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The next annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will be held Friday, July 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, Pa. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 15 and 16, 2016, in Midway, Pa.

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The worthy life

FROM THE OUTSIDE looking in, we all look like we are alive. We walk, we talk, we eat; we take care of our families and pet the dog. But, are we really living?

Quality of life is purely perceptual. Rarely do we really know what is going on in another person's mind, but sometimes, the signs are flashing and the sirens are blaring.

Consider a person whose days are literally a high-speed chase, running from one thing to another until exhaustion strikes and slumber takes over. They're on the go, day in and day out, with no rest in between. Wow! That's living, right?

I say its hiding. A worthy life means there is enough fullness in the day to make it meaningful with precious time set aside to savor the nectar and reflect. Having

thinking time--the breath in each day when we spread our toes, smile and sigh--that is living with intent.

Richness is in the laugh we share, the gaze we hold looking out the kitchen window, or the gentle squeeze we give another's hand. It's that one instant when, all things considered, you can honestly be at peace knowing you have lived another day, and it was ripe and delicious.

We all find ourselves in situations that call for tears and questions and have days you may want to sweep under the rug. But don't. Find the good, see the light, and when all else fails, be the light. Life needs no cover. It is best when it is open for the taking and quiet enough to hold, with your finger resting on your favorite page.

(Cathy Graham is director of the Graceful Aging Wellness Center at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa.)

The road ahead

by Anne Marie Schmidt

On May 27, 2016, I entered a new phase of my life: retirement. After 42 years of public service employment, working for a human services agency in Troy, Ohio, as the Deputy Director of Programs, I decided to end my career and venture into the unfamiliar world of "what do I do now."

While riding in the car, I created a list of over 30 things I needed to do but had put on hold. This list didn't even include any of the "fun" things I was anticipating.

At work, I always prided myself on being efficient and organized, but during my first week at home, I was anything but organized. My whole schedule was out of sync, from sleeping to eating to exercising. I was haphazardly completing tasks from my list.

Then a week later -- BAM! -- I had a birthday and turned 65. On came Medicare, AARP, Silver Sneakers and all that goes along with the golden years.

Although I was enjoying my freedom, I felt a little lost. One activity that kept me grounded was the contact with family and friends through messages, cards, pictures, phone calls and meetings.

My connections with William Penn Association and our local Dayton Hungarian community were additional lifelines. Planning and participating in summer events has kept me busy and fulfilled.

My WPA family extended into my former workplace, where I introduced many of my co-workers to Hungarian culture. Through the years, they supported our branch's cabbage roll sales, raffles and Christmas party. They bought insurance poli-



cies for their children and grandchildren, enjoyed Hungarian pastries and listened with interest about my travels to Hungary. They diligently helped cover my workload when I made numerous trips to Pittsburgh for WPA.

As a parting gift, I thought it appropriate to present each of my co-workers with a WPA Hungarian cookbook with a personal message to each of them inscribed inside each book. I hope that when they see, hear or taste anything Hungarian, they will smile and think of me and my passion for this great organization and culture.

I look forward to this new adventure and greet each day feeling blessed that I have been rewarded with a strong faith, good health and family and friends who are caring and supportive, so I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for their loyalty and friendship.

Köszönöm szépen! □

Checking Tibor's take on WWII

Trianon affected Hungary's course

I JUST READ the second part of Tibor Check's article on World War II (*WPL*, June 2016), which also deals with Hungary's involvement in that war. Tibor discusses Hungary's role in the Jewish Holocaust when hundreds of thousands of Hungarians of the Jewish faith were exported to Germany's death camps. He seems to indicate that this mass murder was in effect a "Hungarian affair" and was done in collusion with the Hungarian government. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First of all, you have to know that during the interwar period, the whole Hungarian nation was suffering from the so-called "Trianon Syndrome." This refers to the fact that following World War I (the so-called "Great War"), based on the Treaty of Trianon (June 4, 1920), the victorious Great Powers partitioned Hungary (which had been a partner state of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) into several parts. In addition to rump Hungary, various segments of the country were given to Romania, newly-created Yugoslavia, newly-established Czechoslovakia, much-reduced Austria, reestablished Poland and finally Italy. In effect, this 1,000-year-old country was shorn of over two-thirds of its territories and half of its population, half of whom were Magyars or Hungarians. This was an unprecedented act on the part of such great powers as France, Britain, Italy, and the United States.

Naturally, Hungarians everywhere (including those in America) were sickened by this cruel destruction of a 1,000-year-old Christian Kingdom in the center of Europe, where they were known as the shields of Christianity against the Mongols, Ottoman Turks and various other Asiatic invaders. They demanded "Justice for

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Hungary," which became their call for revisions of the unjust frontiers. But none of the above-mentioned great powers listened to their pleas.

In the 1930s, there appeared some hope. This came from the direction of Benito Mussolini of Italy and Adolf Hitler of Germany, especially from the former, who was sympathetic to the Hungarian cause. This was how Hungary became tied to these two dictators, and this was how she became embroiled in World War II.

In the course of 1938 to 1940 -- with Mussolini's and Hitler's support -- Hungary regained a significant portion of its lost territories but at the cost of being forced to join Hitler's armies in Russia.

In his relevant book *Hungary: The Unwilling Satellite* (1947), the prominent American diplomat and Minister to Hungary for eight years (1933-1941), John F. Montgomery, described Hungary's effort to escape from Hitler's clutches without losing the regained territories.

Within two years it became evident that this was a bad choice. Hitler was losing on the Eastern Front, and he was pressuring his unwilling "allies" (satellites) to support the war effort.

Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the regent of Hungary from 1920 to 1944, tried to wiggle out of this "unwilling alliance." But when Hitler learned of this effort, he ordered Hungary's German military occupation (March 19, 1944). From this point on, Hungary was in effect under German control. The Germans ruled Hungary with the help of the Hungarian Nazi "Arrow Cross Party" and participated in the collection and transportation of the Hungarian Jews to one of several German extermination camps.

Until Oct. 15, 1944, Admiral Horthy still had some nominal power. But on that day, when he announced on radio that he was pulling out of the German alliance, he was arrested and taken to Germany, along with members of his family, who were to be shot upon the appearance of the Western invading forces. (The commander of the German guard unit refused to carry out Hitler's orders, so the Horthy family survived.)

Many historians are convinced that without the March 19, 1944, German invasion of Hungary, all of Hungary's Jews would have survived. Therefore, the new memorial on Freedom Square in Budapest -- which depicts both the Hungarian Holocaust and the German invasion of Hungary that made it possible -- is justifiably dedicated to both of these horrendous events.

But this does not put an equality sign between the two. The Holocaust is undoubtedly the most gruesome historical event in history, right next to Stalin's Gulag and Mao's Cultural Revolution. The rule of these vicious dictators resulted in the death of tens of millions.

As a final note, I would like to inform Mr. Tibor Check that, at

the moment, Hungary has 162 war memorials which are dedicated to World War I, 112 of which were recently renovated. The sheer number of these war memorials should tell anyone that, following World War I, the whole Hungarian nation suffered from the "Trianon Syndrome."

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Hungary fought the evil it knew

I HAVE BEEN reading Tibor Check's articles in *William Penn Life* with great interest and enjoyment, including the most recent one entitled, "A Világáború, Part 2."

As one who was born in Hungary between the two World Wars and brought up and educated in that society, culture and world view, and who lived the first 15 years of his life in that country, followed by five years in postwar Germany as a refugee, please permit me to express my disappointment over these sentences in *Tibor's Take* (WPL June 2016): "First, it says that WWII can never be apolitical for Hungary, that unlike the United States (which can celebrate a righteous triumph and a noble sacrifice of its people), Hungary can neither claim victory (righteous or otherwise) nor can it argue that its sacrifices were part of a doomed, noble fight against a greater evil. The Axis agenda was the greater evil, and commemorative art can provide no escape."

In this day and age when we are loath to offend weight-challenged people by calling them fat, one should be careful not to offend the memory of those thousands who have suffered and lost their lives in a war, which they fought in the belief and true conviction that it was a fight, however doomed, to nobly defend their homeland against a great evil.

For Hungarians already got a taste of that evil in 1919 during a deadly but fortunately short period of Communist rule. That period was still in living memory of every Hungarian at the time. To that society, in those times, the evil was Communism.

America could well celebrate a righteous triumph having defeated the Third Reich, but for millions of people in central and eastern Europe, there was nothing to celebrate. One of the co-victors, Soviet Russia, continued this great evil for the next 45 years. America, too, partnered with evil to defeat another evil, which it found inevitable under the circumstances. It also found out quite quickly a few short years after the close of the war, how one-time allies can turn into mortal enemies. Forty years of Cold War ensued. But America was victorious, and history gives it a pass on that. Hungary lost, and nothing is forgiven.

Indeed, that period of Hungarian history is fraught with immense political complexities, over which true and false historians argue even today.

The above statement and sentiments expressed over Hungary's participation in WWII and its recently erected memorial, seem to reflect a tone which is reminiscent of the opinions held by a currently vocal group, representing the now powerfully defeated and defunct political minority, the Hungarian Socialists (post-Communists). They have managed to entrench themselves in the American academia and media, and they continue their agenda of imposing their view of history. Unfortunately, they even manage to have the ear of some U.S. policy makers.

I am certain Tibor's interest in Hungarian history is sincere, and he is intent on acquiring a broader insight into its complexities. There are plenty of easily available sources for that, and please allow me to suggest the following for your reading:

- John F. Montgomery: *Hungary - the Unwilling Satellite* may be read in full on this e-library website: www.hungarianhistory.com/lib/montgo.

- Other books of possible interest,

on WWI, can be found here: www.hungarianhistory.com/lib/index.htm.

- A very complete and detailed recent release by Fordham University Press in 2011 by Deborah S. Corneliussen entitled, *Hungary in World War II. Caught in a Cauldron*, can be bought through Amazon.

I hope you accept my comments with the same good will as I have given them. I look forward to reading more of Tibor's *Takes* in the future.

Stephen Szappanos

Mentor, OH

The truth can be inconvenient

I WANTED TO SIMPLY affirm the effort to document WWI in Hungary. Tibor Check Jr. is attempting to fill in missing information and documentation for a time period that seems to be erased.

There are many factors that make it tempting to overwrite historical events with a more palatable "truth" or to deliberately obscure events and responsibilities. Sometimes the truth is inconvenient to the story we want to tell about ourselves.

Conrad Mast

Scottdale, PA

WWI memorial found in K.C.

IN JUNE'S *Tibor's Take*, Tibor mentioned a new World War I memorial in D.C.

Did you know that we already have one in Kansas City? It is wonderful: a great monument and a great museum. It is the best single-purpose museum I have seen. They treat all participants in the war with equality. There is also a library there. I bet you could find almost anything on the war.

Andrew Gombos

Houston, TX



Catch the fraternal spirit!

Join us for a full slate of great events this summer and fall

THE FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT is hopping. We have a very busy summer and fall planned for you. I hope you are planning to attend as many of our events as possible.

Before I begin updating you on all that's happening, I have to thank Judit Ganchuk and Dora McKinsey for all their time, hard work and support. They make my long-distance work from Michigan run as smoothly as possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- First, I must report on the Calvin Synod Conference held in May. Congratulations to newly-elected Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai. I know you will be a wonderful, hard-working bishop. Special thanks go to outgoing Bishop Koloman Karl Ludwig for the wonderful job he has done during his term. You are both much loved. We are looking forward to the installation ceremony and banquet.

- We are already making plans for the Annual Bowling Tournament for 2017. We tried to reserve the lanes at The Meadows for Kentucky Derby day, but they were already booked. So, we will again be holding our event the weekend prior to the derby. Please mark this in your 2017 calendar.

- Branch 18's Join Hands Day project is a pleasant memory. I hope all of you are planning similar projects as there are so many opportunities to help. We are a fraternal benefit society. This is what we do. Remember, this is a matching funds event up to \$500. No excuses.

- Ursula Markovits and I attended the 41st Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, N.J., on June 4. More about this in my next report.

- Hungarians in the Cleveland area were to gather June 25 for Hungarian Heritage Night at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio. This is always a wonderful event, especially for our children. Look for a report and photos in our next issue.

- The 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days will be held July 15 and 16 in Midway, Pa. We will have our welcoming reception, scholarship meeting and Chinese auction on Friday, followed by golf and our wonderful barbeque on Saturday.

- We also support the Calvin Synod youth camp, which this year will be held July 17 to 23. Without our assistance, the camp would not be affordable for many children. I look forward to being there this year.

- The Verhovay Home Association golf outing in Harrisburg, Pa., is set for Saturday, July 30.

- Bethlen Communities is also hosting their golf outing July 30 in Ligonier, Pa.

- Our Hungarian Heritage Experience is set for July 31 to Aug. 6 at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp in Boswell, Pa. Remember to bring your bathing suit because this year we have access to a pool. We are really looking forward to gathering in our new location. This facility is only about 15 minutes from where we were before in Rockwood, Pa.

- Toledo, Ohio, will host its 42nd Birmingham Ethnic Festival Aug. 20 and 21. This is a festival you don't want to miss. There is something for everyone. You have many choices to satisfy your taste buds. Hope to see you there.

- Our WPA Picnic returns on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hi-



ram, Ohio. We will have many opportunities for all our many volunteers. We will need servers, cleaners, sellers and many happy faces. Please let me know where we can place you. Yes, as you know, I always say it takes a village.

- Our tour to Europe is Sept. 6 to 20. We will begin in Austria, then visit Croatia and end up in my favorite place, Hungary. I missed not being there last year, so I am looking forward to going this year.

- This is a special year for Hungary and those of us of Hungarian ancestry. It is the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution. To help commemorate this historic occasion, William Penn Association is helping to bring a large contingent of dancers, musicians and orators to America. The Hungarian National Dance Ensemble will be touring select North American cities this October to raise funds for a planned memorial in New York City honoring the revolution and those who fought in it. We are so honored that many of the Freedom Fighters chose William Penn Association for their life insurance and financial needs. This promises to be a beautiful program. The tour is scheduled to appear in the following cities (*dates and locations are subject to change*): Washington, Oct. 12; Boston, Oct. 14; Montreal, Oct. 15; Toronto, Oct. 16; Cleveland, Oct. 18; Chicago, Oct. 19; Detroit, Oct. 20; Pittsburgh, Oct. 21; New Brunswick, Oct. 22; and New York, Oct. 23. Updated information about this tour will appear in upcoming issues of *William Penn Life*. Stay tuned.

- Many branches are also commemorating the 1956 Revolution. Please remember this very special year.

- Bethlen Communities will be celebrating their 95th anniversary on Oct. 24. What a wonderful community they are. A banquet is planned to commemorate the event.

- Shortly after that, our many branch family Christmas parties will begin. Please plan on attending with your members. The children really look forward to the event and, of course, Santa Claus and his presents. We had many more people attending our branch parties last year than in previous years. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

If there is anything you would like me to mention, please let me know. We must show our fraternal spirit if we intend to be around for another 100 years. Remember, we are the only Hungarian fraternal benefit society in America.

Thank you to the WPA Board of Directors, National Officers and employees for all your help. I plan on attending as many of these events as possible, and I look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

Have a wonderful summer! ☐

Photo opposite page: The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers of McKeesport, PA entertain members and guests attending the 2014 WPA Picnic. (Photo by John E. Lovasz)

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Here are some other facts from the most recent ACLI study:

- Two out of three American families (over 75 million) depend on the life insurance industry for financial and retirement security in one form or another.

- American families have more than \$19.3 trillion of life insurance protection in force through group and individual policies.

- The life insurance industry pays out an average of \$1.5 billion *every day* in the form of life insurance benefits, annuity payments, disability benefits and retirement benefits.

- Life insurance and annuities currently account for

approximately 20 percent of American's long-term savings plans.

- Life insurance ownership has declined steadily over the past few years and now stands at a 50-year low. Only 44 percent of U.S. households own individual insurance, down from 72 percent in 1960.

- The number of households without *any* coverage is growing. Nearly one-third of U.S. households (35 million) have no coverage compared to 22 percent (24 million) in 2004.

- Americans today see the need for life insurance. About half of U.S. households surveyed said they feel they need more coverage--the largest number ever recorded by LIMRA/ACLI.

- While 60 percent of the baby-boomer households stated that they prefer to buy insurance "face-to-face" from a professional agent, only 20 percent said they currently have a personal life insurance agent or broker relationship.

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Happy Independence Day! □

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We remember

Readers share their thoughts on WWI

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of the readers who took the time to respond to my prompts presented in last month's *Take*. But before I provide some of the best submissions relating to monuments, books and other remembrances of World War I's Eastern Front, I want to briefly address a few sentences that I included in the beginning of last month's *Take* regarding Hungary's role in World War II.

It is plain from the comments I received about my last *Take* that this topic is fraught with controversy and emotion, and it is clear to me that many within our community still feel strongly about the events of 1939-1945. I would like to say that it was not my intention to discuss World War II at length in last month's *Take*: that subject would require many thousands of words to examine in any proper way, and those thousands of words would do nothing more than scratch the surface. I received several long and passionate responses to my statements about World War II, and each of them is interesting, thought-provoking and vexing. I promise to revisit World War II at a later date in order to present my thoughts on the subject in full.

Now, without further ado, I would like to present a few of the best responses from readers regarding the questions I posed last month.

Question #1: *What is your favorite Hungarian World War I monument or memorial, and where is it located?*

Les M. wrote to say that his favorite World War I memorial is the "Hungarian World War I Monument...located in Budapest on Kossuth Square (pictured left) which I visit each year when I go to Hungary....I am drawn to it because it is a somber reminder of the tragedy which engulfed the Austro-Hungarian Empire after World War I. It also reminds me of the disastrous Trianon Treaty which dismembered Hungary."

Andy G. recommended to me the World War I memorial and museum in Kansas City. In his words: "It is wonderful, a great monument and a great museum. It is the best single purpose museum I have seen. They treat all participants in the war with equality. There is also a library there. I bet you could find almost anything on the war." Andy also wrote that a book he owns, which was published by the Rotary Club of Hungary in 1930, shows a picture of a World War I memorial to the students who were killed in the War. "It is quite large," he says, "[but] I do not know if it is still there, or if it was destroyed by the Russians or the Germans."

Question #2: *Do you have a favorite World War I-related anecdote from your travels in Europe to share?*

Les M. responded not with a personal anecdote but with a familial one. "My grandfather was a member of the Austro-Hungarian Army during World War I, and he was stationed in what is now Serbia," Les wrote. "He



was there when Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated, and, thus, World War I started. He was lucky to escape with his life and return to Celldomolk, Hungary."

Question #3: *Do you have a favorite book or memoir about Hungary's involvement in World War I?*

Steve S. and S.B.V. recommended to me *Hungary: The Unwilling Satellite*, written by John F. Montgomery. Montgomery was a prominent American diplomat who served in Hungary from 1933-1941. Please note that this is a book about the interwar and World War II era.

Kathy M. says that her favorite book is *The Dissolution of the Hapsburg Monarchy* (University of Chicago Press, 1966) by Oszkar Jaszi. Jaszi was born in Austria-Hungary in 1875 and died in 1957 in Oberlin, Ohio. He came to the U.S. in 1925 and became a professor of history at Oberlin College.

Andy G. recommended a recently published work called *The Burning of the World*, by Béla Zombory-Moldován.

Question #4: *Do you have any photos related to Hungary's involvement in World War I?*

Alas, I did not receive any photos relating to Hungary's involvement in World War I. However, I was able to find on my own the remains of a cemetery for World War I POW's outside of my family's ancestral village of Csót (pictured top right). Csót had been the site of a POW camp for various captured soldiers (mostly Russian), and, sadly, some of those soldiers died during the course of their captivity and were interred in foreign soil forever. One photo (bottom right) strikingly shows a simple headstone with the phrase "Névtelen Hús" – "Unidentified Body."

I encourage my readers to continue to write in with their responses to these questions, as it has certainly produced an interesting and informative dialogue about Hungarian history.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar, **Tibor II**

Tibor Check, Jr., is a member of Branch 28 and an attorney working in Washington, D.C. When he can, Tibor hosts "The Souvenirs of Hungary" radio program on WKTL-FM 90.7, Struthers, Ohio, on Saturdays from noon to 1:30 p.m.

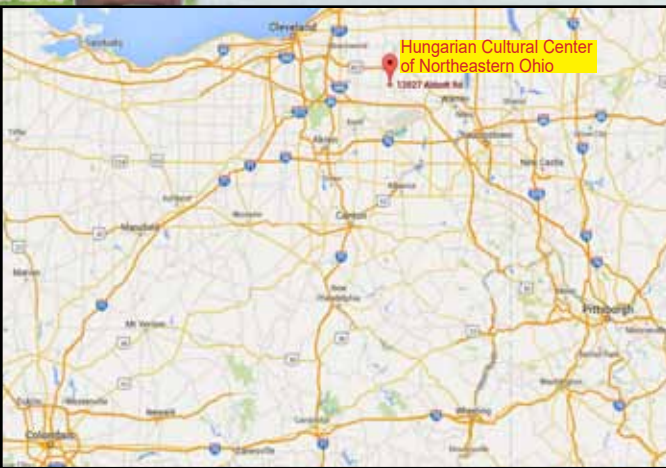


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Celebrating Magyar culture in New Jersey

Perfect weather, a great crowd, good food, enjoyable music – that's what everyone experienced June 4 at the annual Hungarian festival in New Brunswick, N.J.

The green WPA backpacks distributed at the Association's information booth could be seen up and down the street. At one point during the day, people waiting to receive WPA packs formed a double line that extended past the booth next to the WPA's. Many friendly people stopped by to chat.

Helping to promote WPA at the festival were (from left) National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia, Branch 18 Auditing Committee Chair Ursula Markovits, Fraternal Director Barbara House, National Director Kathy Novak and Branch 28 member Steve Novak.

Wreaths donated by WPA were placed at the memorial in the town square, at the 1956 Freedom Fighters statue and at the American Hungarian Foundation courtyard.

It's a truly wonderful festival that helps preserve our Hungarian traditions and culture.

-- Kathy Novak

WPA member elected Bishop

by Richard E. Sarosi

Rt. Rev. Dr. Csaba G. Krasznai, a member of WPA Branch 14 Cleveland, was elected to a four-year term as Bishop of the Calvin Synod Branch of the United Church of Christ.

The election took place during the 78th Annual Meeting of the Calvin Synod Conference of the United Church of Christ held in Ligonier, Pa., May 17 to 20.

Representing WPA at the conference were Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak (and her father Stephen Novak), National Directors David M. Kozak and Richard E. Sarosi, National Vice President-Secretary Jerry A. Hauser (and his wife Deborah) and Fraternal Director Barbara A. House.



friendly conversation made for an enjoyable evening.

On May 19, WPA's delegation was joined by National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia (and his wife Maria).

Congratulations go to Bishop Krasznai as he begins this new chapter in his life.

WPA hosted a barbeque for the delegates and clergy attending the conference on May 18 at the Trenthouse Inn in Rockwood, Pa. The delicious dinner, relaxing atmosphere and

Columbus church to host festival in July, guest speakers in August

COLUMBUS, OH -- The Hungarian Reformed Church of Columbus will host a Taste of Hungary Festival, Saturday, July 16, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The festival will feature Hungarian food, as well as performances by musicians from Cleveland and dancers from Dayton. The church is located at 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus.

The church will also host the next installment in its Soup and Learn series on Sunday, Aug. 14 following that day's 11:00 a.m. service. The program will feature homemade soup followed by a presentation by two Columbus youths, Zackary & Ava Crank, who were among the 30 Americans selected to participate in the Reconnect Hungary program this summer.

For more information about either event, call 614-444-1319.

Hungarian gold medalist dies at 102; was oldest Olympic champion

from the Associated Press

BUDAPEST - Sandor Tarics, a water polo gold medalist for Hungary at the 1936 Berlin Games and the oldest living Olympic champion, has died. He was 102. The Hungarian Olympic committee, citing information from his family, said Tarics passed away on May 21, 2016, in San Francisco.

Tarics, an architect, emigrated to the U.S. in 1949 where he became a university professor and designed earthquake-resistant buildings.

He was born in Budapest on Sept. 23, 1913. In 1936 the Hungarians won gold on goal difference over Germany in Berlin, the second of the team's nine Olympic titles in water polo.

"Sport is an area where people love each other," Tarics said last year in an interview published by the Hungarian Olympic committee. "Sports competition leads only to good things among nations."

What's in a name?

Why it's fitting for our Association to be named after William Penn

by Kathy Megyeri

It is particularly fitting that a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Pittsburgh be named William Penn. Following my last visit to the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, I thought WPA members might be even more proud of the name of their fraternal organization if reminded of all that William Penn and his wife Hannah contributed to Pennsylvania's history.

As most people know, William Penn was a Quaker, a philosopher, a real estate entrepreneur and the founder of Pennsylvania. In 1681, King Charles II of England gave him a large parcel of land to satisfy a debt owed to Penn's father, so Penn sailed here in 1682. The colonists pledged allegiance to him as Penn was an early supporter of colonial unification, which would eventually lead to the United States of America. Always an advo-

cate of democracy and religious freedom, Penn even made successful treaties with the Lenape Native Americans with whom he had good relations. He later set forth democratic principles that served as a framework for the U.S. Constitution.

As a Pacifist Quaker, he proposed a united Europe. Under his leadership, the city of Philadelphia was planned and developed. He wrote extensively because he wanted believers to adhere to the spirit of Primitive Christianity, but that resulted in his imprisonment several times in the Tower of London, where he wrote *No Cross, No Crown*, a classic in Christian theology.

After arriving in America, he parceled out 300,000 acres of land to attract other persecuted minorities, such as Catholics and Lutherans from Europe. Surprisingly,





LEFT: A portrait of Hannah Penn, which hangs at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. BELOW: Janet de Coux's depiction of a young William Penn protecting humanity towers over visitors to the State Museum of Pennsylvania. OPPOSITE PAGE: This painting of William Penn by G. Koszorus (c. 1956) hangs in the second floor foyer of WPA's Home Office.

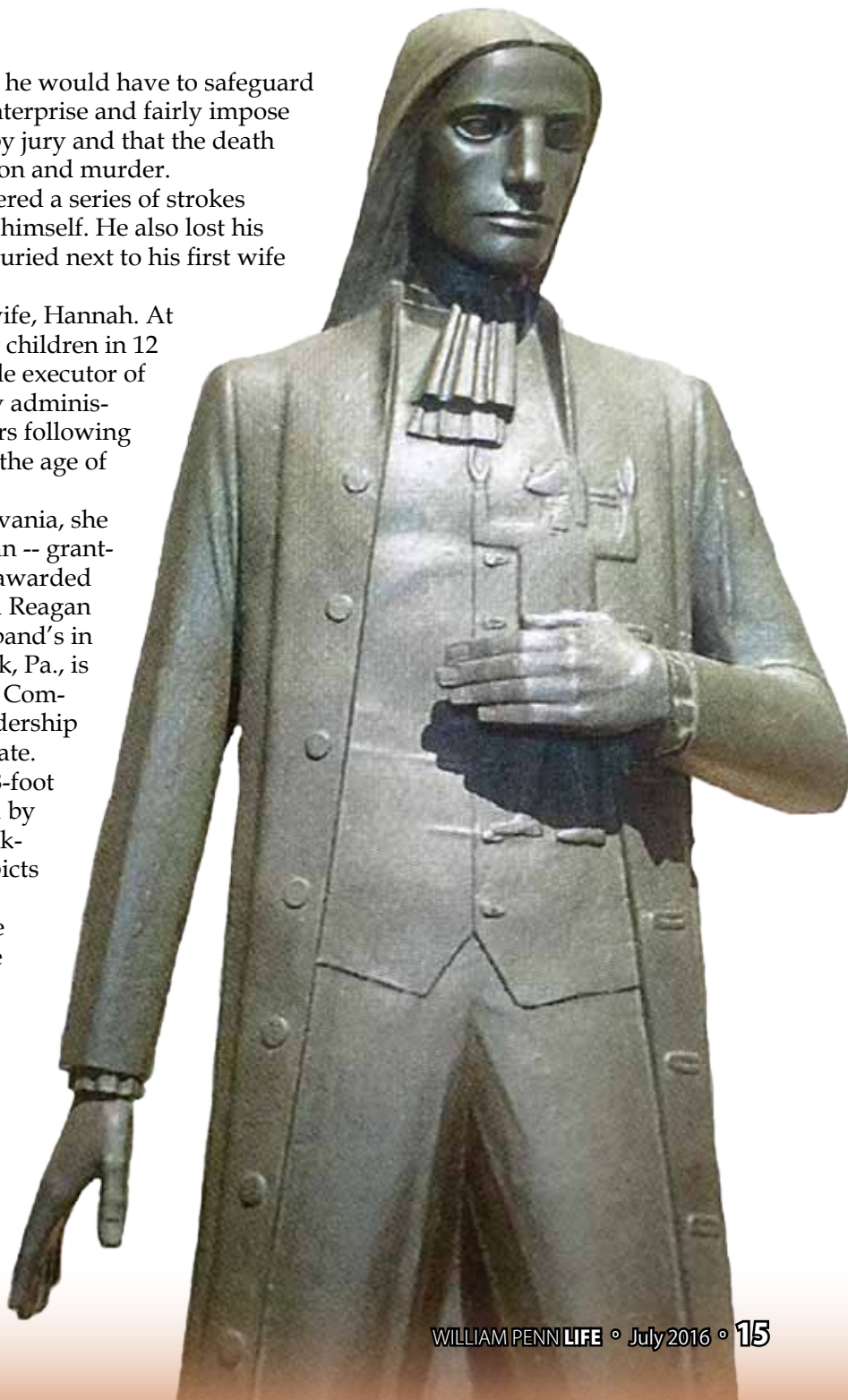
Penn limited his own power because he knew he would have to safeguard the rights of private property, preserve free enterprise and fairly impose taxes. He insisted that all legal cases be tried by jury and that the death penalty be imposed only for two crimes: treason and murder.

While traveling back to England, Penn suffered a series of strokes which left him unable to speak or take care of himself. He also lost his memory and died penniless in 1718. He was buried next to his first wife who had previously died.

Penn was 52 when he married his second wife, Hannah. At the time, she was 25, and the couple had eight children in 12 years. Upon Penn's death, Hannah became sole executor of his affairs until her own death. She effectively administered the Province of Pennsylvania for six years following her husband's strokes and eventual death. At the age of 55, however, she, too, died of a stroke.

For her exemplary management of Pennsylvania, she is one of few individuals -- and the first woman -- granted the status of Honorary Citizen of the U.S., awarded to her by presidential proclamation by Ronald Reagan in 1984. Her portrait hangs alongside her husband's in the state museum, and a middle school in York, Pa., is named in her honor. Today, the Pennsylvania Commission for Women awards Hannah Penn leadership awards to honor outstanding women in the state.

In the state museum's Memorial Hall, an 18-foot sculpture, weighing 3,800 pounds and created by Janet de Coux, stands against an immense background mural by Vincent Maragliotti that depicts momentous events and important Pennsylvanians and demonstrates Penn's vision of a free society. Not surprisingly, the enormous statue of Penn shows him as youthful, dignified and thoughtful. But what is truly noteworthy is the symbolism. Nestled in Penn's left arm is a figure that represents all humanity, with William Penn as our protector. Thus, it is only fitting that our fraternal insurance company be named after this historical icon who indeed cared and protected Pennsylvanians, just as WPA does its members. □



Just 4 Kids

with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends!

When I was a little clown, I used to be afraid of bees. But, then I learned about the important job bees have in making flowers, fruits and vegetables. Now, I like watching the bees as they buzz around gathering pollen. Can you figure out which bee lands on the flower, which one lands on the leaf and which one ends up in the hive?



Answer: 1-Hive, 2-Flower, 3-Leaf



Let's go camping!

My friend Billy loves to go camping. This time, he took Mumford with him. Why don't you add some color to this fun, outdoor adventure?



Branch 1 Bridgeport, CT

by Jim Ballas

Branch 1 celebrated fraternalism for the benefit of our community by participating in the Join Hands Against Hunger Program. Our branch, along with the members and friends of the United Church of Christ of Bridgeport, collected non-perishable food items during the month of May.

Our branch and church joined together to fulfill our common mission of charity to help with the needs of others in our community. There are many individuals and families in our community who are in great need of food donations. For some of them, their survival depends on it.

The church made weekly announcements and included our appeal in all of their outreach communications. Our branch mailed out appeal letters to all of the local branch members. Members were asked to bring non-perishable food items to the United Church of Christ, (2180 North Ave., Bridgeport) or to the Bessemer Center Hall at 2200 North Ave. There were designated basket locations where the donations were collected.

The response was overwhelming. Our members donated close to 20 large shopping bags of food. Some of the items donated included canned soups, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, fruit juices, pastas and sauces, and much more.

The bags were taken to the Thomas Merton House of Hospitality, founded in 1974 by a group of concerned individuals who saw a need for services to the economically disadvantaged people in the city of Bridgeport. The Thomas Merton House provides breakfast, lunch and day shelter to approximately 300 people Monday through Saturday.

The House's food pantry -- the Eat Smart Market Place -- provides groceries for five days of nutritious meals per month to families and individuals living in Bridgeport. They serve over 500 families per month.

Thank you to all those who donated and made this program a success. We did indeed join hands in May to make a difference against hunger



Sandy Stasko (left), Jim Ballas and Shelley Visinski pose with some of the food collected by Branch 1 in conjunction with WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger program.

in our community. Special thanks to Sandy Stasko, Ann Ballas, Shelley Visinski, Bill Bero and Jim Ballas for organizing and implementing this event. We hope to do this again several times throughout the year. It is greatly needed in our community.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Summer is upon us, and we are lucky to enjoy the wide range of activities that summer brings to northern Ohio. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Independence Day. Hooray for the Red, White and Blue!

It is important to have faith, family and friends. It is also so important to share the power of prayer with those who are facing medical issues and life's challenges.

Many events have taken place in the Greater Cleveland area over the past month.

Branch 14 held two Join Hands Day events. First, on May 26, food items that branch members brought to our May meeting were taken to the Maple Heights Food Pantry, along with additional food items

purchased by Branch 14. The food pantry volunteers were surprised and very appreciative of what we brought, since it was Memorial Day Weekend and the food supplies were low. Remember that hunger and need knows no holiday; please donate to your local food pantry year round.

Our second Join Hands Day event was a return visit to the Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in Bainbridge, Ohio, on May 27. Branch members Paul and Anna Marie Varga, Joanne Sedensky, Frank and Joyce Wargo, and Richard, Violet and Ernest Sarosi enjoyed a tour of the facility given by Arlene Taylor. She

showed us some of our favorite horses, including Dillon, Ty, Tutti, Josh and Anna. The riding center uses donated horses to help children, young adults and veterans with a variety of learning issues and disabilities. By working with the horses, patients learn how to overcome fears and obstacles in their lives. The center's motto is: "A horse can change a life."

The Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains took place June 25 at Classic Park. WPA shared the evening with the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio and The Hungarian Heritage Society and Museum of Cleveland. A full report on the event will appear next month.

Tickets for the second annual Branch 14 Red, White and Green Raffle are on sale and moving nicely. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m. during the Branch 14 Christmas party. Please contact Branch Coordinator Violet Sarosi at 1-440-248-9012 for ticket information.

Here is a partial list of Branch 14 meetings and some WPA activities for 2016:

- Branch 14 meetings will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and

Join Hands Day 2016

This spring, many of our branches helped their communities by participating in Join Hands Day projects. Our member volunteers -- youths and adults working together -- planted flowers and shrubs, collected food for local food pantries, packed snack bags for hospital patients and their families, donated funds to a therapeutic riding center and cleaned up the grounds at local churches. We salute all those who donated their time, money and effort to making their communities better places to live. They are all examples of fraternalism in action.



Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI



Branch 14 Cleveland, OH



Branch 296 Springdale, PA



Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI



Branch 705 Mayville, WI



Branch 14 Cleveland, OH



Branch 28 Youngstown, OH



Branch 28 Youngstown, OH



Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA



Branch 129 Columbus, OH

Wednesday, Dec. 7. Both meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. and be held at the First Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills.

- The 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days will be held July 15 at 16, 2016, at the Quicksilver Golf Club. Hope to see you there!

- The WPA Picnic will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio located in Hiram, Ohio.

- The WPA Tour 2016 to Austria, Croatia and Hungary is scheduled for Sept. 6 to 20.

Please check *William Penn Life* each month for more information about these and other events.

We ask that you please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. If you or a member of your family received a WPA scholarship, please help pay it forward for another WPA student by making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation.

Also remember, as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile insurance certificates can be converted into adult life certificates when your student reaches the age of 25. Converting their juvenile certificates will ensure them of continued WPA insurance coverage into their adult years and allow them to continue enjoying the fraternal benefits that come with membership in WPA, including home delivery of this magazine and full eligibility and participation in our fraternal events.

We encourage all WPA scholarship recipients to keep us updated on what they're doing, both in and beyond school. Our members would love to read about how your careers and lives are progressing. You can send your information to jlovasz@williampennassociation.org.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those members who have recently lost a loved one. May God bless your family at this difficult time, and may our dearly departed members rest in peace.

Get well wishes go to all our members and friends who might be feeling under the weather. We send supercharged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to



Next Deadline

All articles & photographs for the August issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by July 8. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

National Director and Branch 14 Auditor Albert Frate. Al has returned home and continues his recovery.

Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman has returned home. She is adjusting nicely, continues to improve each day and looks great. It is the power of prayer that helps to sustain us and improve our lives. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.

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

Our next Branch 14 meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 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 the meeting.

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

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Independence Day! Be sure to thank our service men and women for fighting for our independence. Thanks to them, we have the greatest country on Earth. Having been to Europe back in the day, I know what it is to not be free. Thank you to all past and present members of our armed forces.

Summer has arrived with a ven-

geance here in Michigan. We went from 40 to 80 degrees in one day. I am a "winter," so bring on the fall.

Hooray for wonderful Branch 18! Did someone say Join Hands Day? This year's project was a record breaker. The temperature was in the mid- to high-80s, but still 46 volunteers came out to help. Thanks to all our regulars and many first-timers. We planted at the Hungarian American Cultural Center, Paragon (a school for disabled citizens) and St. Michael's Episcopal Church. We planted 30 flats, but we needed to buy two more to finish the job. Thank you so much. I was never prouder of each and every one of you.

Branch 18 Auditing Committee Chair Ursula Markovits recently underwent treatment for skin cancer. I know some of you visited with her at our bowling tournament. This is a friendly reminder to never forget your sunscreen.

Congratulations to all our 50-year members. Pictures from our banquet will be published in the next issue of this magazine. I was looking forward to seeing all of you, especially those I have never met. I hope everyone had a marvelous time. Thank you, Judy Chakey, for all your research.

Wasn't June's *William Penn Life* cover the best ever? That has to be my favorite of all time. Thank you, Kathy, for such a wonderful article; it's a keeper, as many of yours are.

I had the pleasure of being among those attending the Calvin Synod Conference in Ligonier, Pa., this May. What a wonderful time we had. The majority of the delegates were Reformed Church ministers, many of whom are WPA members.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Members of Branch 28 helped to spruce up the grounds around the St. Stephen of Hungary worship site of Holy Apostles Parish on June 4 as part of the branch's Join Hands Day project. Members weeded, planted and mulched the floral areas around the church.

It was so nice to attend the two dinners held in conjunction with the Calvin Synod Conference. Both events were well attended. It's always nice to reconnect with familiar faces. Fraternal Director Barbara House presented donations at both events on behalf of WPA, and the donations were greatly appreciated.

Visiting the Ohio area for her summer break is Rachel Schauer. She will be spending time with her grandparents, Frank and Maria Schauer.

Just a reminder for some of our upcoming events:

- Sunday, Aug. 14 - Magyar Nap (Hungarian Day), Youngstown, sponsored by the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation, at the Aut Mori Hall on Belle Vista Avenue, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Music by Steve Pal; food, beverages and pastries available for purchase. As an added treat, this event is now being held in an air conditioned hall.

- Saturday, Aug. 27 - WPA Picnic, Hiram, Ohio. For more information, see page 12 of this issue.

We're looking forward to having some fun in the sun at the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days. This event is always a good time with our WPA friends as we support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. The Monte Carlo Night and Chinese auction are always so much fun, and the food on both nights is delicious.

Happy days of celebrating are wished to all those marking birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Get well wishes go to everyone not feeling up to par, especially National Director Al Frate, retired National Director Marge Boso, Alex Nagy, the Rev. Joseph Rudjak and Branch 28 President Steve Novak.

Enjoy all the summer activities



A golden family

Congratulations to the members of the Lorenc family who are all 50-year members of WPA Branch 27 Toledo, OH: Rose and William Lorenc (top) and their children (from left) Mary Nusbaum, William J. Lorenc Jr. and Agnes Nardone.

You can read more about the meeting in the *Magyar Matters* section on page 13 of this issue. I am sad the conference will now be held every two years. We must try to get together before the next one.

The Bethlen Communities will be celebrating their 95th anniversary in October. We will be there with bells on. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to WPA's Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt on her much deserved retirement. You are a special friend. I hope you do only what you want to do. Enjoy!

Branch 18 is now on hiatus for the summer. We will resume our meetings in the fall.

A special thank you goes out to Kathy Megyeri and Abbie.

Our branch's Charity-of-the-Month for May was won by Joan Wanat, who selected Angel's Place. Thank you for choosing a truly worthy recipient. We hope our contribution helps.

Get well wishes go to all our members feeling under the weather, especially George Schvarckopf, Lee Kosaski, National Director Albert Frate, Doug Truesdell, Joe Csereklye, retired National Director Marge Boso and Arlene Csoman. Hope you are all feeling better soon.

Happy July birthday wishes go to Pammy George, Danielle Iorio,

Emma Borsa and my dad in Heaven. Dad and I shared our birthdays, and it sure is not the same now. May you all have many more.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Assunta Marco, Rosemary Janashousky and William Crist. May they rest in peace with our Lord.

Please contact me if you plan on attending the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. Our branch's package includes round trip bus transportation, all you can eat and drink at the picnic and fantastic fraternalism...all for just \$65 per person. How can you beat that? So, mark your calendars for Aug. 27 and call me at 313-418-5572 to make your reservations.

You can also call me to reserve your seat on our branch's annual trip to Soaring Eagle Nov. 1 and 2. Cost is \$159 per person. You all know what a great trip this is. Call me as soon as possible.

Enjoy summer and spend all the time you can with loved ones. Hope to see you all at our golf tournament.

My thought for the month: How well you do in your life depends on you being sweet and tender with the young, truly compassionate with the old, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak, because one day you will have experienced all of these.



ABOVE: Members of WPA Branches 40 and 349 join members of the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Cultural Society for a picnic and bacon roast sponsored jointly by the branches and the OVHACS on May 29 at Warren Township Park in Yorkville, Ohio.

and stay safe.

For answers to your questions about life insurance or annuities, please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Summer is officially here! Hope everyone has a great 4th of July and is practicing their golf swing. We have great fraternal events coming up, and if you haven't attended any in the past, you are missing out on some really wonderful experiences. Come join us and see.

Please take a moment and pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way. We attended the Memorial Day service at Calvary Cemetery, and I am proud that my husband was part of the Honor Guard.

On May 23 and 24, Chair of the Board Andy McNelis, National Director Jim Robertson and National Vice President-Secretary Jerry Hauser traveled to Harrisburg to attend the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance meeting and legislative luncheon. While in Harrisburg, we had an enjoyable evening at the Verhovay Home, visiting with friends. The next day at the Capitol, we rubbed elbows with state legislators at the luncheon.

Our thoughts are with you, Albert and Al.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in July, especially our son Andy, grandson Donovan and Barbara. Wishing you all many more.

If you have any news you would like to share, or if you want information about WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please contact Branch Coordinator Maria Bistey at 412-431-6035.

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..

We had great weather on May 29 for a picnic hosted by our WPA branches and the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Cultural Society at Warren Township Park in Yorkville, Ohio. There were a number of "newbies" trying out the bacon roast. It was a fun crowd, and we enjoyed the good fellowship and food all afternoon.

We could hear and see the brood of 17-year cicadas that also attended the picnic. (We didn't invite

them!) They didn't bother us much, but they sure took a liking to Joe Skocik's red socks.

The next joint picnic at Warren Township Park will be held Sunday, Aug. 29.

The 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days will be held at Quicksilver Golf Club on July 15 and 16. It's a beautiful course, and my husband, Harry, is looking forward to playing it this year. I don't golf, but I can drive a mean golf cart. And, I'm real good at checking out the prize baskets available at the Chinese auction.

Other upcoming events on the WPA's summer calendar include the Hungarian Heritage Experience July 31 to Aug. 6. For more information, see the inside of the front cover.

That will be followed by the WPA Picnic on Aug. 27. The picnic promises a fun time at a new location: the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. It's an easy drive from our area. So, attend the picnic; it'll be great!

Congratulations to all graduates. We also extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are sick or who recently lost a loved one.

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



WPA Chair of the Board Andrew W. McNelis participates in the Honor Guard during a Memorial Day service held at Calvary Cemetery in Pittsburgh.



Jeffrey Jenkins, Justin Toth and Mark Maskariniec prepare for the Branch 89 golf outing to be held Aug. 7 in Elizabeth, Pa.

Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth Darago

This year, Branch 44 has been blessed with overwhelming compassion and caring from our members through gracious donations made to several different organizations:

- Personal care items and early spring garden items went to the Haven of Rest in Akron, which supports the poorest of the poor.
- Food was donated to The Peace House, a program run by a nun in Akron for South American immigrants.
- Medical supplies went to Educate the Congo in Barberton, which builds and supplies village clinics.
- Toys and enhancement items were donated to Happy Trails Farm Animal Rescue in Portage County.
- Food also went to the Akron/Summit County Food Bank through the Sanctuary, the largest food donation center in the City of Akron.
- Members have also contacted me about donating clothes to ACCESS Inc, a temporary housing program for homeless women and children.

Such awesome acts of kindness! It takes a Hungarian village...and that's exactly what our members

are. Thank you all so much for your heartfelt generosity.

We've also contacted Alan Szabo (call him for your insurance needs) to pick up our Branch 44 donation for the WPA Golf Tournament Chinese auction. We try to donate a nice item each year for the raffle.

Branch officers Bob Chula and George Naswadi donated extra funds during the Easter season, which allowed us to donate a spiral ham and a leg of lamb for the Easter basket donations.

We congratulate all graduates and those celebrating happy occasions this month.

We also extend our condolences to those who have experienced a loss.

Please contact me if you are interested in traveling to Hiram for the WPA Picnic on Aug. 27. If enough people sign up, maybe we can get a bus!

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskariniec

Get well wishes continue to go to Branch member Fred Gabocy on his recent lung surgery. Hurry up and get better, Uncle Fred; we need you.

Our first monthly Dine Out Din-

ner was held at Lydia's in the Strip District May 14. It was a big success with 14 people in attendance, and, boy, were the food and atmosphere terrific. Next month's dinner may be on Friday, July 29, at the Darlington Inn in Ligonier, Pa. Since many of our branch members will be golfing in the Bethlen Communities Golf Outing, why not arrive the night before and enjoy a good Hungarian dinner. Another suggestion is for dinner at Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café in Homestead. Please let us know which you prefer and how many people will be coming.

Branch 89 congratulates branch member Richard J. Toth on becoming a doctor. Richard graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) at Seton Hill May 29. Dr. Toth earned his bachelor's degree at Grove City College. He is the son of former National Vice President-Secretary Richard W. Toth and his wife Nancy, and the grandson of the late John and Elaine Toth and Joseph and Frances Vasko. He is the brother of Christopher, Matthew and Zachary. We couldn't be prouder. We know his Uncle Elmer and grandparents are smiling down from heaven and bursting with pride.

On a somber note, we were sorry to learn of the sudden death

of members William Rubinsak. Bill was a lifelong member of WPA and could be seen at our golf outings. He was a staunch supporter of WPA and Branch 89, and his presence will be missed. In lieu of flowers, Branch 89 will sponsor a hole at the upcoming golf outing in Bill's name. He truly loved the game of golf, and we know he would love this gesture.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bill's wife Connie, his daughter Reine, his brother Ron and their families. Bill may be gone but his presence will live on forever. We will have fond memories of him hitting those little yellow golf balls.

Speaking of golf, mark your calendars for our branch's golf outing, which will be held Sunday, Aug. 7. We'll be teeing off at 12:30 p.m. at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa.

To make our outing even more successful, we need your help. Our motto for this year is: "A lot of people each doing a little bit." You don't need to do a lot; a little bit is all we're asking for. You can do a number of things, including:

1. Attend. Even if you don't play golf, you can attend the dinner and participate in the auction.

2. Be a hole sponsor. For \$50, you get a sign on a hole saying whatever you want it to say. Many people use this as a way to honor and remember loved ones.

3. Be a donor. We can always use new golf items, wines, gift cards and Pennsylvania lottery tickets.

4. Buy 50/50 tickets. Last year's 50/50 payout was about \$700. This year, we are shooting for a payout of \$1,000.

5. Get the word out. We have brochures available in paper and PDF. We'd be glad to get them out to you.

6. Keep the Coke and Kellogg's codes coming. Anyone with any codes can email them to me at maskarinac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122. Thanks to all who have already given.

Once again, we plan on honoring our senior members of the branch. Who will that be? Come find out. I understand there's talk of honoring a woman this year.

We are hoping to do an outing to the ballpark and night at the movies.

We look forward to meeting a lot of our members in the upcoming year at some of these events.

Please contact the branch coordinator if you'd like to see other activities, and we'll do our best to accommodate those requests.

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

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hope everyone is having a fun and exciting summer. We have been having great weather so far this summer.

We welcome our newest branch member, Paul Gruzca.

Our branch participated in Join Hands Day again this year. Flowers were planted and flower beds were mulched at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus. We had several of our members participate in this project. This activity is a great way to give back to the community.

Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, will be celebrated on Monday, July 4. Many of us will be attending parades, picnics and fireworks displays over the holiday weekend. This day is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Good luck to all who will be participating in the annual WPA Golf Tournament to be held on July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa. This is a great way to meet old friends and make new ones.

Also, save the date Aug. 27 to attend the WPA Picnic. It will be held at a new location: the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. Please plan on attending this fraternal event.

A Taste of Hungary Festival will be held at the Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus, on July 16 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy Hungarian foods, musicians from Cleveland and a performance by the Dayton Dancers. There will also be Hungarian items for sale. Our branch is a sponsor for this event.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and



Congratulations to Branch 89 member Dr. Richard J. Toth who graduated in May from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill.

new additions to their families.

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized, especially Branch President Margaret Boso. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the families of deceased members Rudy Spanovich and John Gaal. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any 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 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

We had a very short spring and went right to summer, and the weather has been just beautiful since the last issue. The garden is growing, the lawns and trees are so green and the lakes are warming. It is so nice to see people outside working and enjoying the sunshine.

The Branch 132 summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 24,



Members of Branch 249 gathered at Fifth Third Field in Dayton, Ohio, May 15 to watch the Class A Dayton Dragons play against the Great Lakes Loons. The Dragons won 5-4.

from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion #1 (corner of Southwood and S. Greenlawn Avenues). The branch will provide water, sodas, Martin's fried chicken, Eby's sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, plates, napkins and utensils. There is no cost to attend for members and their families. We ask that all planning to attend please call Janos P. Burus at 574-287-0590; we need a head count to determine how much chicken and sausage we will need. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also have corn hole games to play.

The Branch 132 men's softball team plays at Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park (formerly Belleville) on Mayflower Road near the U.S. Route 31 bypass. At this writing, the team's record is 9-1. The park has nice shaded bleachers and concessions. Admission is free. The remaining schedule is as follows.

- Wednesday, July 6, at 6:00 p.m. vs. 523 Tap & Grill (Byers Green).
- Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. vs. 523 Tap & Grill (Byers Green).
- Wednesday, July 13, at 8:00 p.m. vs. 523 Tap & Grill (Byers Blue).
- Wednesday, July 13, at 9:00 p.m. vs. 523 Tap & Grill (Byers Blue).

The next branch meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road. We invite all adult members to attend and share their ideas with us.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Independence Day -- what a beautiful phrase. It signifies the break from the tyranny of a monarchy and the promise of a new start of a free country -- quite the revolutionary thought some 240 years ago. Please remember all those who fought and continue to fight to protect that freedom. Freedom is never free.

The 4th of July brings with it the unofficial mid-point of the summer season. School has been out for about a month and will not start for another month or so. Families are in the midst of vacations and holding plenty of cookouts. Many are enjoying strawberries, corn and homegrown tomatoes. Don't forget to plant some peppers to go with those tomatoes for the ever-popular *szalonna kenyér* ("bacon bread"). Delicious!

Speaking of delicious, Anne Marie and I will be working the pastry booth at the WPA Picnic in August. We are looking for donations of Hungarian pastries from our members and friends. Please contact us at 937-667-1211 if you can make pastries. If you can't bake, then please make a monetary donation with which we'll buy locally-made Hungarian pastries. All proceeds from the pastry sale will benefit the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

I hope to see you at the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament &

Scholarship Days in Midway, Pa., July 15 and 16. What a great weekend this is. There will be delicious food at the barbeque, good friends from all over the country and -- oh, yeah -- GOLF! Our branch's four-some always seems to finish near the bottom of the standings, but so what? We'll still be shooting for that elusive hole-in-one anyway. Maybe someone from Branch 44 will win a prize at the Chinese auction on Friday night. No matter whether you win or lose -- either at golf, the skill shots, the auction or any of the raffles -- I guarantee you will have a fun time with your WPA fraternal family.

Make sure to mark you calendars and reserve Aug. 27 for the WPA Picnic at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The picnic is one of the highlights of the fraternal year and is not to be missed. Past picnics have drawn more than 1,200 Hungarians from all across the country. Join us this year in Hiram, and if you do, please stop by the pastry booth and say hello.

I'll have more details next month about the Branch 249 chicken paprikas dinner set for Aug. 21 in honor of St. Stephen's Day. For now, mark your calendars and make your reservations by calling either Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-771-0404 or Anne Marie and me at 937-667-1211.

I hope to see you at the golf tournament and the WPA Picnic. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the summer weather.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovas

Happy Independence Day, everyone! Traveling to the Republic of Ireland recently made an impact on me as the Irish are in the midst of celebrating their own centennial as a free state. The year 1916 was a monumental year for the Irish as they rebelled from the tyranny of British rule, just as our nation did 240 years ago. So, for our own country, July 4th should be a celebration, and deservedly so.

July birthday greetings go to all of our 296-ers, (that means you, too,

Leanne).

Congratulations to proud new parents Judit and Perry Ganchuk of Branch 226 McKeesport, Pa., on the arrival of their baby, Laszlo Daniel.

Our condolences go to those who have recently lost a loved one, most especially Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka on the loss of their dear mom, Helen.

Our branch's Join Hands Day project was another rousing success. Once again, we gathered to decorate and fill snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh, and I must say our decorators did an outstanding job.

Diana Borland brought loads of interesting stickers, die-cuts and colored paper, glitter glue and markers, and everyone just went to town with their creativity. Many thanks to Diana, her husband Tim and their son Joshua (who entertained us with stories and was a tremendous help).

We thank Mary Ann and Helen Slaninka, Noreen Fritz, Diane Torma and Leanne Lovasz who all added their creative skills.

We also thank Toni Kosheba, who purchased all of the snack items (by the way, you had quite a full trunk!); Marge Kosheba, who helped with the packing; and finally, Diane and John Torma, who happily delivered the snack bags to the Ronald McDonald House, which serves families of young patients undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The acts of creating, gathering and packing energized all of us, and it made for quite an enjoyable evening. Maybe we'll see *you* at our Join Hands Day project next year!

Remember our upcoming *szalonna sűtés* (bacon roast) to be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, at Riverside Park in Oakmont. The same pavilion (the one closest to the new and improved Hulton Bridge) has been reserved. More details will be provided as the date draws nearer.

Our branch is on summer vacation, so we will hold no meetings until Sept. 8.

If you would like to purchase WPA life insurance or annuities, don't hesitate to contact Noreen Fritz at: 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.



Among those celebrating Vincent Frank's retirement as president of Branch 800 were (l-r) Branch Treasurer Bob Jones, Branch Auditor Dennis Greiner, Mr. Frank, Branch Vice President Dan Greiner, Branch Secretary Dave Greiner and Branch Marshall John Conti.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Happy 4th of July! Hope you all witness amazing fireworks this year. We need to reflect on the real reason for our celebrations, though. Too often, we take our independence for granted, not even thinking about the rights and privileges we enjoy here in America. Let us not forget the sacrifices made in the past, and those still being made today, to keep this great country the "Land of the Free."

The 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days are being held this month on July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa., with hotel accommodations at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. We always have a great time on Friday night before the tournament. There is a marshmallow golfing contest for the little ones and a Chinese auction and mini-Monte Carlo night for the adults. We will also have a putt-putt contest on Friday night for kids of all ages. If you are a golfer, you should try to attend one of our tournaments and enjoy this fun, fraternal event. Even if you don't golf, we all enjoy being together and sharing good food and conversation.

Just a reminder that the WPA Picnic is fast approaching. This year, it's being held on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of

Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. From Pittsburgh, it takes about an hour and a half to get there. Come and join us for what promises to be one of the best picnics ever.

On June 4, members of Branch 352 participated in a Join Hands Day project at the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society on Western Avenue in Pittsburgh's North Side. We picked up debris, pulled weeds and planted flats of flowers. Conversation topics included our different planting techniques, flowers we like most, someone's recent retirement from the Home Office (Kathy), Dennis' surgeries and lengthy rehab, and our aging population (us). Let's just say there was a lot of laughter. Numerous people approached to thank us for taking on this project. Members participating were Dennis and Kathy Reitlinger, Dave and Judy Chakey, and George and Dianne Charles.

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

Get well wishes go to anyone who's feeling under the weather, especially to Branch 352 member Arlene Csoman. You are in our prayers, Arlene.

Hope all of you enjoy your summer, and don't forget to wear sunscreen if you are going to be outside for any length of time.

If you have any news to share or need any help with your insurance

certificates, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by e-mail at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 705 Mayville, WI

by Tim Lippert

Join Hands Day 2016 was celebrated by a group of both young and old Kenosha, Wisc., residents, who joined not only their hands but minds as well.

WPA Branch 705, along with Cathy Nevin, director of the Starfish Youth Partnership of Kenosha, coordinated this year's effort.

Inner city youths, along with volunteer adults, spent many hours mulching a path to a community garden.

After the work was complete, a local farmer talked to the group. She explained how all sorts of different foods make it from the field to your dinner table.

After a light snack, everyone chipped in to paint over graffiti on some urban fences.

By the end of the day, everyone had much more pride in their community, thanks to the generous support of WPA.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

Summer is now in full swing, and the month starts with our nation celebrating Independence Day on July 4. Branch 800 hopes all members can enjoy the holiday with family and friends, concluding the day by attending a local fireworks display.

Once again, Branch 800 had the honor of awarding a monetary gift to the male senior earning the highest grade point average in religion class at Bishop Guilfoyle High School. This year's recipient is Sean Michael Donoughe.

Sean is the son of Vanessa and Mike Donoughe and a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. Sean has excelled in both academics and sports. In addition to the Branch 800 award, he has also won a scholarship from the Altoona Rotary Club. He was on the honor roll all four



Congratulations to Sean Michael Donoughe, who received the annual monetary award presented by Branch 800 to the male senior student at Bishop Guilfoyle High School earning the highest grades in religion class.

quarters of his senior year.

Sean has earned many honors in sports, as well. He most recently was named by the *Altoona Mirror* as a first team all-star in track and field. He finished seventh in the javelin throw at the PIAA State Championships, qualifying for a medal. He was a member of the Bishop Guilfoyle football team, which won back-to-back state Class A championships. He was co-captain of the boys basketball team and played volleyball during his freshman and sophomore years.

Sean is looking to continue his education at the college level, and Branch 800 wishes him nothing but the best.

We hope all golfers have an enjoyable time at the WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days July 15 and 16.

The Branch 800 summer picnic will be held, rain or shine, Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Highland Park in

Altoona. Members can make their reservations by calling Vince Frank at 814-695-0213. This will be Vince's last official duty as president. We hope to see many members at this outing and look forward to an evening of fraternalism and socializing. All are welcome!

Would any member like to win \$50? You can try your luck by completing the monthly WPA puzzle contest, found on the inside of the back cover of this issue, then submitting your entry by the stated deadline. Four correct entries selected at random will each win \$50. Good luck!

There are a few interesting things happening this month. Did you know July is National Hot Dog Month, or that July 20 is National Lollipop Day?

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 27, for the WPA Picnic, which will be held at a new location: the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

Once again, Branch 800 looks forward to supporting our local Altoona Curve and the Pirates. And, of course, we are thrilled that the Penguins are bringing the Stanley Cup back to Pittsburgh.

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

Until next month, enjoy the summer and stay cool!

Branch 8114 Clarion, PA

by Noreen Fritz

Branch 8114 will host its annual steak fry on Sunday, Aug. 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This tasty event will be held at the Knights of Columbus pavilion, located on State Route 66 in Lucinda, Pa.

All members and their families are invited to attend. We hope to see you there so that you can enjoy a wonderful fraternal evening with us.

If you have any questions about this event, or if you need assistance with your questions about life insurance or annuities, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

In Memoriam

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

MAY 2016

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Frank J. Cavaliere
Marie Dighello
Thomas G. Pohorilak
0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Virginia G. Way
0013 TRENTON, NJ
Ella McDermott
Josephina M. Reyes
0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Carol A. Horvath
Irma Kovach
Patricia Rutkowski
0015 CHICAGO, IL
Julian Mucek

0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
William D. Crist
Rosemary A. Janashousky
Assunta Marco
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Margaret Small
0023 POCAHONTAS, WV
William Mueller
0024 CHICAGO, IL
Lillian V. Rozak
0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Gladys M. Buksar
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Loretta Wesolek
0040 MARTINS FERRY, WV
Martha Nagy
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Jennie Mosca
0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Arthur Barillo

0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Edward A. Decker, Jr.
0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA
Richard E. Umstead
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Mary Boros
Irene Laslo
Esther O'Leary
Andrew W. Szoke
0174 SCRANTON, PA
Helen R. Richie
0189 ALLIANCE, OH
Richard E. Brady
0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Charles G. Chiki
0226 McKEESPORT, PA
Cecelia C. Pfefferkorn
0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Grace K. Danka
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0720 DEDHAM, MA
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Carole A. Lutton
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0723 WORCESTER, MA
Helen M. Hayward
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Nettie B. Bach
Jenny M. Dewkett
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Margaret S. Sopcheck
Robert P. Weido

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through Premium Payments MAY 2016

Branch - Donor - Amount
1 - Rita Nardecchia - \$5.00
8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$5.00
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26 - Marie S. Logue - \$2.00
28 - Sandor Tollas Jr. - \$4.63
28 - Lori A. Garovich-Szabo - \$0.09
28 - Mary Vargo - \$3.00
28 - Christine M. Allison - \$3.10
28 - Garry W. Allison - \$3.56
28 - Frank Schauer - \$6.10

34 - Linda R. Units - \$20.00
59 - Margaret I. Martin - \$2.00
89 - Tracy B. Findlay - \$3.06
129 - Lance M. Westcamp - \$4.50
159 - William Scherfel IV - \$1.71
226 - Doris Stipkovits - \$10.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$10.00
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
226 - Sarah A. Kish - \$25.00
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352 - Gabriel S. Tokos - \$1.00
352 - Stephen J. Hornyak - \$5.00
352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$10.00
352 - Justin L. McKinsey - \$1.34
352 - Julie R. Smilak - \$25.00
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800 - Victor E. Ballash - \$5.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$4.00
TOTAL for Month = \$205.09

Additional Donations MAY 2016

Donor - Amount
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$225.00
TOTAL for Month = \$225.00

Donations In Memoriam MAY 2016

Donor - Amount
(In Memory of)
M/M Joseph Conte - \$20.00
(Arthur Barillo)
Geraldine Davenport - \$100.00
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(Arthur Barillo, Sr.)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Charles T.
Nagy, Gerald Chizmadia, Betty
Jane Livingston & Charles Roelant)
Br. 26 Sharon, PA - 100.00
(Deceased Members)
Br. 51 Passaic, NJ - \$100.00
(Arthur Barillo)

TOTAL for Month = \$795.00

Donations Received From Annual Bowling Tournament Received as of May 13, 2016

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(In Memory of, if applicable)
Noreen Fritz - \$33.00
Dora S. McKinsey - \$76.00
TOTAL for Month = \$109.00

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Puzzle Contest #133 with Lizzy Cseh

Ferenc Illy and the espresso machine

On a family trip to Hungary, I noticed the hot beverage of choice was espresso. I began to wonder why a certain Italian espresso maker is found everywhere in Hungary? Each commercial establishment had an espresso maker with the "illy" logo prominently displayed. Illy is a mark of distinction and high quality, similar to what Cadillac is in the automobile industry.

I have discovered that although identified as an Italian invention, the perfection, standardization and consistent quality of the espresso consumed by millions every day is due, in part, to a Hungarian who loved to drink espresso.

Ferenc Illy was born in 1892 in Temesvár, Hungary (now part of Romania). He studied economics in his hometown and in Vienna, but at the age of 22 was drafted by the Hungarian Army. Illy was deployed to Italy fighting for the Central Powers in World War I. While a soldier, he sampled a variety of local versions of espresso and learned that each brewed cup was made one at a time utilizing a labor-intensive, multi-step process.

Following the war, Illy decided to join his sister in Trieste. There, he worked in various coffeehouses, learning how to roast and brew coffee. For over a decade, he tinkered with inventing the perfect espresso brewing machine. In 1933, Illy opened a coffee shop and introduced his own version of an espresso maker. Two years later he patented the "Illetta Pressurized Espresso Machine" and began to mass produce the Illetta for sale to other coffeehouses in Italy. The popularity of the machine spread like wildfire throughout the peninsula.

Illy often visited relatives in Hungary and would always bring an Illetta machine along to demonstrate it to potential buyers there. The coffeehouses of Budapest became the single largest purchasers of these machines outside of Italy.

Illy passed away in 1956. His son Ernő expanded the company to include worldwide distribution, other coffee specialties and a wide range of coffee makers.

The July 2016 word search is dedicated to Ferenc Illy, yet another Magyar innovator who through perseverance and hard work made life a little better for all of us! There are 18 CLUES. Have a happy Independence Day!

Éljen a Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #130 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #130 were drawn June 6, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Dalnoki, Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ
Carolyn R. Huffman, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Suzanne T. Macsisak, Br. 725 Springfield, MA
Margaret Molcsany, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #133 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Ferenc Illy" Word List

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Central Powers	Illetta	Patent
Economics	Illy	Pressurized
Ernő	Italy	Roasting
Espresso	Káv	Temesvár
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RULES

1. ALL WPA 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 #133
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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

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June 30, 2016

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Protecting the privacy of your personal, financial and medical information has always been, and will continue to be, a matter of top priority for us. When used in this notice, the following terms have the meaning shown.

- "Public information" means information that we believe is lawfully available to the general public from: federal, state or local government records; widely distributed media; or, disclosures to the general public that are required to be made by federal, state or local law.

- "Non-public information" means personally identifiable financial and medical information. It also means any list, description or other grouping of individuals, and publicly available information pertaining to them, that is derived from any personally identifiable information that is not publicly available.

- "Consumer reporting agency" means an entity which regularly provides reports (consumer reports) including information regarding an individual's general reputation, character, personal characteristics or mode of living and financial status. The information may be obtained through interviews with the individual or third parties such as the individual's business associates, family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or financial sources.

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

- information that you provide to us in an application or other form;
- information about your transactions with us (such as premium payments, loans, claims, etc.) or others; and
- information that we may receive from a consumer reporting agency.

We do not disclose any personal, non-public information about you to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We will not disclose personal medical information about you, except as permitted by law or as you may authorize.

We restrict access to your personal, insurance and medical information to those of our employees who need to know that information in order to provide insurance or service to you. We are, and will continue to be, vigilant in the safeguarding of your personal, financial and medical information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with federal and state regulations regarding the safeguarding of non-public information.

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may write to us at William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, or call our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and social security number.