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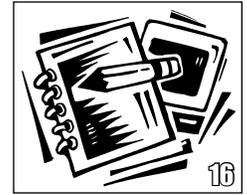
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Prizes sought for Chinese auctions

WPA INVITES our members, branches and friends to donate prizes for the Chinese auctions to be held during both our annual golf tournament this July and the WPA Picnic in August.

If you would like to donate a prize for either or both auctions, please contact Ronda at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, or at rgrotefend@williampennassociation.org. Let Ronda know what type of prize you'll be donating and if you will be delivering your prize to the Home Office prior to the auction or bringing it with you the day of the event.

Please place a sign on the basket with the name of the basket, the donor's name and the approximate value of the basket.

All proceeds from the Chinese auctions benefit the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

Pa., New England fraternalists seek scholarship applicants

WPA MEMBERS entering college this fall may be eligible to apply for scholarship grants being offered by both the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance and New England Fraternal Alliance.

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) plans to award at least one \$500 scholarship this year.

To be eligible for the Pennsylvania award, applicants must:

- be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a fraternal benefit society that is a member of the PFA (such as William Penn Association);
- be a 2016 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2016 as a full-time student (minimum 12 credits);
- complete an application form, which can be obtained by contacting the PFA Secretary-Treasurer at Theresa@lpscu.org or 888-834-6614;
- obtain a recommendation letter from their fraternal benefit society; and
- submit a 500-word essay on: "What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to make fraternalists more relevant to you and your peers?"

Interested students must send their completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, postmarked no later than Sept. 1, 2016, to: Michele King, LCBA, P.O. Box 13005, Erie, PA 16514-1305

The New England Fraternal Alliance (NEFA) will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to students in their sophomore, junior or senior year in college or in graduate school. To be eligible for one of the NEFA's awards, you must:

- be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university;
- be a resident of New England and a member (or a son/daughter of a member) of a fraternal society that holds a membership in the NEFA;
- have a cumulative grade average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 system) and submit a transcript of grades from the spring 2016 semester with application; and
- complete the award application, including an essay explaining why the scholarship award from the NEFA should be presented to you.

An application form can be obtained by contacting Janet A. King, Chair-Scholarship Committee, Catholic Association of Foresters, 220 Forbes Road, Suite 404, Braintree, MA 02184-2715.

All application materials--including a completed application form, essay and transcript of grades--must be submitted by Sept. 15, 2016, to: NEFA Scholarship Awards in care of Janet King at the above address.

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

We remind WPA life benefit members who have recently graduated from high school that they may be eligible for our **Graduating High School Seniors Benefit**. This fraternal benefit provides young members free limited term life insurance. To be eligible, at least one of the graduate's parents also must be a WPA life benefit member. This benefit provides \$5,000 of life insurance coverage if one parent is a WPA member and \$10,000 if both parents are members. The coverage begins immediately upon our receipt of written notice that you have graduated from high school and ends six months from the date of graduation. This insurance coverage may be continued after six months, subject to submission of a satisfactory application and payment of any required premiums. Written notice, including verification of your graduation date, must be submitted to our Home Office within 30 days of graduation. For more details, contact your local WPA agent or our New Business Department at 1-800-848-7366.



The fraternal year ahead

We want to tell you some of the things we are working on for you, our wonderful members.

• When you read this, our annual bowling tournament will be just a wonderful memory. Now, you have a whole year to plan on being with us in 2017. Every year, something is different. If we missed you this year, we hope to see you at next year's tournament.

• Join Hands Day is May 7. You and your branch can make plans to take part anytime. My branch (Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich.) is planning a project for May 28. We have chosen three locations to plant flowers. Remember, your JHD activity is eligible for matching funds up to \$500. You can visit a nursing or veterans' home, volunteer at an animal shelter or help clean up a church, cemetery or a private home. There are a lot of opportunities out there. For more ideas, see the April 2016 issue of *William Penn Life*. Pick an idea and help.

• WPA is hosting members of the Calvin Synod in May. The following day, we will show our support at their banquet at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa. It's always great to reach out and see what others are doing in their communities.

• At the end of May, the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance will host their annual meeting and luncheon at the state Capitol in Harrisburg.

• The 41st Hungarian Festival will be held June 4 in New Brunswick, N.J. WPA will again sponsor a booth to display our many insurance and annuity plans.

• Three weeks later on June 25, Hungarians in the Cleveland, Ohio, area will gather for Hungarian Heritage Night at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio, to watch the Lake County Captains take on the Great Lakes Loons in Class A baseball action. This is always a wonderful evening. Great for kids.

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

• We also support the Calvin Synod youth camp, which this year will be held July 17 to 23. Without WPA's assistance, the camp would not be affordable for some of the children. It is an honor to support this program.

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

• If you want to play some golf that day but can't make it to Harrisburg, Bethlen Communities is hosting its golf outing on July 30 as well. Their picnic is the next day, July 31.

• Our Hungarian Heritage Experience is set for July 31 to Aug. 6 at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp in Boswell, Pa. I have been to the camp, and I am sure it meets our needs. They have a swimming pool which will be available for our use. We even met the resident dog, Chloe, who belongs to the pastor. They have a great staff that will handle our every need.

• Toledo, Ohio, will host its 42nd Birmingham Ethnic Festival Aug. 20 and 21. This is a wonderful festival that stretches for blocks. Really a fun weekend.

• The WPA Picnic returns on Saturday, Aug. 27, but at a new location--the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. This is a perfect opportunity for those looking to volunteer. We will need servers, cleaners, sellers and lots of smiling faces. Yes, it takes a village.

• The WPA Tour to Europe is Sept. 6 to 20. We will visit Austria, Croatia and, of course, our Motherland, Hungary. I cannot wait to see everything I have never seen before.

• In remembrance of the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian

Revolution, we are helping to bring a large contingent of dancers, musicians and orators to America. The Hungarian National Dance Ensemble will be touring select North American cities this October to raise funds for a planned memorial in New York City honoring the revolution and those who fought in it. The tour is scheduled to appear in the following cities (*dates and locations are subject to change*):

- Washington - Oct. 12
- Boston - Oct. 14
- Montreal - Oct. 15
- Toronto - Oct. 16
- Cleveland - Oct. 18
- Chicago - Oct. 19
- Detroit - Oct. 20
- Pittsburgh - Oct. 21
- New Brunswick - Oct. 22
- New York - Oct. 23

Updated information about this tour will appear in upcoming issues of *William Penn Life*. Stay tuned.

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Upon further review...

Annual financial reviews help you build a solid foundation

DESPITE ALL OF THE RESOURCES and financial opportunities available today, life in the 21st Century offers many challenges. Fortunately, there are many financial strategies that can help you reach both your short- and long-term goals. Your WPA agent can help you find your way through the maze of opportunities as you review your financial situation, plan for your goals, and make adjustments along the way.

Most of us have a financial strategy in place, whether formal or informal, that should be reviewed on a regular basis, at least annually. As an advisor once told me, even if you have no plan in place, you still have a plan. For example, you may have a budget and save for special short-term goals, such as a vacation or Christmas spending. Or, you may examine your retirement strategies from time to time. Whether planning your budget for paying regular bills, preparing your income tax return or analyzing your retirement options, you frequently look at aspects of your finances on a regular basis. Once each year, however, you should pull *all* your records together and take a closer look at your entire financial picture.

Here are a few things to consider when performing your annual review:

1. Analyze your cash flow. Does your income exceed your expenses? If so, you have what is called a positive cash flow. If not, you have a negative cash flow, and it may be time to review your spending, reorganize your budget and look for ways to minimize or eliminate unnecessary spending. When running this analysis ourselves, my wife and I found that we were spending way too much on take-out food--over \$1,000 in pizza delivery alone--and made the decision to reduce our expenditures in this area for the coming year.

2. Provide for special goals. Do you have a specific short-term goal in mind, such as a wedding, vacation, new car or home improvement project? Figure out how much you want to save towards that goal and divide it by how many months until needed and build that amount into your budget.

3. Save enough for retirement. Many planners say that you'll need 60 to 75 percent of your pre-retirement income to provide for a comfortable retirement. Analyze

your projected Social Security and existing pensions and if there is a shortfall, consider making up that difference with additional personal savings.

4. Minimize the impact of taxes. Seek out ways to minimize your income tax liability by adding to your 401K or IRA on a regular basis. For your long-term personal savings, consider using tax-deferred accounts, such as annuities, for tax-deferred growth. WPA's "High Five" annuity is currently earning 3 percent and the "Penn Preferred" is earning 3.5 percent. Earnings within the annuity are not taxed until withdrawn. Consult your tax advisor and WPA

agent to gain a better understanding of the benefits of tax-deferred annuities.

5. Stay ahead of inflation.

In order to maintain your purchasing power, your savings rate has to keep pace with inflation. If inflation is growing at 2 percent and your savings is earning only 1 percent, you are losing purchasing power each year.

6. Manage risk. We all know that life involves risk, and we should make every effort to reduce risk wherever possible. We have health insurance to cover health risks, auto and homeowners



insurance to cover property and liability risks, disability income policies to provide income should we become disabled and can't work, and, of course, life insurance to provide for the completion of our plans should we die prematurely. As I have said in previous articles, life insurance should be the foundation upon which all your plans are built.

I hope this helps, but as with all planning, you should always prioritize your goals to ensure you are addressing your most important goals first. Most importantly, all plans should include an "emergency fund" of at least three months of income to handle life's unexpected emergencies.

These six steps will help you stay on track with the most important issues that impact your finances and planning goals. As you review your own situation on a regular basis, you may need to make changes as your goals and circumstances change. Keeping track of your progress in these six areas will help you both afford your current dreams and finance a comfortable retirement.

Now is a great time to call your WPA agent to schedule your annual planning session. Don't have an agent? Call our Home Office and we'll be happy to assign one to you. □



More than a dream

WHEN MY LIFE BEGINS to bulge at the seams and there is no room left for air, I push myself to sleep in search of release. I flip my pillow repeatedly, finding the cool side. I know exactly where I am going because I have had this same dream on and off for over 20 years.

The day is always sunny, and I am wearing the same almost white sundress with a red paisley pattern. My feet are wrapped in clunky sandals--a familiar look from my childhood. I am not sure of my age, but my hand fits nicely into my mother's palm. The sound is customary of an amusement park as we wait in line to ride a wooden roller coaster. My mother and I patiently stand in the deepest row, staging for the front car.

Then, finally, it is our turn. My mom gets in first, and I squish as close to her as possible. My feet are chattering against the floor board with excitement. With the first sensation of movement, we look at each other as we burst into a big scream.

The first hill climb stirs the anticipation, as we ascend at a two-up/one-back pace. The car makes its way to the first curve, and we declare our faces to the sun. Holding hands, we reach upward and laugh with a roar that rivals the sound of the coaster.

I wake up refreshed and humored by another delightful ride with my mom. By the second cup of coffee, I still feel the flush of the experience, and I avoid any contact that will snap me completely out of the vision. In reality, I know that my mother was terrified of roller coasters, and that I would never agree to the front car.



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For me, this recurring dream is proof of the still-attached apron string to my mom, who passed away many years ago. Perfectly framed, it serves as a reminder that she is with me throughout the ups and downs of life, holding tightly and letting go in the same moment as only a mother can do. She guides me, comforts me and simply adores me when I have little good left.

I sense my mom in other places, too--her electric blue eyes showing up on the face of a stranger or her fleeting image turning a corner. I feel her now as I type these words, her hands moving with mine, her spirit nestling between the spaces where my breasts once were.

I believe our loved ones never leave us. They surround us if we let them and brake us if we are willing. They are never gone, and we are never alone. It is all just as real as a swirling hug. □

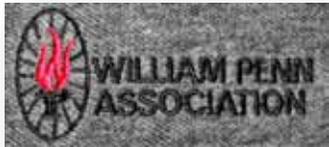
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World War I was not a game along the Eastern Front

VIDEO GAMES normally don't inspire much contemplation: they are mostly mindless entertainment that provides an easy escape from the mundane rhythms of the everyday. But, one game I have been playing has been radically different and has inspired this month's *Take*.

The game is called *Verdun*. It is a first-person shooter game set on World War I's Western Front. As a player, you control an American, British, French or German soldier as you navigate no man's land, storm trenches, capture objectives and kill the enemy. *Verdun* is a brutally realistic imagining of the real-life battle it is named after, which claimed more than 300,000 dead and twice that number wounded. One shot from any gun will kill your character, and death strikes swiftly and indiscriminately: if the enemy's machine guns and bayonets don't get you, the gas, artillery barrages or barbed wire might. The flow of the game is tedious. Your fellow soldiers take and defend trenches against waves of enemies, but it's not really clear what impact those efforts have on the war. By the time the battle ends, hundreds of men have been murdered on the fields of France and Belgium, and both armies retire to their respective side of no man's land.

Many war-based video games often veer into the absurd; characters can withstand multiple grievous wounds, can jump and run like Olympic athletes and can tap into heroic shooting and fighting abilities. Those same games are often jingoistic and ham-handed, using blood and violence as props in a glorious and cinematic gaming experience.

Verdun isn't like that. Even though it is realistic and brutal, it never seems insensitive. For example, when your character is killed, the point-of-view shifts from first person to third person, almost as if the camera is showing the perspective of your character's disembodied soul leaving earth as the body twitches and convulses in its death throes. At first, this feature was annoying, as it added several seconds between "spawns" — that is, when your character regenerates and can rejoin the game. But as I played, this delay allowed me to reflect on what was happening in this simulation of one of the worst conflicts in human history. When my character was killed, I began to think about the very real men who struggled through those terrible battles, about the soldiers who were struck down.

One area where *Verdun* falls short is in its scope. Naturally, a game named *Verdun* would focus on the Western Front, especially its namesake battle in Northern France. But, this shortcoming is not unique to this game, rather, most of the World War I-related media available inordinately focuses on the Western Front. I think this is a shame, especially now, at the centennial anniversary of the conflict that defined so much of our modern world.

Beyond the horrific battlefields and trenches of Ypres, Verdun, Vosges, Amiens, the Marne, and the Somme, we should also take time to remember other, less familiar places like Przemyśl, the Masurian Lakes, Isonzo, and Gorlice-Tarnów. These places involved not the British or French, but Austrians, Hungarians, Italians and Russians. All told, the Eastern Front cost roughly 15 million casualties from the belligerent nations. But, what do we know of the immense suffering that took place in the East? Much of it, I think, is concealed behind a geographic, historical and linguistic veil.

Geography occludes what happened on the Eastern Front because of the immense distances involved and the lack of proximity to American audiences. The Western Front is located between the tourist hotspots of Paris and the Low Countries. The entire distance of the Western Front, as the crow flies, is little more than 300 miles. On the Eastern Front, 300 miles is just a small bit of land in a theater of war that stretched from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. Not only is the Western Front closer to us in America, it is also concentrated to a distinct geographic locale: one can drive from one battle site to another in an afternoon. Not so in the East.

Historical perspective also conceals from us what happened on the Eastern Front. Strictly speaking, Austria-Hungary was on the losing side, and, more importantly, it was positioned in a theatre of war far removed from where American troops actually fought. As a result, most





A rusting metal Cross of Lorraine (above) marks the burial grounds of a dozen or so men of Csót, Hungary, who lost their lives fighting on the Eastern Front during World War I.

Could Kádi Ignác, killed in the Great War (right), or any of the men named Kádi listed on Csót's war memorial (left, below) be related to my great-grandmother?



of the accounts available to American audiences focus on America's short--but bloody (*see note at end*)--involvement in the waning months of the Great War.

Finally, language complicates our historical understanding of Hungary's experience in World War I as well. Generally speaking, for both the Western and Eastern fronts, the historical narratives available to American audiences focus on the experiences of English-speaking soldiers, be they Canadian, British, Australian or American. I'm sure that there are many interesting and powerful accounts of the Hungarian experience of World War I, but they are simply not translated into English.

Still, the little bit that is available to us Americans still pokes through the decades -- if you travel there. Many towns and villages throughout Hungary have a memorial to commemorate the war dead. Most are somber and muted, not like the triumphant monuments found here in the United States. For example, in my ancestral village of Csót, there are two memorials. The first is a simple sheet of granite with the names of the fallen etched into its face. The second, for the dead of the First World War alone, is a plot of land with a dozen or so headstones. In the center of the plot is a rusty metal Cross of Lorraine, standing about 15 feet tall.

What struck me the most were the names, because it was personal. My great-grandmother's last name was Kádi. As you can see from the photos, there were many Kádi's that died in both the first and the second world wars. I couldn't help but think, had these wars never happened, how many relatives would have been in the village to welcome their American cousins? Instead of a few dozen, could it have been several hundreds of descendants of the lost generations of Hungarian men?

I felt a sense of gratitude for the good fortune of my great-grandfather, who was able to come to America in 1913. Otherwise, it's possible -- maybe even probable -- that his name would have joined the others on the face of that granite memorial.

Next Month: I continue my Take on the First World War.

NOTE: About 116,000 American military personnel died during World War I, compared to over 405,000 deaths in World War II. But, considering that America's effective involvement in World War I was constrained to April-November 1918, while our involvement in World War II lasted for four years, the rate of U.S. deaths per day was nearly the same for both wars.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar, Tibor II

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Revealing a secret (*no pun intended*)

I have a confession to make, and it's not one I make easily. For once I reveal my secret, some people may think less of me, so strong are the feelings on the topic in question. Anyway, here goes...

I like veal.

There, I said it, and there are no take-backs. To be honest, it feels good to get that off my chest. And, no, I don't think I'm making a mountain out of a mole hill. Talk to any vegan or member of PETA, and, if you don't already know about the strong sentiment against the production and consumption of veal, you soon will.

For years, the manner in which veal has been produced has been roundly--and rightly--condemned. I won't go into all the sad details; you can look them up yourselves, should you be so inclined. Just let me say that, once I learned how calves were treated, I stopped preparing and eating veal for quite some time and often felt guilt when using dairy products.

Today, veal is making a bit of a comeback. Britain and the EU have long banned the most inhumane of the production methods, and veal producers and lawmakers in the U.S. are finally coming around, too. More and more farmers are raising calves without the harsh, cruel confinement used in the past, yet still producing tender meat that has the light color, fine texture, and smooth taste many (including me) love.

So, don't hesitate to try veal again. Just make sure you purchase meat from sources using more humane methods. It may cost a bit more, but your conscience will be eased.

Below are some of my favorite ways to prepare veal. Of course, these and other veal recipes can be found in the WPA's cookbook, *A Taste of Hungarian Heaven*, which you can own by sending a donation of \$20 per book to: Cookbook, c/o William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. All proceeds benefit the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

Veal Paprikas

- 2 pounds veal breast
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- ½ cup onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons salt

Cut veal into chunks; wash and drain. Place in kettle with shortening and smother with onions. Add salt. Simmer under lid until onions cook to mush and are inclined to stick to kettle, then add paprika and water. Cook slowly until veal is tender, 60 to 90 minutes, then add mushroom soup. Bring to a boil and serve over dumplings or egg noodles.

Veal Rice Casserole

- 1 pound veal round cutlets, cut ¼-inch thick
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- ¼ cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 quarts water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2 to 3 tablespoons butter
- ½ pound mushrooms
- 1 to 2 small, firm tomatoes, cut into ½-inch slices
- 1½ cups sour cream
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

RECIPES



Cut veal into 1-inch pieces and set aside. Heat in a large skillet over low heat ¼ cup butter. Stir in 1 tablespoon paprika. Place meat into skillet and brown. Add ¼ cup hot water and 1 teaspoon salt. Cover skillet and simmer about 45 minutes or until meat is tender.

Meanwhile, bring to boiling in a deep saucepan 2 quarts of water and 1 tablespoon salt. Add 1 cup uncooked rice. Boil rapidly, uncovered, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain rice and set over hot water until kernels are dry and fluffy.

Melt 2 to 3 tablespoons butter in an 8-inch skillet over low heat. Add ½ pound mushrooms. Cook over low heat

until mushrooms are lightly browned and tender.

Put contents of skillet into a bowl. Add the rice and gently mix with a fork. Set aside.

Place half of the meat into a casserole. Top with half of the rice-mushroom mixture and all of the tomato slices. Repeat layering of meat and rice-mushroom mixture; top with the sour cream. Sprinkle over the sour cream the grated Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350°F for about 15 to 20 minutes or until heated.

Veal Cream Schnitzel

- 4 slices bacon
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1½ pounds veal steak, thinly sliced
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup tomato sauce

Cut bacon into small pieces, place in a skillet and brown until crisp. Drain all but 2 tablespoons of the fat out of the skillet. Add onion to skillet. Cut veal into 4 equal portions; add to bacon and onions. Brown on both sides. Season sour cream with paprika, salt and pepper; add tomato sauce. Mix well. Pour mixture over veal steaks. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until tender.

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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

Poem paints picture of life for immigrants who founded WPA

by Tamás Markovits

While looking through my collection of poetry by Hungarian-American poets, I came across a very interesting work entitled, "Élet Könyve" ("Book of Life"). The poem was published in 1942 to commemorate Kemény György's (George Kemeny's) 50th year as an author.

The poem was probably written at the end of the 19th century. It deals with the tragic misfortune of a young Hungarian miner, a perfect example of what happened to victims of industrial accidents in the 19th and early 20th centuries and one of the reasons for the birth of self-help organizations like the Verhovay Aid Association, the forerunner of today's William Penn Association.

I discussed this poem with fellow WPA members during a recent meeting of our branch. Our branch's president, Barbara House, suggested I translate the poem and share it with the readers of *William Penn Life*.

Kemény was born July 4, 1875, in Gardna, Abaúj-Torna County, Hungary. As a young man, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Detroit. In 1903, he started the comic newspaper *DONGÓ*, with which he continued to entertain American Hungarians until his death in 1952.

He began his career, however, as an author and poet more than a decade earlier in 1892. He wrote and published 60 books, of which 25 were books of poetry. Before World War II, he was the only poet living outside of Hungary who was accepted and recognized as a member of the coveted Petofi writers guild in Budapest.

Kemény was very popular and respected by the Hungarian American community. He was asked to serve as the guest speaker at many commemorations and dedications not only in Detroit but also in other American cities with active Hungarian communities.

Tamás Markovits is a member and auditor of Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich., and an instructor at WPA's Hungarian Heritage Experience.



Talyigás Kis Péter

Talyigás Kis Péter egyszer csak elindul
nagy Amerikába.
Jólekü földief hamar beszerezték
a szenes bányába
s a második héten: Talyigás Péternek
ottmaradt egy lába.

Koldus lett belőle, gyámoltalan koldus;
holmi világtérhe;
idegen országban, fiatal korában
de is meg van verve.
A feleségének bús sorát megírni
ugyan hogy is merje.

Nem is írt felőle, nem is izent róla
szegény asszonyának,
csak mankón sántítva kiállt a sarokra,
ahol sokan járnak.
Talyigás Kis Péter így ette kenyerét
az aranyországnak.

Ha az asszonyának levélt írt néha:
jó sorát dicsérte:
"Jó dógom van itten, nem dógozok ingyen;
megfizetnek érte" . . .
Dicsekő koldusnak sűrűn hullt a könnye
mindegyik levélre.

The Carter, Peter Kiss

The carter, Peter Kiss, started his way
to big America.
His kind compatriots got him a job
in a coal mine.
But in his second week, carter Peter
left one of his legs down under.

Thus, he became a helpless beggar;
a burden on society.
In a foreign land, at a young age,
hopeless and disabled.
Of his ill fate, to his beloved wife
he could not dare write.

So he didn't write, didn't message
his dear wife,
But limped on crutches to a corner
busy with foot traffic.
Carter Peter Kiss thus earned his bread
in the golden land.

Seldom, when he wrote to his wife;
Praised his good fortune:
"It's going well for me, I don't work for nothing;
I get paid for my labor."
And the bragging beggar's tears fell abundantly,
on every word he put on paper.



Hungary pays off debt as economy grows

from RTE News

BUDAPEST -- Hungary's central bank announced in April it had fully repaid a multi-billion-euro loan it took out in 2008 from international lenders to prop up its wobbling economy during the financial crisis.

"A joyful day has dawned on us, we are finally over a long and difficult period," Economy Minister Mihály Varga said in Budapest today.

The EU member state had been forced to borrow around 20 billion euros from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the European Union and the World Bank after it was frozen out of the bond market at the height of the global financial crisis

But, the country's economy has grown steadily over the past four years, with inflation and interest rates dropping

to record lows.

Government debt and the budget deficit have also come down since right-wing Prime Minister Viktor Orbán took power in 2010.

As a result, Varga said, Hungary was able to make the final 1.5 billion euro payment, owed to the EU, last week.

In 2013, the country had already paid off the 12.5 billion euro portion borrowed from the IMF ahead of schedule.

Varga said he hoped the reimbursement would improve Hungary's standing among credit rating agencies.

Hungarian paper has been rated as "junk", or below investment-grade, by all the major ratings agencies for several years, but many analysts say upgrades are in the pipeline this year.

In Brief

HCCNEO prepares for June picnic

HIRAM, OH -- The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) will host its annual June Picnic and Buckeye Road Reunion on Sunday, June 12, from noon to 7:00 p.m. at the club grounds located at 12027 Abbot Road, Hiram. There will be Hungarian food, live music by Harmonia and lots of fun. The picnic is open to the general public. Admission is \$5 per person for adults; children ages 15 and under are free. Please, no coolers or outside containers. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Youth invited to summer camp

MT. PLEASANT, PA -- Children and teens ages 9 to 18 are invited to the annual Hungarian Reformed Youth Camp July 17 to 23 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The camp is hosted by the Calvin Synod of the United Church of Christ and the Hungarian Reformed Church of America. Attendees will spend the week swimming, hiking, bird watching, eating Hungarian food, singing songs, studying the Bible, learning about Hungarian cul-

If you have information about an event in the American Hungarian community, please send your information to John E. Lovasz, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 or email jllovasz@williampennassociation.org.

ture and meeting other young Hungarian Americans. Cost is \$250 per person. For more information, contact Maryann Parsons at 609-468-9679 or silkiechicken@hotmail.com.

South Bend branch hosts annual picnic

SOUTH BEND, IN -- The members of WPA Branch 132 invite their fellow members to the branch's 8th Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 24, from 1:00 to 3:00

p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavillion #1, South Bend. The branch will supply fried chicken, sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, soda, water, plates, napkins and utensils. Guests are asked to bring either a vegetable, salad, dessert or snack to share. WPA softball team members, their significant others and immediate family are also invited. Deadline for reservations is July 15. Call János Burus at 574-287-0590 or John Burus at 572-256-5281, or email john.e.burus@honeywell.com.

Church plans 'Soup & Learn' program

COLUMBUS -- The Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus will host its next "Soup & Learn" program Sunday, June 12, at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus. Services begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by soup at 11:15 a.m. and the day's program at about 11:40 a.m. The topic for the day will be "Life Stories of Local Hungarians" featuring Mary Komives, whose parents helped found the Hungarian Reformed Church of Columbus, and Tibor Nagy, who left Hungary in the 1980s after being persecuted by the Communist government for his Christian beliefs. For more information, email tiszafolyo@yahoo.com.

Willy Pogány

The Hungarian-born painter, illustrator and designer became one of America's most famous and celebrated artists, beloved by children and sought after by the rich and famous

Story & photos
by Kathy Megyeri



On a recent trip to Sarasota, Fla., to tour circus developer John and Mabel Ringling's mansion, Ca' d'Zan, I was most impressed with the ballroom's ceiling tiles painted by prominent Hungarian artist Willy Pogány. In the museum's book store, I purchased a volume of the complete illustrations of Pogány and was surprised to learn of his prolific output and the extent of his art in leading institutions throughout America.

Born Vilmos András Pogány in 1882 in Szeged, Hungary, he spent the first six years of his life on a farm. Then his parents took him to Budapest to attend school where he originally enrolled in engineering studies at the Budapest Technical University, but he enjoyed painting and drawing so much that he decided to become an artist. He sold his first painting to a wealthy patron for \$24. He then attended school in Munich, went on to Paris for two years, studied and worked in London for a decade, and finally came to the U.S. in 1914.

He had garnered favorable reviews in 1906 for illustrating the story of "Rip Van Winkle" and went on to illustrate over 100 images for the "Welsh Fairy Book" by T. Fisher Unwin, thereby becoming known as a prolific illustrator of children's books.

What endeared him to audiences were his pen and ink drawings of myths, fables and magical ani-

TOP: Pogány's self-portrait found inside the Ringlings' Florida mansion (pictured left). NEXT PAGE: A sampling of Pogány's work, both his pen and ink drawings and full-color children's book illustrations.

imals, such as nymphs and pixies, his great attention to botanical details, his warm pastel water colors and intricate oil paintings. His masterpiece was completely illustrating "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

But, when he moved to America, he became more interested in theatre, stage settings and costume design and began working for the Metropolitan Opera House. He later moved to Hollywood to serve as an art director for several film studios during the '30s and '40s. His finest film productions were "Fashions of 1934" and "Dames."

It wasn't long before some of America's wealthiest patrons commissioned Willy to paint tiles, walls and ceilings for their mansions. In addition to John Ringling's Florida home, Pogany painted for William Randolph Hearst's California estate, followed by commissions for John Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Carole Lombard.

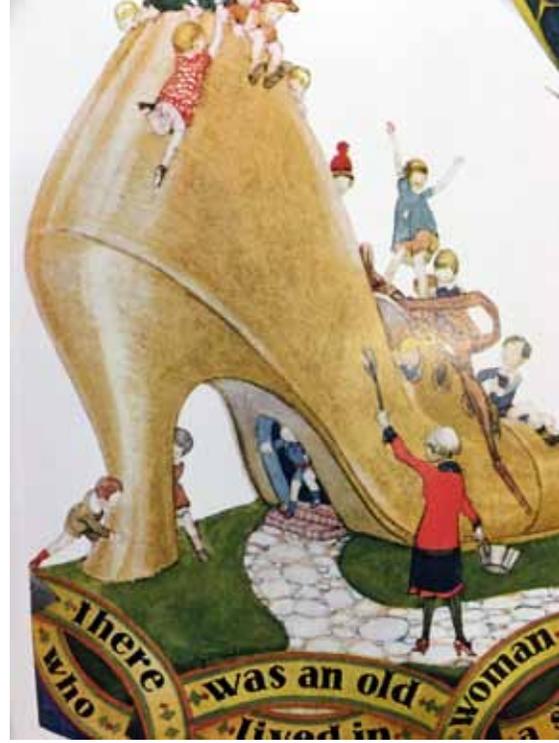
Pogány was so lauded that he was awarded gold medals in Budapest and at the Leipzig Expo. In 1914, his illustrations graced the covers of major magazines like *Harper's Weekly*, *Town and Country* and *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Willy was married twice and had two sons.

His works can still be seen in New York City at the Bernard Jacobs Theatre on 45th Street and at the El Museo Del Barrio Theatre at 1230 - 5th Ave. In addition to illustrating more than 150 volumes, he wrote three art instruction books.

Willy died in New York City in 1955, but his whimsical self-portrait at the left of the entrance to the game room in Ca' d'Zan in Florida causes visitors to smile in gratitude for this Hungarian artist who brought so much joy to audiences worldwide.

To see more of Pogany's work, visit www.americanartarchives.com/pogany,w.htm. □



33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

Quicksilver Golf Club July 15-16, 2016



NOW THAT SPRING is here, WPA members are visiting their local golf courses in preparation for the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa.

This magnificent course has played host to five previous WPA tournaments as well as tournaments sponsored by the Senior PGA Tour and the Nationwide Tour. Golf Digest has awarded it a 4-star rating. Golf Week Magazine calls it one of the top 15 courses in Pennsylvania and the best public course in the state.

The weekend's festivities begin Friday, July 15, with the annual Friday night golfers' reception at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. The reception is free to golfers and one guest. Non-golfing guests can attend the reception for \$10. Those planning to attend MUST pre-register for the reception (see form opposite page). The evening will feature food, refreshments, the ever-popular Chinese auction and other fun activities.

Our 18-hole tournament will begin the next morning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Play will be a straight scramble. Along the course, golfers will have the chance to win prizes as part of our traditional skill shot contests, including longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin and closest to the line. All golfers will also enjoy the use of GPS-equipped carts, and a hot dog and beverage at the turn.

Our weekend's official activities will conclude with the annual golf barbeque to be held at the Quicksilver Golf Club immediately following the tournament.

Accommodations will be at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Room rates are \$109 per night. All rooms will be reserved on a first-come/first-served basis and are subject to availability. All golfers and guests must make their room reservations directly with the hotel by calling toll-free 1-800-328-9297. To receive our special room rate, mention you are with William Penn Association. You can also make your hotel reservations by going online at <http://bit.ly/216ImHI> or by scanning the code on the registration form with your smart phone. Hotel reservations must be made by June 23 to get the WPA rate.

The tournament entry fee is \$112 for WPA members and \$122 for non-members. This fee includes green fees, bag service, locker room service, GPS-equipped golf carts, a hot dog and beverage at the turn AND admission to the

golf barbeque. Tickets for the barbeque are \$42 for WPA adult members age 16 and older, \$52 for adult non-members, \$12 for teens ages 12 to 15, and free for children ages 11 and under.

An "Early Bird" discount will be offered to all golfers and non-golfing barbeque guests. Golfers and non-golfing barbeque guests can save \$10 off either their golf entry fee or their barbeque admission if they mail and postmark their entries and reservations by June 3, 2016.

Once again, the tournament will feature the fun and exciting hole-in-one contests. All eligible members who score a hole-in-one at the designated par-3 hole during tournament play will win a \$15,000 cash prize. Any non-member who scores an ace on the designated hole will win \$7,500. Plus, cash prizes will be awarded to golfers who score a hole-in-one on any of Quicksilver's other par-3 holes during tournament play. On those holes, eligible WPA members will win \$5,000, while non-members can take home \$2,500.

If a hole-in-one is not scored on the \$15,000 hole, a special \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the eligible member who gets his or her tee shot closest to the pin on that hole. By "eligible member" we mean a golfer who is an adult life benefit member of William Penn Association by June 24, 2016, with at least one year's premiums paid.

To enter the tournament and reserve your seats for the barbeque, complete the form found on the opposite page and send it to the Home Office by June 24. Be sure you include your check covering tournament fees, barbeque tickets and admission to the Friday night golfers' reception (if applicable).

Don't miss this great weekend of golf, good food and fraternalism which benefits our Scholarship Foundation. □

33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days

July 15-16, 2016, Midway, PA

GOLF REGISTRATION & BARBEQUE RESERVATIONS



CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME	WPA LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE #	GOLF & BARBEQUE		BARBEQUE ONLY		FRIDAY RECEPTION			TOTAL		
		LIFE MBRS. AGE 16 & UP \$112 <i>Early Bird \$102</i>	NON-MBRS. AGE 16 & UP \$122 <i>Early Bird \$112</i>	LIFE MBRS. AGE 16 & UP \$42 <i>Early Bird \$32</i>	NON-MBRS. AGE 16 & UP \$52 <i>Early Bird \$42</i>	CHILDREN AGES 12-15 \$12	CHILDREN AGES 0-11 FREE	GOLFER & ONE GUEST FREE		NON-GOLFING GUESTS \$10	GUESTS AGES 15 & UNDER FREE
Ex: John Smith	12345678	\$102						2	0	1	\$102
Ex: Bill Jones (See note below)	Non-Member			\$32				0	\$10	1	\$42

***Enclosed is my donation to the WPA Scholarship Foundation in the amount of \$ _____**

TOTAL OF ALL FEES = \$ _____

EARLY BIRD rates will apply to all golf entries and barbeque reservations postmarked by June 3, 2016.
 Annuity-only non-members will be charged life benefit member rates if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity.
 Non-members will be charged life benefit member rates if they become a life benefit member by June 24, 2016.

Method Of Payment (Check one)
 PAYING BY CHECK. Mail this form & check to:
 Barbara A. House, Fraternal Director
 William Penn Association
 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
 Make check for golf & barbeque fees payable to: "William Penn Association"
 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.
 (Make separate check for scholarship donation payable to: "WPA Scholarship Foundation.")

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS will be at the **Pittsburgh Airport Marriott**, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108. All golfers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s) at our special rate of \$109 (plus tax) per night, you can either: (1) call the hotel at 1-800-328-9297 and mention you are with "William Penn Association," (2) go online and type in the address bar <http://bit.ly/216lmHI>, or (3) scan the code on the right with your smartphone. **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016.**



All golf & barbeque reservations must be received at the Home Office by June 24, 2016

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.

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



William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation

Tree of Knowledge

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

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

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

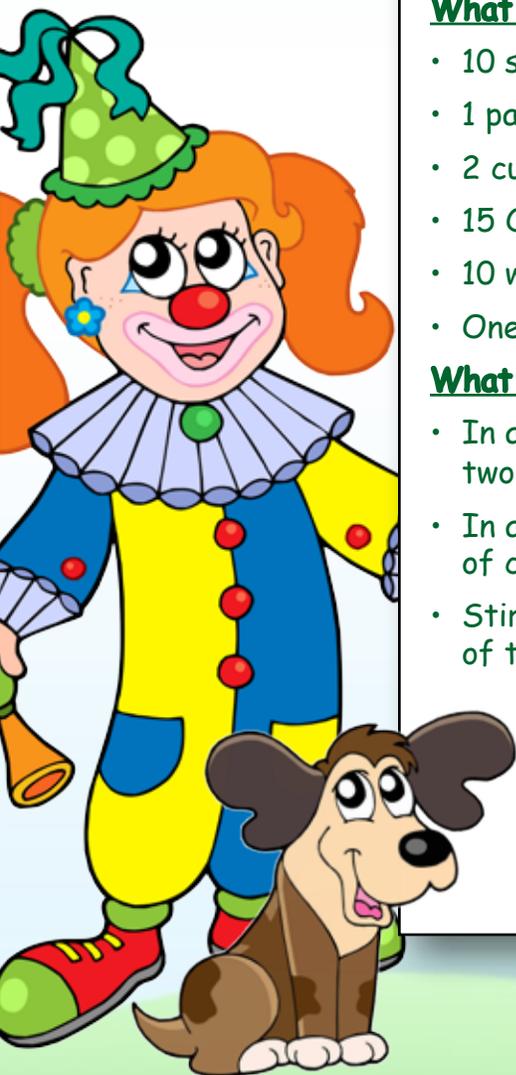
William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821



Hi, Friends!

My friend Tippy and I are going to meet each other on Saturday and clown around. We're going to play with chalk, jump rope, make dirt and ride bikes. When we get back from our ride, we're going to enjoy eating our dirt. That's right: we're going to make and eat DIRT! My Grammy once told me that everyone eats a bushel of dirt in their lifetime, but she never imagined it would be a chocolatey treat! Too bad Mumford can't have any; it contains chocolate, so it wouldn't be safe for him to eat. Guess we'll have to get a special treat just for him!



How To Make "Dirt"

What you need:

- 10 six-ounce plastic cups
- 1 package of chocolate instant pudding
- 2 cups of cold milk
- 15 OREO® or chocolate sandwich cookies
- 10 worm-shaped gummy snacks
- One 8-ounce container of whipped topping, thawed



What you do:

- In a large bowl, blend the milk and pudding mix and beat with a whisk for two minutes. Set aside.
- In another bowl, crush all the cookies. You should have about $1 \frac{1}{4}$ cups of cookie crumbs when finished.
- Stir all the whipped topping into the pudding mix, then pour in only $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the cookie crumbs and stir together.
 - Spoon this mixture into the plastic cups and top each cup with the remaining cookie crumbs.
 - Refrigerate for one hour while riding bikes with friends.
- Remove from refrigerators, top each cup with gummy snacks and ENJOY!



Just 4 Mom!

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 8. As a special gift for my mom, I am going to make a list of the top 10 reasons why I think my mom is the best mom in the world. You can do the same for your mother in the box below. I bet she'll really like it!

Top 10 Reasons Why YOU Are the Best Mom in the World

10. _____

9. _____

8. _____

7. _____

6. _____

5. _____

4. _____

3. _____

2. _____

1. _____

Happy Mother's Day!

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Spring officially arrived and brought with it a snow blanket for the daffodils, tulips, new buds and growing grass. Let's add the cancellation of the Cleveland Indians home opener due to snow and cold.

Spring is a time of rebirth, renewal and the resurrection. It is important to have faith, family and friends in our day-to-day activities and in life. Also, it is so important to have prayer for those who are facing medical issues and life's challenges.

Over the past several months, many events have taken place in the Greater Cleveland area that I had the opportunity to attend.

I saw "Beautiful - The Carole King Musical" on April 5 and again April 13 with members of Branch 14. It is a production worth seeing multiple times. What a great show about a songwriter and composer who had a tremendous impact on American music. "One Fine Day," "Pleasant Valley Sunday," "Locomotion," "Go Away Little Girl," "It Might As Well Rain Until September," and "You've Got A Friend" were among the hits performed during the show.

We saw the movie "Songs of Transylvania" March 21 with the Hungarian Friends group. The movie captures the music of remote villages in the Székely region of Transylvania as played and sung by village musicians, using the true Hungarian language not influenced by the outside world.

Mary Jane Molnar, president of the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio, and I participated in a phonathon for the Cleveland Hungarian Radio Show on WCPN-90.3 FM. It gave us the chance to promote Hungarian Heritage Night at Classic Park on Saturday, June 25 during the Lake County Captains baseball game. The Cleveland Hungarian Heritage Society and Museum also participated in this event.

A commemoration of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution took place on March 13 at The First Hungarian Reformed Church with over 215 individuals attending. Children from the church's Sunday school and

the Cleveland Hungarian Scouts participated in the program. The program included a poetry reading, a reenactment and songs. A reception followed with delicious Hungarian pastries baked by the members of the Church.

The Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel held its annual Paprika! Ball March 12 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, honoring The Cleveland Museum of Art and the Hungarian artists from both here and abroad whose works are part of the Museum's collection. A delicious Hungarian gourmet dinner followed by an assortment of Hungarian pastries including freshly made palacsinta, made for a beautiful evening, which included music by Harmonia.

The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding as the first Hungarian Reformed Church in America. A special service took place April 30 with the anniversary dinner, prepared by The Rhapsody Restaurant of Michigan, immediately following in Bethlen Hall. May the congregation be blessed by God's grace.

I hope that all of the participants at the WPA bowling tournament on April 29 and 30 had a fun weekend with a lot of strikes for everyone!

Preparations are taking place for Branch 14's Second Annual Red, White and Green Raffle to benefit branch activities. We will have 400 tickets printed with 4 prizes being offered. The drawing will take place at the Branch 14 Christmas party in November. Check upcoming Branch 14 articles for ticket availability.

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

- Branch 14 meetings will be held on these Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.: May 4, Sept. 7, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.
- The branch Christmas party will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- Join Hands Day, May 7. Branch 14 will select a local project and set a



Greeters welcome guests to the Paprika Ball hosted by the Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel.

date soon.

- WPA's Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days, July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club.
- The WPA Picnic is set for Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.
- The WPA Tour to Vienna, Austria, Croatia and Hungary, September 6 to 20.

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 sent to all our members and friends feeling under the weather. We send super-charged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to National Director and Branch 14 Auditor Albert Frate, Carol Horvath and Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman who are going through some rough times. We send healing wishes to Alexis Dvorak, Michelle Day and former National President Elmer E. (Al) Vargo. Please keep all of our members in your prayers.

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

Our next branch meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 4,



Participating in Youngstown's commemoration of the 1848 War of Independence March 13 were (l-r) Joe Losoncy, Leslie Polgar, Laura Polgar and Endre Csoman.

at 7:00 pm at The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members are welcome to attend.

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

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Remember to honor our Veterans, past and present on Memorial Day. Say a prayer, or say "thank you."

We at Branch 18 have been busily preparing for all the wonderful events WPA has to offer. Branch 18 will be supporting most of these events, and we hope you will, too.

We also are planning all our local events, and there sure are a lot. Our branch meetings started on April 12. Our next meeting will be on May 11. We meet at the Hungarian Cultural Center on Goddard Road in Taylor at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget your animal donations. The shelter takes anything: food, litter, towels, rugs--yes, anything to make the animals happy. Hope to see you there.

Our Join Hands Day event has

been changed to Saturday, May 28. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Hungarian Cultural Center. A group will go to Paragon, a school for citizens with special needs. We will end at St. Michael's Church on Champaign in Lincoln Park. After the planting, lunch will be provided. We should be done about noon. Remember, many hands make much easier work. Please come and help.

Congratulations to the new Board at the Hungarian Cultural Center. We are so proud of you. We are looking forward to all the wonderful events you have planned. WPA will support you all we can.

I am writing this before our annual bowling tournament, but I will tell you all about it next month. Hope you were there.

Happy birthday to some very special people: Judy Chakey; my wonderful assistant Judit Ganchuk; Elsie Kantor; Tamas Markovits, our Branch 18 auditor and good friend; and our wonderful friend, Father Barnabas from Holy Cross Hungarian Catholic Church. We wish you all a super birthday.

We are planning a bus trip to the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio, Aug. 27. It is a much closer venue for us, so we will go early in the morning and get home by 9:00 p.m. I will let you know the cost as soon as possible.

We are also planning a Soaring

Eagle/Firekeepers trip on Nov. 1 and 2. I will have more details about this trip soon.

The WPA golf tournament is scheduled for July 15 and 16. You have time to get your teams together and make your hotel reservations. We are planning a barbeque dinner after the golfing.

We send get well wishes to Lee Kosaski, Michelle Pokorny, George Schvarckopf, Doug Truesdell and National Director Albert Frate. We hope you are all better real soon.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially: Ethel Weidig, Elizabeth Suveg, Irene Angel, Mike Adorjan, Julius Papp, Anna Bodnar, Steve Zeleji and Genevieve Bacso. May they rest in peace.

I have some special people that I have to thank:

- Dora McKinsey and Judit Ganchuk, whose help and expertise I could never do without.

- Joyce Nicholson, for her thoughtful gift and guitar donation. Would you believe this year's guitar is from Blake Shelton? We will sell tickets for it at the WPA Picnic.

- Kathy and Les Megyeri, for all the thoughtful things they do.

- Last, but not least, my fellow Branch 18 members who pitch in so I can do other events for WPA. I am truly blessed with good friends.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers we have. We wish you all a special day. My mother will be 94 this year and is still going strong. Mom recently moved to Tupelo, Miss., and I thank my brother Joe Gall for the super job he is doing taking care of her. We love you, Mom.

My wish for you this month is that you smile more and stress less. You have so much to share. You are someone's inspiration and motivation. Hope outshines doubt 100 percent of the time. The world is still wonderful, and so are you.

Please feel free to call me anytime at 313-418-5572 or 734-782-4467.

You may also call Judit Ganchuk at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 149, with your questions about our fraternal activities. We speak to one another daily.

Enjoy this wonderful spring. See you soon.



Kayla and Gina of the Community Bread Basket in Weirton, W.Va., graciously accept items donated by the members of Branch 349.



Julie of The House of The Carpenter in Wheeling, W.Va., thanked the members of Branch 40 for their donation of food and other items.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Happy spring! Northeastern Ohio had several unusual snow storms in early April. Still, the brightly colored spring flowers were strong enough to survive.

On March 13, the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation hosted a commemorative event for the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence. The program consisted of Leslie Polgar reciting the poem "Nemzeti Dal" and presenting the story of Petőfi Sándor and his family. Laura Polgar performed several violin solos, and Endre Csoan spoke on Hungarian struggles in our early history, as well as on Hungarians resettling in America. Joe Losoncy performed several melodies on the keyboard. Following the program, those in attendance shared fellowship as well as a light luncheon.

By the time this publication is issued, the bowling tournament will be another WPA fraternal memory. So, let's get ready for the scholarship golf weekend now.

If you are interested in attending the Lake County Captains Hungarian Heritage Night on Saturday, June 25, please give me a call for more information.

What a wonderful job the Cleveland Hungarian Development Panel did on the Paprika event on March

12. It was an elegant evening, which WPA National Directors Richard Sarosi, Albert Frate and I got to enjoy with our guests for the evening.

Congratulations to Bettyann Nagy on becoming one of the members of the Millcreek Park naturalist group to have an article on the European starling published in our local newspaper, *The Youngstown Vindicator*.

Cleveland State University has established a new endowed scholarship in honor of National Director Richard Sarosi for his volunteer work at and support of CSU's Levin College. What a wonderful honor! Richard will participate in the selection of the recipient. Students seeking the grant must have an interest, involvement and participation in the Hungarian culture and community. Congrats! Well deserved.

Good job, Travis Schauer, on being chosen as a member of Columbian High School's National Honor Society. He earned community service credits by working at local Hungarian events.

On April 9, the Cleveland Hungarian Museum hosted a very nice event, the release of Richard Graber's book, *Csárdás*. The founder of the now disbanded dance production "Csárdás" spoke on how the group was started with both Hungarian and non-Hungarian performers and the many accomplishments they achieved over the past 20 years. It was quite an enjoyable and informative event.

Best wishes on their retirement to Frank and Mary Schauer. Also, happy days of leisure to National Director Anne Marie Schmidt as she begins a new chapter in her life as a retiree from the daily 8 to 5 routine.

Get well wishes to all those not feeling up to par these days, especially WPA National Director Albert Frate and Nancy Breznai.

Hoping all our birthday and anniversary celebrants have a great day.

Sincere sympathy is extended to all those who have recently lost a loved one.

Insurance needs? Please call Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Remember to give the mothers in our lives a well-deserved special Mother's Day.

As Memorial Day approaches, keep in mind all those currently serving our country as well as all those who have served over the years.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Well, they say April showers bring May flowers, but I wonder if that includes the snow showers we had in April? Our weather was more "spring like" in early March! Hopefully, this is not a portent of things to come. WPA has too many good things planned for the coming



Branch 51 members (l-r) Marian Rubin, Amanda Baldyga, Bethann Baldyga, Ernest Mozer, John Mozer (in background) and Catherine Baldyga load donations from the branch for delivery to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County, N.J.

months, and we are not going to dwell on the weather.

Please take a moment today and pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harms way.

Branch 34 members are planning on doing some chores at our local church and donating to the local food bank for our Join Hands Day projects. As the saying goes, "pay it forward!"

Congratulations go out to the Healy family. We are so excited that we will have another beautiful great niece and, of course, future branch member. The Vamos family is pretty excited also to become grandparents again!

Our thoughts and prayers are with our friend from Ohio. Hope all goes well.

Best wishes go out to all members celebrating their birthdays this month. Special wishes go out to my sister-in-law Roseann on her birthday. Also happy anniversary wishes go to my brother Gary and his wife Roseann.

Condolences go out to those who have lost a loved one. May they rest in peace.

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

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

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

Our "Join Hands Against Hunger" project this year was two-fold. Branch 349 donated a container of food to the Community Bread Basket on West Street. Kayla and Gina were very appreciative of the donation of food items. Meanwhile, Branch 40 donated a basket of food to The House of The Carpenter in Wheeling. Julie accepted the donation for the House of the Carpenter which serves the surrounding areas.

Our Easter basket donations went to the Friendship Room in Steubenville to purchase cleaning items for the home and to the Morgantown, W.Va., Food Pantry which assists university students in need.

I want to remind everyone that this year's first joint WPA and Hungarian-American Cultural Society summer picnic and bacon roast will be Sunday, May 29, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Warren Township Park in Yorkville, Ohio. Please bring a covered dish, table service and your own chair and bacon fork. Bacon and beverages will be provided.

We want to wish all Mothers a very happy Mother's Day.

We also wish a happy birthday and happy anniversary to those members with birthdays and anniversaries this month.

If you're ill, we pray for your speedy recovery.

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

Branch 51 Passaic, NJ

by Marian Rubin

Members of Branch 51 took part in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign on March 13.

The day began with a Mass at St. Stephen's Church for deceased members of our branch.

Afterwards, bags of canned food, cereal, pasta, juices, rice, beans, grocery store gift cards, personal hygiene products and a variety of other foods were collected. These items will be donated to local families in need through the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County.

Our thanks to Marian Rubin, Amanda Baldyga, Bethann Baldyga, Ernest Mozer, John Mozer and Catherine Baldyga who helped bag, load and deliver the donations.

Thank you to all the members of Branch 51 for their contributions and for their dedication to helping those in need.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

Alright, we surrender! Where is the sun and the warm weather? Come on--snow in April?! Absurd. We want the start of our warm weather!

Get well wishes go to branch members Fred Gabocy, Patricia Walochik and Devon Wittpenn, recuperating from recent medical issues, and to Dianne Schneider who continues to recuperate from delicate neck surgery. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for all.

The WineFest "alcular" recently held at the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh was a huge success and a lot of fun. The Con-

vention Center is large enough to accommodate tables and chairs for the patrons to relax at and enjoy some of the various delectables on hand. Can't wait for next year. This was something different and was a nice break from the cold, wet weather we had that day.

Thanks to Branch President John S. Toth Jr., Branch Vice President, Mark S. Maskarinec, Branch Coordinator Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec and member Rev. Lisa Kerestesi and her son Miles Edwards for representing the branch at the Annual Steel Valley Rotary Dinner Dance April 2 at St. John's Hall in Munhall, Pa. A good time was had by all, despite the unfortunate traffic mishap Rev. Kerestesi experienced on her way to delivering the grace for the banquet. The Steel Valley Rotary is also co-host of our branch's annual golf outing. It's always a pleasure to support one another in these mutual causes.

Our branch's first "Dine Out Dinner" will be held at Lydia's in the Strip District on Saturday, May 14. For reservations, call Mark Maskarinec at 412-872-5022. If there's enough interest, we might do a champagne brunch.

Mark your calendar: Our annual golf outing will be on Sunday, Aug. 7, with a tee time of 12:30 p.m. at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa. Price will be increasing slightly, but we did listen to your requests and were able to get an earlier tee time.

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

Plans are underway for our branch's Join Hands Day project to be held at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and the Hungarian Reformed Church Cemetery in Munhall in June. Interested volunteers are encouraged to call Mark Maskarinec at 412-872-5022. We will welcome helpers of any and all ages.

We are hoping to do an outing at the ballpark and night at the movies. We look forward to meeting a lot of our members in the upcoming year at some of these events.

Branch 89 continues to collect codes from Coke products. These



Get well wishes go out to Branch 89 member Patricia Walochik (above), shown with her son Jeff and daughter Krista, and to Branch 89 member Devon Wittpenn (pictured left).

codes will be turned into points which can then be redeemed for various merchandise and prizes to be used at our outings. Thanks to all who have sent us codes in the past. With your help, we can continue to give away valuable prizes at our golf outing for next to no cost to the branch. Anyone with any codes can email them to me at maskarinac1836@comcast.net or send them to 1836 Timothy Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

We are also collecting Kellogg's Family Rewards Points. The codes are no longer found inside the box. We now need the store receipt showing the purchase of the product(s). Look for boxes of Kellogg's, Keebler, Sunshine and Morningstar Farms products with the Rewards Points insignia. Just send us the receipt, and we'll do the rest.

Please contact me if you'd like to see other activities, and we'll do our best to accommodate those requests. For any of your life insurance or annuity needs, please continue to call Ruth Toth at 412-872-5022.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

As I write this, it is a cold day here in Columbus with a low of 25 degrees and light snow flurries. It seems more like winter than spring. On the brighter side, weather forecasts show highs in the 70s by the end of the week. Can't wait for the warmer weather to get here and stay.

We warmly welcome our newest branch members: Nolan McVity, twins Levi and John Dawson, Whitney Duncan and Charlotte Gall.

Mother's Day is May 8. We say "thank you" to all mothers for all you do for your families. Hope you all have a blessed day.

Armed Forces Day is May 21, a day we pay special tribute to all the men and women who serve our country. Please keep all who are serving abroad in your prayers that they will return home safely.

Memorial Day is May 30, the day we remember all those who have died while serving our country. May their families know how much we truly appreciate their sacrifice.

Don't forget May 31 is the deadline for members to apply for a WPFA scholarship grant for the 2016-2017 academic year. This is a great program for eligible students to take part in to continue their education. Please help support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation by making a donation.

Don't forget to register for the 33rd Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and additions to their families. Get well wishes 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.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness. Reach out to family



Helping assemble their branch's donation for WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger program are officers of Branch 226 (l-r): Wayne Nelson, auditor; Gerry Nelson, secretary; Janet Sparico, vice president and Frank Halas, auditor.

or friends you haven't seen or talked to in a while with a call or visit. It will make them--and you--feel better!

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Well, spring continues to tease us as the temperatures keep swinging up and down. There is also talk that it will snow again! We had a wild day on April 2, as it appeared we had all four seasons in one day!

The Branch 132 summer picnic will be held on Sunday, July 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion #1, Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. The branch will provide water, soda, Martin's Fried Chicken, Eby's Sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, plates, napkins and utensils. We ask all attending to please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We also ask you to make reservations by calling John Burus at 574-256-5281

so we can plan how much chicken and sausage we will need. There is no cost to attend for members and their families.

On March 21, Branch 132 made a monetary donation to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana to help those in need and promote community. We hope to continue this activity in the future.

Branch 132 is again sponsoring a men's softball team for 2016, and we hope they have a great run again. They were city champions in 2013 and 2014 and finished second in 2015. The summer softball schedule will be published in next month's *William Penn Life* so that members can come out and cheer on the team. Most games are played at Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park (formerly Belleville) on Mayflower Road near the U.S. 31 bypass. The season opens on Wednesday May 4, and we hope to see you all.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on June 7 at Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m. We would really like to have more members attend these meetings and get involved. Your ideas and thoughts for improving our gather-

ings are always welcome.

Branch 132 would also like to pass along our deepest sympathies to the family of Emery Antalavits.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday to all our members celebrating in May, especially Branch President Malvene Heyz! Best wishes for a wonderful day filled with family and friends. Also, happy wedding anniversary to all those celebrating this month!

Get well wishes go to long-time member Sally Petras. We wish you a fast and full recovery, and we're thinking of you during your rehab.

We're hoping for a meaningful Memorial Day weekend with friends, family and the memories of veterans long gone. I know in many families, Memorial Day is a somber time for reflection on those who gave all. May they rest in peace.

Our branch participated in the WPA Easter Basket program with purchases from Lampert's Market and other stores. I mention Lampert's because it is one of the few butchers left in the McKeesport area that makes Hungarian kolbász and other tasty meals.

As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger program, we donated to the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. We are also planning to volunteer at the food bank in May.

We are now hosting our branch meetings every third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Malvene Heyz's home; please call her at 412-751-1898 for directions. We are planning to reserve a bus to take members to the WPA Picnic Aug. 27 in Hiram, Ohio. Call Malvene to reserve your spot so we can plan accordingly.

Congrats to all our Association's college graduates working on a degree--kudos to you for your effort to improve yourself! This month is the last chance for current college students to apply to our scholarship program. Paperwork must be post-marked by May 31!

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 C. Schmidt

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the world. The world would be a much crueler place without their unconditional love and support. Heck, without all our mothers we wouldn't even be! So, make time to do something nice for the first lady in your life.

As this was being written, we were looking forward to thoroughly enjoying the WPA Annual Bowling Tournament at the Meadows Race-track & Casino in Washington, Pa. Our daughter and son-in-law were to join Anne Marie, Al and Linda Kertesz, and me for a fun weekend bowling and trying to hit the big jackpot at the casino. Unfortunately, our skill at bowling and luck at the casino are not what they used to be so we weren't planning to come home with full pockets. But that's not the biggest reason to go to these national events. It is to meet with all our old fraternal friends (and meet new friends) from around the country. I look forward to all the national events this year.

That same weekend, the Magyar Club of Dayton was to hold its Spring Dinner Dance at the American Czech Club of Dayton. I'm sure a grand time was had by all, dining on the fine chicken paprikas dinner and fixings prepared by the club ladies. I always look forward to the delicious pastries and Hungarian music provided by George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings. Dancing is a great way to work off the extra calories from the pastries!

At our April 17 branch meeting, we reviewed upcoming events.

The first event is the third annual Dayton Dragons baseball game at 5/3 Field, downtown Dayton, on May 15 at 2:00 p.m. We again will have a luxury box and enjoy a game by future big league players. Food and drink will be supplied. Please call me to see if any tickets are still available. Go Dragons!

Please support another fine local Magyar group at the World A'Fair International Festival May 20 to 22. The Dayton Festival Club

Dancers will have a booth at the World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention, selling cabbage rolls, kolbász and pastries. The group's dancers will perform several times a day throughout the festival. A World A'Fair is a celebration of diversity that showcases the food, dancing, music, costumes and culture of 31 ethnic groups making up the greater Dayton area. And the Festival Club does a wonderful job representing Hungary.

Welcome to new Branch 249 members Joann Trautman; her grandson, Avery Simmons, age 8; Larry Kertesz; and his son Jesse, age 6. We hope to see you at our local branch functions. Thank you for joining our fraternal family.

Does anyone else want to join? For a limited time, WPA will add an additional \$5,000 to all juvenile single premium whole life applications of \$10,000 or more for issue ages 0 to 15 at *NO additional cost*.

Also, if the parents or grandparents are also members, then the juvenile may also be eligible for a WPA scholarship when they enter college. This is a great deal!

There are several new local agencies representing WPA. Please contact me for their names. As always, you can contact Anne Marie and Mark Schmidt at 937-667-1211 or Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-771-0404.

Happy birthday to all you May babies. I am hoping you have many more to come. Happy anniversary to those married in May. I wish a special happy anniversary to Cassie and Greg on their second anniversary. Love you two!

If you have any information to pass along, please contact me. Until next month, stay safe and enjoy the warm weather.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

I'll begin with a "last call" reminder to our Branch 296 members who will be attending college in the fall. This is the time for students to renew their undergraduate scholarship grants through the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. New students, please review the eligibility rules first before completing and submitting the application found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. The deadline for submitting renewal requests, a new application and the required essay is Tuesday, May 31. Any submissions postmarked after May 31 will be ineligible. Students may also refer to our website at: www.williampennassociation.org, click on "Members" and "Scholarship Foundation" for more details.

Secondly, we're looking forward to our next meeting, which has been changed to Monday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. when our branch will work on our Join Hands Day project. Both youth and adult members are cordially invited to this meeting. And, if our youth members are working on community service hours for their school or church, this can count towards that!

For the past several years, Branch 296 has packed snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. Families staying at the Ronald McDonald House truly appreciate having a cheerfully decorated bag containing on-the-go snacks as they spend long days with their recovering child. Our branch members enjoy decorating and filling the bags for these families. It's like we're providing encouragement, along with fruit cups, muffins and



Next Deadline

All articles and photographs for the June issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by May 10. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

crackers. So, why not join us for our "assembly line" project? This is an easy and fun project that will warm your heart. Afterwards we'll have a very brief meeting and dessert. We look forward to seeing your happy faces and helping hands!

We are pleased to reveal that the beneficiaries of our branch Easter Basket program are nursing students from West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, who will be participating in a service project in Nicaragua. A young man from Our Lady of Victory Church in Harwick, Pa., was researching a community service project for the sacrament of confirmation in the Catholic faith and was referred to these West Penn Hospital's nursing students' project. The future nurses will soon travel to Nicaragua to practice their newly-acquired skills and provide much needed vitamins to the local residents. Branch 296 purchased thousands of vitamins as part of the supplies these nursing students will take for their project.

It's a remarkable cooperative effort: WPA lends a hand with funds; the branch members purchase vitamins; the young man collects and delivers the vitamins to West Penn Hospital School of Nursing; the student nurses dispense the vitamins to those in need; and bodies receive nourishment! Thank you, WPA Home Office, for providing these funds. It's just a beautiful thing.

Happy birthday and anniversary greetings to each of our 296-ers celebrating in the month of May. Helen Slaninka, we're thinking of you! Also, the very best wishes to our members who are recovering or infirmed; you are in our thoughts and prayers. Irene Charles, we are thinking of you.

Congratulations to Megan and Chris Keller, brand new parents who recently welcomed their son Garrett into their lives. He's a sweet little guy!

Condolences to those recently experiencing the loss of a loved one, especially Chris Keller, who lost his dear mother, Suzan, right before Garrett's birth.

Special congratulations to our members who have recently graduated from college! We're proud of



Branch 8036 Coordinator Debbie Hauser presents a basket of supplies to Union Mission Resident Manager, Dan Carney.

your accomplishments and wish you well with your future plans for ongoing education and successful employment opportunities. For those interning throughout the summer months, we wish you all the best. Interning can be a valuable learning experience, and we hope that all of your efforts pay off.

Happy Mother's Day to all women who are mothers, mothers-in-waiting, and those special individuals who have acted in place of a mother. We honor each of them, living and deceased. Remember, everyone needs a mother.

For the men and women who sacrificed themselves in the service of our country, we set aside a special day of honor on Memorial Day. Your actions were selfless, and we are grateful.

On behalf of Branch 296, we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington for our Join Hands Day Project.

Contact me at makelly367@verizon.net or at 724-274-5318 if you have any branch news, birthday, anniversary and get well wishes that you would like to share.

You can rely on our terrific agent, Noreen Fritz, to answer your life insurance and annuity questions. Contact her at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

May has finally arrived and with it warmer weather. We can now look forward to nicer days and enjoy the outdoors.

There are two special holidays that are celebrated in the month of May. The first is Mother's Day, which falls on May 8 this year. May all mothers be blessed on this special day, and may you be surrounded by loved ones.

The other holiday is Memorial Day on May 30. We must remember the sacrifices made by those who have served in the armed forces in the name of freedom. Remember to thank a veteran for their service. We must also remember those who serve as a policeman or fireman. They, too, are put in harm's way for our safety. May the families of those who have lost a loved one in the service of our country be comforted.

Join Hands Day will be officially celebrated on Saturday, May 7, this year. Arrangements for Branch 352's JHD project are being finalized. Please look for further information about our project in the June issue of *William Penn Life*. All adult and youth members will be welcome to join us!

Information on WPA's upcoming golf tournament can be found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. The dates this year are July 15 and 16. Please participate in as many fraternal events as possible. Only with your participation can WPA continue to offer these fraternal benefits to you, our members.

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

Our condolences to anyone who has recently lost a loved one. May your memories sustain you.

If you have any news to share with our WPA family, please contact me so that the information can be published in a future issue.

If you have any questions about your life insurance or annuity, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at [William Penn Life ° May 2016 ° 29](mailto:dmck-</p>
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Branch News

insey@hotmail.com. Now is a good time to review your current beneficiary information and make any changes that need made. Contact me if you need assistance with this.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

May has arrived with warm weather and beautiful May flowers. Did you know that Tuesday, May 3, is National Teachers Day? Hopefully, all our children will do something special for their favorite teachers.

Branch 800 hopes all mothers have a happy and enjoyable Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, and can celebrate their special day with family and friends.

We hope all members who enjoy bowling were able to participate in the WPA annual bowling tournament in Washington, Pa.

Our branch will continue our long-time tradition of honoring our 50-year members at our May meeting. It is a great opportunity for members to socialize with our long-time members.

Once again, Branch 800 is very proud that WPA continues to be

a very safe, secure and financially strong place for members to invest. The actuary's report for 2015 can be reviewed in the April 2016 issue of *William Penn Life*.

Did you know May 21 is National Waiter and Waitress day? Remember to tip them well. May 21 is also Armed Forces Day; try to take in a parade in your area.

Memorial Day this year is Monday, May 30. We hope everyone will honor those who lost their lives while serving our great country.

We also hope all members can enjoy the extended weekend with a family outing during this National Barbeque Month. May is also National Salad and Hamburger Month. Let's all enjoy this month!

We also want to wish a happy birthday and/or anniversary to any member celebrating this month.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual branch summer picnic. It will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park in Altoona.

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

Until next month, let's go Bucs and Curve! And, a special let's go Pens!

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by Jerry A. Hauser

Branch 8036 participated in WPA's Easter Basket program by donating a basket of much-needed supplies, including men's socks and hygiene products, to the Union Mission of Latrobe, Pa.

Founded in 1987, the Mission is a Christian organization that provides housing and support for men who are experiencing economic and personal crises in their lives.

Resident Manager Dan Carney explained the shelter offers more than a warm meal and bed. The Mission's main purpose is to help residents become self-sufficient when they leave. Residents are oriented into the community with a broader purpose and given opportunities to begin putting their broken lives back in order.

In order to provide such services, the Union Mission relies on community donations and financial contributions.

To learn more about the Union Mission, its programs and volunteer opportunities, visit their website at www.theunionmission.org or call 724-539-3550.

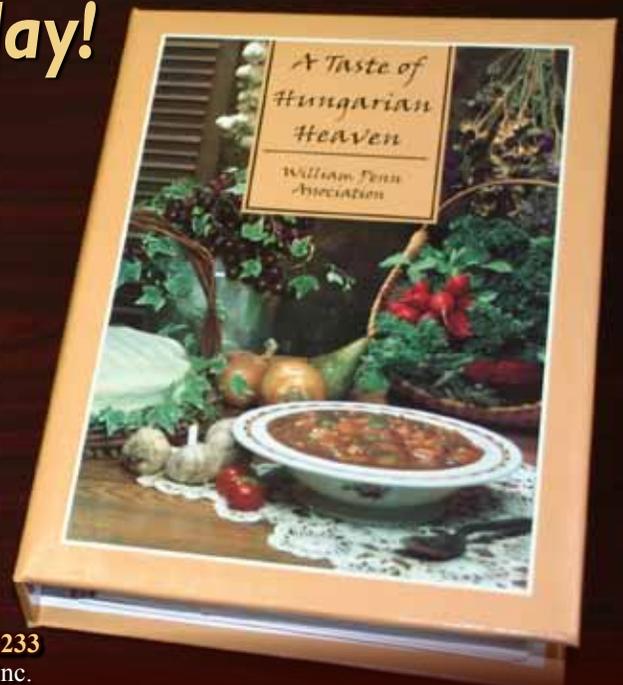
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Hungary's UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Many American-Hungarian travelers make it a point to visit each of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites located in the land of the Hussars. There are currently a total of eight such designated places that have become popular tourist attractions for many trekkers.

UNESCO is an acronym for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which is made up of nearly 200 member-nations. Although the World Heritage Sites are the most popular and recognizable part of this large organization, their primary objectives are aimed at promoting human rights, conservation and the acceptance of all cultures. Chartered by 20 nations in London in 1945, UNESCO's headquarters soon moved to Paris and have remained there ever since. There are over 1,600 heritage sites worldwide, with the United States having a total of 24.

Hungary became a member-nation in 1948 but did not take part in the UNESCO conventions until 1985.

Acquiring a designation as a World Heritage Site is a complicated and time-consuming endeavor. Currently, Hungary is seeking to enroll 11 additional locations as possible heritage sites.

The UNESCO website is an extensive and interesting stop off for those web cruisers wishing to learn more. Log on at www.UNESCO.org and explore! (Another interesting web listing for Amerikum-Magyar types is www.Hungary-Today.hu.)

The May 2016 puzzle consists of 15 clues. Each clue is either one of the eight Hungarian World Heritage Sites or a key word pertaining to UNESCO.

Good luck! Don't forget your édes anya on Mother's Day. And, this Memorial Day, remember our soldiers who gave up their lives so we may be free!

Éljen a Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #128 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #128 were drawn April 7, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

- Eva K. Gooch, Br. 226 McKeesport, PA**
 - Bonnie L. Kern, Br. 26 Sharon, PA**
 - Lex Prindle Sr., Br. 26 Sharon, PA**
 - Ronald Russin, Br. 8036 Scottdale, PA**
- Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #131 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"World Heritage Sites" Word List

Aggtelek	Hortobágy	Paris
Budapest	London	Pécs
Danube	Necropolis	Pusztta
Fertő	Neusiedlersee	Sopianae
Hollókő	Pannonhalma	Tokaj

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RULES

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

WPA PUZZLE #131
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **June 30, 2016**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about July 6, 2016, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

The fraternal year ahead *(Continued from Page 3)*

- Many branches are also having remembrance programs. So many of our members came to America after the uprising. Please try to remember this very special time.
- On Oct. 24, Bethlen Communities will be celebrating their 95th anniversary with a banquet. They do some awesome work for our seniors and their community.
- That takes us to our branch Christmas parties. We had more branch parties last year than in previous years. Thank you so much. Keep up the good work.

I have touched on some of our events for the coming year. If you want something publicized about your branch, please let me know. Remember: we are only as good as our members and their branches. Fraternalism is a must. We must support as much as we can or the events will cease. Look this list over. What appeals to you? ATTEND.

Thanks to the WPA Board of Directors, National Officers and employees for all your help. I will attend as many of these events as possible, and I look forward to seeing you there.

In Memoriam

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

MARCH 2016

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT Mary C. Ienner Steve Klinko	0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ John S. Pastor Mary A. Roesch Albert A. Tumolo	0089 HOMESTEAD, PA Grace E. Skrobacs	0383 BUFFALO, NY George T. Fletcher
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TOTAL for Month = \$152.31

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WPA Cookbook Sales - \$265.00
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