had seen it before. As I began my walk into the grounds, I took in the lush growth of trees, along with tents and camp sites that were set up along the roadway. I saw a pavilion where some scouts were practicing their dance steps. This pavilion also looked very familiar.

The Hungarian Scouts have called this property home for about 50 years. The two structures that looked familiar were originally built for the Hungarian program at the 2013 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. The tower and pavilion were among several structures that were relocated to the campgrounds after the Folklife Festival. One sculpture from the festival I hoped was among those moved was the Puli kutya (dog), but I was told the dog was the first thing to be dismantled and destroyed when the festival concluded. It would have been great to have the Puli kutya guarding the grounds for the scouts.

As I learned more about the scouts attending the jamboree, I became more fascinated by their whole experience. More than 700 girls and boys ages 10 and above had come from all over North and South America (including the USA, Canada, Brazil,

Venezuela, Argentina, and Chile), western Europe, Australia and Asia (Beijing, China). There also were representatives from sister Hungarian scout associations in Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia and Ukraine.

The Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris can trace its roots to the displaced persons (DP) camps organized in Germany and Austria at the end of World War II. Thousands of Hungarians were fleeing the Iron Curtain, and many of them were leaders in Hungarian scouting which had been banned by the Communist authorities. These leaders organized troops in the DP camps and conducted leadership training for young people. They hoped the new scouts would spread these leadership skills to their new homes abroad, and plant the seeds of Hungarian scouting.

In 1989, after the fall of Communism, it was these Hungarian scouts, who had existed in exile for 45 years, who reintroduced scouting to Hungary, to the Hungarian settlements in the Carpathian Basin and to Hungarians all over the world. They taught young people to appreciate their cultural heritage while being upstanding citizens of the country in which they lived.

The scouts attending this year's Jamboree, held Aug. 6 to 16, certainly received a full measure of Hungarian history and culture, judging by what I witnessed during the last day of the camp. They experienced Hungarian history, culture, music, food, life skills, stories, survival skills, discipline, cadence songs, and the Hungarian language.





There was a battle reenactment of the Ferenc Rákóczi-led Freedom Fight of 1703 in which the Hungarians fought against the Hapsburgs. As the scout troops prepared for battle, scouts from New Zealand and the Pacific area performed a Maori-style warrior dance to prepare for the fight. Cannons were fired, and the scouts used flour bombs (flour wrapped in tissue) to create a smoky haze across the battlefield...and a victory for the Hungarians. (The outcome of the battle was changed just a little on behalf of the scouts).

During a break in activities, we were allowed to tour the many scout camps scattered across the park's 120 acres. My Fitbit said I took more than 11,000 steps--and walked more than five miles--in one day. I am sure the kids were in the best shape ever by the time the Jamboree ended since they had to traverse the main field several times a day.

Two aspects of the subcamps stood out for me. One was a Ferris wheel constructed of rope, logs and branches in one of the boys' camps (ages about 12 to 16). The four-seat ride had a metal cylinder that allowed the wheel to rotate but was driven solely by muscle power. It was created in a week. This same group also built a sauna as well as a small rubber swimming pool to cool off.

The other memorable aspect was that the girls (ages 12 to 16) built their camp in the trees. Platforms and ladders were built in the trees for their sleeping bags, air mattresses and tarp coverings. Underneath were storage areas for backpacks and other supplies.

I was truly impressed by the skills the scouts used and would take home with them.

In the afternoon, all of the scout troops marched onto the field in preparation for six mock *falusi lakodalmok* (village weddings). The scouts wore traditional costumes and performed dances and songs reflecting the particular area of Hungary they were representing. I recognized some of the music and folk costumes from my WPA trips to Hungary.

After the weddings, a dinner for more than 1,000 people was served. I could not imagine what the kitchens were like at that time. The evening ended with a bonfire which included readings, poetry and stories of Ferenc Rákóczi and the 1703 Freedom Fight.

This was a monumental event, and I got to see only a small part of what it took to coordinate this 11-day undertaking: scout transportation to and from the park; travel to the Fillmore area; medical doctors and nurses who volunteered their time for the camp; cooks and food for all of the campers; transporting each camp's meals three times a day every day; guest arrangements; developing a theme for the scouts to learn; musicians; the preparation and maintenance of the park grounds; the dismantling, transportation and reassembling of the Hungarian structures from the Folklife Festival; wiring the grounds with electrical service; and many more logistical issues too numerous to mention.

I have to thank my many translators: Vali Ratoni-Nagy, Vera Harris, Peter and Laurie Daroczy, Zsuzsa Daroczy, Endre Szentkiralyi, Eszti Pigniczky, Bea Tabor, Pál Szentkiralyi, John and Marilyn Szendry, and Csaba Varga. They helped me have a wonderful time and enabled me to more fully appreciate what I experienced.

*Opposite page, clockwise from top, left: A scout camp erected in the trees; young women dressed for a mock *falusi lakodalom* (village wedding); folk musicians provide music for the wedding; Ferenc Rákóczi leads scout troops into a battle reenactment.*

*This page, top, from left: Flags of the nations represented at the Jamboree; the park's *tánc ház* (dance house) was originally built for the 2013 Folklife Festival in Washington D.C., but was dismantled and reassembled at Sik Sándor Cserkészpark; Dr. Réka Szemerényi, Ambassador of Hungary to the U.S., extends greetings to the scouts; scouts constructed a Ferris wheel from ropes, logs and branches.*

This page, bottom, right: The Jamboree closed with a bonfire.



Best in Class

Our annual salute to our scholarship recipients

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 5,826 grants totalling \$2,553,700. This year, the Foundation awarded grants to 161 students, including 44 first-time recipients, totalling \$80,500. 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 18 and 19, and extend our best wishes for success this academic year.



2015-2016 Scholarship Essay Awards

Students applying for grants through the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation were asked to submit an essay discussing the topic: "If you could meet with the President of the United States, what would you discuss?" 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

Joseph G. Risi, *Br. 28 Youngstown, OH*

If I had the opportunity to meet with the President of the United States, I would discuss with the President why he insists on helping the world first, rather than the country he is tasked to lead and defend. I would talk to him about poverty, ignorance, and racial boundaries and how the people who can be categorized as such often live a codependent life based on government aid and supplementary incomes. I would discuss with the President from my point of view being surrounded by these people, instead of a politically spoken point of view.

Second Prize - New Students - \$300

Zachary S. Hanley, *Br. 28 Youngstown, OH*

If I was granted the honor of meeting the President of the United States, I would beseech him to improve the lives of our veterans by instituting a program to better serve veterans at all Veterans Administration clinics. Initially, this program would increase staff at said clinics by offering physicians, psychologists, physical therapists and other health care providers, deferred and reduced payments on student loans and low-interest loans after providing care at VA clinics in five-year increments. This program will offer these same benefits to university students in the medical fields.

Third Prize - New Students - \$200

Samantha D. Jackson, *Br. 189 Alliance, OH*

If I met the President, I would discuss getting younger voters to the polls. The attitude that one vote doesn't make a difference is causing this generation to take a passive role in the future of our country. It is also important for teens and young adults to understand the issues up for debate and the history and platforms of the presidential candidates. These issues affect the entire country and only reflect a small part of the population. For democracy to work, every citizen needs to have an equal say.

First Prize - Renewal Students - \$500

Kenneth M. Ujevich, *Br. 89 Homestead, PA*

If I could meet the President of the United States, I would ask why it is so hard for the government to be completely honest with the American people. All too often it seems like something is being covered up, and it comes off as unjust when a government that is supposedly "for the people" hides crucial information regarding the affairs of our country. Total honesty is not a card that is often played, especially within the political world, but I believe that needs to be changed if the American people are to trust in the government once again.

Second Prize - Renewal Students - \$300

Otto E. Nagengast, *Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA*

I would discuss campaign finance reform with the President. The deregulation of campaign spending has created a system in which candidates who have the most money, but not necessarily the best policies, are elected. In this system, political influence has been taken from the people and given to a handful of wealthy individuals and groups. Politicians on both sides of the aisle hate that they often spend more time fundraising than they do legislating. Reforming campaign finance is a realistic policy goal that will restore the strength of our democracy.

Third Prize - Renewal Students - \$200

Stephen E. DeCarlucci, *Br. 296 Springdale, PA*

If I were to meet President Barack Obama, I would like to know why a country as powerful and resourceful as the United States of America still has people living in poverty. We live in a country that has always sent help abroad despite looking in our own backyards. According to the 2012 census, 16 percent of the population lives in poverty, including almost 20 percent children. We as a nation need to provide training and assistance to those living at or below the poverty level. We need to strengthen our own so that the United States can stay strong.

What's Your Story?

Every now and then, we publish articles profiling our current and former scholarship recipients. We would enjoy hearing from more of our recipients about how their WPFASF grant helped support their education and how their careers and lives are progressing. Please send your story and a recent photograph to:

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Branch 13 Trenton, NJ

by Marguerite Beke

Branch 13 invites its members and their families to the branch's annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 6. For more details about the party, including time and location, please call Marguerite Beke at 609-617-0471.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

The trees are shedding their beautiful shades of gold, red and orange, letting us know that winter is not far behind. All of the *szűreti bállok* (harvest balls) at the churches and clubs are complete, and the costumes have been put away until next year. We hope our young members had a great Halloween, and everyone got their favorite candy. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) in Hiram hosted their fall festival Sept. 13. It was a beautiful, cool day. The Regös dance troop and the St. Margaret dance group started the festivities in grand style by singing "Az a Szép" as they entered together through the *kapu* (gate) and proceeded to the *tánc ház* (dance hall). The music of The Hungarians put everyone in a festive mood, and the delicious foods available for purchase made it seem like a day in Hungary (Ohio style).

Branch 14 and I co-sponsored a raffle to benefit the restroom and kitchen building project for the HCCNEO's facility.

Being near the *kapu* selling tickets, I had the opportunity to hear many individuals singing as they were leaving the grounds. What a great way to end the summer.

The annual pig roast at Hiram took place on Oct. 4, another sunny yet cool day. The roasted pigs were delicious, and the accompanying smorgasbord was a Hungarian's delight. It was the second and last time I *sült szalonna* (roasted bacon) this summer, but it was so worth the wait. Till next year!



During their September meeting, the members of Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich., took time to celebrate the 76th birthday of fellow member Eleanor Kender (third from left).

The 38th General Convention of William Penn Association convened October 11 and 12. I will have more to share about this in my next report.

The Branch 14 Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. All those attending are asked to bring canned goods and other non-perishable food to supplement our branch's donation to a local food bank. We also will be accepting monetary donations for the Nepal earthquake relief fund, supported by our entertainer, Ron Fowler (aka "Flower Clown"). Ron continues to work hard on behalf of those affected by this tragic event. (See Ron's story in the August 2015 issue of *William Penn Life*.)

We are looking forward to our first-ever "Red, White and Green Raffle" to benefit Branch 14 activities. Only 400 tickets were available for sale for a chance to win one of four prizes. The drawing will take place at 2:00 p.m. Nov. 21 during the Branch 14 Christmas party. If you haven't bought your tickets, please contact Branch Coordinator Violet Sarosi at 440-248-9012. We are very close to selling out all 400 tickets, so call Violet today.

We congratulate Branch 14 members Lucas J. Fulop, Sutton H. Klodnick and Laura T. Polgar who were among this year's new recipients of

grants awarded by the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. We hope their school year is going well. Study hard because your education will always be with you.

We ask all our members and friends to please support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Your donations provide important financial assistance to our eligible student members.

Congratulations to Branch 14's newest member, Frances M. Horvath. Fran continues the Horvath family tradition of being part of the William Penn Association fraternal family. Her husband David and children Matthew and Lauren are members, and so is mother-in-law Carol A. Horvath.

The Officers of Branch 14 would like to extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. The Board of Directors lost a special friend and co-worker with the passing of National Director Roger G. Nagy on Sept. 24, 2015. Roger put up a courageous fight that was not his to win as our Lord had something better for him. We extend our condolences to his wife Charlotte, his children and their families. May he rest in peace.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Margaret Bodnar who passed away at the age of 96 in July.

She was a 50-year member of William Penn Association. Mrs. Bodnar attended many Hungarian events in Cleveland, including performances by the Csárdás dance company (in which her daughter Toni Gras was involved), the Buckeye Road reunion as well as events at the Hungarian Cultural Garden and the Hungarian Museum. May she rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all Branch 14 and WPA members and friends who might be feeling under the weather. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff celebrating an October or November birthday or anniversary.

Our next Branch 14 meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7:00 p.m. at The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. WPA Branch 14 adult members are welcome to attend branch meetings.

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

Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Pick up the phone or plan a visit.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Thanksgiving! I can't believe I'm saying that. It seems as if it were only yesterday that we were experiencing temperatures in the 90s.

I am writing this before our 38th General Convention in order to meet the deadline. So, I will tell you all about the Convention next month.

On Sept. 24, WPA and I lost a very special friend when Roger G. Nagy lost his long battle with pancreatic cancer. He promised to be at our Convention, and I know he was. Rest in peace, my dear and loyal friend and supporter. You will be missed and always loved.

Thank you to all who offered their condolences after we lost our Gabby on Sept. 9. Those who know us

know that she was more than a pet. We believe we will all be together again. Thank you so much.

Now, I have to introduce you to Abigail "Abbie." She is a standard poodle who will grow to be 60 to 65 pounds. She is not Gabby, but she is getting there. It has been 15 years since we had a puppy. Need I say more? Welcome, Abbie.

Special hello to Julia Maslanik. It was lovely to speak to you. Enjoy your copies of *William Penn Life*. Thank you to Judy Chakey for helping us.

Special hello also to the Rt. Rev. Koloman K. Ludwig, Bishop of the Calvin Synod. We wish you a successful meeting. Always nice to hear from you.

The Hungarian American Cultural Center hosted a successful pig roast. Thank you to all who do all they can to keep us going strong.

Congratulations to the Rev. Barnabas Kiss and his many parishioners who helped make Holy Cross Hungarian Catholic Church's 110th anniversary Mass and dinner a day we will never forget. Thank you also to WPA for all its support. People attended from all over and made many new memories.

The Hungarian Reformed Church of Allen Park is preparing for its Szüreti Bál on Nov. 14. It will be catered by the Rhapsody and will feature a live band. I hope to see many of you at this event.

Very special thanks to Judy Schonek and Helen Sryniawski for always having WPA in our many charities. You always have us in your hearts.

Happy November birthday to my mom, Irene Korpak, 93. We love you.

Happy birthday wishes also go to Doris Schvarckopf, Anita Kosaski, Eleanor Kender, Eileen Gonzales, Jerry Hauser, Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz, Steve Evans, Alyssa Trunzo, Bob Bisceglia, Denise Hurley and Doug Truesdell. Every one of you is very special. Have a wonderful day.

Get well wishes go to Mike Adorjan, Olga Wansa, George Schvarckopf, Joe Csereklye and Helen Molnar. We send you lots of love and prayers. Get well soon.

Good and happy cruising to Joe and Wanda Gall.

Please remember all our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially, Loretta Adorjan, Linda Marcellus, Stephen Popp Jr. and Frank Gasparovich. May they rest in peace.

We at Branch 18 are busy preparing for our annual Christmas party to be held Nov. 22. It will be at the P.R.C.U. hall on Oak Street in Wyandotte. All are invited, but Santa needs to know how many children will be attending so he can have presents for all. Invitations will be in the mail for all our juvenile members. Hope to see you all there.

My thought for the month: It really is a wonderful life. There will be times of trouble, but those always pass. There are always more joys than disappointments, more opportunities than difficulties, more bright sides than dark. Always remember, when one door closes, another door opens. Enter.

If you have news to share or insurance questions, please call me anytime at 313-418-5572 or 734-782-4667.

Enjoy the beautiful weather before winter arrives. I have been told a mild winter is predicted. We will believe that when we see it.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Wow! It's November already. The holidays will soon be here. With that thought in mind, invitations will be arriving this month for the annual branch family Christmas party, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Aut Mori Grotto hall. In conjunction with the party, we'll be holding our holiday scholarship raffle.

A wonderful Mass of celebration marked the 110th anniversary of Holy Cross Hungarian Catholic Church in Detroit. Following Mass, there was a delicious dinner and a brief program commemorating this milestone.

The Schauer family was traveling here and there last month, showing Frank's brother and sister-in-law from Hungary some of the sites in the northeastern States and Canada. They spent about three weeks here,

visiting family in Ohio and New Jersey.

Congratulations to Noah Szabo on receiving the Eagle Scout award.

Thanks to Maria Schauer for the nice article and keeping us informed about Hungarian history. Also, what a great article by Mark Schmidt. Sometimes, it takes a non-Hungarian to make us more aware of our Hungarian pride.

We have some stars among us: David Szabo and his wife Gail appear in a television commercial for a local restaurant.

What a professional job the Convention committee and Home Office did once again in preparing for another successful WPA General Convention. The delegates were given many opportunities to learn about our wonderful Association throughout the sessions and to experience fraternalism with each other. We commend the leadership of the last four years for helping WPA grow in strength and membership. We wish the incoming Board of Directors continued success and luck with all they do to preserve and promote WPA. It's good to see upcoming generations becoming more involved and carrying WPA into the future.

Remember, if you find yourself near the University of Pittsburgh this December, stop by the Nationality Classrooms. They will be decorated with traditional ethnic holiday trimmings.

Best wishes to all those not feeling up to par, especially Leslie Polgar, Mary Foor, Joan Mauerman, Michelle Toth, Robert Palotsee and Nancy Breznai.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of National Director Roger G. Nagy. Roger was a great example of WPA's fraternal spirit. He was a true gentleman who will be missed by many.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who recently have experienced the loss of a loved one.

If you have any news you'd like to share, please let me know so I can pass it along to our readers.

For your questions about life insurance and annuities, please call either Alan at 330-482-9994 or me at 330-746-7704.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.



WPA National Director Joyce Nicholson (left) presents a prize basket donated by WPA Branches 40 and 349 to Ilore Wilson, a volunteer with the Children's Bereavement Foundation. The basket was part of the Foundation's recent Chinese auction.

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches in Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Weirton, W.Va.

As part of our branches' continuing "Join Hands" fraternal projects, we recently participated in another charitable endeavor. In September, our branches donated a gift basket for a Chinese auction and paddle auction to help raise funds for the Children's Bereavement Foundation. Ilore Wilson, a volunteer for the foundation, accepted the basket with many thanks.

The Children's Bereavement Foundation is dedicated to helping bereaved parents through the loss of a child. The Foundation believes that every angel has the right to be honored and have his/her life celebrated by the wishes of the family.

You can learn more about the Children's Bereavement Foundation, by visiting their website at www.childrensbereavementfoundation.org.

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Keep in mind that our branch Christmas party is slated this year for Saturday, Dec. 19, at King's Restaurant, located at the intersection of Routes 22 and 43 in Wintersville, beginning at 9:00 a.m. You'll be able to have breakfast with Santa and enjoy food, fun and fellowship 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 attending will receive a treat bag.

We would like to extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of National Director Roger G. Nagy. He will be missed.

Cool, crisp weather is upon us again, and Thanksgiving will soon be here. Take the time to enjoy the holiday and praise God for all that he has given.

For additional information about branch activities, or to let us know about events going on in your family, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

Branch 51 Passaic, NJ

by Marian Rubin

I was fortunate to serve as a delegate to the 38th General Convention. The sessions were informative, and the Convention was well organized. My husband and I enjoyed meeting all the other WPA members.

Congratulations to all of the members of the Board of Directors and National Officers who were elected during the Convention. And best wishes and much thanks to Barbara House for her years of service to WPA.

Please join us for the annual branch Christmas Party to be held Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the American Hungarian Club in Garfield, NJ. There will be entertainment and refreshments. A visit from Santa Claus is expected, and there will be gifts for the children. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the afternoon.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. This is a time for us to give thanks for our family and friends and for all the blessings that God has given to us.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Well, here it is, November, and we have been getting the cooler weather of fall. The leaves are changing colors and starting to fall off the trees. Hope all enjoy this time before the winter weather is here.

Congratulations to WPA on a very successful 38th General Convention. Special thanks to all the National Officers, Board of Directors and Home Office employees who worked so hard to make it a wonderful event. The delegates attending the convention from our branch were Marge Boso, Margaret Leonardo, Diane Walker and me. Also in attendance in the visitors' gallery was branch member Art Bartfay. This was truly a great experience. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones.

Congratulations to the returning National Officers and the returning



Congratulations to Branch 226 member Julia Myers and her husband Dylan Shipton who were married in September.

and new members of the Board of Directors. It is a great honor to be elected to the new Board. I want to thank everyone who has supported me. I am looking forward to this new venture with WPA.

Among the holidays for this month is Veterans Day on the 11th, which honors all the men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces. Special thanks to all our members who have served or are still serving.

Then comes Thanksgiving Day on the 26th. This is a day to give thanks for all of the blessings that God has given us in our lives. Special thanks to all members and their families.

The Hungarian Cultural Association will have a booth at the Columbus International Festival, held in the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Expo Center. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hungarian Village shirts and other items will be on sale.

Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus. Please plan on attending. We will be discussing the Christmas party and plans for next year.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party to be held

on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus-Grove City Elks. We will be mailing out information this month. Hope to see you there.

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

We also extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially the family of fellow member the Rev. Istvan Nyeste who served as minister of the Hungarian Reformed Church for many years.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have news you would like to share in the next article, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or e-mail DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

This month, we remember a solemn holiday, Veterans Day, where we salute the brave men and women who served in our nation's armed forces in previous wars. Please keep our military personnel, both here and abroad, in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy birthday wishes go to all our members celebrating their special day in November. Also, happy wedding anniversary to all those happy couples celebrating this month.

We want to share some good news with all of you. Congrats go out to branch member Julia Myers and Dylan Shipton on getting married this September. May God bless you and keep you.

We're proud of all of this year's new WPA scholarship recipients, but we are particularly proud of one of them--Branch 226 member Kelsey A. Benedek. Way to go, Kelsey!

Our branch Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Free Hungarian Reformed Church, 101 University Dr., McKeesport. For reservations, please call Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898.

Do you have good news you'd like us to share with your fellow members? Call the phone number listed above to get your news published in a future issue of *William Penn Life*.

Saying good-bye to summer

WPA members from throughout southwest Pennsylvania gathered Sept. 20 for the annual bacon roast hosted by Branch 296 Springdale, Pa. This year's event was held at Riverside Park in Oakmont, Pa. Guests enjoyed the bacon, grilled kolbász and soft drinks provided by the branch, along with a wide variety of delicious side dishes and sweet treats provided by those attending the gathering. (Photos by Alex Patho Photography)



Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

October--and its endless variety of festivals--is over. Last month, we celebrated everything from mums, sauerkraut and apples to popcorn and (of course) pumpkins with their own fests. A great time of the year for gaining weight. Topping it all off? The dreaded, sugar-laced Halloween.

Speaking of festivals and weight gain, The Magyar Club of Dayton held its Gulyás Fest Oct. 23 at the Eintracht Club. The food was so delicious that we all rolled out of there like beer barrels in the polka song.

Congratulations to all the members elected by the General Convention to WPA's new Board of Directors Oct. 11. With an even mix of returning and new directors, this Board promises an exciting four years filled with new ideas to expand the fraternalism of WPA.

Recently, we met Bob Bisceglia, WPA's Sales Director, while he was in the Dayton area. Bob is actively looking for agents in the Dayton-Cincinnati area and plans to help the Dayton branch increase its membership.

This month, I am hoping for an Indian summer, not the typical dreary, rainy, cold, early-winter weather we often get. Boy, I hate raking wet leaves.

Be sure to gather your family on Thanksgiving. I know the holiday was set up to give thanks for all God's bounties and blessings, but, to me, the biggest blessing He gave me was my family. I can live a long time without food; not so long without my family. May you and yours be safe throughout the holiday season.

Holiday season? Already?!

The Magyar Club of Dayton is holding its Christmas party at the Amber Rose restaurant Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. Please call Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-674-0045 for reservations.

And, the event of the year, at least for kids (and the young at heart) is the Branch 249 children's Christmas party. It will be held at the American Czechoslovakian Club, 922 Val-

ley St., Dayton, on Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. This year, we will have special entertainment by comedian, juggler and ventriloquist Mike Hemmelgarn. Watch out for those juggled bowling balls! Don't be late as the entertainment starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. Of course, the star of the day will be St. Nicholas.

Please try to arrive by noon. At that time, we will have a branch meeting, and we can always use the extra helping hands for the party. If you have any ideas for next year's activities, be sure to tell us.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday in November.

I sure can't forget wedding anniversaries. Thank you, Anne Marie, for the last 30 years together. I love you.

Our prayers and condolences go to those who have lost a loved.

May those who are ill recover soon. John Demeter, we hope you are feeling better soon.

If you have any news to share or need help with any insurance or annuity questions, please contact Anne Marie or me at 937-667-1211 or Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-671-0045.

How many days to Christmas?

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

For the second year in a row, our branch's annual bacon roast was quite an enjoyable day. The weather certainly cooperated, and we were thankful because there was quite a downpour the night before. It was a bit on the cooler side, but when you're roasting bacon and among nice folks, there is a warm feeling.

Our bacon roast was open to one and all, and we welcomed WPA members and their guests from Branches 34, 88, 89, 226 and 352. The covered dishes everyone brought to share were amazing. Thank you so much! Those tables in the pavilion certainly had a variety of delicious food, and if you went home hungry, it was your own fault.

Meeting folks for the first time was enjoyable, as was seeing those whom we had not seen in quite some time. Some of us met as strangers, but parted as newly-made friends, and that really made it

worthwhile. Socializing like this is good for the heart, mind and soul!

Riverside Park also offered two porch-type swings facing the Allegheny River that were new since last year. Many attendees walked around the park and ended up by relaxing on the swings for a spell. It's just a beautiful little park and many of us commented that it would probably be the last time that they would see or cross the old Hulton Bridge that was within eyesight of our pavilion. As I'm writing this, that bridge has now been closed for the final time and the beautiful brand new Hulton Bridge will open very soon, with the original one scheduled for demolition in 2016. Farewell, old Hulton Bridge!

We really enjoyed having this bacon roast and want to thank our branch members who did a top-notch job in preparations and recovery: Toni and Marge Kosheba, Diane and John Torma, Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka, Noreen Fritz, and John Lovasz. We also want to thank Judit Borsay for lending us her roasting sticks and purchasing the bacon for roasting (lots of great comments on the bacon, by the way); Judit Ganchuk for delivering the bacon and kolbász (wow girl, that was a lotta stuff!) and the Women's Guild of the Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport for making such delicious kolbász. It was time well spent, and I'll bet we'll do this again next year.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for our family branch Christmas party. We're planning an entertaining afternoon for our members on Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Springdale Veterans Association (VFW) on Pittsburgh Street at noon. Please plan on joining us for a relaxing time with great food and fellowship. Santa and Mrs. Claus are excited about visiting us again. (We're giving you ample warning in case you're currently on the 'naughty' list.) Please make your reservations by calling Diane Torma at 724-882-3802 or by emailing her at dtorma@williampennassociation.org. Deadline for party reservations is Nov. 18.

Remember that this is the "giving time" of the year. So, we are asking families coming to our party to bring

non-perishable food items or paper products which our branch will donate to a local food bank. Last year's attendees did an outstanding job with their donations. The recipients of your donations certainly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Congratulations to Branch 296's newest WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant recipients: Jeffrey Holmes, Spencer Hurley, Lottie Murray, Jered Tupik, Juselyn Tupik and Brett Zmenkowski. We wish each of you, along with our renewing scholarship recipients, an outstanding and memorable academic year. We encourage you to persevere through whatever lies ahead in the pursuit of your dreams. Please feel free to share with us some of your college experiences. Our members would enjoy reading about your successes.

Happy birthday greetings to all of our members, including my father-in-law John L. Lovasz, and belated wishes to Dorothy Dinzeo, (it was great seeing you at the bacon roast).

Get well wishes to each of our members who are recovering from illness or injury and condolences to all who have lost a loved one recently. We remember each of you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

We thank and support those who have served our country in the military and most especially honor them this Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

And, of course, the last Thursday of this month brings us Thanksgiving. Warmest wishes to each of you on that day.

Our branch meetings are always held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. Our next meeting is Nov. 12. For those who have not attended a meeting in a while, we'd love to see you again!

Please contact me if you have any branch news you would like 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 annuities questions. She can be reached at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Have an enjoyable 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 for branch juvenile members on Sunday, Nov. 22, at Sports Haven Bowl in Bridgeville, PA beginning at noon. 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.

Congratulations to all Branch 352 scholarship recipients for the 2015-2016 school year. They are: Angelina M. Buechler, Coleman T. Colandene, Corey A. Lazor, Alexandra D. Maldonado, Gabrielle M. Maldonado, Otto E. Nagengast, Anthony V. Palumbo, Dana R. Palumbo, Katlyn M. Puskar and Madalyn M. Puskar. May you all have a successful year.

College students appreciate the money they receive from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Please remember to donate to the scholarship foundation so that future generations of scholars can benefit.

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.

If you have any news to report or need help with any insurance questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-932-3170 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 525 Los Angeles, CA

by Sarika Gotz

Hello from sunny, hot California.

A curious thought came to me today about how I came to be a member of William Penn Association. My grandparents, who were from Hungary, came to the U.S. and joined the Verhovay Aid Association in Pennsylvania. I can remember my grandmother going to the Hungarian Club in Canonsburg, Pa., and paying money. I always wondered what she was paying for. Later, as I got older, I found out it was for insurance.

Many years later, I met a handsome young Hungarian Freedom Fighter that came to the U.S. during the 1956 Revolution. We met at a Hungarian picnic in McKeesport, Pa. Two years later, we were married.

We met the Kara and Vamos families, and they told us about WPA. We joined and soon after were knee-deep in helping Branch 34. I remember making many pounds of kolbász and huge pots of stuffed cabbage for our branch's picnics. We had many good friends there, but my husband Andy's dream was to move to California. So, out west we went.

One of our friends, Branch 525 officer John Balint, was the one who got us involved here. Soon after we joined the branch, Andy became the branch coordinator and sold insurance.

John played Krampusz at the branch Christmas party. The children would look at him and try to figure out what he was, for he sure wasn't Santa.

Recently, we welcomed the fifth generation of the Balint family to our branch, John's great-great-grand-

daughter Audrey Rush. We thank the Balint family for all their support of our branch and WPA.

We need more parents and grandparents to sign up their children and grandchildren, not only to protect them with life insurance but also to preserve our Hungarian heritage. I count four generations of my family as members of WPA. How many generations of your family belong? We need to pass on our Hungarian heritage, and membership in WPA is a great way to do it.

Well, that's my story. Andy has passed away, but I still help keep the branch going and love doing the Christmas parties. But, we do need more members. So, call me or the Home Office to learn how you can help us.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

The 11th month of 2015 is upon us. Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 1. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

National Vocations Awareness Week is observed Nov. 1 through 7. Let's hope all our young adults can find some insight and begin planning for a bright future and a better physical, mental and spiritual life.

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, Nov. 26. Our branch will continue its long tradition of having a Mass said for all of our deceased members.

The City of Pittsburgh can be very proud of the Pirates for making the playoffs for a third straight year. Once again, they finished in the first wild card position and hosted the play-in game. It's sad that the Bucs lost to the Cubs, 4-0. Let's hope they can win the division title in 2016.

Our branch's Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 180 Charlotte Dr., Altoona. For more information and to make reservations for the party, call Branch President Vince Frank at 814-695-0213.

All members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, held at Our Lady of Lourdes Religious

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Nov. 17 is the feast day of Elizabeth of Thuringia and Hesse, better known as Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. Many Magyar women have been named in her honor and getting to know about her life helps explain why so many share her name.

She was born in 1207 in Pozsony (now Bratislava) to King Andrew II and Queen Gertrude of Hungary. From an early age, she was committed to religious sacrifice and was sensitive to the needs of the poor. At age 14, she was to be married to Hermann I, one of the sons of the Thuringia family from Hesse (about 150 miles north of Frankfurt), but after his sudden death, she wed his brother Ludwig.

The marriage was a fruitful and happy one as the couple had three children. Both were committed to the service of God. Ludwig delegated many of his royal duties to Elizabeth, and she dispersed a large portion of the family wealth to helping the poor and building hospitals.

Unfortunately, Ludwig died during his second trip to fight in the Crusades. His brother, Heinrich Raspe, took over the affairs of the royal family. She pledged complete obedience to her confessor, Konrad von Marburg, who imposed many harsh rules and requirements upon Elizabeth, including the removal of her children. Elizabeth, then 20, built and established a hospital for the poor in Marburg. There, she spent the final four years of her life in total commitment to God's service, aiding the poor and comforting the sick until her passing in 1231. Elizabeth never returned to Hungary and is buried in Germany.

Many stories have been linked to St. Elizabeth, with "The Miracle of the Roses" and "Crucifix in the Bed" being the most noteworthy. She is recognized as a saint by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches. Her dedication to serving the poor, afflicted and downtrodden continue to serve as a model for all to follow.

There are literally hundreds of churches, schools and hospitals named in her honor. The clues for the November 2015 Puzzle Contest are the names of states, countries or cities where some of those institutions can be found.

Good luck! Remember our veterans on Veterans Day (Nov. 11). And Happy Thanksgiving!

Éljen a Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #122 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #122 were drawn Oct. 6, 2015, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Robin M. Evans, Br. 723 Worcester, MA
Adelma Favaro, Br. 51 Passaic, NJ
Sara K. Middendorf, Br. 129 Columbus, OH
Rose Marie T. Pisula, Br. 296 Springdale, PA

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #125 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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

"St. Elizabeth of Hungary" Word List

Arizona	Indiana	New York
California	Maryland	North Carolina
Cleveland	Massachusetts	Philippines
Colorado	Michigan	Pittsburgh
Florida	Missouri	Texas
Illinois	New Jersey	Youngstown

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WPA Certificate No.: _____

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 #125
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Dec. 31, 2015.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Jan. 6, 2016, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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Education Center, 873 - 27th St., Altoona.

Paul, an accordion player, is available for WPA events. He plays the csárdás as well as polkas and Christmas music. Call him at 814-749-0514.

Our branch also wants to wish all Pennsylvania hunters good luck on Nov. 30, the first day of buck season as they try to bag "the big one."

Soon, the Christmas season will be upon us. We hope all members truly enjoy it and don't get caught up in all the hustle and commercialization of this wonderful time. We

also hope members will wait until Black Friday to do their shopping and spend Thanksgiving evening with their family and friends.

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

Branch 8121 St. Marys, PA

by Mary Lou Schutz

During our latest branch meeting on Oct. 6, a letter from the Home Office was read concerning the WPA's

Holiday Basket program and the annual branch Christmas party.

We decided that, in addition to our regular monthly donation to the Christian Food Bank, our branch will also make special donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas to the food bank as part of the Holiday Basket program.

Our members will be checking their personal calendars in order to pick a date for our Christmas party. More information on our party will be forthcoming.

Until then, we wish all Happy Holidays!

In Memoriam

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Reid F. Biletz
Josephine Cruciani
Edward S. Halkovitz
0005 PHOENIX, AZ
Mary E. Ellingson
0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Emma M. Gregorchik
Gerald A. Kiss
Miklos Kovacs
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Margaret Bodnar
John Daninger
Julia Domiano

Irene C. Kalman
0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Vilma Fedak
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Frank Gasparovich
Linda J. Marcellus
Stephen Popp, Jr.
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Ruth H. Hawranko
Francis J. Siedlecki
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Alex Medve
0071 DUQUESNE, PA
Edna Marsh
0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Eric M. Cruz
Hollis Ford
0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Ernest Kovatch
Leah A. Patrick

Vesta R. Scales
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Helen McElroy
Patricia Szoke
0174 SCRANTON, PA
Carl W. Steinbacher
0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Catherine S. Chulik
Frank Malik
Ignatius J. Sipics
0249 DAYTON, OH
Mary E. Lynch
0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Fred W. Mazur
0336 HARRISBURG, PA
Wayne H. Beard
0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Gary D. Rose
Jacqueline Tokosh
Dan Zoltani

0383 BUFFALO, NY
Barbara M. Little
0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
John J. Carew, Jr.
Louise Edwards
Elizabeth C. Karaffa
Raymond Paul Varga
0720 DEDHAM, MA
John A. Mahoney
0723 WORCESTER, MA
Raymond E. Godbout
0725 SPRINGFIELD, MA
Harold L. Parent
8014 PITTSBURGH, PA
Peter C. Kuhn
8036 SCOTTDAL, PA
William T. Hamer
Hilary A. Noel
8121 ST. MARYS, PA
Dennis P. Ewing

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through
Premium Payments
SEPTEMBER 2015

Branch - Donor - Amount

8 - Raymond D. Faczan - \$10.00
13 - Carolyn M. Cudnik - \$25.00
18 - Norma Kay Momtsios - \$25.00
18 - Matthew W. Yarbrough - \$3.75
19 - Michael S. Lancsak Jr. - \$5.00
19 - Mary Jane Nagy - \$1.00
26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
27 - Vince A. Hollstein - \$25.00
28 - David L. Stack - \$20.00
28 - Joshua E. Spencer - \$0.90
34 - Brooke A. Worrall - \$5.00

48 - Nicholas C. Constantino Jr. - \$9.52
89 - Melissa A. O'Brien - \$2.10
129 - Julie Westcamp - \$5.46
174 - Colleen M. Phillips - \$5.00
189 - Etta Korosy - \$11.62
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
352 - Gabriel S. Tokos - \$1.00
352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$10.24
352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$1.02
705 - Katherine A. Orbon - \$1.27
720 - Eliza Jannis - \$20.00
723 - Jeanine T. Godbout - \$1.47
8036 - Leah Yantko - \$4.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$4.00

TOTAL for Month = \$204.75

Additional Donations SEPTEMBER 2015

Donor - Amount

Ronda Grotefend - \$20.00

Antoinette Kosheba - \$25.00
Patricia M. Morvai - \$25.00
Br. 296 Springdale, PA - \$30.00

TOTAL for Month = \$100.00

Donations In Memoriam SEPTEMBER 2015

Donor - Amount (In Memory of)

William J. Bero - \$50.00
(Roger G. Nagy)
Barbara A. House - \$100.00
(Gabby House)
M/M Andrew W. McNelis - \$25.00
(Leonard Anglin)
Rettew - \$100.00
(Vera Petruska)
Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Michael F. Tomcsak)
Richard E. Sarosi - \$25.00
(Gabby House)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$125.00

(Deceased Member Eric A. Bond)
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA - \$25.00
(Leonard Anglin)

TOTAL for Month = \$475.00

Donations Received From 32nd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days Received as of October 10, 2015

Donor - Amount

Nick DePersis - \$50.00
Katherine E. Novak - \$100.00
(Deceased Family Members)
Stephen A. Novak - \$100.00
(Deceased Family Members)
Br. 28 Youngstown, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)

TOTAL for Month = \$450.00

Tree of Knowledge



Helping our young members meet the challenges of modern educational economics requires great effort by all our members and friends. Towards this end, the WPFA Scholarship Foundation has created the **Tree of Knowledge**. The Tree is mounted in the second floor foyer of the WPA Home Office. Those making donations through this program will be recognized with individual "leaves" on the tree, which can be used to honor and remember loved ones. Donations are being accepted at three levels: Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500) and Bronze (\$250). Those wishing to purchase a leaf may use the form below. Please help our tree "grow" and allow us to continue to assist young members reach their educational and professional dreams.

Our Newest Leaf

We thank the following for being the latest to donate to our Tree of Knowledge:

**In Memory of
Chakey / Feczko
Deceased Family Members
Dave & Judy Chakey
(Bronze Level)**

I want to help the Tree of Knowledge grow. Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of:

☐ \$1,000 - Gold Level ☐ \$500 - Silver Level ☐ \$250 - Bronze Level

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Leaf Inscription - Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line (including blank spaces):

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

Please make checks payable to "William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc." and mail to:

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

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Earn cash rewards when you refer new members to 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 reward, 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: _____

Phone: _____ WPA Representative/Agent: _____

Name of Prospective Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Recommender, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233