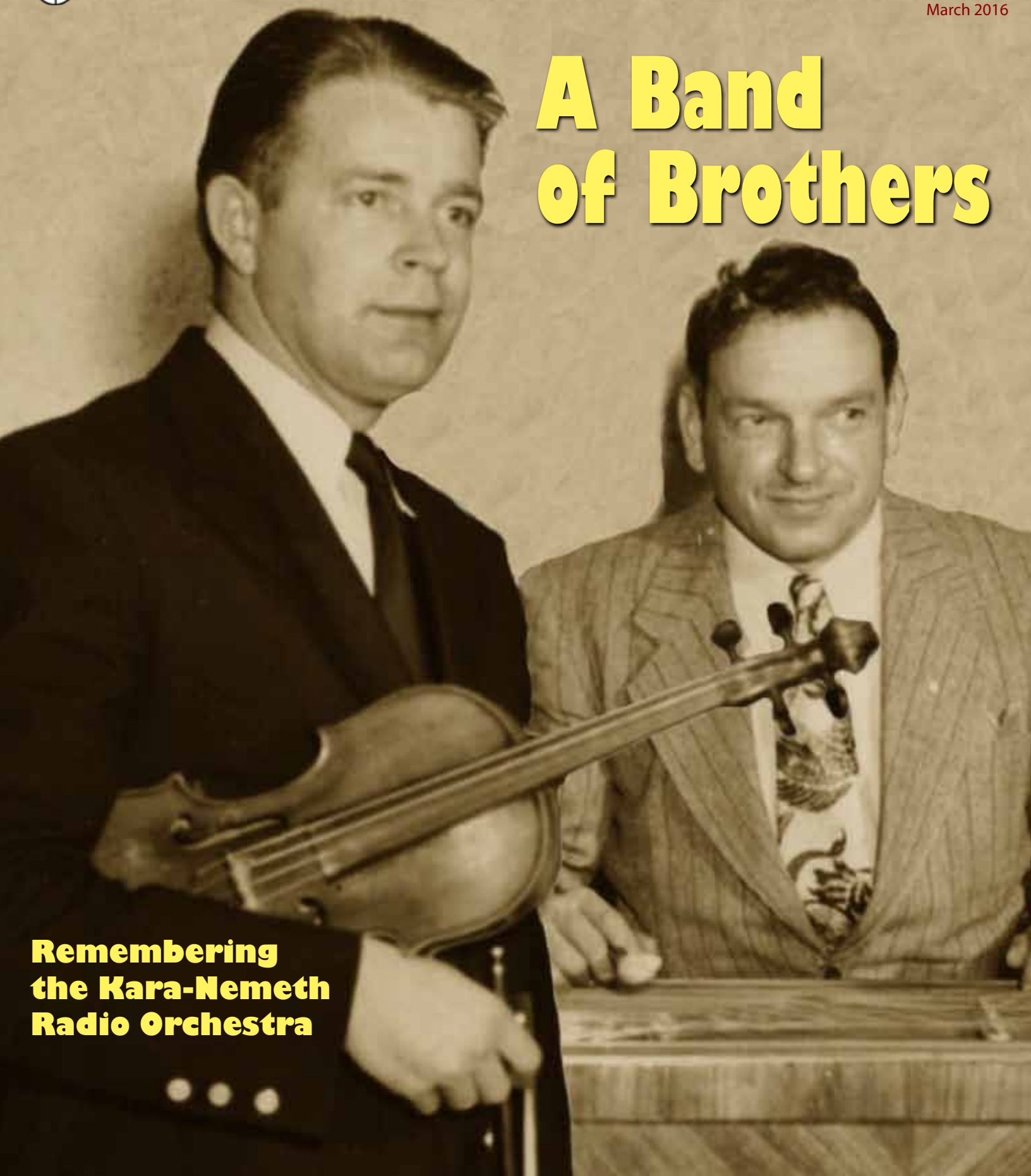




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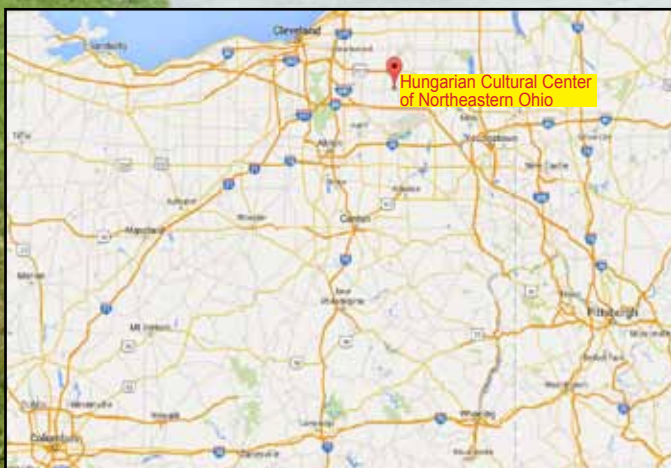


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Branches begin to Join Hands Against Hunger

PITTSBURGH -- WPA members and branches are enthusiastically responding to the Association's call to Join Hands Against Hunger.

That's important because the need is great and growing. As fraternalists, it is part of our mission to help those in need and why WPA is once again conducting its Join Hands Against Hunger program.

From now through the end of March, we're calling upon our members and branches to donate non-perishable items to local food banks.

Branches can receive from the Home Office matching funds of up to \$50 for participating in this program.

We ask all branches participating in this program to send a photo of your branch's volunteers and/or donations which will be published in *William Penn Life*.

The deadline for submitting matching funds reimbursement forms, receipts and photographs is April 1.

If you have any questions, please contact Judit Ganchuk toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149.

Date changed for Br. 336 golf outing

HARRISBURG -- The date for this year's Branch 336 annual golf outing and picnic has been changed. The event will be held on Saturday, July 30. More information about this event will be announced soon, but in the meantime, save the new date.

Easter Basket program to aid families in need

WPA ENCOURAGES OUR BRANCHES nationwide to spread the Fraternal Spirit this Lenten season by participating in our Easter Basket program. This fraternal effort is similar to our Holiday Basket program, in that we request our branches to gather their members, create baskets filled with non-perishable food and household items, then donate the baskets to people in need in their community.

You can turn this into a branch event, filled with friends and fellowship and even some refreshments. It's another way for you to keep your branch active and positively impact your local community.

Branches can put all their energy and generosity into one cheery Easter Basket for one family in need or create several smaller baskets which could be given to several families or to a local charity, such as a local senior care home, for distribution to those in need.

To help bolster your branch's efforts, the Home Office will reimburse each branch participating in the program up to \$50, allowing you to purchase even more goods for those in need.

Please send information, receipts and photos of your branch's participation in the Easter Basket program to the Home Office by April 10, so that your participation can be reported in the May issue of *William Penn Life*.

With your branch's participation in this program, William Penn Association can remain a dynamic part of your community and continue to grow for the next 130 years.

For more information about the Easter Basket program, contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office by phone at 1-800-838-7366, Ext. 128, or via email at mkelly@williampennassociation.org. □



Are your beneficiaries up to date

We can't stress enough the importance of regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates. It is the only way to ensure that the people you want to receive the benefits of your life insurance are the ones who will receive it. If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates--either primary or secondary beneficiaries--contact your WPA representative, or call our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 102.





How to avoid the 1099

WITH TAX SEASON UPON US, I thought it would be a good time to reiterate the advantages of electing the *paid-up insurance* (PUI) option on life insurance certificate dividends.

In January, many of you received a 1099 form. This form reports to the IRS the taxable income members earned during 2015 from dividends on their life insurance certificates. A great way to avoid paying taxes on these dividends is to change your dividend election to the PUI option. This option applies your annual cash dividend towards the purchase of additional paid-up life insurance, which is a *non-taxable* transaction.

For example, let's say you earned a \$25 cash dividend on your WPA life insurance certificate last year. Now, based on your age and the size of your insurance plan, you can use that \$25 to purchase an additional \$100 of paid-up insurance. This feature, albeit on a smaller scale, is similar to an inflation-fighter rider through which dividends are used to increase your total insurance coverage year after year. The additional insurance coverage your dividends purchase might not seem like much at first, but over time the growth can be substantial. Remember, the figures I

gave are only an example; the amount of additional paid-up insurance *your* dividends can purchase depends on a number of factors.

In any case, since no underwriting is required, the added insurance coverage is provided regardless of any health issues that you may develop over the years. Plus, this paid-up insurance, along with the face amount of coverage in the certificate, represents a *tax-free* benefit to your beneficiaries.

Though dividends are not guaranteed, WPA continues to offer generous dividends on many certificates, dividends which have become even more valuable during these years of low interest rates.

Please note, all accumulated dividends within your certificate, if any, must be withdrawn prior to changing to the PUI option. However, the withdrawal of these dividends are *tax-exempt* since you had already paid taxes in prior years.

If you wish to eliminate the yearly tax forms and paying taxes on your dividends, contact us at 1-800-848-7366 and request a change to the PUI option.

Til next time! □

Letter

Thank you for remembering Roger

As most of you are already aware, on Sept. 24th, 2015, we lost not only a member of the WPA Board of Directors, but a beloved husband, brother, father and friend in the passing of Roger G. Nagy. Roger was dedicated to both the financial success and the fraternal spirit embodied in William Penn Association. The depth of that commitment was reflected in the outpouring of condolences and remembrances from many members of the Association in the weeks that followed.

At the 38th General Convention, our family was quite taken by the overwhelming number of those who made donations to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation in memory of Roger. We do not know if we will ever be able to thank each and every one of you personally, but we would like to now thank all of you for your condolences, prayers, and memorialization of Roger. The Mardi Gras

beads provided to all of the delegates were also a touching tribute, as many times Roger had brought beads to previous Conventions.

One other thing that Roger was well known for was his chocolate chip cookies that he would often bring to the Home Office and other WPA events. He loved sharing the cookies but was always quite secretive about the recipe.

Now that he is no longer with us, the Nagy family has decided that one way to remember Roger, is to share his secret recipe with all. Think of Roger when you bake the cookies, and share with family and friends in the same spirit of fraternalism that Roger was so dedicated to.

Thank you, one and all.

Fraternally,

The Family of Roger G. Nagy

Roger Nagy's Chocolate Chip Cookies

½ cup rolled oats
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup butter (could be room temp)
¾ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
¾ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
½ teaspoon lemon juice
2 extra large eggs
3 cups Ghirardelli bittersweet chocolate chips
2 cups chopped walnuts (optional)

Grind oats in food processor or blender until fine. Combine the oats, flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon, sifting the flour.

With an electric mixer, cream butter and sugars. Add vanilla and lemon juice. Add eggs and mix till smooth. Add dry ingredients and mix till well combined. Add chocolate chips and nuts and mix until well incorporated. (You may need to use a dough hook.) Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake golf ball sized balls on parchment paper at least two inches apart. This size cookie is usually done in 13 minutes, but will vary based on size.

Cool on a rack and ENJOY!



reasons why life insurance should be in your portfolio

REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE of your estate, your asset classes should be as diversified as possible. Life insurance is often overlooked as a viable asset class, one that can solve many financial headaches. Life insurance can pay final expenses and debts, help ensure inheritance equalization, provide collateral for loans, maximize your pension and help with your loved ones' educational expenses.

So, this month, I'd like to get back to the basics and discuss the top 10 reasons why life insurance should be a part of *your* overall plan:

1) Safe, predictable results. Unlike other assets, life insurance typically provides an unbeatable internal rate of return when compared to other investments. For a very small premium, your benefits far outweigh the cost.

2) Ensuring your legacy. A policy certificate can be set up to pay your beneficiary (or many beneficiaries) a specified, guaranteed amount regardless of any market fluctuations. You have complete control over who gets

what. You can even skip generations and pass assets directly to grandchildren or great-grandchildren, if so desired.

3) Income tax freedom. Insurance death benefits can be passed directly to the named beneficiaries by contract, not by will, thus avoiding any income taxation on distributions at your death.

4) No market worries. With ordinary life (or whole life) insurance, there is no need to worry about stock market fluctuations impacting your insurance cash values or death benefits. This helps you sleep better at night!

5) Growth potential and inflation protection. Purchasing a policy that pays an annual dividend (also known as a "participating policy") can help increase the value of your death benefit by using the dividend to purchase paid-up additional insurance. This is an option that you can choose when you purchase your policy, or you can add this option to an existing policy. Call your agent or WPA for details on choosing this option.

6) Liquidity. Life insurance is easily converted to cash at the time of death. It is a quick, private transaction and will not require an attorney or accountant to process the paperwork. You also have access to any cash build-up within the policy at all times.

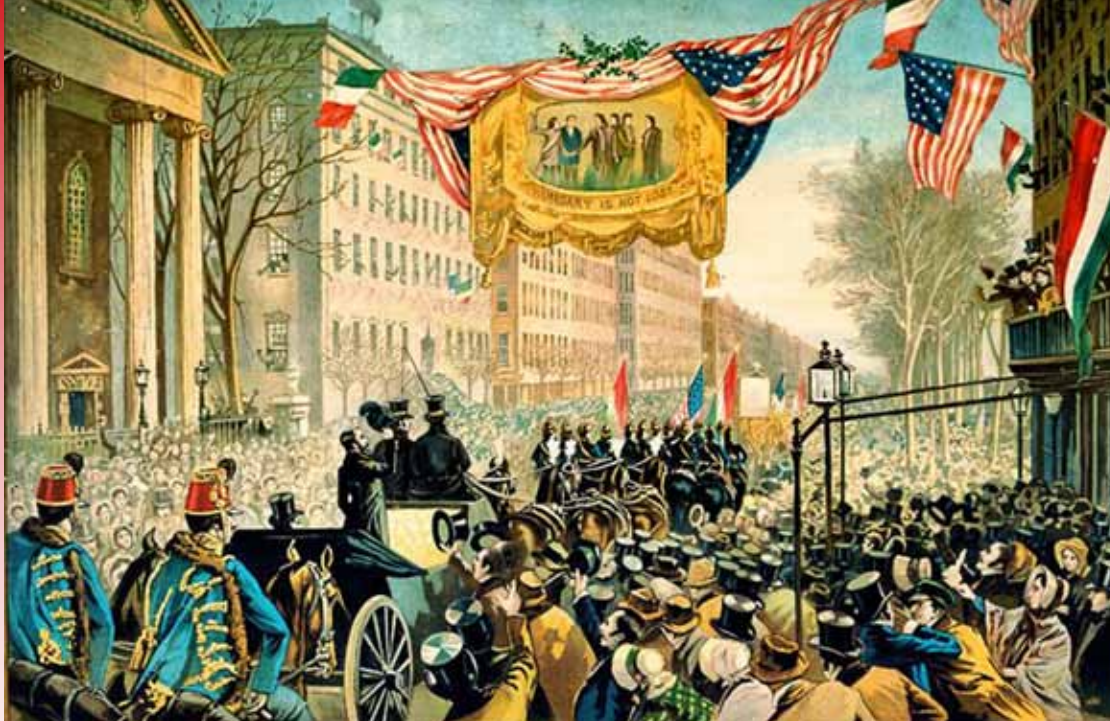
7) Avoids probate. Not only does the insurance benefit pass directly to your named beneficiaries, it also bypasses the costly and time-consuming process of probate. And the proceeds are delivered without any fees, taxes or transfer costs.

8) May avoid estate taxes. Many members purchase life insurance to offset or avoid estate or inheritance taxes. No other asset offers this immediate estate tax advantage.

9) Pension "maximization" or spousal offset at retirement. Many members are faced with some difficult decisions as they approach retirement. Should I take my full pension? Or, should I take a reduced pension and leave my spouse with a reduced amount at my passing? Oftentimes, it makes sense to consider taking your full pension and purchase a life insurance policy to fund the spousal portion. Choosing this option usually provides you with more flexibility and options but has to be chosen prior to making your pension choice. Consult your tax advisor, your WPA agent or WPA's Home Office if you are nearing retirement and want to explore these options prior to making a pension choice.

10) Having adequate coverage gives you "peace of mind insurance." No other asset class gives you the peace of mind that having properly structured life insurance coverage can give you. You can rest assured that all of your obligations and promises will be met without having to worry about market fluctuations or changes in the interest rates.

As you can see, there are many viable reasons why life insurance should be part of your overall estate plan. Why not call your WPA agent today to have a complete review of your needs and consider purchasing more life insurance to complete your plan? Don't have an agent? Call the Home Office, and we'll have one assigned to you.



Kossuth in America

The Hungarian leader received a hero's welcome on visit to the U.S.

by Judit Ganchuk

Lajos Kossuth was a strong political leader in Hungary's past who played a small part in America's history as well. Hungarians around the world solemnly remember Kossuth, the 1848 Revolution and the defeat to the Austrians every March 15th with commemoration programs and pageantry.

The 1848 Revolution started after a group of political reformers saw that liberty from the oppressive Austrian Empire was the only way Hungary could progress like the rest of Europe. Inspired by the French Revolution, Kossuth found the strength to demand freedom from Austria's monarchy, and on March 15, 1848, hosted a large public demonstration in Budapest.

At this demonstration, the famous poet Sándor Petőfi recited the poem, *Nemzeti Dal* (National Song), stating "Talpra magyar, hí a haza! Itt az idő, most vagy soha!" for the large crowd. The words translate to: "Stand up, Hungarian, the homeland calls! The time is here, now or never!" This poem still resonates as a piece of Hungarians' national identity.

Kossuth and the other leaders stood fast in their new-found freedom as long as they could. In May 1849, the Russians began supporting the Austrians' fight against the Hungarians and by August the revolution was over.

Kossuth was not able to watch Hungary feebly return to a monarchy, so he left. But soon after he began his treacherous journey across Europe and Asia Minor, he was arrested and imprisoned in present-day Turkey.

Once word of Kossuth's arrest reached the United States, President Millard Fillmore and Congress requested the Hungarian hero be released. Kossuth, grateful and freed, sailed to Great Britain first and eventually arrived in the U.S. in 1851. He toured the country, making many public appearances and pleading for financial and political

support for the liberty and freedom of his fellow Hungarians.

On Dec. 5, 1851, President Fillmore entertained Kossuth. The next day, the hero of freedom arrived in New York to a reception depicted in the painting above, "When Kossuth Rode up Broadway." Later, Abraham Lincoln and Ralph Waldo Emerson also met with Kossuth before he returned to Great Britain in the summer of 1852.

Kossuth left a deep mark on many Americans during his brief time here. Pittsburgh residents felt a special connection to Kossuth after he visited the city from Jan. 22 to 31, 1852. While in the city, he stayed at the St. Charles Hotel, located on a part of the present-day campus of Point Park University. Today, a plaque at the campus building's front entrance commemorates the visit.

In February 1852, Kossuth expressed his thoughts on the essence of democracy in a speech to the Ohio State Legislature. His words were echoed 11 years later by Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address: "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government [should be] of the people, by the people, for the people, [and] shall not perish from the earth."

As if that were not enough proof of the indelible mark he left on Americans, there are neighborhoods, cities and counties in the U.S. named after Kossuth, including locations in Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

March 15 has been and will continue to be observed by Hungarians worldwide as their "Liberty Day" and as a time for reflection. Though often not mentioned in high school textbooks, Kossuth remains a hero to Hungarian-Americans as a fighter for civil liberties 168 years later.

"When Kossuth Rode Up Broadway" courtesy of Anderson Kiraly & Co., Museum of the City of New York.



Do you remember....

EACH TIME I COME HOME to Ohio, a box or two of toys, school papers or other things from my childhood return with me to D.C. My parents are notorious savers and have delegated me to "cull the herd" of what was saved on my behalf.

On my most recent visit home, my *apa* insisted that I take back two boxes. Each of the cardboard containers was constructed to hold 50 pounds of letter-size copier paper, but now held a collection of old media materials. My dad helped me cram the parcels into a corner of the back seat of my 2008 Mustang--a car designed for sleekness and speed, not a large payload. Before I departed, my father told me the boxes were from his parents, who had saved all kinds of material from the many American-Hungarian places they visited over the years. He told me to go through them at my leisure as each piece would give me an indication of how much activity took place in those ethnic communities.

When I returned to D.C., I put the boxes in a remote corner of my apartment. I had forgotten about them until "The Great Blizzard of 2016," which left me a home bound prisoner for six days, trapped behind more than two feet of snow. The incarceration was an easy stint as there was plenty of food, warmth and an ample amount Csoti Palinka. My imprisonment was a timely and much appreciated hiatus from the everyday hustle and bustle and afforded me an uninterrupted opportunity to relax, reflect and research.

On the third day of this unheralded vacation, I decided to see what exactly was inside the two neatly packed boxes of layered newsprint. To my surprise I found literally hundreds of newspaper articles, flyers, posters, church bulletins and magazine supplements, all having a connection to the various American-Hungarian communities.

As I began to examine each particular piece, I decided to sort each by geographical area. After two days

of quick reading and analysis, the final product yielded nine different stacks, with the following cities/states and their surrounding areas each assigned a stack:

1. Connecticut
2. New York City
3. New Jersey
4. Pittsburgh
5. Youngstown
6. Cleveland
7. Detroit
8. Canada
9. Other Areas

Looking at the stacks, I wondered how it must have been to meet the people, seen the places, heard the music and experienced the events described in each. I then wondered how many of *you* remember the people, places and things described in my collection of clippings.

For you readers in Connecticut, do you remember:

- St. Stephen's Grove
- The Demshak Zenekar
- The Kossuth Masonic Association
- Rózsika and László
- The Hungarian Community Club of Wallingford
- Holy Cross
- Magyar Studies of America on WSHU-91.1 FM
- The First Hungarian Reformed Church
- Gypsy Springs
- The Continental Restaurant
- The Joseph Magyar Orchestra
- Holy Trinity
- Temple Ahavath Achim
- Julius Boros
- The "Hungarian Favorites" show every Sunday on WDJZ- 530 AM

Point to Ponder....

I have had to ask myself what to do with the contents within the two boxes I mention in this month's *Take*? Most of the items are deteriorating because they are made of paper, which naturally breaks down over a relatively short period of time. Many of the items are very interesting, but do they merit keeping? I have some sentimental attachment to the items because of their links to family and my ethnicity, not to mention my own love of history. And, I have asked myself how many of these items are final copies with all others having either been thrown out or destroyed.

Many of you have experienced, will eventually experience, a similar dilemma. You may attempt to pass down a collection of favorite items to someone, or you will acquire a collection from a loved one or friend. While the collection may have meant a great deal to you or the person who assembled it, that collection may not have the same value or appeal to the person receiving it. How did/will you handle such a collection you give away or receive? Send me your ideas or solutions. - Tibor



Or, for you dear readers in the New York City area, do you remember:

- Zimmerman's Restaurant
- Koleszar Music Store
- The Little Hungary Section
- Yorkville Meat Emporium
- The Red Tulip Restaurant
- H. Roth Hungarian Importers
- Hazám Record Company
- Hungarian Workers' Home
- Request Hungarian Recording
- Gipsy Land
- Magyar Radio on WNWK-105.9 FM
- The Debrecen Restaurant
- Eva's
- Paprikás Weiss Importers
- *Amerikai Magyarság*
- The Hungarian Pastry Shop
- Duna Records
- *Munkáslap*
- Plymouth European Recording Company
- András Cafe

And, for those of you in the New Jersey area, do you remember:

- Goldie's Restaurant
- "Hungarian Melody Time" on WCTC-1450 AM
- The Budapest Cafe
- Rutgers University Hungarian Studies Program
- The "Hungarian Rhapsody" radio show on every Sunday on WJAM-1530 AM
- Rákóczi Foundation International
- The Hungarian Heritage Center
- The Franklin Park Inn

- Marta's Hungarian Restaurant
- Boro Ford
- Chardas Hungarian Restaurant
- Fugazy Travel Agency
- Aranka's
- Paprika Hungarian Restaurant
- The Coachman
- The Hungarian Meat Center
- Toth's Meats
- Sipos Bakery
- Bethlen Press
- The Transylvania Inn
- The American-Hungarian Citizens Club of Rahway
- The Hungarian-American Athletic Club
- The Hungarian Citizens League of Garfield
- The American-Hungarian Citizens Club of Woodbridge

Yes, there was a lot to do and experience Magyar-style in these areas, as there was throughout many areas of this great country. I apologize if there were things not mentioned, but I listed only what I found mentioned in the two boxes of material compiled by my grandparents. Just as only 15 percent of an iceberg is exposed above the water line, it is safe to say there are reminders of much of the American Hungarian community's past that remains hidden from current view.

I hope to further explore the remaining six areas I mentioned earlier in a future *Tibor's Take*. I also hope you enjoyed this trip down Memory Lane. If you had a personal experience with any of the people, places and other items mentioned, please drop me a note so I may be further enlightened. My email is: SilverKing1937@yahoo.com.

Éljen az Amerikai-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@gmail.com, or drop me a letter in care of the William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.



A little Hungarian on the side

Over the years, I have introduced a number of my friends to the pleasures of Hungarian cuisine. I wouldn't be surprised if sales of kolbász have increased 20 percent nationally over the past 10 years based solely on the number of converts I have won over to the garlicky-peppery sausage.

But, not everyone falls in love with Magyar food so readily. Sometimes, a more gradual strategy is necessary. Rather than placing a full Hungarian meal before these paprika-deprived souls, I wean them into the fold. I'll serve them a main course with which they are already familiar paired with a Magyar-inspired side dish. Dishes like Mushroom Paprikás or Paprika Potatoes provide a gentle introduction to Hungarian food.

One of the wonderful things about these side dishes is that they allow you to add a bit of Hungarian culinary flair to just about any meal without overpowering the main course. But, I find that even more assertive dishes, like lecsó, work well with a variety of meats and fishes.

And, remember, pairing good Hungarian wines with your meal is always smart.

Below are a few side dishes for you to try on your non-Hungarian friends. As always, the recipes come from WPA's cookbook, *A Taste of Hungarian Heaven*, which you can own by sending a donation of \$20 made payable to: WPFA Scholarship Foundation, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

Lecsó

2 green peppers
2 red peppers
2 yellow peppers
4 tomatoes
1 large onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons oil
2 tablespoons Hungarian paprika
Kosher salt & black pepper, to taste

Wash all the vegetables and pat dry with paper towels. To prepare tomatoes, cut out the core and drop them into boiling water for a minute. Remove from water and let cool. Skin should easily peel away when scraped with a paring knife. Cut skinned tomatoes into quarters. Cut peppers into strips and onion into thin slices. In a skillet, heat the olive oil and sweat the garlic and onions. Add paprika and stir well. Add peppers and cook until they are limp. Add tomatoes and cook until they become soft. Adjust seasoning and serve hot.

Paprika Potatoes

3-4 medium size potatoes, cubed
(enough for 2½ cups)
2 tablespoons bacon fat
1 large onion, chopped
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1¼ cups thick sour cream
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Heat the bacon fat in a heavy, 10-inch skillet. Add the chopped onion and cook over low heat until onion

RECIPES

becomes transparent, stirring occasionally. Mix together the paprika, salt and pepper, then add to the onions. Remove skillet from heat and blend in the sour cream, stirring vigorously. Add the potatoes and cook over low heat about 30 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Do not boil. Occasionally turn potatoes in sauce. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve.

Rántott Krumpli Rudacskák (Fried Potato Sticks)

4-5 potatoes
2 heaping tablespoons butter
5 heaping tablespoons flour
3 eggs
2 heaping tablespoons bread crumbs
¼ pound shortening
Salt, to taste

Boil potatoes, remove skins and mash. Add salt. In another pot, melt the butter over low heat, then add flour but do not brown. Add mashed potatoes and mix well. Remove from heat. Add two eggs, one at a time. Beat well. Place on a floured board. Divide into pieces that are easy to handle. Roll each piece lightly with palm of hand until you have a rounded strip about the thickness of your finger. Cut up strips into 2-inch pieces. Take third egg and beat in a small bowl. Dip dough pieces into

beaten egg then into bread crumbs. Fry until golden brown. Serve with any kind of meat and gravy.

Mushroom Paprikás

¼ cup shortening
2 medium onions, chopped
1 pound fresh mushrooms
1 tablespoon paprika
1 cup chicken broth
Salt, to taste

Heat shortening in a skillet, then add onions and simmer. Remove from heat and add paprika. Wash mushrooms and cut in half. Add to onions and pour in broth. Return skillet to heat. Cook until mushrooms are tender, about 15 minutes.

Sour Cream Spinach

2 pounds spinach
3 tablespoons butter or shortening
2½ tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
OR 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
½ pint sour cream
Salt & pepper, to taste

Wash spinach and cook in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain well, saving some of the water for use later. Melt shortening in a saucepan. Stir in flour. Blend well and brown lightly. Remove from stove; add the spinach and garlic powder. (If using garlic clove, remove it before serving.) Add three tablespoons of saved water to the sour cream and blend well. Add this mixture to the spinach. Season to taste and bring to a boil. If too thick, add more of the saved water. Serve.



Artist George Kozmon works on one of his "primal and inorganic" landscapes.

Exhibition explores artist's use of landscape as metaphor

CLEVELAND -- "Kozmon: Primal Topography," a dynamic series of paintings, drawings and digital works by George Kozmon is now on display at the Cleveland Hungarian Museum, 1309 E. 9th St., Cleveland.

The exhibit explores the use of "primal and inorganic landscape as metaphor." It runs until May 31.

Kozmon, an internationally collected artist, is best known for his monumental architectural paintings, which have been widely exhibited and critically acclaimed throughout the U.S. and abroad.

He is the recipient of numerous awards including The National Endowment for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship, and four Ohio Arts Council Grants.

His resume reflects over 30 solo exhibitions in commercial, academic and institutional venues, and over 100 two-person, invitational, and group shows.

Mr. Kozmon's work is found in numerous public and private collections, including the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Akron Art Museum, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cologne, Germany, IBM's office in Armonk, N.Y., and the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio.

One of his most well known project's was *Cloudscape*, an ambitious 8-by 80-foot canvas, painted on-site for Ingenuity Fest 2013, the premier art and technology event in Ohio.

Mr. Kozmon is the director of the Cain Park Arts Festival in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He also owns, operates and directs his own gallery (Thrive, an artspace), teaches, lectures, curates exhibitions for various institutions, serves on several non-profit boards, and is an active contributor to the culture of greater Cleveland.

For more information about the exhibit, call the museum at 216-523-3900.

In Brief

Cabbage Rolls for Sale

HIRAM, OH -- The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio is accepting orders for its homemade Hungarian stuffed cabbage rolls, prepared by the Cultural Center's cooks. Price is \$20 per dozen. The rolls are sold uncooked, but come with the recipe and extra shredded cabbage included. Orders for more than four dozen must be pre-paid. Deadline for all orders is March 3. Pick up will be on Tuesday, March 8, at St. John's Byzantine Church, 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, Ohio. To place your order, call either Beverly at 216-475-2920 or Linda at 440-248-4530. All proceeds will benefit the HCCNEO's building fund.


Paprika Ball

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel (CHDP) will host its 26th Annual Paprika Ball on Saturday, March 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, located in downtown Cleveland. The theme for the annual black tie event will honor "The Fine Arts of Hungarians" in collaboration with The Cleveland Museum of Art. The event includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment, a silent auction and dancing to the music of Harmonia. Individual tickets are available for \$200, \$300, and \$500 while tables of eight are available starting at \$2,500. For more information, call 216-295-9234.

Lady Locks for Easter

DUQUESNE, PA -- Satisfy your sweet tooth this Easter with some lady locks from the Hungarian Reformed Church of Duquesne, located at 1411 Kennedy Ave., Duquesne, Pa. The church is taking orders for the homemade treats until March 9. Cost is \$7 per dozen. To order your lady locks, call 412-469-2185.

A Band of Brothers



KARA-NEMETH RADIO ORCH.

by Tibor Check, Jr.
& John E. Lovasz

Every song has a story," Peter Kara once said, and what glorious stories the cimbalom player and his band, the Kara-Nemeth Radio Orchestra, told for more than six decades in and around northern New Jersey and New York City.

The stories they told through their music were "mostly sad," Kara said in an interview with *The News Tribune* of Woodbridge, N.J., back in the early 1980s. "Our people are a sentimental people. As musicians, we play it sad. But, we follow this up with something lively, and people want to go right into a dance. Our music is like life is, and we tell through our music that the bitter and the sweet go together."

Kara began performing those bittersweet stories in the 1920s when he and his brother, violinist Julius, formed a six-piece *ifjúsági zenekar* (youth orchestra). That unit quickly grew into a 12-piece orchestra known as the Kara Brothers Royal Hussars.

Around the same time, another family began performing in the same area of New Jersey. Members of the Nemeth family--brother Tony and Louis on violin, their brother John on bass, and sister Irene on piano--were busy establishing fans of their own.

Over time, however, both bands went through

changes, as various members either moved away or took on obligations that prevented them from performing.

Eventually, the two bands merged, forming the Kara-Nemeth Radio Orchestra. The "radio" part of the name came from their performances on the Hungarian music show broadcast on radio station WCTC-1450 AM in central New Jersey. Peter Kara would go on to host "Hungarian Melody Time" for more than 35 years.

WPA member Helen Peter Bercik remembers the orchestra well. "My aunt and uncle lived on the same street with them in New Brunswick--Julius Kara on one corner and the Nemeth family on the other," she said. "I've known them since I was 12 years old."

In the late 40s, the orchestra's popularity rose immensely as a great number of Hungarian immigrants moved to central New Jersey, Bercik said. "We looked forward to Saturday nights in New Brunswick, Carteret, Woodbridge and the surrounding areas. We made new friends and followed the band wherever they were playing," she said. "So many young people met [at these performances] and ultimately married, dozens." The band even played at Bercik's own wedding in 1955.

That period marked the height of the band's noto-



TOP, LEFT: The origins of the orchestra date back to the 1920s, when the Kara Brothers Royal Hussars Orchestra was formed. ABOVE: The line-up most remember from the 1950s and 1960s consisted of (from left) Julius Kara, Tony Nemeth, Peter Kara, Louis Nemeth, Heinz Tischouser and John Nemeth (standing, right). LEFT: In the 1980s, the orchestra welcomed a new primas, Stephen Chubak, and performed as the Chubak-Kara-Nemeth Orchestra.

riety. There were few weekends during the 1950s and 1960s when the Kara-Nemeth Radio Orchestra was not playing somewhere in New Jersey or New York. It was also the time of the band's most familiar line-up: Peter Kara on cimbalom, Tony Nemeth on first violin, Julius Nemeth on second violin, Louis Nemeth on violin and guitar, John Nemeth on bass and Heinz Tischouser on accordion.

As the years passed, other musicians would be part of the orchestra, including Michael Hegedus on bass and Rudy Sebestain on saxophone and violin. The band also featured several vocalists, including Steve Chonka.

When Stephen Chubak replaced Tony Nemeth on first violin, the band became known as the Chubak-Kara-Nemeth Orchestra, the name under which it continued performing into the early 1990s.

Even in its later years, the band was winning over audiences. After performing at a Christmas ball in 1981 hosted by the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta in New Brunswick, Peter Kara received a letter from the chapter praising the band. "I've attended affairs at the White House and have heard music there, but without a doubt the Chubak-Kara-Nemeth Radio Orchestra has got to be one of the finest

band of music makers in the nation," wrote William A. Maszer. "One of the counts who attended the ball stated that you were better than a band that played for the Order at a ball in a palace in Austria."

In addition to their busy performing schedule, the orchestra produced a number of recordings. Among those was the album "Hungarian Memories" featuring Paul Javor and Jenő Mate, on which the Kara-Nemeth Orchestra provides the music for side one.

But, the band was perhaps best remembered for the song, "Kék Nefelejcs" ("Blue Forget-me-nots"), which the orchestra used as its theme song for more than six decades. "It used to be sung by our vocalist Steve Chonka," Peter Kara told *The News Tribune*. "We broadcast our music now but without a vocalist to bring out our stories."

Kara and his orchestra may no longer be around to tell those stories, but for generations of Hungarians who heard them, they will never be forgotten.

(Our thanks to Helen Peter Bercik and Margaret Starkey, daughter of band members Louis Nemeth, for providing photographs, news clippings and personal accounts for this article.)

WPA Annual Bowling Tournament

April 29-30 • Washington, PA

Members and friends of WPA are invited to join us for a weekend of family fun during our Annual Bowling Tournament, Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, PA, just south of Pittsburgh. Accommodations will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Meadow Lands, which is within walking distance of the casino. WPA's special room rate for the weekend is \$139 per night. To reserve your room, call the hotel at 724-222-6200 or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. As bowlers and guests arrive on Friday evening, WPA will have a reception room set up at the hotel. You are welcome to visit our reception room where you can enjoy soft drinks and pastries. Everyone will be free to spend the evening enjoying all the exciting games and amenities of The Meadows or shopping at the nearby Tanger Outlets. Bowling will take place on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Lanes, a state-of-the-art bowling facility located within the casino. It is only a few minutes' walk from the hotel. Children and teens under 15 are invited to participate in their own special juvenile fun event. Make your plans now and sign up using the registration form on the next page! If you have any questions, please call Judit Ganchuk toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149.



Bowl a strike for our young members! Be a frame sponsor!

You can help our young members achieve the dream of attaining a higher education by sponsoring a frame at this year's WPA Annual Bowling Tournament. For a tax-deductible donation of only \$20, your name--or the name of the branch, organization or company you represent--will appear on digital screens throughout the bowling lanes during the tournament. More importantly, your donation will fund scholarship grants which will help qualifying WPA members meet the costs of pursuing a college degree.

Please use the form below to join our growing list of frame sponsors. Make your check payable to "WPFA Scholarship Foundation" and send it to the WPA Home Office by **APRIL 1, 2016**.

Thank you in advance for your support!

WPA Annual Bowling Tournament • Frame Sponsorship

Name to be displayed:

Your Name:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Mail this form, along with your donation of \$20 made payable to "WPFA Scholarship Foundation" to:
William Penn Association, Frame Sponsor, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



April 29-30, 2016, Washington, PA

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

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***Enclosed is my donation made payable to “WPFA Scholarship Foundation” in the amount of \$**

TOTAL OF ALL FEES = \$

NOTE: WPA annuitants will pay the WPA life benefit member rates for the bowling banquet if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity by April 1, 2016.

-----Method Of Payment (Check one)-----

☐ **PAYING BY CHECK.** Mail this form & check to: ☐ **PAYING BY CREDIT CARD.** Mail this form to the address listed at left and call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, to complete payment process.

Barbara A. House, Fraternal Director
William Penn Association
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Make check for bowling & banquet fees payable to: "William Penn Association"

(Make separate check for scholarship donation payable to: "WPFA Scholarship Foundation.")

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands**. All bowlers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s), call the hotel at 724-222-6200, or go online at www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com. Use the group code "WPN" to receive our special rate of \$139 per night. **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016.**

All bowling & banquet reservations must be received at the Home Office by April 1, 2016

William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Eligibility Rules for Year 2016 Scholarship Grants

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

- a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing for four (4) years.
- b) For both new and renewal applicants, the students must be the child or grandchild of a life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing. For the 2016 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2016.
- c) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they have been accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university or school of nursing.
- d) Grants are awarded for a two- or four-year period.
- e) **New applicants** must submit the following:

1. WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Application for Scholarship Grant, which can be found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. An application also may be obtained by writing to: President, William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, or may be downloaded from the Association's website at www.williampennassociation.org.

2. An essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"Where do you want to be in 10 years?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The scholarship application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by Tuesday, May 31, 2016. We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

- 3. A transcript of the student's latest high school scholastic record.
- 4. A copy of the student's SAT/ACT scores or waiver letter from the school in which enrolled.
- 5. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2016 school term.

Items 3, 4 and 5 must be mailed and postmarked by **Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

- f) **Renewal applicants** must submit the following:

- 1. A letter requesting a renewal grant.
- 2. An essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"Where do you want to be in 10 years?"** Essays exceeding 100 words will NOT be accepted.

The renewal letter and essay must be mailed and postmarked by Tuesday, May 31, 2016. We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

3. A copy of the student's latest scholastic record. All renewal applicants **must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to qualify.**

- 4. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2016 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

g) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be submitted and signed by the student requesting the grant and mailed to the attention of the President. Eligibility rules for renewal grants will be in accordance with the eligibility rules in effect for the initial grant. Materials submitted by anyone other than the student will not be considered. **E-mailed submissions will NOT be accepted.**

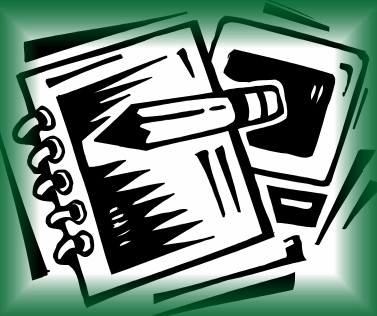
h) Scholarship grants will be awarded by the Executive Committee of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., once each year. Grants will be paid directly to the applicant provided the student is a life benefit member in good standing on the date the check is issued and all of the eligibility requirements stated herein have been met.

i) If for any reason the recipient does not attend college after receiving the grant, it must be returned to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

j) In compliance with current privacy laws, all information in regards to the scholarship status will be divulged only to the applicant/student.

k) All applications, renewal letters and essays must be mailed and postmarked by **Tuesday, May 31, 2016.** Any applications, renewal letters and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered.

Students with questions about these eligibility rules may call Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 128, or e-mail us at scholarship@williampennassociation.org.



WILLIAM PENN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

Application for Scholarship Grant for the Academic Year of 2016-2017

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821
Phone: (412) 231-2979 · Fax: (412) 231-8535
Email: scholarship@williampennassociation.org



STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME:			2. DATE OF BIRTH: / /		
Last	First	Middle Initial			
3. ADDRESS:					
No.		Street			
City		State	Zip Code		
4. STUDENT APPLICANT'S PHONE: ()			5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.:		
6. E-MAIL ADDRESS:					

7. SCHOOLS ATTENDED (LIST IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, STARTING WITH MOST RECENT SCHOOL):

Name of School	Location	Years Attended

8. ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHERE ACCEPTED:

School Name:	Year Will Be Attending in School:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Street Address or P. O. Box:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

9. MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY (e.g., ENGINEERING, PRE-MEDICAL, BUSINESS, ETC.):

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Completed application must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2016

10. LIST THREE PERSONAL REFERENCES, EXCLUDING RELATIVES, WHO HAVE KNOWN YOU FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS (e.g., TEACHERS, CLERGY, COACHES, ETC.):

Name

Address

Occupation

11. LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

12. EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (i.e., ATHLETICS, THE ARTS, SCHOOL CLUBS):

13. WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION VERIFICATION:

Student Applicant

Parent or Grandparent of Applicant

Name: _____

Life Insurance Certificate Number: _____

Branch Number: _____

PLEASE NOTE: For new applicants, you must submit your essay along with this completed application form to be considered for a grant. The application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2016. Also, you must submit: (1) a transcript of your high school scholastic record or college grades; (2) your SAT/ACT scores; and (3) proof of enrollment for the coming fall term. Failure to submit these items by the date specified in the Eligibility Rules will result in the forfeiture of your grant.

I hereby certify that I have read the eligibility rules prior to completing this application. I further certify that this application contains no misstatements or omissions of material fact and that the statements herein are to the best of my knowledge complete and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Completed application must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2016

WPA Tour 2016



Chain Bridge, Budapest

September 6 to 20

EXPERIENCE the culture, history and traditions of Hungary, Austria and Croatia. **TASTE** outstanding local cuisine & wine while listening to authentic ethnic music. **RELAX** in four-star hotels & travel in deluxe motorcoaches. **VISIT** Vienna, Graz, Split, Brac Island, Trogir, Sibenik, Keszthely, Badacsony, Hollókő, Eger and Budapest. **ENJOY** Schönbrunn Palace, a Lipizzaner stallions show, UNESCO World Heritage sites, a boat ride on the Plitvice Lakes, wine tastings, a dinner cruise on the Danube and more.

Price for WPA members: Departing from Detroit - \$3,620; Departing from Pittsburgh - \$3,930.

Non-members add \$500. Prices listed are per person, based on double occupancy, and include round-trip airfare from USA to Europe, all hotel accommodations, breakfast and one main meal daily, ground transportation in Europe, and all sightseeing tours listed on the itinerary. For single supplement, add \$560. All reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

*For more information, contact Judit Ganchuk toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 149
Email: jborsay@williampennassociation.org*

WPA Tour 2016 Reservation Form

Name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Date of Birth: _____ WPA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No (Non-members must add \$500 to stated tour price)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Departure City: ☐ PIT ☐ DET • Accommodations: ☐ Single (Add \$560) ☐ Double / Roommate: _____

Send this form--along with your deposit of \$1,500.⁰⁰ per person made payable to "William Penn Association"--to:

WPA Tour 2016, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Just 4 Kidz

with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends!

I think we are going to have a LOT of FUN this month! First, Mumford and I will be putting on our green sweaters for St. Patrick's Day. A few days later, we're going to run outside to greet the arrival of Spring. Then, about a week after that, we're going to welcome back our old friend the Easter Bunny! I sure hope the groundhog was right and that Spring will be here soon. Until the warm weather returns, here are some more fun things you can do indoors with your friends.



How To Make A Shamrock Necklace

What you need

- Green and white construction paper
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Shoelaces, yarn or ribbons



What to do

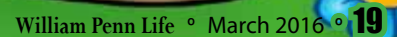
- Cut shamrocks from the green and white construction paper. You can use all green like the necklace in the picture, but I like using both green and white. I also like to make the shamrocks different sizes.
- Punch a hole in the top of each shamrock.
- String a shoelace (or length of ribbon or yarn) through each shamrock, first a green one, then a white one, and continuing alternating green and white shamrocks.
- Tie the two ends of the shoelace together, and--TADA!--you have a Shamrock Necklace to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

DON'T FORGET

to sign up for our bowling tournament! All kidz ages 15 and under can join us in the special party room for a morning of fun, snacks and pizza. Turn to pages 12 and 13 for more information and a registration form.

But, hurry! All reservations must be at the WPA Home Office by April 1.

A cartoon illustration of a smiling grey rabbit with a green bow, holding a pink egg, surrounded by green grass and blue flowers. The rabbit is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page, with its body partially cut off by the edge. It has large, expressive eyes and a friendly smile showing small teeth. The background of the illustration consists of stylized green grass and small blue flowers with yellow centers. The rest of the page is filled with horizontal lines for writing.



Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

*May your pockets be heavy,
Your heart always be light;
And may good luck pursue you
Each morning and night*



May the luck of the Irish and the gift of blarney be with you.

Congratulations to The Hungarian Arts Club and WPA Branch 18 for a successful White Rose Ball held at the Marriott Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Mich., on Feb. 6. The weather was sunny and mild, and no snow was in the forecast. Special thanks go to all the members of The Arts Club and Branch 18 for their hard work and organization in making this event a success. My family and I enjoyed the weekend in Dearborn and the amenities of the hotel. While in the area, I visited The Henry Ford Museum for the first time since I was 17 years old.

Preparations are underway for Branch 14's Second Annual Red, White and Green Raffle to benefit branch activities. We will have 400 tickets printed for the chance to win four prizes. The drawing will take place at 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Branch 14 Christmas party in November 2016. Check upcoming Branch 14 articles for ticket information.

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

- Branch 14 meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays: March 2, April 6, and May 4. All meetings are held at The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills, Ohio, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- The WPA Annual Bowling Tournament will be held April 29 and 30 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa. (See page 12 for more details.)

- Hungarian Heritage Night with the Lake Erie Captains (baseball with a Hungarian twist) will be held Saturday, June 25.

- The 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days will take place July 15 and 16, 2016 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway,



Knitting for a good cause

This past November, members of Branch 13 Trenton, N.J., knitted these hats for premature babies as part of the branch's participation in Join Hands Day. The hats were delivered to the Bordentown (N.J.) chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which distributed them to local hospitals.

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- The WPA Picnic returns on Saturday, August 27, at a new location, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram.

- WPA Tour 2016 to Austria, Croatia and Hungary is set for September 6 through 20.

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

The WPFA Scholarship Foundation is seeking applicants for its 2016 grants. These grants awarded to eligible WPA members are made possible by your generous donations. If you or your child received a WPA scholarship in the past, you can help to pay it forward for another WPA student by making a donation to the Foundation.

Also, as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile term insurance certificates can be converted into adult life certificates when they reach age 25. Converting their certificates will ensure them of continued WPA coverage and allow them to continue receiving WPA's fraternal benefits, including this magazine and full eligibility and participation in our fraternal activities.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. May God bless their families at this difficult time, and may they 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. We wish Branch 14 member Joe Volter best wishes as he continues on the road to good

health. We also send get well wishes to former WPA National President E. E. (Al) Vargo. We wish Marge Boso a quick recovery after her fall. Marge is president of Branch 129 and a former National Director who retired in 2011. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

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

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

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/or plan a visit.

A closing Irish Blessing: May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Hooray! We have found a wonderful spot for the WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 27. Many thanks to Mary Jane Molnar, President of the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio, and her board of directors. Thank you also to National Director Richard Sarosi who attended the board meeting while I participated via conference call. I am so pleased and excited to work with this group.



Members of Branch 18 were the definition of elegance at this year's White Rose Ball.



As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger program, Branch 18 donated a \$50 gift card and a bag of donated items to the food pantry at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lincoln Park, Mich. Presenting the donations to the Rev. Paula Miller are Branch Treasurer Carol Truesdell and her granddaughter Shelby.

I know everything will be wonderful. We have planned many new and exciting events for this year, and I am sure you will see that this will be our best picnic ever. Reserve your buses and plan on coming to enjoy a wonderful event.

Many thanks to all of you who submitted articles and pictures for *William Penn Life*. It was wonderful to see all the events and smiling faces. Thank you. Keep up the great work. You are protecting our future and

making happy memories for our members.

Have any of you seen the movie from Hungary entitled, *Son of Saul*? It won the Golden Globes award for Best Foreign Language Film and is nominated for this year's Academy Awards. It looks great and made me so proud.

As I am writing this, I am on my way back to Michigan for the Hungarian Arts Club Fehér Rózsa Bál. This will be one of the biggest ever with 350 in attendance. WPA thanks the Arts Club for keeping our wonderful heritage alive. We will always support them in all they do. I will tell you all about the ball in a future report.

Happy March birthday

wishes go out to all our special members celebrating their day this month, especially: Joan Rectenwald, Cassie Holmes, Chair of the Board Andy McNelis, Laurin Wolf, National Director Joyce Nicholson, National Director David Kozak, Kathy Reitlinger, Branch 18 Audit Chair Ursula Markovits, and my husband and Abbie's dad Tom House (we love you). May you all have a wonderful day and many more.

It's time to register for the WPA

Annual Bowling Tournament to be held April 29 and 30. Get your teams together, reserve your hotel rooms and plan on having lots of fun. Can't wait to see you there.

Please remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially: Mathilda Jurko, wife of Steve; John Bujdos, husband of Julia; Richard Szabo; Teresa Szasz; Elizabeth Daley; and Edward Eskie. WPA lost a dear friend and member, Ethel Fodor, wife of the late National Director Lou Fodor. Ethel was a true friend, wonderful member and super nice person. Rest in peace, dear friends. You will be missed.

Get well wishes are being sent to some wonderful members and friends: Steve Szatmari, Lee Kosaski, George Schvarckopf, Joe Csereklye, Olga Wansa and Doug Truesdell. We pray you are all well very soon.

Remember Branch 18 members, we start our meetings on April 13. I have missed seeing all of you. Please bring your donations for our homeless animals.

As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger program, Branch 18 donated a \$50 gift card and a bag of donated items to the food pantry at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lincoln Park, Mich. Branch Treasurer Carol Truesdell and her granddaughter Shelby presented the donations to the Rev. Paula Miller.

Special thanks as always to Kathy and Les Megyeri. You are true friends.

Enjoy the rest of your winter. So far, it has been a pretty good one.

If you have questions about life insurance or have news to share, you can reach me at 734-782-4667 or 313-418-5572.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Wishing all our readers the luck of the Irish as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Hoping all those who experienced the blast of winter in late January and early February have bounced back to their normal routines and have begun looking forward to the



Debutantes and their escorts perform the Palotás (Palace) dance during the White Rose Ball Feb. 6 in Dearborn, Mich. (Photos by Joyce Nicholson)

arrival of spring, along with everyone else.

The Youngstown American Hungarian Federation will host its annual March 15 commemorative event on Sunday, March 13, at the Aut Mori Grotto Hall, 563 N. Belle Vista Ave., at 2:30 p.m. The program will allow us to remember the 1848 War of Independence, with Leslie Polgar Sr. and Endre Csoman as guest speakers. The program will also include traditional poems and music and will be followed by a light luncheon.

What a wonderful weekend the Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit provided for all those attending the White Rose Ball. Such great detail is put into the preparation for the debutantes and their escorts on their evening of honor. The meal was excellent as was the music for the evening. Those in attendance thank the committee for all their hard work and dedication in preserving this Hungarian tradition.

Branch 18 welcomed everyone with warm and heartfelt greetings during the Friday night dinner they hosted at the Rhapsody Restaurant (a must for all visiting the area), where a delicious Hungarian dinner was served.

On Sunday morning, several of us attended Mass at Holy Cross Catho-

lic Church before heading home. It was so nice to see the Rev. Barnabas Kiss as well as all the great friends we have made over the years.

It was truly a weekend of fraternity at its finest. Thanks again to everyone who made this possible. Can't wait to return next February.

Wishes for safe travels go out to Liz Schauer, who will be traveling to Europe for several months to work with her daughter, Rachel.

Best wishes to Joseph Risi, who will be joining the National Guard in the near future.

We hope all of our sales representatives and agents will be logging into the webinars being offered by Sales Director Bob Bisceglia. Bob does a great job making everything easy to understand.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming WPA fraternal events. Make sure to mark your calendars and get your reservations in on time.

The WPA Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, at a new location, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. Plans are well underway to revive this fun-filled day of food, music, activities and friendship. Watch this publication for more details.

Congratulations to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Get well wishes go out to all

those feeling under the weather, especially Marge Boso, Alice Nagy, John Torma, Jim Robertson and Joan Mauerman.

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

Wishing a blessed Easter season to all our members.

For information about Branch 28 activities or WPA life insurance and annuity plans, please call either Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Hurrah! The groundhog didn't see his shadow!

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

It was nice to spend some time with our new fraternal director. Good to see you, Barbara! Thank you again, Branch 18, for the warm welcome. The Rhapsody dinner was delicious, as usual. It was nice to be able to spend some time with all of our friends again. Thank you, Father Barnabas, for the welcome at church. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

Our new Board thoroughly

enjoyed the traditional and formal flavor of the White Rose Ball, especially the fraternalism. It is a beautiful event. Missed you, Debbie and Rick.

Special get well wishes go out to Marge Boso and everyone feeling under the weather.

A special happy birthday wish goes to our nephew Bob Healy III, our great-niece Rhiannon and Becky Williams. Extra special birthday wishes go to my husband Andy. Love you very much. Birthday wishes also go out to all branch members celebrating their birthdays. We hope that you all are happy and healthy, and may you have many more.

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

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Greetings from the WPA branches in the Ohio Valley area!

On Feb. 6, I was absolutely amazed and awestruck when I attended the White Rose Ball in Dearborn, Mich. The Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit presents the *Palotás* (or "palace") dance annually. The *palotás* had its origins in the 15th century. It became the traditional opening dance of all formal balls in Hungary.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of debutantes. The 11 debutantes with their escorts performed the many traditional dances with great beauty, feeling, dignity and ease.

These debutante balls date back centuries, when fathers introduced their daughters to society and to the community in which they lived.

Following the opening dance, everyone danced to the music of Harmonia. Elizabeth Ilona Krajcz was the guest of honor, while the scholarship winner was Richard Szabo.

Much thanks and appreciation to Tamás and Ursula Markovits and all the members of the Hungarian Arts Club for their diligence in keeping this beautiful Hungarian tradition alive.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ethel Fodor who passed away on Jan. 20, 2016. She was past president of our local WPA branches and wife of the late Lou Fodor, a former National Director of William Penn Association.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of all our members who passed away recently.

Get well wishes to those who are under the weather.

Happy birthday to our fellow members with recent birthdays.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec

Well, thank God that groundhog didn't see his shadow, and spring is right around the corner. Cabin fever be gone!

Birthday greetings go out to Marty Maskariniec, brother of Branch Vice-President Mark Maskariniec, on his recent birthday, and to a very special member of Branch 89, Pat Walochik. Pat will be celebrating her 89th, which for anyone who knows Pat, is simply a number. Pat was recently hospitalized for some serious heart issues but didn't let that stop her from spending Christmas in Spain with her daughter Krista, husband Goyo and granddaughter Helena, who is also a member of Branch 89. Pat will be celebrating her special day on March 17. We at Branch 89 wish Pat, many, many more years of good health and happiness. We love you, Aunt Pat!

Get well wishes continue to go to branch member Dianne Schneider, who, after undergoing delicate neck surgery, recently suffered a setback with blood clots in both legs. Please, Dianne, take it easy; we need you back healthy and in one piece. We're looking forward to you assisting Uncle Fred with his picture taking at the golf outing later this year.



Congratulations to Branch 89 member Pat Walochik (pictured here with her granddaughter and fellow branch member Helena) who will celebrate her 89th birthday March 17.

We are asking our members to suggest names of restaurants where we could host our monthly branch dinners. So far, we have the following suggestions: Mitchell's, Yokoso's, Bravo's, Dave and Buster's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dorothy 6, BD's Mongolian Grill and Hofbrauhaus. Contact me at maskarinac1836@comcast.net to cast your vote. The winner will be announced in the next issue of *William Penn Life*.

Mark your calendar: Our annual golf outing will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7. Tee time will be 12:30 p.m. at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa. The price for this year's outing will be slightly higher than last year, but we did listen to your requests and were able to get an earlier tee time.

Once again, we plan on honoring the senior members of our branch. Who will be our guests of honor this year? Come to the outing and find out.

Some of our future activities which are in the planning stages for this year include an outing to the ball park, a night at the movies, a murder mystery theater evening and a possible wine tasting. While we may not be as big as some of the other branches, we are still strong. We look forward to meeting a lot of our members in the upcoming year at some of these events.

Branch 89 continues to collect codes from Coke products. These

codes will be turned into points which can then be redeemed for various merchandise and prizes to be used at our outings. These points add up fast for valuable prizes, such as gift certificates and tote bags. We distributed many at the golf outing last year. We have collected and redeemed more than 8,000 Coke Rewards points with which we will be able to give away higher valued merchandise for next to no cost for the branch. Thanks to all who have helped us. Anyone with any codes can email them to me at maskari-nac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

We are also collecting Kellogg's Family Reward's Points this year. The codes can be found inside boxes of Kellogg's products. Codes are no longer necessary for entry; all we need is the store receipt showing you purchased Kellogg's products. Kellogg's calls this new policy a step forward. Hmmmm...Just mail us the receipts, and we'll do the rest.

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

Hello from Columbus, Ohio.

As I write this, winter is in full swing. We have snow on the ground and more to come in the next few days. Temperatures have ranged from the single digits up into the 20s. It is hard to believe one week ago it hit 60 degrees. I can't wait for the warmer weather to come back, with spring returning on the 20th of this month.

Special days in March include the beginning of daylight saving time (the 13th), the anniversary of the 1848 War of Independence (the 15th), St. Patrick's Day (the 17th) and Easter (the 27th).

March 15 is a national holiday in Hungary. It stands for democracy and freedom and it commemorates the Hungarian Revolution of 1848,



Next Deadline

All articles and photographs for the April issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by March 3. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

which grew into a war of independence from Habsburg rule. This fight for freedom was led by Lajos Kossuth.

On Sunday, March 13, the Hungarian Reformed Church, located at 365 Woodrow Ave. in Columbus, will have service beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a program about Lajos Kossuth hosted by speaker Art Bartfay. Following the program (at approximately 11:45 a.m.), a dinner will be served. Reservations are required for dinner. Please call Erzsi by March 6. Carry out is available.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, at the Hungarian Reformed Church at 4:30 p.m. Please plan on attending to discuss activities for the coming year. We would like to have new input from our members.

As part of our effort to Join Hands Against Hunger, we will be collecting non-perishable items through the end of March which will be donated to a local food bank. Call Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 if you would like information about this program.

Mark your calendars for the WPA Annual Bowling Tournament on April 29 and 30 in Washington, Pa. We already have one team participating, but it would be great if we could get more for this great fraternal event.

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

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

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

For all your life insurance and

annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share with your fellow members, please call me at 614-875-9968 or e-mail me at DAL9968@aol.com.

Happy Easter!

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

We are almost through winter and, remarkably, it has been fairly mild, so far. If we can believe the groundhog, we only have a few more weeks to brave the elements until we can enjoy the spring!

Branch 132's first quarterly meeting will be held March 1 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m. We will begin planning for the summer picnic to be held in either July or August. We will have a picnic date by the next issue. We would really like to have more members attend these meetings and get involved. Your ideas for improving our gatherings are always welcome.

Branch 132 passes along get well wishes to Donald Czajkowski.

We would also like to offer our deepest condolences to family of Irene Hill.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday wishes go out to all our members celebrating their special day this month. Also, happy wedding anniversary to all those celebrating while we welcome spring!

On March 13, don't forget to set

your clocks forward for the start of daylight saving time. Spring forward, fall back!

This month, many Hungarian-Americans will be attending programs reflecting on the 1848 Hungarian Revolution against the Austrian Habsburg monarchy. Though this tragedy happened over 160 years ago, it's important to remind the little ones not to take their modern lives for granted. Someone (and it may have to be you) has to remind them of the rights we enjoy as Americans, especially if you have an immigrant heritage like many hard-working Hungarian-Americans today.

Easter falls on March 27 this year. What are you baking for Easter this year?

Speaking of Easter, let's practice our Hungarian: *Kellemes Húsvéti ünnepet kívánok!* This translates, literally, to: "I wish you Happy Easter holidays." Hungarians say this because they celebrate both Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

We'll be hosting our branch meetings the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Malvene Heyz's home. Please call her at 412-751-1898 for directions.

Do you have good news you'd like us to share? Call the phone number above to get your news published.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Will winter be over soon? Snow, snow, go away, come again some other day...like August, when it will come as rain.

I know with Easter coming so early that the blessing of spring will not be far behind. This Easter, may your entire family be able to gather safely and worship. In this great country of ours, we are truly blessed to worship freely as our beliefs and traditions dictate. God truly has blessed us.

Locally, we had our planning meeting Jan. 24, so I now can share dates for Branch 249 and WPA activities. Make sure you mark your favorites down so you don't miss them. Also, try to join us for a new

event this year.

First, our next meeting will be held April 17 at McCauley Hall at Queen of Martyrs church at 1:30 p.m. More info to follow on Join Hands Day.

The WPA Annual Bowling Tournament is set for April 29 and 30 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa. See pages 12 and 13 for more information.

On Saturday, April 30, Magyar Club of Dayton will host its annual Spring Dinner-Dance. As I get more information, I will pass it along to you.

On Sunday, May 15, Branch 249 will hold its annual baseball outing with the Dayton Dragons at 5/3 Field. Game time is 2:00 p.m. We will again have a luxury box with food provided. Get your reservations to me as soon as you can as we are limited to 20 people. Next year I hope to get the party deck so we can have up to 50 members and guests.

The WPA Golf Tournament will be held July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club. More information on the tournament will be published soon.

On Aug. 21, Branch 249 will hold its annual chicken paprikas dinner at McCauley Hall at Queen of Martyrs Church. We will have a meeting at 12:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 1:00 p.m.

The WPA Picnic returns Saturday, Aug. 27, at a new location, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. Lots more to come on that.

The WPA Tour 2016 to Hungary, Austria and Croatia will be Sept. 6 to 20. Get your reservations in soon because the tour books up quickly.

The Branch 249 children's Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 11. Make sure you don't get on Santa's naughty list.

As other local events are planned, I'll pass the information along.

Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. We hope everyone has many more.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to those who have recently lost a loved one. May God let you remember only the good times.

Get well wishes go to those sick or hospitalized. Please have a

speedy recovery and feel better soon.

For all your life insurance and annuity questions, contact Anne Marie and Mark Schmidt at 937-667-1211 or Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-671-0045

Be safe and have a Blessed Easter.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

It's been a quirky sort of winter in our area, with a warm and rainy December, followed by freezing temps and snow, followed by more warm weather—even thunder and lightning and a reported rainbow—then temperatures near zero. So, who knows what sort of animal March will come in as. A lion? A lamb? Or, maybe a lemur? And could it leave us like a lynx? Who knows. It'll be interesting to see how this month unfolds.

In Hungary, March 15 is a national holiday commemorating the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. This is a most patriotic day throughout Hungary and a special source of pride for all Magyars.

Branch 296 sends get well greetings and encouragement to our members who are on the road to recovery, especially our Branch Auditor, John Torma.

Birthday greetings go out to those born in March. John Torma, we wish you a happy one!

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to those who have recently lost loved ones. Most especially, we remember our agent Noreen Fritz' sister Linda and her husband, Edward Grossman who both passed away within days of one another. May Linda and Edward and all of those dear to us rest in peace.

Our winter hiatus comes to an end with our branch meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. Dates for future meetings are: April 14 and May 12. We hope to see you and welcome your ideas, energy and input for future branch events.

If you have news to share contact me at makelly367@verizon.net or by calling 724-274-5318.

Branch News

Our friendly and knowledgeable agent, Noreen Fritz, has solutions for your life insurance and annuity needs. Contact her at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net or at 412-821-1837.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

Happy Easter to all! May you have a truly blessed day spent with the ones you love.

March also ushers in spring, officially on March 20. I can't wait to see all the new buds and blooms that appear. All we need are some warm days for the magic of spring to begin.

Spring also heralds the beginning of many of WPA's fraternal activities. The bowling tournament on April 30 will be here soon. This promises to be a fun, fraternal event, one you won't want to miss. Everyone who attended the previous tournaments had a great time. You can find information on the tournament on page 12 of this month's issue of *William Penn Life*.

Also coming up are Join Hands Day on May 7, the golf tournament July 15 and 16 and the WPA Picnic on Aug. 27. There's a new location for the picnic: the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. The Hungarian Heritage Experience is still in the planning stages, so we'll have more on that later.

Please try to support as many WPA fraternal functions as possible. Only with your participation can WPA continue to offer so many fraternal activities to our members.

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

Please remember those who are ill and say an extra prayer for their speedy recovery.

We offer our condolences to anyone who has recently lost a loved one. May your memories carry you through this difficult time.

Don't forget that daylight saving time begins on March 13.

Welcome to all new members of Branch 352. If you need help with additional life insurance coverage, or if you want to take advantage of WPA's great annuity interest rates, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

You may also want to review your current beneficiary information to see if a change is necessary. I will be happy to assist you with any of your insurance needs.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

March, the third month of the year, has arrived. It is the final month of the winter season. We all are looking forward to the arrival of warmer

weather. March 20 will mark the first day of spring.

March 13 is Girl Scout Sunday. Let's all help them by supporting their cookie sale.

March 13 is also the day when daylight saving time begins. Please don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day March 17. We hope that all our members and friends of Irish descent enjoy the day celebrating their heritage.

As the month of March moves on, we commemorate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week on March 20. One week later, we celebrate Easter. We hope all members can attend an Easter Mass or service with their families. We also hope everyone can enjoy a family gathering topped off by an Easter dinner. Lastly, we hope everyone's Easter basket will be filled with lots of goodies.

This month we also witness the return of March Madness. We wish all basketball teams, both men's and women's at both the high school and college levels, good luck as they pursue a championship.

Branch 800 wishes Olive Savino a happy 95th birthday. She is still very active, and we wish her nothing but the best both now and in the future.

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

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through Premium Payments JANUARY 2016

Branch - Donor - Amount

1 - Elizabeth M. Campagnuolo - \$1.00
13 - Dennis J. Cudnik - \$10.00
14 - Christina Preston - \$100.00
14 - Lois C. Sterrick - \$1.65
14 - Stanley L. Adams - \$5.00
14 - Emily A. Zvosec - \$25.00
14 - Mary Ann Dobransky - \$1.56
18 - Benjamin A. Dear - \$2.50
18 - Rebecca K. Dear - \$2.50
19 - Mary Jane Nagy - \$1.29
26 - Joan M. Gualtieri - \$1.00

28 - Michael A. Kroner - \$3.78
28 - Christine M. Allison - \$3.10
28 - Garry W. Allison - \$3.55
28 - Earl A. Spencer - \$0.50
28 - Elizabeth C. Spencer - \$0.99
28 - Mary P. Balash - \$0.38
28 - Michael A. Kroner - \$5.29
34 - Patricia A. Lenski - \$25.00
44 - Olga Jacoby - \$10.00
59 - Stephen J. Gall Jr. - \$4.15
76 - Edward J. Ginley Jr. - \$13.90
88 - Joseph D. Chobody - \$50.00
89 - Edward Joseph Tokar - \$20.00
89 - Carissa R. Debreczeni - \$4.20
159 - Kelly J. Scherfel - \$3.39
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
336 - Maria E. Trafka - \$5.76
336 - Ernest B. Molnar - \$2.00
352 - John W. Bush Jr. - \$15.00
352 - Dora S. McKinsey - \$4.00
352 - John H. Townsend - \$2.00

590 - Danielle A. Toth - \$5.00
720 - Jayce W. Batista - \$10.00
800 - Joan B. Ballash - \$5.00
8340 - Edward M. Geary Sr. - \$10.00
TOTAL for Month = \$364.89

Additional Donations JANUARY 2016

Donor - Amount

Raymond L. DeFazio - \$25.00
Irene Vereb - \$3.50
Br. 88 Rural Valley, PA - \$43.21
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$95.00

TOTAL for Month = \$166.71

Donations In Memoriam JANUARY 2016

Donor - Amount

(In Memory of)
Elizabeth A. Iafato - \$25.00
(Ethel Fodor)

Maria Mozer - \$25.00
(Roger G. Nagy)
M/M John J. Torma Jr. - \$50.00
(Ethel Fodor)
M/M E. E. Vargo - \$25.00
(Ethel Fodor)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Member Loretta M. Adorjan, Frank Schwarcz and Mary E. Kramer)

TOTAL for Month = \$225.00

Donations Received From 38th General Convention

Received as of January 31, 2016

Donor - Amount

(In Memory of, if applicable)
Schorlis J. Gotz - \$50.00
Br. 525 Cape Coral, FL - \$50.00
TOTAL for Month = \$100.00



Puzzle Contest #129 with Lizzy Cseh

Hungary's Zero Marker

When traveling west over Budapest's famous Széchenyi Chain Bridge, the first sight a traveler encounters once on the Buda side of the city is a small but well maintained plot called The Ádám Clark Square. This small park is named in honor of the Scottish civil engineer who led the construction of the bridge linking Buda to Pest over the Danube River. Within the confines of this quaint patch of land is a rather odd looking limestone marker that looks like a 10-foot tall zero, and, oddly enough, that's exactly what it is.

Back in the 19th Century, the leadership of Hungary determined that all distances in Hungary would be measured from a specific point. The Zero Kilometer Marker sits upon a cube with the letters "KM" inscribed on each side. Under the cube is a large disc marking various directions and distances to various Magyar cities.

This is not, however, the original location of the Hungarian Zero Marker; it was first situated a short distance away at the entrance to the Royal Palace. Four stone markers have occupied this spot before the current zero stone was erected in 1975. Previous sculptures have included a Communist-era likeness of a common worker and an ornately carved depiction of the Virgin Mary. Unfortunately, each of the first three markers were lost or destroyed due to war, occupation or revolution.

When visiting Budapest, it would be well worth your time to examine this often overlooked but nonetheless important location. For detailed photos of the Zero Marker and Ádám Clark Square, I suggest you conduct a simple Google search.

This month's puzzle contains 15 clues related to Hungary's Zero Marker, the Chain Bridge, The Ádám Clark Square or the people involved with each.

Good Luck and Happy Easter! Don't forget to "locsoló" your sweetheart on Easter Monday or Tuesday.

Éljen a Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #129 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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

"Hungary's Zero Marker" Word List

Adam Clark
Borsos
Budapest
Chain Bridge
Civil Engineer

Danube
Festetics Pál
Kilometer
Körmendi
Lanchid
Marker

Molnar
Scotland
Széchenyi
Tunnel
Zero

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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 #129
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **April 29, 2016**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about May 5, 2016, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #126 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #126 were drawn Feb. 4, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Gabor Angyal, Br. 13 Trenton, NJ
John E. Arlet, Br. 5 Phoenix, AZ
Betty F. Fortner, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Mary C. Janovick, Br. 28 Youngstown, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

ETHEL F. FODOR

THE VILLAGES, FL -- The members of Branch 349 Weirton, W.Va., and members throughout the Association were saddened by the death of Ethel F. Fodor, 89, who passed away Jan. 20, 2016.

Ethel served her branch and WPA faithfully for many years as president of Branch 349, as a delegate to eight General Conventions and as a member of the WPA's National Advisory Committee. She and her late husband, National Director Louis A. Fodor, were fixtures at nearly every WPA event for decades.

She was born Oct. 10, 1926, in Steubenville, Ohio, and lived in Weirton for many years before moving to Florida.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Weirton, the Order of the Eastern Star and Amelia White Shrine of Jerusalem, where she was Past Worthy High Priestess. She also was an associate member of the Weirton Medical Center Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Commander Louis Charles Fodor, and her twin sister, Edna Mae Laslo.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlene Fodor Kinder and husband Richard of Florida; a sister, Kitty Lou Coleman of Richmond, Ohio; a grandson, Bradd Fodor of Oak Harbor, Wash.; and a granddaughter, Kelly, and two great-granddaughters, Carli and Chloe Reis, all of Cleveland, Tenn.



Services for Ethel were held Jan. 25 at the Greco-Hertnick Funeral Home in Weirton, with Pastor Carol McKay officiating.

Interment was in Highland Hills Memorial Gardens, Follansbee, W.Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 3301 West St., Weirton, WV 26062, or to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

May she rest in peace.

JACOB "JACK" TOKAR

PHILADELPHIA -- The members of Branch 76 Philadelphia were saddened by the death of former Branch President Jacob "Jack" Tokar, 89, who passed away Jan. 22, 2016.

A Hungarian born in present-day Slovakia Nov. 28, 1926, Jack grew up on a farm that had no electricity or running water. At 17, he was taken to a labor camp



on the Russian front lines, but escaped, traveling on foot across the Carpathian Mountains. He eventually escaped from behind the Iron Curtain to West Germany where he studied English and other languages. Fluent in five languages, 'Jakab' as he was called in Hungary, served as a translator on a ship headed to North America.

After living in Canada for a few years, Jack made his way to the U.S., settling in the Philadelphia area. It was there he met Bette Lewis, the woman who was his wife for over 60 years, and where he became a skilled master

butcher.

He served WPA with dedication for many years at both the branch and national levels. In addition to serving as president of his branch, Jack was elected as a delegate to five General Conventions.

He was a founding board member of the Philadelphia Hungarian Club, a member of the B & R Health Club and numerous singing groups.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Teresa Tokar (John Hays), Bonnie Zimmermann (Bill), Michael Tokar (Michele) and Robert Tokar (Kevin Carr); and his grandchildren, Eric Zimmermann, Rebecca Mockaitis (Andrew), Julia and Daniel Tokar and Colin and Cate Ushkowitz.

A memorial service was held Feb. 1, at Kirk & Nice Funeral Home at Sunset Memorial Park, in Feasterville, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Tokar Scholarship at Holy Family University, 9801 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19114, or to The Fellowship Fund at Wood River Village, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020.

May he rest in peace.

We ask you to pray for the eternal rest of Mrs. Fodor, Mr. Tokar and all our recently departed members listed here:

DECEMBER 2015

- 0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Elizabeth M. Gates
- 0013 TRENTON, NJ
Elizabeth Berleth
Claude Cardi
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Joseph E. Arnosky
Kathleen Battles
Anna R. Fulajtar
Joseph Kosky
Stephen Luksa

- Margaret L. Meyo
- 0015 CHICAGO, IL
Louis R. Galambos
- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Elizabeth A. Daley
Edward Eskie
Richard A. Szabo
Teresa Lynn Szasz
- 0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Helen E. Lancsak
Michael R. Williams
- 0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Jack Edwin Hill
Lillian A. Sefcik
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Lucille R. Kerr
- 0048 NEW YORK, NY
Joseph Spivey
- 0059 WINDBER, PA
Alex J. Mihalko
- 0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA
Charles E. Green
- 0226 McKEESPORT, PA
Raymond T. Marto
- 0278 OMAHA, NE
Erma M. Peterson
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Joseph Barta, Jr.
Marian Beneigh
Edward C. Grossman
Edward A. Mattie
William E. Rock
Esther E. Vargo
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