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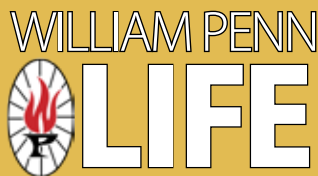
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WPA saddened by passing of former President Frances A. Furedy

PITTSBURGH -- As this issue was going to press, the Association was saddened by news of the death of Frances A. Furedy, whose 55-year career as an employee of William Penn Association culminated in her serving as the Association's President. Ms. Furedy, 92, passed away Sept. 12, 2016.

A tribute to Ms. Furedy will appear in the November 2016 issue of *William Penn Life*.

Members can now go online to calculate insurance needs

WE ALL KNOW how important life insurance can be to securing your family's financial future. But, have you ever wondered exactly how much insurance coverage you and your family need?

Now, WPA offers you an easy way to estimate how much coverage you and your family will need to maintain the lifestyle you enjoy should you or a loved one pass away.

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calculator will do the rest.

If you have any questions about using the calculator, please call your local WPA sales representative or National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 134.

Correction

In last month's article about the Hungarian Heritage Experience (*WPL*, Sept. 2016), we mistakenly reported that students ate store-bought *csiga* noodles. In fact, those students who were not eating *csiga* they made themselves were eating noodles made by The Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport, PA.

WPA mourns losses of former director & consultant

MARGARET H. BOSO

GROVE CITY, OH -- The members of Branch 129 Columbus, the Association's Official Family and members across the nation mourned the death of Margaret H. "Marge" Bosó, former National Director and a longtime member of the National Auditing Committee. Mrs. Bosó, 85, passed away Aug. 28, 2016.

Marge was a loyal and dedicated member and leader of the Association for decades at both the branch and national levels. She served as president of Branch 129 for more than 25 years. Before that, she was the branch's secretary for many years. Simultaneously, Marge began her 30 years of service to the Association at the national level, first as a member of the National Auditing Committee from 1991 to 2007, then as a member of the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2011. She also served as a delegate to the 38th General Convention in 2015.

She instilled her love for WPA into her children, especially her daughter and current National Director Debra A. Lewis.

Marge was a proud mother and grandmother whose generosity touched every individual who was fortunate enough to have known her.

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Margaret H. Bosó

National Director
2007-2011
National Auditing
Committee
1991-2007



August J. Molnar

Founder & Former
President of the
American Hungarian
Foundation

AUGUST J. MOLNAR

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ -- Members of the Association and Hungarians both here and abroad were saddened by the recent death of Prof. August J. Molnar, founder and longtime former president of the American Hungarian Foundation. Prof. Molnar, 89, passed away Aug. 30, 2016.

Prof. Molnar was a member of WPA Branch 19 New Brunswick and served as a consultant to the Association for many years on matters relating to the preservation and promotion of Hungarian culture in America.

He was born in Cleveland on March 24, 1927, and moved to New Jersey, settling in New Brunswick in 1959. He served as executive director and president of the American Hungarian Foundation (AHF) for 59 years.

His father immigrated to the U.S. in 1910 from Kissikátor, Hungary, as did his mother. Both of his parents were passionate about Hungarian culture, instilling in him the importance of family heritage.

Prof. Molnar studied at Elmhurst College in Illinois graduating in 1949. He continued his education with graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Lancaster

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Looking back; planning ahead

The success of this year's events makes us eager for 2017

MANY OF OUR FRATERNAL events are winding down for 2016. What that means is we're beginning to plan for 2017. As always, we are anxious to receive your suggestions and ideas.

- In April, we hosted another successful bowling tournament. Everyone was kept busy with either bowling, gambling, eating or sharing fraternalism. What a fun event it is!

- In May, we hosted the Calvin Synod for a dinner during their conference. Many of us attended their closing banquet the following day. The Synod will gather every two years. They are all such wonderful people. I will miss not seeing them next year. Congratulations to Bishop Csaba Krasznai on being elected Bishop during the convention. He and his family are members of WPA Branch 14 Cleveland. We are proud to call him our friend and super WPA supporter. Attending the dinner with me were Vice Chair Kathy Novak and her father Steve, National Directors David Kozak and Richard Sarosi, National Vice President-Secretary Jerry Hauser and his wife Debbie, and National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia and his wife Maria.

- In June, WPA supported the Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, N.J. What a wonderful festival! It took a downturn a few years ago, but is now back bigger and better than ever. It goes on for blocks and blocks. Vice Chair Kathy Novak and I visited the three wreaths donated by WPA that were placed in key locations. It was 100 degrees in the shade, but it was worth every minute. Thanks, Bob, for the canopy. So happy to see the festival become great again. I also want you to know that Hungarian was spoken more than English. Ethnicity is back in fashion. In addition to Kathy and Steve Novak,

attending were Bob Bisceglia and Ursula Markovits.

- In July, we hosted our annual golf tournament. We had marvelous weather, marvelous food and great people. On Friday, we had the annual scholarship meeting, Monte Carlo, Chinese auction, welcoming reception and lots of fun. We are looking for a different golf course for next year's tournament. Again, suggestions are welcome.

- Also in July, we were honored to attend the Calvin Synod's youth camp and present a \$5,000 donation from WPA. Without WPA's support, many of the children there could not afford to attend. They were truly a great bunch of people. The ages ranged from about six up through the teens. The Bethlen Communities treated everyone to a barbeque like you've never seen. Thank you for the opportunity to visit.

- From July 31 to Aug. 6, WPA hosted our renewed Hungarian Heritage Experience. It was held for the first time at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp in Boswell, Pa. We had a wonderful group that really kept their hearts and minds open to changes. I want to thank Chef Ursula Markovits, kitchen helper Jim Robert-

son, all-around helper Dave Kozak, and teachers Tamás Markovits and Emery Marcus. It does take a village. The graduation program was the best ever. Thanks to Bongo Tom, Mark Bolla and his coat, dancing instructor Linda Enyedy and all our wonderful students who performed all they had learned. The graduation was attended by most of the Board, their spouses and many Home Office employees. You don't know how important an audience is. Our students were so proud to show what they had learned. I was like a proud mother. Can't wait to see you all again next year. Don't forget your



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Keeping it all in the family

Insurance needs for the family-owned business

IN THE AUGUST ISSUE of *William Penn Life*, I discussed the special needs of two of the fastest growing markets in America today: Generation X and Millennials (aka, Generation Y). Because many Gen X and Y families will stand to inherit or form family-owned businesses, I'd like to discuss the needs of business owners, especially those in family-run businesses.

First, let's review some background data. Family-run businesses are economic powerhouses and form the backbone of the American economy. Family businesses account for 80 to 90 percent of all businesses in the U.S., and 35 percent of Fortune 500 companies are family-controlled businesses. The greatest part of America's wealth lies within family-owned businesses. And, since family-run businesses employ nearly 62 percent of the entire U.S. workforce, chances are high that today's Millennial or GenX'er will at some point be employed by -- or become part of -- a family-owned business enterprise.

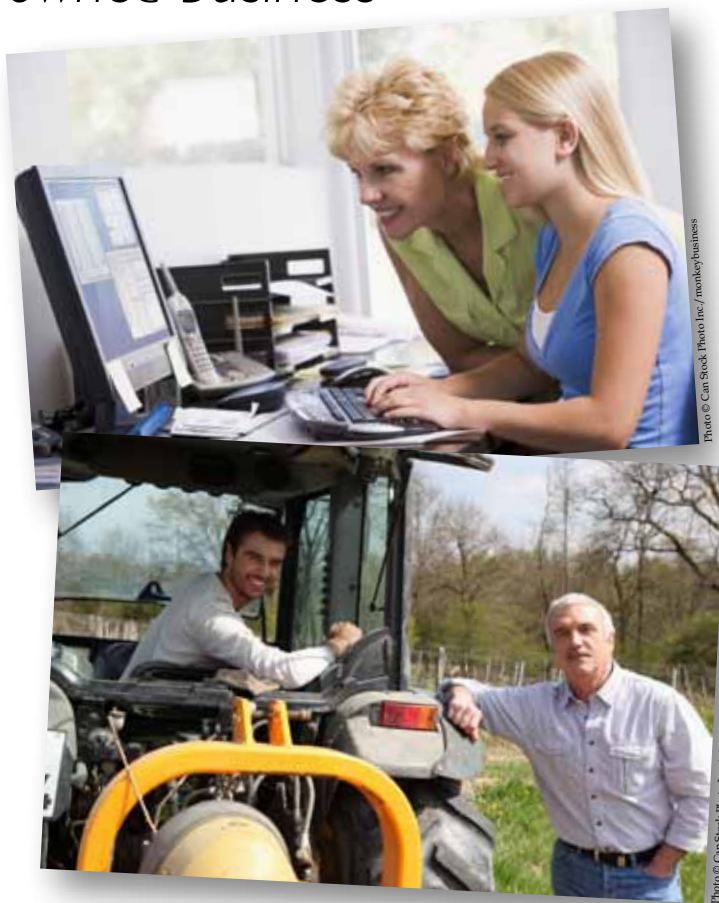
According to a recent study conducted by the Harvard Business Review, some 70 percent of family-owned businesses fail or are sold before the second generation gets the chance to take over. Only 10 percent remain active into the third generation, and only 3 percent survive for the third and subsequent generations.

The family businesses that survive past the first generation have longevity. Studies have shown that family control helps a business operate more efficiently since family members are able to positively affect the company values, have fewer human resource problems and help drive new entrepreneurial spirit. What drives many family-run businesses is the sense of ownership and connection between the owners, other family members and employees. For this reason, family-run businesses have less turnover than their publicly-held counterparts, and today's business owners are concerned about transferring not only the business wealth but also their values surrounding their wealth to future generations.

Successful family businesses do business the right way. They focus on the next generation -- not the next quarter or year. They tend to generate good company morals and values by putting customers and employees first and emphasize a higher level of social responsibility than larger publicly-held firms.

Women are becoming increasingly involved in family-run businesses. Currently 24 percent of family businesses are led or owned by a female, and 31 percent of the firms surveyed by the Harvard Business Review indicated that the next successor (the person identified to take over the business) is a female. The study also indicates that over the last five years, woman-owned family businesses have increased by 37 percent.

Now, let's review some issues that today's family-



owned business might incur:

According to the Harvard study, the mean age of today's business owner is 60.5 years. As Americans live longer, business estate and succession planning will become increasingly important if the family-owned business is expected to survive to the next generation, especially if the parent started the business and intends to pass it on to one or more children.

By 2017, it is estimated that over 40 percent of all family business owners in the U.S. expect to retire, creating a huge transition of ownership. Less than half of those indicating their plan to retire have selected a successor. Nearly one-third of U.S. business owners surveyed say they have no estate plan beyond a simple will, and only 53 percent said they have a "pretty good" understanding of how to handle the transition. While 70 percent of the respondents indicated their desire to pass the business to the next generation, only 30 percent will be successful transitioning to the next generation.

Business owners should take time -- at least once each year -- to review the value of their business and think

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Blessings in many guises

MERRIAM-WEBSTER DEFINES a “blessing” as approval that allows or helps you to do something; help and approval from God; something that helps you or brings you happiness.

I see blessings as so much more. The universe -- with all its planets, stars and space included -- is the very heart beat of a blessing.

Chameleon-like, blessings wear many hats by taking on forms that are rarely predictable. You may not recognize a blessing at first as it may be covered in chaos, appear as a sickness or be a flinch from a stranger.

Often carried on the tail of a cardinal or in the eyes of a dog, blessings, no matter their disguise, change our very soul. With antenna-like properties, blessings change channels and allow us to tune in to a more optimal station. Once your being has been embraced, it will never, ever be the same.

Blessings allow you to see farther ahead, and they keep you from falling into the past. We face forward with lightened limbs as the ground weaves itself solid and the steady incline shifts perception to a pattern of acceptance

and peace.

Blessings are vehicles with brilliant white wings that gently carry you to a better view.

Children see them easiest because they have not been tainted or clouded by skeptics and spoilers.

Blessings always come forth, translucent and strong, but you need roots of faith to see them.

Sometimes people step on them unaware of their existence. When that occurs, the blessing breaks into thousands of pieces. No longer useable, it diffuses into the air, waiting to gather momentum and present itself again.

Like particles of glitter too small to be seen, they gather and swirl, connecting the dots. Even in the darkest moments and the most rugged of times, they begin their dance under your feet and over your head.

Count them, hold them, kiss them and use them. Blessings are the brightness we need to light the path that takes us home.

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

Moneywise

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about what would happen if they were no longer there to run the business. Who would take over? What's your “exit strategy”?

Many business owners say they are just too busy to take the time to sit down with an advisor and review their business needs. Often, the self-employed or family-owned business owner neglects to see the need for life insurance, assuming that the business will take care of itself should the owner or key employee suffer an untimely death.

Earlier in my career, I was referred to a business owner who “didn't believe” in life insurance or see how it could benefit him and his family. He theorized that his family could liquidate his business assets (mostly machinery and real estate) when he died and couldn't see the need to carry life insurance. Although neither of his children were very involved in the family business, he assumed (incorrectly) that one of them would step in and take over the business at some point.

When he passed away unexpectedly, his family had to sell his assets quickly for just pennies on the dollar in order to generate the cash they so desperately needed for final expenses and income. Without a succession plan in place, his business was left with receivables that couldn't be collected, bills that needed to be paid and nobody with the expertise to continue the business as an ongoing concern.

He could have insured the full value of his business for pennies on the dollar and been able to pass the full value

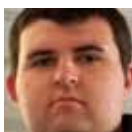
of his business to his heirs. He also erred in his assumption that his children would take over the business, when neither of them had shown an interest or been involved in the day-to-day operations.

Business owners need insurance for income replacement and to protect the future of their company. Without insurance, if a partner, owner or key employee suddenly dies, the business may ultimately fail. No matter the type of business you own or your business form (LLC, sole proprietorship, partnership, etc.), you should have a succession plan for your business and an exit strategy. If your intention is to pass the business to your Gen X or Millennial children, it's important to get them involved as early as possible in the inner workings of the family business so as not to wind up like our example above.

Do you or a loved one own a family business? Have you taken the time to meet with financial advisors (attorney, accountant, insurance agent) to review your business needs and discuss your succession plan and exit strategy?

Why not put the expertise of your WPA agent or broker to work for you? We can work with you and your other advisors to help plan a strategy that makes sense for you and your business. With proper planning, you can be sure that your business will be among the 30 percent that survives beyond the first generation and leave a legacy for generations to come.

Why not call your WPA agent or broker today? Don't have an agent? Call our Home Office, and we'll be happy to connect you with one in your area. □



The Lost Boys of '56

FAITHFUL READERS of my *Takes* may recall "The Story of Csaba." It's a tale I've been telling over the past six years about a composite character based on the recollections of over a dozen people I interviewed, each of whom participated in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 to some degree, then escaped Hungary, took refuge in a foreign land and eventually settled in America.

In the most recent installment of the story two years ago, I updated the current whereabouts and accomplishments of each person, noting what each gained in their 55-plus years here in America, how each blossomed within their careers, got married, had children and ultimately retired.

Consider this month's *Take* is an addendum to "The Story of Csaba."

Over 200,000 Hungarians fled Hungary in 1956. Most found new homelands and ended up staying and becoming citizens of their host nation. For some, their freedom from Communist oppression was only temporary as they would return to Hungary. Although specific numbers are lacking, it is safe to say that several thousand returned to the homeland within a decade of the revolt.

I was not fortunate enough to have interviewed anyone who actually returned to the land of the Hussars, but I did speak with relatives and friends -- including some residents of Csót -- who had first-hand knowledge of such individuals. Some of these "lost boys of '56" stories ended on a happy note while a few ended sadly. I use the term "lost boys" because many of these Hungarians dropped out of the historical narrative -- that is, were "lost" to history -- and the recollections passed to me were about men, although I'm sure many women fled then returned to Hungary as well.

The inspiration for this fourth and final part to this saga comes from an actual relative of mine who escaped Hungary and worked at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube, only to return to Csót in the early 1960s. The reasons behind his desire to go back home were never really clear, and, unfortunately, there are no relatives alive who could solve the mystery as to why he returned to Hungary.

Earlier this year, I received an email from Rhonda, a woman living just outside of Budapest who faithfully reads *William Penn Life* via the internet. A woman with a remarkable command of English, Rhonda, I learned, is an entrepreneur in the health and wellness industry. She asked me about a story I wrote mentioning Csót and a particular 1956 refugee named Ronnie, who I had mentioned in a previous *Take*. She wanted to know if there was a connection between her father and my family.

Rhonda said she knew little about her father and the time he spent in America but knew he lived and worked in the Hungarian section of New Brunswick, N.J. She doubted that there was any connection between



Ronnie (front, left), one of the "Lost Boys of '56," with members of the Check family: Endre Check (standing), Emmerencia Kadi Check and Tibor Check.

us as Ronnie resided hundreds of miles away from Youngstown.

I was ready to delete Rhonda's email when I decided to forward it to my father. A few days later, he wrote to Rhonda and asked for additional details about her and her father.

My dad learned that Rhonda was born in late December 1956, had two siblings born in 1968 and 1970, and spent her childhood in Csót before moving to Budapest in the early 1970s. Her parents passed away in the 1980s. She said that her father never talked about the revolution or his years in America.

After months of occasional dialogue with Rhonda, my father discovered in our boxes of photos a yellowed portfolio from Gray's Drug Store containing several pictures of a man with my father, grandparents and other members of the Cseh family. My dad had me scan and send a few of these photos to Rhonda. Almost immediately, she responded saying the man in the photos was her father. She said she had never seen him looking so vital, happy and strong and lamented that there were no photos of him from the early 1950s to mid 1960s.

My dad has since learned that Ronnie returned to Csót in 1961 because he was homesick, and that his first child was born just a few weeks following the Revolution. He not only lived and worked in New Jersey but also spent several years working in Youngstown and New York City

before returning to Hungary to be reunited with his wife and five-year-old daughter. He scrimped and saved every penny earned and never sent money back to the family as it would have been confiscated by the Communists. Ronnie, with the aid of American cash, bribed his way back into Hungary, despite several pending criminal charges against him. After more greasing of palms, a short stint in prison was imposed before Ronnie was allowed to return home.

Over time, he became a minor player in the local political party, worked for the government and built a house in Csót and a vacation home overlooking the Balaton. As with many men of that era, he imbibed in pálinka and other distilled spirits to help forget the past and embrace the future.

A few final notes to the story of Ronnie and his daughter Rhonda: Ronnie was the same age as my nagyapa Cseh. In fact, my granddad got Ronnie his first job in Youngstown at the Standard Slag Company. A few months later, my great-grandfather Cseh got him a higher paying job at the Sheet and Tube. I learned that Ronnie's mother and my great-grandmother were sisters (née Kadi). Most of that part of the family has moved away from Csót to either Győr or Budapest. Rhonda has rediscovered her roots in Csót and will soon be opening a bed and breakfast, wellness center and folk/cultural business in the near future.

There are other stories I learned concerning the men who returned to Hungary following the Revolution.

- One gentleman told me about a cousin of his, Mikey, who returned to Hungary, only to vanish from the face of the Earth. It was common fact that Mikey spoke out loudly against the Communists prior to the revolt and continued to do so once he moved to the U.S. He returned to Hungary because his parents were ill. It is believed Mikey was greeted at the border by state police upon his return and was either executed or sent to Siberia. Inquiries were made with government officials in Hungary only to be told it would be good for his family to forget about Mikey as he had "an unfortunate accident" and died.

- One gent originally from Pécs left America, but on his way to Hungary, decided to stop in England and ended up staying there.

- Another young man escaped but returned due to what may best be described as a circumstance of location. Before the Revolution, Gary lived only a few kilometers from the Austrian border. He was scheduled to enter the Magyar Army after the Christmas holiday and was unhappy. When news of the Revolution broke, he quickly scampered to the other side of the border. His thoughts were fleeting and not well planned. He did not discuss his intentions of escaping Hungary with anyone and believed he would return home before his army stint began. The quick closure of borders and the shoot-on-sight mentality of the border guards turned his anticipated short vacation from Communist rule into three years of wandering across western Europe. Gary was a very lucky fellow:

his father was a local civil authority and was able to pull strings to get his son back to Hungary with little consequence.

- George escaped his ho-hum life of working for the state owned co-op dairy farm to a better life in the west. Unfortunately for him, he ended up being sponsored by a church group located in the panhandle of Texas that employed him doing basically the same thing he did back in Hungary. Living in an area far removed from any fellow Hungarians, George soon became homesick and eventually returned to Hungary a bit older and wiser.

- A brother/cousin trio of Roma background fled Hungary via work visas issued by the Communists. In September 1956, Géza, Árpád and Zsolt were a trio of musicians who performed at various restaurants located at or near tourist spots around Lake Balaton. By mid-September, most of the vacationers who flocked to the Balaton area were gone, and, as they did in previous years, the three musicians applied for October through December work visas in Austria.

When the Revolt ended, the trio continued to perform at various Austrian cafés and restaurants as if nothing happened in nearby Hungary. Only news from the radio and newspapers gave the musicians any idea as to the severity of the Revolution.

By the latter part of December, the three began to discuss their choices of either returning to Hungary or becoming refugees. They agreed that their decision had to be unanimous because, if only one or two of them stayed in Austria, the ones to return would be persecuted. All three young men were graduates of the gypsy school of music in Devecser, and their credentials were quite impressive. Knowing this, they decided to stay in Austria with the hopes of making more money in the West.

As time progressed, the trio found that it was hard to make money as a three-piece band performing traditional Hungarian folk music outside of Hungary. For several years, they traveled throughout Europe performing where and when they could. Eventually, they made it to Canada and performed at restaurants in Montreal and Toronto. For one year, they played at the now-closed Hungarian Village in Niagara Falls.

Years of standard living took its toll on Árpád, the cimbalom player. He died in the winter of 1968 in British Columbia. Géza, the violinist, decided to test the waters

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Let's hear your take

If you have any questions or comments about me or my column, please email me at: silverking1937@gmail.com, or drop me a letter in care of the William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

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.

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Hungarian Cultural Center begins second phase of fundraising project

HIRAM, OH -- The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio continues to seek support for the enhancement of its club grounds during Phase 2 of its Brick Walkway Fundraiser Project.

Donors are being sought to sponsor bricks that will be used as part of the walkway leading from the club's beautiful Székely Kapu (entry gate) into the grounds.

Bricks are available in two sizes:

- 4- x 8-inch bricks; 3 lines with 20 characters per line at \$50 per brick;
- 8- x 8-inch bricks; 6 lines with 20

characters per line at \$100 per brick.

Brick sponsor forms can be found on the HCCNEO's website: www.hungarianclub.org.

Proceeds from the Brick Walkway Fundraiser Project will be used to cover the expenses for expanding the club grounds' kitchen, adding new handicapped restrooms for both men and women and insulating the main building so that it can be used year round.

For more information about the HCCNEO and the Brick Walkway Fundraiser Project, call 216-251-8126.

Árpádhon seeks flood relief

ALBANY, LA -- Like much of Louisiana, Árpádhon, the oldest continuously inhabited Hungarian community in North America, was devastated by extensive flooding in August.

About 30 inches of rain fell in three days, inundating homes and Árpádhon's Hungarian club with four feet of sewer water and petroleum.

As reported in the September 2016 issue of *William Penn Life*, the flooding forced the club to cancel its annual Harvest Dance, its sole annual fundraiser. Now, it must find other means of raising money to meet its \$7,000 annual budget.

In addition, the club's refrigerator, stove, freezer and PA system all need to be replaced, bringing the total immediate need to \$17,000. This

amount does not include the cost of repainting the building, repairing 20 century-old chairs and completing other important restoration work.

The Hungarian Human Rights Foundation has begun a fund raising effort to help the club. Because the club's owner, the Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association, receives no public assistance, they are seeking help from the Hungarian-American community to repair the flood damage.

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be earmarked for the Árpádhon fund.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the Hungarian Human Rights Foundation at 212-289-5488 or email info@hhrf.org.

Hungarian cooking classes offered

ALLEN PARK, MI -- Anyone in the Detroit area interested in learning how to prepare classic Hungarian cuisine is invited to attend the Cooking with Love classes being offered on most Saturdays this October.

Each class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature a different menu, which will be prepared and eaten for lunch by the students.

The cost for each class is \$35 which must be paid in advance by check and sent with your reservation.

The class schedule and locations

are as follows:

- Oct. 1, 22 and 29 at the American Hungarian Reformed Church, 9901 Allen Road, Allen Park.
- Oct. 15 at the Hungarian American Cultural Center, 26247 Goddard Road, Taylor.

For information on menus and reservations, call Judy at 248-763-1617 or email Hungariancookingclasses@gmail.com.

All reservations must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to the class of interest.

Columbus church to commemorate revolt

COLUMBUS, OH -- The Hungarian Reformed Church of Columbus, Ohio, will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 with a special program and dinner on Sunday, Oct. 23. The program will begin at 10:45 a.m. with dinner to follow. Reservations are required. Call Erzsi by Oct. 16 at 614-738-4415. The church's next Soup & Learn program will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13.

McKeesport club to host Szüreti Bál

McKEESPORT, PA -- The McKeesport Hungarian Club will host a Szüreti Bál (Harvest Dance) on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 3004 Walnut St., McKeesport. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by Dennis & Company. Admission is \$10 per person. Dinner may be purchased for an additional \$8 per person. Diners can choose one of three entrées: Chicken Paprikás with nokedli, a kolbász sandwich, or ham and cabbage. All diners include dessert. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. and music beginning at 8:00 p.m. For reservations and info call 412-672-8694.

Duquesne church to sell stuffed cabbage

DUQUESNE, PA -- The Hungarian Reformed Church of Duquesne, Pa., is holding a stuffed cabbage "heat & eat" takeout fund raiser in October. Each dinner will include three cabbage rolls, one piece of kolbász, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and dessert. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Only 200 dinners will be sold. All sales are by pre-order only. To order, call Barbara Revak at 412-469-2185. All dinners will be available for pick-up at the church on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Welcome back!

Over 700 help WPA celebrate the return of our annual picnic

HIRAM, OH -- The location may have changed but the fraternal spirit remained the same.

More than 700 members and friends of the Association gathered on a warm, sunny day to help us celebrate the return of the WPA Picnic. The grounds and facilities of the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) provided an ideal setting for WPA's largest annual fraternal event.

As guests entered the grounds through the beautiful, hand-carved *kapu* (gate), they were greeted with the unmistakable sounds of Hungarian music and the distinctive aromas of Magyar cuisine. Pavilions, large tents and tall trees provided plenty of shade under which everyone could enjoy the day. Many guests also took advantage of the nearby walking trails to stroll through the woods and take a look at the nearby Cuyahoga River.

The day's menu featured an array of traditional Hungarian foods -- including *Csirke Tarhonyával* (chicken with Hungarian noodles), *gulyás*, cabbage and noodles, *kolbász* -- and summer favorites like corn on the cob and hot dogs, all prepared by members of the HCCNEO. Guests could also pay a bit extra to enjoy *palacsinta*, *lángos* and *szalonna kenyér* (bacon bread). Everything was delicious and in sufficient supply to satiate every appetite. The pastry booth was one of the day's most popular destinations, offering a variety of homemade Hungarian specialties.

Providing music for everyone's dining and dancing pleasure was violin virtuoso George Batyi and his ensemble, featuring Alex Udvary on cimbalom. When the band took an occasional break, recorded music was played by Cleveland's Bocskai Rádió.

Additional entertainment was provided by the William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers whose youth,

enthusiasm and colorful costumes delighted the audience. At the end of their performance, they invited picnic guests to join them on the dance floor for a *csárdás*.

The picnic once again featured a special children's area where young guests could have their faces painted, create craft projects, play on a large jungle gym or have a special piece of balloon art made just for them.

While the children played, many adults visited the expanded merchants area where guests could purchase Hungarian crafts, clothing and other items or visit the WPA sales booth to get information on the Association's range of insurance and annuity products.

And what WPA event would be complete without a Chinese auction? Guests had dozens of wonderful prizes from which to choose, including several money trees. Guests could also purchase tickets for two separate 50/50 raffles and a special raffle for a guitar autographed by Country music superstar Blake Shelton.

The success of the picnic would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many people. Our thanks to WPA Fraternal Director Barbara A. House, HCCNEO President Mary Jane Molnar and more than 150 volunteers from both organizations who contributed to this massive undertaking. We can't thank all of these wonderful people enough, especially those volunteers who travelled from out of state to help. They all embody the true spirit of fraternalism.

Most importantly, we thank all our members and friends for joining us for a great day of fun and fellowship and for the generosity they displayed during the picnic. The day's events raised \$4,857 for the benefit of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back next year! □





WPA PICNIC



AUGUST 27, 2016



Commemorating the Hungarian Revolution



60 years ago, Hungarians fought for their freedom, signaling to the world that Communism was doomed to fail and history would side with all who loved liberty. On the following pages, we remember the Hungarians of 1956.

Remember the heroes of '56

You deemed a decade of oppression enough!

Valiant sons of a tiny nation, hold your heads up high.
You alone dared to stand against the Soviet might.
Nations herded into slavery,
Subjugated through rape, pillage, treachery,
And the millions forced into bondage,
Suffered added humility by paying compulsory homage,
To this most bloodthirsty monster of history,
But no you,
Oh, heroic sons of Hungary.

You demanded an end to occupation!

With flaming bottles in your hands,
You stood against the steel of tanks,
On cobblestone embattled streets,
Spontaneously banded volunteers,
Fueled only by a selfless desire
To redeem your nation's honor,
The world feared for your destiny,
But no you.
Oh, heroic sons of Hungary.

You were committed to liberty!

And with raw courage you stood fast,
Leaving a superpower aghast.
But soon the red ocean flooded across your border
To reestablish totalitarian order.
Encouragement resonated on the free airways,
Hinting of unexplained miracles to take place,
And for help, your eyes searched the setting sun in frenzy,
But none for you,
Oh, heroic sons of Hungary.

You were forsaken by the free world!

The once proud cousin whose hunger championed liberty,
Now obese in freedom's tranquility,
Stood immobile, a mere spectator,
At best a sympathetic agitator
Who urged you on against the hopeless odds.
On, to be crushed by powerful Muscovite Gods.
You faced the end with dignity,
All alone,
Oh, heroic sons of Hungary.

You died in battles and on the gallows of retaliation!

Bitterness of defeat wrenched your souls with pain.
But rest assured; your noble effort was not in vain!
Without you the Czechoslovak "68" would not be,
Nor today's Polish Movement of Solidarity.
Emerging Russian dissidence is a timebomb's ticking clock,
Slowly widening the crack, you caused in the Soviet bloc.
Your names will be honored by history,
For your deeds,
Oh, heroic sons of Hungary.

Tamás Markovits - 10/23/1985

*Memorial to the Hungarian
Revolution of 1956, Budapest.
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For better, for worse

The effects of '56 on a Freedom Fighter's American spouse

by Kathy Megyeri

As the wife of a Hungarian Freedom Fighter, 1956 has had a profound impact on my own life. Since Budapest has been our yearly destination for as long as I can remember, I've become more immersed in that event than many others.

Two things always strike me when we return. First, there's a commonality established when we are introduced to others, and they ask my husband, "So, are you a '56'er?" Right away, he is pigeonholed as being (a) one of those Hungarian political activists who no doubt had to flee the country and (b) in his mid-70's now (which he is). Then, too, I'm always reminded of my age when I hear others speak of the event.

Granted, my husband's story is probably not all that different from so many others. At 15 years of age, Megyeri László was a serious and good student in a Kispest *gimnázium*. He despised the Communists for their godless ways and their distaste of Hungarian customs and traditions. He hated still more the occupying Soviet Army who terrorized the population since 1945. He feared the secret police who tortured Hungarians just because they voiced their wish to be free. He despised traveling across town to attend church on Sundays to avoid recognition by the local police and the subsequent punishment for worshipping. He read history books on the heroism of Hunyadi and Kossuth. He often recited the Petőfi poem that stated, "Stand up Hungarians – your country is calling. The question is: 'Do you want to be slave or free?'" He attended the funeral of László Rajk on Oct. 6, 1956, when 100,000 stood in the cold, soaking rain and howling winds to pay their respects for this victim of terror.

Then, on Oct. 23, with many other students, he gathered in front of the Bem statue in Buda to support the Polish rebellion against the Communist regime. That same day, he demonstrated in front of the Hungarian radio building when police fired shots at the peaceful demonstrators. He marched to the front of Parliament on the evening of Oct. 23 with 200,000 others who heard the reformer, Imre Nagy, speak to the assembled crowd.

He followed his father and took up arms taken from the local police station to fight the Communists and the Russian occupiers. Miraculously, the Russians withdrew, and the Hungarian Army disarmed. He was jubilant that

freedom triumphed. He witnessed the complete collapse of the Hungarian Communist regime and the withdrawal of Russian occupiers.

But, he wondered why the Free World was focused on the closure of the Suez Canal and the British and French conflict with the Egyptians. He believed the rumors that the Russians were amassing to return and squash the new-found freedom, but he trusted Radio Free Europe when they announced that help was on the way.

He witnessed the attacks by Soviet tanks on a foggy, damp and frosty early Sunday morning, Nov. 4. By firing his rifle, he tried his best to stop the tanks from rolling into the center of Budapest on the main road leading from Ferihegy, Budapest's airport. He was among the 10,000 Freedom Fighters who had no chance of winning against the overwhelming Soviet ground troops and their tanks. But, he was lucky not to be among the 2,500 dead and 20,000 wounded who had fought so desperately for independence. And, fortunately, he was not among the 20,000 individuals condemned, of whom 229 were executed by the Kádár regime. The stolen weapon he used lay buried in the family's backyard.

Consequently, he, along with his father and brother, were among the 200,000 Hungarians who fled to Austria and freedom. He was welcomed by the Democratic world and thus,

he found the answer to Petőfi's question: "Do you want to be slave or free?"

He came to America and found freedom and happiness but still remains bound to the Hungarian language, culture, and traditions. Even though 60 years have elapsed, that Hungarian Freedom Fighter, my husband, is still alive, well, strong and even more committed to freedom after serving 30 years in the U.S. Army Reserves where he attained the rank of Colonel and after working most of his career in the U.S. House of Representatives as an attorney for the Judiciary Committee.

Our yearly trek back to Hungary, and particularly Budapest, really commemorates in some small way my husband's early years and his reason for leaving the country he so loves. But, my own story needs to be told as well, especially the reasons why 1956 means something to me, an American spouse.

First, I read James A. Michener's *The Bridge at Andau*,



Pictured above: László Megyeri in 1956

an engrossing tale of that pivotal time. Some people know that if they could reach the Bridge at Andau, on the Austrian border, they might escape to freedom. This book is a documentary account of the Hungarian revolt against the Communists in 1956 and is virulently anti-Russian. Some consider this true story by Michener to be his finest work, and in a *New York Times* book review, John MacCormac wrote: "In so far as he has limited himself to describing actual events, Michener has performed a service for which today's historians may be grateful, but today's readers will be even more grateful now." This book was my first introduction to a far-away event that I would someday view more intimately.

After meeting and marrying my husband, we began our regular visits to Budapest to visit family and friends. Invariably, we walked past the Killian Barracks and the Corvin theater where major fighting occurred and where Pál Maléter, the first deputy of defense and later brigadier general, was commander.

I also remember from my early visits to Hungary in the late '60s that people frequently whispered to each other, a hold-over habit from the days when citizens were forced to celebrate Nov. 7, the day of the Bolshevik take-over, and April 4, the "Day of Liberation." Those who did not show sufficient enthusiasm were promptly denounced by the informers, so people whispered because they lived in constant fear that their conversations were being intercepted. One of the joys of more recent visits was that normal conversations took place in lieu of whispering to each other as confidence and optimism replaced fear and suspicion.

My husband and I have often toured Parliament, and he always shows me the place where the Secret Police fired upon him and other peaceful demonstrators, some of whom were killed. We also walk by the Radio Budapest building where the first student demonstration started and where police fired upon the crowd.

As we walk on the Pest side of the Danube, close to the New York Café, we usually tour the National Museum where I vividly remember seeing the Hungarian crown on display before it was moved to the Parliament building. Then we cross to the Buda side to see the Bem Statue of the Polish general from 1848. At this point, my husband recalls that he and other Hungarian students went there to show their support for the Polish freedom movement.

One of my favorite sites in Budapest is Statue Park (part of Memento Park), a graveyard for the old Communist statues that used to line the city streets. The old Stalin statue which was pulled down during the revolution now stands lonely, damaged and abandoned in Statue Park, a fitting ending for such a feared symbol.

Of course, no visit is complete without traveling to Esztergom to see the Basilica where Cardinal Mindszenty is buried. A few years ago, we visited the U.S. Embassy and were escorted to the office which the Cardinal occupied. It was important for us both to see this since Cardinal Mindszenty took refuge there for 15 years in self-imposed confinement. In 1971, under pressure from the Holy See and the Hungarian government, Mindszenty consented to emigrate. Four years later, he died, and his ashes lie in the Esztergom Basilica. However, it wasn't until August 1991 when Pope John Paul II visited Hungary that the real end of 40 years of religious persecution was commemorated.

During my last visit to Hungary, I spent three days photographing the finest cemetery art and statuary I've ever seen. Section 21 of the Kerepesi Cemetery holds the remains of Pál Maléter and János Kádár. It reminds visitors of the impact of the revolution in sheer numbers: the thousands of dead, wounded and arrested, many of whom were mere children; the hundreds executed; the hundreds of thousands who fled.

But, without a doubt, it is the Terror Háza on Andrásy út 60 that draws us back each visit and holds our attention.

Formerly the headquarters of AVO and the AVH, the museum commemorates the victims of terror and reminds us of the dreadful acts of torture that occurred in Hungary and of the tremendous repercussions for the rest of the world in these days of worldwide terrorism and fear.

In the cellar of the Terror Museum is the reconstructed subterranean prison that includes detention cells for soli-

tary confinement, wet cells where detainees were forced to sit in water, fox-holes where prisoners could not straighten up, treatment rooms that contain instruments of torture, and pictures of those who died in the gallows from fatal beatings and, more often, suicide. The guard rooms hold ventilation equipment which ensured air-flow through conduits that traversed the cells, but individual cells were cut off from the airflow as a means of punishment. People's hands and feet were bound with chains and weights were attached to their feet. Electric currents, burnings with cigarettes, and rusty pliers were instruments of torture. Prisoners were even forced to lie on the bare floors with no toilet facilities.

The point I'm trying to make by recounting all this is that the '56 Revolution doesn't just belong to Hungarians. It holds meaning for the rest of us who know, love and consider Hungarians so integral to our lives. There's a lesson here for all -- that no people can be subjugated forever, and that one can and must fight against a power thought to be invincible when oppression and terror become so unbearable that a nation's identity and its very existence are in danger. □

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Faces of freedom

Steven & Emerencia Banai

by Joyce E. Nicholson



Steven Banai was a person who, like many Hungarians, was opinionated and believed that Hungary could be a better place separated from Russian rule or somehow existing with a different political mind set than that of the oppressive Soviet government. In the 1950s in his hometown, he was concerned with trying to organize and do the right things; he was involved in local politics and with running staples to the Freedom Fighters in Budapest.

Steven, 31, and his wife, Emerencia, 33, were from a town called Tapolca which was near the northwestern border of Lake Balaton close to Austria. In October 1956, the people of Hungary stood up against Soviet repression. The uprising was nearly successful, but the Soviet Union reestablished its control and quickly quashed the revolution. Many Hungarians fled for their lives and migrated to other countries.

Steven and Emerencia attempted to stay in their homeland. But, they soon realized the severity of the situation and that the revolution wasn't going in the direction they had hoped. Leaving Hungary had become absolutely necessary.

On a moment's notice on Tuesday, Nov. 20, they decided to leave with a group of others in a dump truck heading for the Austrian border. They hired a guide to lead them, all 13 of them hiding in the dump truck, traveling the rough, bumpy roads to the edge of the woods where they disembarked from the truck and continued their journey by foot through the woods.

It was about a 15- to 20-mile hike in the middle of the night with two toddlers aged 6 and 3. (A baby girl, Judy, would soon be added to the family.) Their progress was slowed by man-made waterways and creeks, deterrents set-up by the Russians to impede their escape. Apparently, some who had traveled this path before had cut down trees so others fleeing the crisis would be able to cross the waterways, balancing on the tree trunk while holding hands.

Just as the group had almost reached the border, they were confronted by soldiers. If they were Russian soldiers, they could have been shot. Luckily for them, they were Hungarian soldiers who made them renounce their citi-

zenship in order to travel onward.

As they made their way to the border, there were Austrian people who welcomed them. They put them on buses, gave them blankets and food along with assurances they were safe and promises to help them in any way they could.

One of the things Steven preserved throughout his life was a document given to the refugees as they entered Austria. It reflects Austria's welcoming attitude in 1956. It was a whole dialogue directed to Hungarians as they were coming out of the upheaval they had experienced and entering into the waiting arms of the supportive Austrians.

This document spoke about things that meant a lot to him -- it was the beginning of freedom for him and his family. It described the churches of Austria and how they embraced the passion and freedom the Hungarians were seeking, and identified the extreme trauma felt in leaving their homeland. The leaflet provided by the Austrians, was written in Hungarian so they could feel welcomed and seek assistance from the many churches, consulates, and organizations that were listed there. The Banais were in Austria approximately a month.

Eisenhower had just won the presidential election in 1956, with Nixon as his vice president. Eisenhower sent Nixon to Vienna to find out what was going on with the Hungarians and the revolution. In November, the U.S. had accepted about 50,000 refugees, and that was the limit. Other refugees would be sent to different countries. However, based on Nixon's report to Eisenhower, another 50,000 were allowed to immigrate to the U.S. The U.S. grasped that those who were truly interested in attempting to save and redirect the political culture and attitude of Hungary, such as the Freedom Fighters, were now also trying to escape. The U.S. was endeavoring to send refugees to other countries' consulates, but Emerencia was adamant, she only wanted to go to America.

ABOVE: Emerencia and Steven Banai on their wedding day. OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: The welcoming pamphlet the Banai family received upon their arrival in Austria. BOTTOM: Steven Banai and his sons, Stephen and Alexander, after crossing the border into Austria in 1956.

During WWII, Steven was a soldier in the Hungarian army who was taken captive by the U.S. During his time as a POW, Steven was exposed to the kindness and compassion of the U.S. people. He was given blankets, canned food and cigarettes. He thought this was great; he was very appreciative. America must be a great place!

The Banai family was allowed to go in that second group to America. They came to the U.S. on Christmas Eve on a military transport to Camp Kilmer, which was a closed military base but had been re-opened to accept refugees. From there, many families were sent to sponsoring churches in the Northeast. But it was a Hungarian-Lutheran church in Hazelwood, Pa., that sponsored the Banai family in Pittsburgh.

Emerencia ended up getting a job at the Parkway Center Terrace room in the 60s. She started bussing tables, but the owners recognized her culinary skills. She eventually became the head cook. She took her natural-Hungarian cooking abilities and infused it with all her American recipes and made everything taste better. Cooking was her passion! She took all of her cooking and managerial talents and helped make the company she worked for well-known for their delicious foods.

When George H. W. Bush came to Pittsburgh during his presidential campaign for a fund-raising \$1,000-a-plate dinner, Emerencia's company was hired to cook for the event. She was surrounded by secret service and FBI for two days during preparations but was not intimidated at all. She felt it was an honor and a privilege to prepare food for this historic event. All other employees of the cafeteria were able to go to the function, but because Hungary was still a Communist state, and because Emerencia had often traveled back and forth to Hungary, she was not cleared to

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Az evangélikus és református magyar menekültekhez.

Kedves Testvéreink!

A Hasát koldusként elhagyni keserves dolog. Előttek már a menekültek millióinak jutott ez a sors osztályrészül. Most nektek is meg kellett ezt tapasztalnotok és emigráció körülmények között történt. Ezért fordul hozzátok és tragikus sorsa tiétek felé az osztrák nép minden együttérzése, szeretete és segítségkészsége. Segíteni akarunk rajtatok, amennyiben és módunkban áll.

Az osztrák evangélikus és református egyház különös melegséggel köszönti a magyarországi hitvestestvéreket. Különböző az anyanyelvünk és gyakran nem tudjuk egymást megérteni. Ázokban minden különbségen túl drága evangéliumi hitünk egybekapcsol minket. Nyomorúságatok idején kiáltjuk felétek: „Ne dobjátok el hát bízalmatokat, melynek nagy jutalma van, mert békességes türelme van szükségetek, hogy az Isten akaratát cselekedvén, elnyerjétek az ígéretet.” (Zsid. 10, 35–36.)

Szeretett Testvéreink! Isten szárnyú melegségeken keresztül vezet titeket. A sötétség völgyében hagy vandorolni. (Zsolt. 23.) Elhagyjátok mindazt, ami e földön számotokra kedves és drága volt. Elvesztettétek azt, amihez szívetek ragaszkodott. Úgy tűnhetik ez nektek, mintha Isten elhagyott volna benneteket és arcát elrejtette volna. Ígérete azonban megáll, hogy könyörűl rajtatok és nagy legalmansággal Istené egybe akar gyűjteni. (És. 54, 7–8.) Ő szerelmes fiát, Jézus Krisztust is a szegény és szenvedés útján járatta és halálra adta. Most elérkezett számotokra is az a pillanat, amikor meg kell bizonyítani keresztényiségeteket és felvéve keresztetek követelmek kell Uratokat: Jézus Krisztust. Ezért háborúghat tiúrk, imádságban állhatatosak legyetek (Rm. 12, 12.) és ne veszétek el bízalmatokat.



attend the dinner. She was neither hurt nor offended. She was still celebrating her good life in America.

Steven, Emerencia and Judy Banai returned to Hungary in 1973 after he was eventually granted a visa. Judy Banai was 16 at the time and, until that trip, was very American and clueless to everything her parents had experienced in their lives. This excursion to Hungary opened her eyes to the plights of her parents and other '56ers and helped her appreciate them for who they were, what they gave up by coming to America, what they left behind, and what they had provided -- a prosperous and safe life in America for their families.

It was a time of reflection for young Judy. It was the first time she knew what it felt like to be American, the first time she knew what it was like to be Hungarian, the first time it felt like to be free and alive...and she was grateful. She vowed to always honor her parents and their Hungarian heritage. That is why Judy and her husband Mike Torma, established Huszar Hungarian Restaurant in the North Side of Pittsburgh. It not only honors her parents and embraces Hungarian culture but also, like many countries in 1956, accepts and welcomes people of all ethnic backgrounds. It is a place that inspires everyone to look, explore their roots and appreciate the sacrifices made by freedom-loving people like Steven and Emerencia Banai and their fellow '56ers. □



with Gerry D. Clown

Hi, Friends!

Our younger William Penn Association members will be receiving their Halloween whistle-flashlights soon and enjoying some Halloween fun with family and friends! Here are three activities you can do at your "haunted" house!

1. Host a Halloween fashion show!

Pull all of your dress-up clothes out of the closet for a silly Halloween fashion show. You can use your bedroom as the dressing room and pick different pieces of clothing to create crazy costumes. Once you're dressed, you and your clown friends can use your hallway as the "scaredy-catwalk" to show off your silly outfits.

2. "Who am I?" costume fun!

For older clown kids, get some small pieces of paper and some pencils. Have you and your friends write down ideas for costumes, such as a favorite character from a movie or book, a teacher or neighbor you all know, your parents, or something simpler like "fireman,"

"zombie" or "farmer." Write one idea on each piece of paper. Put all the ideas into a box and have each friend pick out one idea. Don't tell anyone what idea you picked. Put together a costume to match that idea, then see if your friends can guess who you are!

3. Tell ghost stories!

Sometimes the most fun part of Halloween is that all of the activities happen in the dark! Families who are feeling brave can plan a night at home telling ghost stories. Pop some popcorn, build a fire in the fireplace or light some candles, and turn the lights off in the house to set the scene. Then pass out flashlights and tell scary or goofy ghost stories.



Make a graveyard cake!



This is a great treat that combines two of my favorite things in the whole world -- cake and Halloween! It's not all that hard to make (especially if you ask your mother to please help you) and it is sooooo D-licious! To be honest, I think it's more fun to make than it is to eat!

What You Need:

- 2 packages (3.9 ounces each) of instant chocolate pudding
- 3 cups of cold milk
- 3 cups of whipped topping
- 1 cup crushed chocolate sandwich cookies, like Oreos
- Spooky decorations like candy pumpkins, candy corn, oblong cookies (for "tombstones"), decorating gel and -- Mumford's favorite -- Peeps Marshmallow Ghosts

What You Do:

- In a large bowl, blend the pudding mixes and milk, then beat with a whisk for 2 minutes.
- Let pudding stand for 5 minutes.
- Stir in whipped topping and half the cookie crumbs.
- Spread this mixture into a 9 x 13-inch pan or baking dish.
- Sprinkle the top with the remaining cookie crumbs.
- Put in the refrigerator for 1 hour.
- While pudding is refrigerating, use the decorating gel to decorate the cookie "tombstones."
- Insert the tombstones, marshmallow ghosts and other decorative candies into top of the "graveyard" just before serving.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Where did summer go? The officers and members of Branch 14 hope everyone enjoyed their summer and all the activities in which they participate.

Over the past month or two, many events took place in the Greater Cleveland area that I had the opportunity to attend.

On Aug. 27, it was fun to say "welcome to Ohio" to over 600 members and friends who attended the WPA Picnic at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram. We saw license plates from Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, New York and Ohio.

The sky was clear, the humidity was down, there was not a rain cloud in sight and all the elements were in place to have a great picnic.

Mary Jane Molnar, president of the HCCNEO, and her great group of wonderful members worked together with volunteers from WPA to produce a picnic very similar to those we had at Scenic View.

The 44 acres of the Hiram picnic grounds were just as beautiful as the 185 acres of Scenic View. Visitors enjoyed the walking trails, one of which lead to the Cuyahoga River. Next time we might have a rock-skipping contest.

There were many compliments on the serenity of grounds and the beautiful *kapu* gate. We were fortunate to have the carpenter who built the gate in attendance at the picnic.

The musicians and dancers brought a bit of Hungary to Hiram. The food was enjoyed by all, with many favorites bringing back memories of old family dinners.

We thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success: the Board of Directors, National Officers, Home Office staff and wonderful branch members and friends who volunteered their time.

Special thanks go to the officers, board and members of the HCCNEO for purchasing the supplies, preparing the delicious dishes and helping to prepare the grounds for our arrival.

The American Hungarian Friends



Members of the Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble perform a traditional dance during the 61st Annual Hungarian Scout Festival held Sept. 4 in Parma, Ohio. (Photo by Richard E. Sarosi)

of Scouting sponsored the 61st Annual Hungarian Scout Festival Sept. 4 at German Central Park in Parma. Another beautiful Ohio day was enjoyed by the large crowd who came to taste the many Hungarian dishes and desserts that were prepared by the large volunteer base of scouts and their families. Music was played in several locations. The Hungarian Scout Folk Ensemble performed in their beautiful costumes.

We Clevelanders are very fortunate to have such a large Hungarian community. The number of picnics, festivals, concerts, socials and church events we have all year long prove that we have the spirit, the soul, the music, the dance and the cuisine that result in so many enjoyable activities.

Next month, I will share with you my travels to Austria, Croatia and Hungary with WPA.

Tickets for Branch 14's Second Annual Red, White and Green Raffle are selling well. Only 400 tickets will be sold, with four prizes being offered. The drawing will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Branch 14 Christmas party on Saturday, Nov. 19. Do not wait until November to buy your tickets; last year, we sold out before the party. Please contact Branch President Caroline Lanzara at 216-581-8979 for raffle ticket information.

Speaking of our Christmas party, it will be held from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of the First

Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road.

The church will also serve as the location for the last two Branch 14 meetings of the year, to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and Wednesday Dec. 7. Both start at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to our WPA students who received William Penn Association Scholarships beginning in the fall 2016. Rachel Kraynak, granddaughter of Branch 14 member Tom Kraynak, is one of the scholarship recipients. Rachel is a freshman at The Ohio State University majoring in international business. We wish you well as you pursue your dreams and goals and as you enter into the next phase of your life. Study hard for the rewards are great, but have some fun in school, too.

Please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, which provides financial assistance to eligible WPA members. If you or your student received a WPA scholarship, please help to pay it forward for another WPA student by making a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Remember also that as your children grow into young adults, their juvenile insurance policies can be converted into adult life policies when your student reaches the age of 25. Converting their juvenile policies will continue their WPA insurance coverage into their adult years

and allow them to continue enjoying fraternal benefits -- such as this magazine -- and full eligibility and participation in our fraternal functions.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one, especially the family of Margaret Jacob who passed away on Aug. 17, 2016. Marge Jacob was a dedicated member of The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Cleveland (Walton Hills), and the church's Noodle Makers Group.

May God bless all our members and their families at this difficult time, and may their departed loved ones rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members and friends who might be feeling under the weather.

We send out special wishes for quick healing to Violet Sarosi, who suffered a kitchen fall on Aug. 6 and who is now in rehab. My mom should soon be able to place a little weight on her leg.

We continue to send super-charged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to National Director and Branch 14 Auditor Albert Frate who continues his rehabilitation at his home. It is a tough road.

Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

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

Branch 14 members having news to share about themselves or family

members can reach me at RichSaro@att.net or at 440-248-9012.

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Wow! Is it really October? This has been such a wonderful and busy year. I will be in Hungary when this article is due, so this is being written very early. I am also writing this before the WPA Picnic, but I know that, with all your help, it was and will always be a great fraternal fest. I will express all my thanks and write about everything when I get home.

Branch 18 is back on schedule with all our meetings and events. Our meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14. All begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor. We would love to have your input in planning our events. Please feel free to bring a guest to our meetings. They may like us and what we do and decide to join.

Our annual Christmas party is Sunday, Nov. 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the P.R.C.U. hall on Oak Street in Wyandotte. Admission to the party is a donation of food for homeless pets.

Our Hungarian Heritage Experience was another success. Thank you to Audit Chair Ursula Markovits, Auditor Tamás Markovits and Vice President Linda Enyedy for all your help and support. We were at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center & Camp in Boswell, Pa. It

was a totally new Experience, and all the participants came with open hearts and minds. I thank you all for your hard work in making this another WPA success.

Branch 18 also has a trip planned to Soaring Eagle on Nov. 1 and 2. Cost is \$159, which includes the bus, overnight accommodations, dinner and other perks. Please let me know soon if you want to join us. This is always a fun overnighter. Don't forget your bathing suit for the hot tub.

On Oct. 20, the Hungarian National Dance Ensemble will be appearing at the Dearborn Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. This promises to be a wonderful performance, commemorating the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Many of our members came from Hungary at that time. I hope you plan to attend. For tickets, call the box office at 313-943-2345.

Very special thanks to George Sabo, Michelle Pokorny and Judy Schonek for remembering all those tabs. They are greatly appreciated. I can't believe you actually did that for me. Much love and thanks.

Thank you to Joan Filak and Emma Borsa for the handmade toys. They will be given to an orphanage in Hungary. What special members we have in Branch 18. Thank you so very much.

Get well wishes go to Violet Sarosi, "Santa" Schvarckopf, Lee Kosaski, Albert Frate, Doug Truesdell, Joe Cserekye, Beata Csaszar and Arlene Csoman. Sure hope you are all better soon.

Happy October birthday to WPA National President George S. Charles Jr., my friend and Branch 18 Treasurer Carol Truesdell and *William Penn Life* Managing Editor John E. Lovasz. Thank you for all those great pictures. May you all have many more.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Lydia Kadi, Violet Schultz and Helen Veresh. May they rest in peace.

Please contact me anytime with questions or suggestions at either 734-782-4667 or 313-418-5572. You



Next Deadline

All articles & photographs for the November issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by October 7. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

can also contact me at the WPA Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107. I would love to hear from you.

Enjoy the fall weather. It sure was a summer to remember.

My thought for the month: Today, you can say "yes" to doing something that makes you happy and "no" to something that does not. Today, you can decide to worry about something later or not at all. Today, you can reach for a dream and start making it come true. It's all up to you.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

What a busy month August was for so many WPA members.

On Aug. 14, the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation hosted the 89th Magyar Nap. Those in attendance enjoyed the air-conditioned hall along with great food and music. A group of Hungarian dancers performed several numbers under the direction of Paula Horvath. Paula has been leading the local group for many years, and her dedication is greatly appreciated.

It's always great to see people enjoying time with friends they don't get to see often. It was great to see Marge Kramer there; she looked great and is coming along nicely with her health issue. It must be that nurse John taking special care of her that is helping her mend.

Once again, the heat prevailed for the Birmingham Ethnic Festival. The WPA green bags were seen up and down the street. The WPA booth volunteers enjoyed a wonderful day. Chair of the Board Andy McNelis and his wife Marguerite, Fraternal Director Barbara House and her husband Tom, National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia, Branch 28 President Steve Novak and I spent time talking to many people who stopped at the WPA booth.

New venue, new menu, new friends -- the WPA Picnic held Aug. 27 in Hiram featured all those, bringing back the fraternal event of the year with great success and fellowship. The weather cooperated... although it may have been a little too hot.

Those who attended seemed to agree the grounds were very accommodating for WPA. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful fundraiser for our Scholarship Foundation. Special thanks to everyone who shared their baking talents with us.

Remember, a dinner will be held Oct. 23 at the St. George's Center on Vestal Road to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. For more information, please call Frank Schauer at 330-549-2935.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday this month along with me.

Happy anniversary to all those loving couples celebrating another year together.

Get well wishes go to all those not feeling up to par these days, especially Violet Sarosi, the Rev. Joseph Rudjak and George S. Charles Jr.

Deepest sympathy to all those who recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Sincere condolences to National Director Debra Lewis on the loss of her mother, former National Director Marge Boso. Marge was a wonderful woman and a dedicated WPA member.

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

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

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

What a picnic! The new location at the Hungarian Cultural Center



Among those representing WPA at the Birmingham Ethnic Festival held in August in Toledo were (l-r): Branch 28 President Steve Novak, Fraternal Director Barbara A. House, Vice Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak, Chair of the Board Andrew W. McNelis and his wife Marguerite. (Photo by Bob Bisceglia)

of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio, was perfect. We had fantastic weather and a great turnout. It was very rewarding to see so many people enjoying themselves. The food, music, Chinese auction, raffles and reunions with old friends made for a great day. A big pat on the back to our fraternal director!

The many compliments we received about the picnic made all the hard work preparing for it worthwhile. What fraternalism! Many, many thanks to Hungarian Cultural Center volunteers who made the delicious food and to all the WPA volunteers. Way to go everyone! *Köszönöm szépen!*

Andy and I were able to attend the Birmingham Ethnic Festival and help a little in the WPA booth. It was especially gratifying to see so many people sporting the "William Penn" backpack. What a great idea and free advertising.

On a proud note, our son and fellow branch member Andrew was chosen as an Aramark Ring of Stars award winner. Only 200 out of 200,000 employees worldwide are chosen for this honor. He received



Congratulations to Branch 34 member Donovan McNelis (left) who was named as the starting right guard for the Alderson Broadbudds football team. Pictured with him is proud father Andrew W. McNelis III.

an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Las Vegas to attend the awards banquet.

We are also very proud of our grandson and branch member, Donovan. He was named starting right guard for his college football team this season. He helped lead his team to a 14-7 victory during their season opener against Division I rival Robert Morris University on Sept. 1. Go, Battlers!

Congratulations to our niece and nephew, Nicole and Bob Healy, on the birth of another beautiful girl, Josephine Rose. *Nagyapa* and *nagyanya* Gary and Roseann Vamos couldn't be happier.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes go out to everyone celebrating their birthdays in October, especially our dear friend and branch coordinator, Maria Bistey.

Branch 40
Martins Ferry, OH
Branch 349
Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches in Martins Ferry and Weirton!

The WPA Picnic in Hiram was a huge success! There were so many

people there. Everyone was enjoying themselves, eating, talking, drinking, and dancing. It was a lot of fun. If you didn't make it to the picnic this year, you must make room in your schedule next year. The facility was beautiful and easy to navigate. Even though the weather was hot, there was a breeze most of the time from the Cuyahoga River. Thanks to all who made the picnic a great success.

It was good to see the young grandchildren of Laurel and Gene Nagle at the picnic again. Laurel Ann and Katherine were visiting from Rhode Island, and they appeared to be having a great time, as always, with their grandparents.

Our branch picnic with the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Cultural Society was the following day on Aug. 28. The weather cooperated and, as usual, the food was fantastic.

Our branch Christmas party is slated this year for Saturday, Dec. 3, at King's Restaurant, located at the Intersection of Routes 22 and 43 in Wintersville, Ohio. We are having "Breakfast with Santa" from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. You'll be able to come visit with Santa and enjoy breakfast throughout the morning with your fellow WPA members and children. All of our branch members are welcome to attend this open house breakfast with Santa. So stop by while you're out Christmas shopping, say hello, have some fun and maybe win prizes. All branch children will get a treat bag.

Speaking of treats, Halloween will be upon us very soon. Watch out, drive safely and be aware of children darting through the streets in their costumes searching for that elusive extra-large, theatre-size Reese's cup candy bar!

On Oct. 23, take time out of your day to say a prayer and commemorate the heroes of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. Thousands died fighting, while many others were tortured and later executed. Some 200,000 Hungarians were forced to flee their precious but battered homeland. Remember the courageous Hungarians who stood up against overwhelming odds to oppose Soviet repression and bravely fought in the name of freedom and independence.

We should all remember what John F. Kennedy said on the first anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution:

"October 23, 1956, is a day that will live forever in the annals of free men and nations. It was a day of courage, conscience and triumph. No other day since history began has shown more clearly the eternal unquenchability of man's desire to be free, whatever the odds against success, whatever the sacrifice required."

Happy birthdays in October: National President George S. Charles Jr. and Publications Editor John E. Lovasz.

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

Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth K. Darago

We just returned from the WPA Picnic in Hiram. What a glorious day for a picnic -- sun shining, light breezes, warm temperatures...but, most of all, lots and lots of good food, friendship and fraternalism.

I saw the Senderak family from Branch 44 in attendance, as well as the Francis and Naswadi families. Of course, we also saw Alan Szabo and his sons working hard keeping the grounds clean. Thanks, Alan.

The Hungarian music got everyone's toes tapping, and at the end of each song, you could almost hear people humming "dum-dum-dum" at the end!

It was a great picnic, and I'm so happy Branch 44 could help with a donation to the Chinese auction for the benefit of the Scholarship Foundation.

Summer picnics are fun!

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskarinac

We are still recovering from our golf outing. We had more golfers, seated more diners and made more for our charities than ever before.

Before we go any further, we thank all the people who helped us put this event together -- from the donors, to the volunteers, to folks



Among those members and guests enjoying the recent Branch 89 golf outing were (l-r) Branch 89 member Matt Toth, fellow branch member Connor Langan, and friends Scott Green and Ben Skurek.



Others enjoying the Branch 89 golf outing were: (l-r) branch member Ronald Rubinsak, Branch Vice President Mark S. Maskarinec, Branch Coordinator and Auditor Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec and Jeffrey Jenkins.

at the Home Office to the Board of Directors. I wouldn't say it's easy by any stretch of the imagination, but it is easier with so many folks chipping in.

I would also be remiss if I didn't note the huge contributions made by our Branch 89 members. From committee members, to truck drivers, to prize hole watchers, to golf and dining participants -- you did it all. Take a bow!

We have some pictures for you above which show your fellow WPA members at our outing. While a picture may be worth a thousand words, even that won't tell the whole story.

Lisa and I started about two weeks before getting the prizes together and nailing down the procedural aspects of the outing with the course. About a week out and one final committee meeting left, we began putting together 100 gift bags and 25 auction baskets. Included in our auction baskets were Steelers tickets, Pirates tickets, golf bags, wine baskets, beer baskets and, of course, our annual "Pyramid of Golf." We had something for everyone, including a bath and beauty basket valued at \$200.

Everything was trucked up the night before by our very own Branch President, John Toth, and his gigantic pick up truck. Without John, we'd have needed a caravan of cars.

With set up complete, there was time for a quick strategy session followed by fellowship and fraternal-

ism (and a few drinks) in the course restaurant. Afterwards, there was nothing left to do but wait and try to sleep.

When we arrived at the course on Sunday, the carts were already lined up...at least most of them. Our event was so large they were waiting for carts to return and be recharged before being put in the queue. It was still an impressive sight.

Unlike past years, we had everything on our end ready to go. The registration table was ready. The auction tables were ready and 120 wings from Buffalo Wild Wings arrived on time. Within an hour they were all gone!

Having our auction ready to go before golf was a very important part of our plan and one of the reasons we sold a record number of auction tickets. Thank you to Lisa Toth-Maskarinec for spearheading that effort.

I can't comment much on the golfing aside from the fact that I did not play well. At all. Fortunately, my cohorts bailed me out, and my wife lead us to a birdie on the last hole!

After golf, we had a great dinner. Prizes were handed out, and guests were honored. Our senior member, Patricia Walochik, was humbled to be honored by our branch. She gave a nice speech thanking the branch for this honor and commented how appropriate that the honoree's age was the same as the branch's number. She advised everyone to live, laugh, love and have fun.

This event was a success on all levels. It was a lot of work, but it was well worth it. We have never received so many accolades as we received this year. In the end, as my co-chair put it, we were truly blessed to have come together to build this into a first-rate golf outing. We saw this happening months ago. Everyone saw it on Aug. 7.

Now, on to 2017! We are already working on more golfers and sponsors for next year.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Fall has arrived although the cooler weather has not. This is such a beautiful time of year with the leaves changing colors. It's a great time to get in your vehicle and take a drive through the country to see the beautiful colors of fall.

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Branch President Margaret Boso. She was an active and dedicated lifelong member of WPA. She also served as a National Director, retiring in 2011. She will be greatly missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

The holidays for October are Columbus Day on the 10th and Halloween on the 31st. We hope the weather will be good for all the kids going out trick-or-treating this year. Please be careful if you are out driving during this time.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:45 a.m.



Members and friends of Branch 132 enjoy the branch's annual picnic held July 24.

there will be a program at the Hungarian Reformed Church located at 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus. The program remembers the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. Afterwards, there will be a Hungarian dinner. Call Erzsi for reservations by Oct. 16 at 614-738-4415. Take outs are also available.

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 3. Information will be mailed out in November.

We congratulate all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. Congratulations to all who have new additions to their families. Get well wishes to those who have been ill or hospitalized. We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially member Frank Orosz, who recently lost his wife. Keep all in your thoughts and prayers.

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 at DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

I wrote last time that we could really use some rain as it was so dry. Well, wouldn't you know it, we now have had more rain than anybody wanted. We received about eight inches in a 24-hour period. I guess that rain dance was a little too good by any

standard.

The next branch get-together will be the Christmas party on Dec. 4 at 3:00 p.m. It will be held once again at the South Bend Barnaby's Pizza on Jefferson Avenue. Please RSVP your headcounts for adults and children attending as we always try to provide a Christmas gift for each child who attends. We also try to reserve seating, as they always get very busy. Please contact Janos P. Burus at 574-287-0590 or John E. Burus at john.e.burus@honeyswell.com. As in years past, the branch will provide all the pizza and soft drinks.

The next Branch 132 business meeting will be held on Dec. 6 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy birthday wishes to all our members celebrating their special day in October. Also, happy wedding anniversary to all those celebrating this month. Keep our military, here and abroad, in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to welcome all of the new Branch 226 members, including my son, Laszlo. My husband and I are thrilled with our healthy, bouncing baby boy, and we are grateful for all of the good wishes we have received from members and friends.

Our William Penn Association

Magyar Folk Dancers enjoyed attending and performing at the annual WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. The dancers' scheduled performances at both Pittsburgh's E.Q.T. Children's Theater Festival and McKeesport's International Village festival were rained out. While they were disappointed, the dancers are a resilient bunch who look forward to the 2017 performance season with new songs and dances.

The Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport is hosting its annual Autumn Luncheon Bingo on Saturday, Oct. 22. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and tickets are only \$25. Call the church at 412-672-7298 for tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Proceeds benefit the church.

The October branch meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, at 10:00 a.m. at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 for directions. More info about our Christmas party will be released soon.

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

Lastly, remember those who fought for freedom from oppression against the Soviet Communists during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Revolution, and WPA is one of the major sponsors helping commemorate the events of 1956 with the "Spirit of Hungary tour." This tour features the renowned Hungarian National Dance Ensemble and will stop in many American cities. For more information, see page 8.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

The WPA Picnic at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram was a great time and success. Hundreds of people interested in all things Magyar enjoyed a beautiful day filled with food, music, and arts and crafts.

And, boy, what great hosts the members of the HCCNEO were to William Penn Association. The grounds are maintained beautifully.

I spoke with many of you while I was working at the pastry booth and thoroughly enjoyed the conversations. We did get to "escape" the booth to see the sights, enjoy the wonderful food and listen to George Batyi and The Gypsy Strings. I hope you made the trip; it was definitely worth the effort.

Thank you again to those who donated pastries or money to purchase pastries for the picnic. All the proceeds for this went directly to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Locally, the Magyar Club of Dayton held its annual bacon fry Sept. 11 at Sinclair Park. The weather cooperated, and a great time was had by all. We saw many old friends and ate waaaaaay too much bacon bread. Everyone interested in Hungarian culture should make an effort to support all local and national events featuring Hungary.

I would like to see that support at the upcoming Dayton performance of the Hungarian National Dance Ensemble. WPA is one of the sponsors of the Ensemble's North American tour, entitled "The Spirit of Hungary: Revolution and Roots in Dance and Music." The tour comes to Dayton on Monday, Oct. 17, for a 7:00 p.m. show at the Dayton Masonic Center, Shiewetz Auditorium, 525 West Riverview Ave. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under age 12. You can call Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-771-0404 or get them at www.ticketcentral.com.

This will be a rousing performance to commemorate the 1956 Hungarian Revolution against Soviet rule and celebrates the vibrant folklore and dance of the Hungarian people.

Also locally, the Magyar Club's Gulyás Fest will be on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the American Czech Club, 922 Valley St., Dayton, Ohio. Cost is \$15. Call Michele Daley-LaFlame for reservations.

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

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

We extend our sympathy to those who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the family of Marge Boso, former National Director and



Members of the William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers prepare to perform for the audience attending the WPA Picnic Aug. 27 in Hiram, Ohio.

president of Branch 129 Columbus. Anne Marie will especially miss her room buddy.

Louie Taylor, long time Branch 249 member, passed away Aug. 12. A proud first generation Hungarian-American and veteran, Louie loved to hunt, fish and golf and often attended the WPA golf and bowling events. To be around Louie was to be around a good time. He will be dearly missed by all.

That's all for now. Stay safe and enjoy the fall. The holidays are not too far away!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Branch 296 held its third annual bacon roast at the end of September, and since I'm writing this before the event actually occurred, I'll report on it in November's issue. At any rate, it's become a nice tradition, one that many anticipate.

Belated birthday greetings to Branch Treasurer Toni Kosheba and happy birthday wishes to our members born in the beautiful month of October, including my husband John and Dorothy Dinzeo for her special birthday.

Happy anniversary wishes, too, to my husband (30 years goes by quickly, doesn't it?), and belated wishes to Diana and Tim Borland,

and to all those who chose October to tie the knot.

Warm get well wishes to Denise Ratkiewicz and Traci Fritz as they recover from recent surgeries and hospitalizations.

Condolences to National Director Debra Lewis and her family on the recent passing of her mother and former National Director Margaret (Marge) Boso. Our sympathy is also offered to the families and friends of all Branch 296 members who have recently left us.

Mark your calendars for our branch family Christmas party on Sunday, Nov. 27, at noon, at Springdale's VFW Hall on Pittsburgh Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be joining us once again to usher in the Christmas season.

That'll be my opportunity to return Mrs. Claus' snowball that "hitchhiked" in one of the boxes we had brought home from the party. That snowball has magical qualities because I've kept it in my desk drawer at the Home Office and it hasn't melted one bit!

Please remember to bring to the party a non-perishable item or two which we will donate to the local food bank for distribution to local families in need. You've been so generous in the past, and it's been greatly appreciated. We're very much looking forward to seeing you at our party!

Our next two branch meetings are



Thecla and Bob Batin of Dayton, Ohio, donated delicious homemade Hungarian pastries to the WPA Picnic's pastry booth, using a recipe from Bob's mother.

on Thursday, Oct. 20 (a week later than normal), and Thursday, Nov. 10. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington, in the back meeting room. Please join us for a brief meeting, dessert (pecan ball, anyone?) and fellowship afterwards.

If you have anyone or any news that you would like for me to mention in future columns, please feel free to contact me at 724-274-5318.

Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, our energetic sales agent, attends most of our branch meetings, and is readily available to answer questions about your life insurance and annuity needs. You may also call Noreen at 412-821-1837 or contact her by email at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

I hope you enjoy everything that October has to offer: stunning foliage, fall festivals, football games, hay rides, apple cider, pumpkin spice lattes, Oktoberfest beers, trick-or-treating -- you name it; there's a lot to enjoy!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

It's hard to believe that it's time for Halloween already. Make sure all the little ones have bright costumes that can be seen at night. William Penn Association will again be

sending out a safety gift for all of the juvenile members to be used on Halloween.

We congratulate the members of Branch 352 who received a William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation grant for the 2016/2017 school year. They are: Rachael A. Bowers, Angelina M. Buechler, Emily N. Kurzawski, Corey A. Lazor, Alexandra D. Maldonato, Otto E. Nagengast, Anthony V. Palumbo, Dana R. Palumbo and Katelyn M. Puskar. We wish all of you much success as you continue your education. Remember to "pay it forward" and donate to the scholarship foundation after you graduate. Do your part to help make WPA scholarships available to other students in the future. We congratulate all of the students who received a scholarship grant this year.

The WPA Picnic was a huge success once again. More than 600 people enjoyed a day of good food, great fellowship and beautiful weather. The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram was the location of this year's picnic. The grounds of the Cultural Center are beautiful, and the food their members prepared was excellent. Many thanks to the hands who worked so hard to prepare and serve the food. I know you worked long and hard so that others might have a good time. Thanks also go out to all of the volunteers who helped to make all things run smoothly.

Look in the next issue of *William Penn Life* for details about the children's Christmas party our branch holds each year in November.

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

Our prayers and condolences to all those who have lost a loved one recently. We especially offer our sympathies to the family of Margaret H. Boso, former National Director and Auditing Committee member. Marge was a great lady, and everyone who know her, loved her.

We welcome all new members of Branch 352. Remember, if you have any news to share or need help with any insurance questions, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

It's October, a very scenic month in Pennsylvania as the leaves change color. Pennsylvania's numerous mountains make our state a very beautiful place to see and enjoy the fall colors.

Once again, Branch 800 had an interesting meeting in September as members caught up on all this past summer's news and prepared for fall and winter activities and events. The branch thanks Vice President Dan Greiner for presiding over our meetings until our elections are held.

Did you know October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month AND Clergy Appreciation Month? Let's show our local clergy, especially pastors, that we appreciate all they do daily for us. Other October days of note include National Golf Day (Oct. 4), Columbus Day (Oct. 10) and International Newspaper Carrier Day (Oct. 11). And, note that the second week of October is Fire Prevention Week.

We in Altoona thank the Altoona Curve for a great season. They made the playoffs where they lost in the divisional series to Akron. Nevertheless, we can't wait for next season!

Branch 800 wishes all our favorite football teams good luck as the season begins. We in Altoona wish Bishop Guilfoyle High School good luck as they try to continue the state's longest active winning streak. We also wish Penn State, Pitt and the Steelers good luck this season.

One final sports note: We wish the Pittsburgh Penguins well as they begin their new season as defending Stanley Cup Champions.

As we get near the end of the month, we know all children look forward to Halloween. We hope all of our children can have a safe night of trick-or-treating. Remember, Halloween is not a state holiday, but it is time for one and all to have fun.

Branch 800 extends birthday and anniversary wishes to all members celebrating a special day this month.

Don't forget to call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661 for answers to your questions about WPA life insurance

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and annuity contracts.

Until next month, enjoy the changing of the leaves.

Let's go, BG Marauders!

Branch 8114 Clarion, PA

by Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF in Pittsburgh
Members of Branch 8114 thoroughly enjoyed themselves during our annual "cook your own steak fry." The charcoal grill was fired up, and the members cooked their own mouth-watering steaks over the hot charcoal briquettes. The smoke for the sizzling steaks filled the fresh summer air.

The menu included Texas-sized baked potatoes, tossed salad covered with crushed cashews and poppy seed dressing, fresh-baked yeast rolls, chocolate cake and pastries. YUM!



Members and friends of Branch 8114 gathered in August for the branch's annual steak fry.

It was an evening of good friends and neighbors laughing and having a great time. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gordon Rice, and he donated his winnings back to the branch.

The steak fry would not have been possible without Branch President Kevin Slike and Branch Officers Bob Donahue and Art Aaron. Thank

you for the time and energy you spent to make this fraternal gathering a success. You are truly valuable to the branch.

If you have any questions concerning life insurance, annuities or retirement planning, feel free to contact me at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

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Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. He also studied at Indiana University and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

He was an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ (Calvin Conference). He served the Magyar Reformed Church in Staten Island for 24 years and was a member of the First Reformed Church (formerly Hungarian Reformed Church) of South River.

His professional career began in 1952 at Elmhurst College, where he was chairman of the Department of Hungarian Studies and assistant professor of History. In 1959, he joined the faculty of Rutgers, where he was instrumental in developing the Hungarian Studies Program.

Prof. Molnar wrote or edited numerous articles and publications about Hungary and its history, culture, arts

and traditions. He also served on the advisory boards to several film projects depicting Hungarian communities in America. He participated in and lectured at national and international conferences. His research and travels took him to Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Austria and Western Europe.

Prof. Molnar was a member of the Hungarian Civic Association, which helped to plan New Brunswick's annual Hungarian Festival, and he was a member of numerous other professional and academic societies.

Among the many honors bestowed upon him were the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary and the Csokonai Award by the City of Debrecen, Hungary. In 2011, the AHF board honored his work with the prestigious George Washington Award.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Priscilla B. Arvay and his sister, Helen Leeders. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Molnar; his daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Fabio Sapienza; his sister, Irene Molnar-McKee; and four grandchildren, Jessica, Christopher and Shannon Molnar and Alessandro Lauro, and many nephews and nieces.

To learn more about his life and work, visit the WPA website at www.wpalife.org, to find a profile of Prof. Molnar published in the August 2010 issue of *William Penn Life*.

Interment was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick, N.J.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Kirkpatrick Chapel on the Old Queens Campus of Rutgers, 81 Somerset St., New Brunswick.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the American Hungarian Foundation, PO Box 1084, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

May he rest in peace.



Prof. August J. Molnar in the museum of his beloved American Hungarian Foundation, June 2010. (Photo by John E. Lovasz)

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She was a 60-year resident of Grove City where she and her late husband Charlie raised seven children. After raising her children, she went to work and later retired as State Treasurer of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Ohio.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Grove City and was a life member of the VFW #7941 Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary #164.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, David and Margaret George, and a son, Brad.

In addition to her daughter Debra, she is survived

by her children, Patty Boso, Chuck Boso, Diane (Bobby) Walker, Mike (Kassy) Boso and Chris (Shelly) Boso; daughter-in-law Sally Wells; grandchildren, Renee (Stan), Jimmy, Ryan, David (Carly), Lindsay (Ryan), Ashley, Amy, Nick, Holly, Dylan, Tyler, Anthony and Brooklyn; great-grandchildren, Brayden, Kason, Kylee, Kolton and Ella; sister, Velma Nadalin; and brother, David George.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation or the charity of your choice in her memory.

May she rest in peace.

Focus on Fraternalism

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fans and an open mind. We will continue to make as many changes as you request.

That pretty much brings you up-to-date on all we've done so far this year. In the near future, I will report on the Birmingham Ethnic Festival in Toledo, Ohio held Aug. 20 and 21, and the WPA Picnic held Aug. 27 in Hiram, Ohio.

- On Sept. 6, many of us embarked on a wonderful trip to Austria, Croatia and Hungary. I was so excited to see many new places, but my favorite is always Budapest and the surrounding area.

- In October, the Hungarian National Dance Ensemble will be touring North America, performing in a number of cities to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. See page 8 of this issue for more details about the tour.

- Also this month, the Bethlen Communities will celebrate their 95th anniversary with a banquet on Monday, Oct. 24. They have done so much good for our citizens. We wish them many more wonderful years.

- The year ends with all your wonderful branch Christmas parties. Please do all you can to invite your members. People will attend if they know what a great time they will have. The Home Office and I are always available to help you.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, National Officers and Home Office employees for all your help and support to ensure these many events continue.

As I said at the beginning of this column, now we start again. We will always listen to your suggestions and answer your questions. Please call me anytime. I look forward to seeing you at all our events.

Much love and thanks!

Tibor's Take

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in Hollywood and eventually gained employment with a studio recording orchestra.

Meanwhile, Zsolt discovered that work for an upright bass player was difficult to find, as the electric guitar was becoming a more popular and versatile addition to many bands. So, Zsolt decided to return to Hungary in 1978. By that time, he was a 50-something musician who was old and worn away from years of living as a vagabond.

- A young machinist of skill and imagination, Alex grew up on the outskirts of Mád, nestled within the historic and famous Tokaji winemaking region. Alex spent his early years working in the vineyards, cultivating, nurturing, harvesting, pressing and storing the precious grape nectar that eventually becomes "The Wine of Kings, The King of Wines."

When Alex decided to study to become a machinist, he knew that he would have to leave behind his love of winemaking. He witnessed how the Communists nearly destroyed the centuries-old traditions involved in making Tokaji.

He, along with his wife and infant child, escaped Hungary a day into the Revolt and never looked back. He established himself as an innovator and his produc-

tion shop in New York City became known for its ability to complete work quickly. Opportunity knocked on his door as he relocated his business not far from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He became the go-to person for fast production of specialty parts made from titanium, aluminum and graphite.

In his heart, Alex knew that Communism would eventually fail. It was not "if" but "when." In 1992, when Hungary was finally free from Soviet tyranny, Alex took the small fortune he had saved during more than 30 years of parts production and returned to his birthplace in Mád. He bought several vineyards and even acquired the very facility he worked at as a youngster.

There were several "Lost Boys of '56" that were just like Alex and waited until the dreaded Communists left Hungary before returning to the land of their birth. Many now have dual citizenship, but they, by and large, live in America most of the time and spend just a few months each year in their ancestral homeland.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar,
Tibor II

In Memoriam

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

AUGUST 2016

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Steven Kopenitz
William E. Laslo
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Anthony M. Lario
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A. Eleanor Edelhauser
Loretta Larosa
Elizabeth Stropm
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Joseph Pikolcz

Rosie Pikolcz
0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
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Anna Szymczak
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Lydia M. Kadi
Violet V. Schultz
Helen Veresh
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Mary Henycz
Louis A. Lancsak
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Marc S. Czomba
Lauren M. Evans
Francis Martino
Helen B. Poyar
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Evelyn Miller
0040 MARTINS FERRY, OH
Kevin C. Pashke
0044 AKRON, OH
Joseph Bebesi, Jr.
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Elizabeth Schonberger

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Mary Zemen
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Carol Sue Rocker
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Hungarian Heritage Experience
Students - \$55.00
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at Hungarian Heritage
Experience - \$105.00
Hungarian Christmas Ornament
Sales at WPA Picnic - \$111.00
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TOTAL for Month = \$801.00

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**Donor - Amount
(In Memory of)**
M/M Thomas F. House - \$100.00
(Margaret H. Boso)
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Diane M. Torma - \$100.00
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(Deceased Branch Members)
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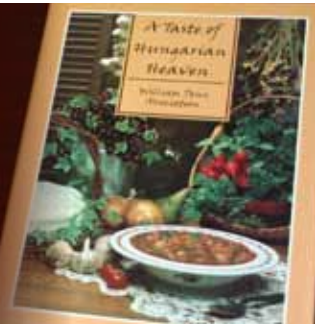
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Puzzle Contest #136 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

Anna Kéthly Tér

A FEW YEARS AGO while touring Budapest with my family, I came across a small park along Wesselényi Street named Anna Kéthly Tér (Square). The time spent in that square was a mere footnote to our Magyar experiences. My brother András did a quick translation of the few signs posted in the square and learned it was dedicated to a woman who diplomatically tried to obtain help from the international community during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. With Budapest having so many beautiful green spaces, this particular tribute garden is often overlooked.

Recently, I read on the internet a story about the square and its namesake's life story. Born in 1889 in Budapest, Anna Kéthly came from a family of nine children and began work in 1904 at a garment factory. Her love for writing soon led her to a new job at a company that published magazines for women. There, she honed her literary skills as she pursued a higher education.

While attending college, Kéthly became involved in politics and joined the Hungarian Social Democrat Party in 1917. Five years later, Kéthly, now an established writer and editor, became only the second woman ever elected to the Hungarian Parliament. She held that post for over 25 years.

During WWII, Kéthly escaped the Nazis by assuming an alias and living in remote regions of Hungary. After the war, she returned to Budapest to find a new and more brutal regime under Communism. She wrote in opposition to Stalinist tactics, was put on trial for treason and placed under house arrest.

During the Revolution, Kéthly became a leader of her party and was appointed by Imre Nagy as Hungary's ambassador to the United Nations. In November 1956, Kéthly attended a special UN meeting in Vienna in a futile attempt to round up international support for Hungary against the Soviets.

Kéthly never returned to Hungary. She traveled throughout the free world speaking out against Soviet oppression. Anna Kéthly, a strong and forceful 20th century voice for freedom, died in Belgium in 1976.

A movie was made in 2009 about her life entitled, "Last Report About Anna." In recognition of the 60th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution, I present the Anna Kéthly Wordsearch. There are 18 clues. Each clue is about the life of Anna or the square that bears her name. Good luck and see you in November.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #133 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #133 were drawn Sept. 7, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Dixie L. Hutchcraft, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Margaret H. Nagy, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI
Thomas E. Ozimkoski, Br. 1 Bridgeport, CT
Donna M. Vance, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #136 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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

"Anna Kéthly Tér" Word List

Belgium	Klauzál	Square
Budapest	Kremlin	Tér
Editor	Nyár	United Nations
Equality	Parliament	Wesselényi
Exile	Social Democrat	Worker Rights
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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 #136
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Nov. 30, 2016**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Dec. 5, 2016, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive **\$50**.

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