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This Page: WPA member Mark Bolla recites a poem in Hungarian during the Friday evening program at the Hungarian Heritage Experience. (Photo by John E. Lovasz)

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Corrections

The pianist shown in the photo from the Liszt concert in Cleveland (*WPL August 2016, page 10*), is Marina Kerze.

In a recent *Tibor's Take* entitled "We Remember: Readers Share Their Thoughts on WWI," (*WPL July 2016, page 11*), the inscription on the tombstone depicted in an accompanying photo reads "Névtelen Hős" ("Anonymous Hero").

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Life insurance can do all of these wonderful things for your family. There's just one small catch: You need to own life insurance.

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ness away from a financial catastrophe for their loved ones.

What if you were suddenly gone and your family had to manage on their own? When was the last time you did the math to make sure your loved ones would be okay financially? Have you checked with your employer to find out what kind of life insurance benefit you have through work and whether you have the option to increase your coverage? When was the last time you had your life insurance needs reviewed by an insurance professional?

Each September, WPA joins leading insurance companies in supporting Life Insurance Awareness Month. We encourage you to think about your needs and the needs of your family. If you find that you have a need for coverage, we strongly urge you to act by contacting your local WPA agent or our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366 to find an agent in your area.

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Make exercise a habit

IF IT CAME IN A PILL and cost \$1,000, more people would be doing it. If it were as easy as raising a fork, folks would be all over it. If you could drink it, rub it in or dress up in it, the world would be one healthy peach. But exercise just isn't that easy. It's work. It takes focus, intent and a tenacious attitude to keep it going.

What is the key? What is the one thing that will flip the switch and make the sky light up with star-bursting exclamation points?

I know the answer, and it's brilliant. Beginning a sustainable exercise habit doesn't start at the gym, on a bike or on a treadmill. It happens way before that, usually during a circumstance when you can no longer do something you used to be able to do: carrying laundry up the stairs, walking the golf course or enjoying a brisk walk.

In some scenarios, the newly-formed exercise habit is delivered as a command from your doctor, not just once, mind you, but dozens of times spanning years of visits. The pivotal point is crisis mode.

Generally speaking, only about two percent of the population loves to exercise; the other 98 percent live to eat. Before I became a part of the two percent, I was in the 98 percent like a queen. Food was my friend and constant companion. It healed me, held me and got

me through the day. I would go to bed thinking about what I would eat in the morning. Occasionally, I would have food hangovers. Exercise was a distant unforeseen, rarely happening event.

That is, until the bells starting going off.

My first warning happened in a dressing room at the age of 23, when I had to go up two sizes to breathe while clothed. The second and louder siren came at the doctor's office when the nurse all but gasped at the sight of me and how I had let myself go after high school. The bomb dropped when I started wheezing when I exerted energy.

I stared at myself, finally looking in a full-length mirror instead of just at my face in the small mirror in the bathroom. My first five minutes on the treadmill were hell. I thought I was going to throw up blood. I let go of my fork and dug in my heels instead. I found new workout friends, and I made it my job to get in shape because I wanted to be healthy.

At 54, I am healthy and full of energy. I fully intend on saying the same thing at 94. Exercise habits start in your head and your heart. As for the arms and legs, they will follow.

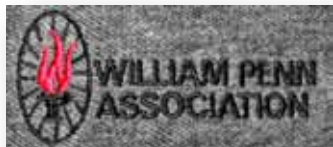
(Cathy Graham is director of the Graceful Aging Wellness Center at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa.)

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Something for the kids

Life insurance is a gift children will grow to appreciate

AT THE WPA golf tournament this July, I was approached by a good friend and fellow member, Frank, who said to me: "Hey Bob, why don't you run an article about the greatest gift a grandparent can buy for their grandchildren: the gift of life insurance?"

Never one to turn down such a request -- and seeing that September is Life Insurance Awareness Month -- I thought I'd oblige Frank and discuss some of the benefits of purchasing insurance on young children, as well as a couple of great juvenile insurance certificates currently available through William Penn Association.

As children head back to school, now is the perfect time to consider starting them off with a foundation of life insurance. There are a few great options for getting your young loved ones off to an excellent start with life insurance.

First, if your child or grandchild is under the age of 21, consider the low-cost/high benefit options available with WPA's **Juvenile Term to Age 25 Plan**. For a \$25 annual or a low one-time payment (*see chart at left*), you can purchase a \$20,000 "term to age 25" policy that is guaranteed to be converted to any permanent certificate when your child reaches age 25, and the new policy will be credited with up to 50 percent of the premiums paid for the juvenile policy. The payments are the same

regardless of age, and the single payment option is the same for males and females. These certificates are extremely competitive in today's marketplace.

Next, I'd like to focus on a couple of excellent "permanent" or whole life solutions.

Since life insurance involves a death benefit, it

leads many to believe that life insurance is nothing more than death insurance. But, with permanent "whole life" certificates, there are many living benefits. Here are some of the benefits of purchasing a whole life certificate for your young children or grandchildren:

- The cost is established at a younger age and will never increase as the insured ages. You'll pay the same rate at age 65 as you do at age 10, assuming you keep the certificate that long.

- Whole life certificates grow a cash value that can be borrowed against to pay for things such as a college education, car, home or wedding. It can also provide extra income if the insured should become disabled or lose their job.

- Dividends (while not guaranteed) are another way that whole life certificates accumulate extra cash and increase the death benefit. These funds are available in addition to the guaranteed cash values that accumulate within the certificate.

If you are interested in a whole life certificate, one of WPA's most popular options for younger children is our **20 Pay Life Plan**. With this plan, you make equal payments for a 20 year period. After 20 years, the certificate is "paid up" with no future payments, but all of the values continue to grow. Call your WPA agent or our Home Office sales team if you'd like a quote or more information on our 20 Pay Life Plan.

Lastly, I'd like to talk about an exciting new offer that is only available for a limited time for juveniles between the ages of 0 and 15.

William Penn Association is proud to offer a **Single Payment Whole Life Plan** that gives the insured an additional \$5,000 of coverage with the purchase of at least \$10,000 of life insurance coverage. The additional \$5,000 is offered as a special fraternal benefit to all qualifying juvenile members as our way of saying thanks for becoming a juvenile life member. This contract begins building a nice cash value immediately, and for a low one-time payment provides your child or grandchild with a lifetime of benefits. See the box on the next page for details and standard prices for a \$10,000 base certificate. This offer may not be around for long, so don't delay -- call today!

Of course, no matter which plan you decide upon,

**Juvenile Term to Age 25 Plan
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Single Premium Chart**

| Age (Nearest Birthday) | Years To Age 25 | Single Discounted Premium |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
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| 1 | 24 | 284.30 |
| 2 | 23 | 280.00 |
| 3 | 22 | 275.40 |
| 4 | 21 | 270.50 |
| 5 | 20 | 265.10 |
| 6 | 19 | 259.30 |
| 7 | 18 | 253.00 |
| 8 | 17 | 246.30 |
| 9 | 16 | 239.00 |
| 10 | 15 | 231.10 |
| 11 | 14 | 222.60 |
| 12 | 13 | 213.40 |
| 13 | 12 | 203.50 |
| 14 | 11 | 192.80 |
| 15 | 10 | 181.20 |
| 16 | 9 | 168.70 |
| 17 | 8 | 155.20 |
| 18 | 7 | 140.60 |
| 19 | 6 | 124.80 |
| 20 | 5 | 107.80 |
| 21 | 4 | 89.40 |

you can rest assured that all of our plans will provide your loved ones with the fraternal benefits you have become accustomed to over the years, including scholarships to all qualifying members seeking higher education.

If you are a parent or grandparent, perhaps it's time to consider starting your young ones out on the path to financial stability by starting them off with one of WPA's juvenile insurance plans. Then, as Frank put it, "you'll be giving them the greatest gift a grandparent can give their grandchild"...and leaving a legacy as well.

Why not call on your WPA agent today to explore all the options available to you? Don't have an agent? Call the Home Office sales team at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 120, and we'll be happy to assist you.

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|-----|--------|--------|
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| 1 | \$660 | \$570 |
| 2 | \$680 | \$580 |
| 3 | \$700 | \$600 |
| 4 | \$720 | \$620 |
| 5 | \$740 | \$630 |
| 6 | \$760 | \$650 |
| 7 | \$780 | \$670 |
| 8 | \$810 | \$700 |
| 9 | \$840 | \$720 |
| 10 | \$870 | \$740 |
| 11 | \$900 | \$770 |
| 12 | \$930 | \$790 |
| 13 | \$960 | \$820 |
| 14 | \$990 | \$850 |
| 15 | \$1020 | \$880 |

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George Batyi: America's primas

(The following is the second of two "Takes" celebrating the heart and soul of the Batyi-Udvary Orchestra: cimbalom master Alex Udvary and violin virtuoso and primas George Batyi. This month, I focus on Mr. Batyi.)

THOSE OF US that appreciate great Magyar music refer to bands that are only native to Hungary as the best. These family-based groups represent the last vestiges of traditional folk music. Many of these bands have been performing for generations and are part of several musical dynasties exclusively found in Hungary.

But, there is one American-Hungarian primas who can claim a pedigree of multi-generational Hungarian musicians. In fact, his family's musical heritage can be traced back to the 1800's and such places as Budapest and Kassa, Slovakia.

George Batyi Jr. was born and still resides in Homestead, Pa., and is a proud member of William Penn Association Branch 89. His noble mission is to bring listeners the best Gypsy/Roma-styled music and to preserve our unique culture.

Last week, Batyi and Alex Udvary teamed up with their ensemble to bring a world-class helping of premier musical entertainment to the attendees of the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. As I have said before, if this band was to anonymously perform at any of the finest restaurants in Hungary, the patrons would be flabbergasted to learn that the orchestra was made up of American musicians. The Batyi/Udvary Band does not hold a second seat to any musical group native to Hungary.

Born in 1959, George Batyi Jr. went to school in Homestead and attended St. Ann's Church. His father worked for the city of Homestead and also performed with several gypsy bands. His mother, Emma (Krista) Batyi, came from a musical family. George had three brothers (Albert, Lawrence and the late Alex) and three sisters (Lynda, Rose and the late Elizabeth). All four Batyi brothers were taught to play the violin by their father.

Batyi started his musical studies at age 6 and was self taught on the saxophone and clarinet. When George was 10, his parents decided to send him to the Chatham College of Music in nearby Pittsburgh. At about the same time, his father presented him with his first violin.

Coming from a family that had several active musicians, young Batyi was constantly exposed to the Gypsy/Roma style of music. As time progressed, the young violinist would be called upon to sit in and perform

with many of the bands at various gatherings. As his skills improved, he performed more often and soon became a young celebrity within the Hungarian community of Pittsburgh. At the tender age of 13, the young virtuoso landed his first permanent job with the Greenie Guyla Gypsy Band. It was the beginning of a 44-year career in music.

Accolades and opportunities for the young primas continued to accumulate. In 1978 at the age of 19, Batyi became a member of the fabled Sandor Jaroka Gypsy Band for several weeks in Detroit. In later years, Batyi led a musical tour to Slovakia (in 1992), performed live on the late Dr. Viktor Molnar's radio program and appeared on television stations in Detroit and Harrisburg. He and his orchestras have performed as far west as Denver and in various parts of Canada.

He is now widely considered to be the best gypsy violin player in America.

Batyi plays not only the violin but is equally proficient with other instruments, such as the viola, upright bass, bass guitar, guitar and tambura (the national instrument of Croatia). This multi-talented musician has played just about every Hungarian event and



RIGHT: Primas George Batyi (photo courtesy of Tibor Check, Jr.)
OPPOSITE PAGE: George Batyi at age 10, playing with local musicians. (Photo courtesy of George Batyi).

location in the Pennsylvania/West Virginia/Ohio tri-state area. Over the decades, he has entertained tens of thousands from large-scale venues to intimate parties. Among his favorite performance venues in the area are/were: the Hungarian Clubs of Homestead, Hazelwood, McKeesport and Duquense; Kennywood Park on Hungarian Day; Green Gables and the Gypsy Cafe. Batyi recalls fondly the concerts he gave at the Blue Danube in Windsor, Canada, and at the Hungarian Village in Detroit.

At one time or another, Batyi has performed with The Nick Balasz Hungarian Orchestra, Billy Rose Slepsky, Ziggy Bela, Gus Horvath, Alex Udvary, Batyi Lorence, Antal Fulop, Dorothy and Company, Gene Fischer, Steve Kacin, Dennis Kurzawski, Mark Stafura, Bob Sestili, Mickey Dee, Brock Belich plus dozens of others.

Batyi kept the very first violin his father gave him until about ten years ago when he met a young local boy who wanted to learn to play the violin. The boy's family lacked the financial resources to purchase him an instrument, so Primas Batyi step forward and give the youngster the very instrument his father had given him.

When not performing or practicing, Batyi works at a nearby cemetery. When relaxing, he enjoys listening to Hungarian folk tunes. "*Nincs én nékem semmi bajom*" is his personal favorite, and when performing with his ensemble he loves to play "*Pacsirta*" ("The Lark").

The pedigree of the Batyi musical dynasty is impressive. Consider that both of his grandfathers were musicians: his mother's father was a heralded clarinetist with the Bela Berkes Orchestra, and his dad's father was the famous violinist Berti Batyi. His uncle, Poodie Krista, played viola with the Sandor Jaroka Band. Then, of course, there were also Sonny Batyi, Blimps Batyi and Cisco Batyi of the Delray Gypsy Band, Albert Greenie Polo Gypsy Band, George Batyi Sr. Gypsy Band and Batyi Brothers Band. With such a rich musical ancestry, it is only natural that George Batyi Jr. would become the pre-eminent gypsy violinist in America.

Batyi had met cimbalom master Alex Udvary, but the two had never performed together until one day when their respective groups were booked to play at the same concert in Detroit. Later on that particular evening, the two musical greats performed together. A special professional rapport was created and a seemingly inevitable bond forged. Both gents seriously pondered the idea of forming an all-star Magyar band. Soon after that initial discussion, the Batyi-Udvary Zene was formed. Today this ensemble is widely regarded as the only true gypsy band in America.

Together, both gentlemen will continue to perform for as long as possible as they want to play what the people like.

Currently, the orchestra does have a CD available for purchase. *Play Gypsy Violin* features Batyi on violin/viola/bass, Udvary on cimbalom and special guest Billy Rose Slepsky on guitar and vocals. Like Udvary, Batyi has previously made other recordings, such as *Gypsy Memories* and my personal favorite, *Szep Regi Nota*.

Over the next several weeks, the Batyi/Udvary Orchestra will be appearing in the Cleveland and Chicago areas.

- On Sept. 4, they will be performing at the German



Central Farm in Parma Heights, Ohio for the Hungarian Scout Festival.

- A week later on Sept. 11, the band will be at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio, for the Szüreti Mulatság.
- The weekend of Sept. 16 and 17, they will perform at the Green Mill-Chicago Gypsy Festival.
- In late late September, they will perform a special concert in the Cleveland area in honor of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

If you would like more information about the band, its schedule and recordings, contact George Batyi by phone at 412-853-3569 or via email at GBaty@aol.com.

For additional photographs and videos of the Batyi-Udvary Orchestra, go to YouTube.

Éljen az Amerikai-Magyar, Tibor II

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Let's hear your take

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

Church closes but congregation remains

by Randy Griffith, *The Tribune-Democrat*

JOHNSTOWN, PA -- The closing service for Johnstown and Windber Hungarian Reformed Church on June 18 was celebrated as the next step in the church family's religious lives.

"I had one thought: This is not the end," church supporter Sharon Miller said during the service in Johnstown's Cambria City neighborhood.

"When you say it's closing, it sounds like we are passing away," Miller said. "That's not true."

The church's pastor, the late Rev. Albert W. Kovacs, who died two weeks later on July 2, said the service was not the deconsecration of the church. "The congregation did not dissolve," Kovacs said. "It still exists." The church still owns a cemetery in Windber.

"As we are closing this church service, there will be a new step," Calvin Synod Bishop Csaba Krasznai said. "It is up to you if you want to take that step."

Church Treasurer Earl Mostoller said the congregation realized it couldn't afford to repair or maintain the 114-year-old church building. Nor did they have the money to tear it down. There seemed to be no solution.

"God sent four angels," Mostoller said.

Miller was the first angel, taking on the job of preserving the church building's future. Her efforts brought the second "angel" in the person of City Manager Melissa Komar, who worked with Miller to connect with Dr. Andrew and Sandra King.

The Kings purchased the church and former parsonage and have begun making repairs.

"They told us if we want to have special services like this one - no problem," Mostoller said. "The members are thrilled that the wrecking ball is not coming in."

Andrew King said the couple owns several homes in the neighborhood and had been interested in the church.

"Thank goodness Melissa (Komar) called us," he said.

The Johnstown church, which merged with the Windber church in 1975, is one of 23 Hungarian Reformed



The congregation of the Johnstown and Windber Hungarian Reformed Church gather in the church for its closing service June 18. Photo courtesy of Alexis C. Kosak

churches across the nation. They form the Calvin Synod of the United Church of Christ.

Saturday's closing service included several hymns sung in the Hungarian language.

Like the Johnstown church, many of the Synod's congregations are dwindling as generations lose interest in their Hungarian past and language, Krasznai said. The Synod has developed a program to help churches redefine themselves by focusing first on God while maintaining the Hungarian heritage as a secondary factor.

"The program has churches ask: What is the purpose of our congregation?" he said.

"We are putting the emphasis on the biblical basis for the 824 Chestnut St. church in Johnstown's Cambria City neighborhood reformation and our Hungarian roots. That's what we'd like to emphasize: The person most important is our Lord. The Hungarian heritage comes right after that."

Ensemble releases details for N. American tour

NEW YORK -- Details for the North American tour of the Hungarian National Dance Ensemble were recently released. The tour, entitled "Spirit of Hungary: Revolution and Roots in Dance and Music," commemorates the spirit of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and celebrates the vibrant and energetic folklore of the Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin.

The tour schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 14 - East Brunswick, N.J., 7:00 p.m., Hammarskjold Middle School. Tickets: \$30 (adults); \$15 (students under 12); Information: 732-930-1038.
- Oct. 15 - Buffalo, N.Y. Details in-

complete. Information: 973-473-0013.

- Oct. 16 - Toronto, Ont. 6:00 p.m., Toronto Center for the Arts. Tickets: \$25, \$35 & \$45. Information: 416-250-3708.
- Oct. 17 - Dayton, Ohio, 7:00 p.m., Dayton Masonic Center. Tickets: \$25 (adults); \$10 (children under 10). Information: 937-771-0404.
- Oct. 18 - Toledo, Ohio, 7:00 p.m., Ohio Theater and Events Center. Tickets: \$25 advance; \$30 at door. Information: 419-698-5195.
- Oct. 19 - Chicago, Ill., 7:00 p.m., Copernicus Center. Tickets: \$25, \$35 & \$45. Information: 877-987-6487.
- Oct. 20 - Dearborn, Mich., 7:00

p.m., Ford Community and Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$25. Information: 313-943-2345.

- Oct. 21 - West Mifflin, Pa., 7:00 p.m., West Mifflin Area Middle School. Tickets: \$25 (adults); \$10 (children under 12). Information: 724-238-2235.

- Oct. 22 - Arlington, Va., 7:00 p.m., Kenmore Middle School Auditorium. Tickets: \$40 (adults); \$20 (children under 12). Information: 202-497-1166.

- Oct. 23 - New York, N.Y., 7:00 p.m., Gerald W. Lynch Theatre at John Jay College. Tickets: \$30 & \$40. Information: 973-473-0013.



Grandson of WPA members has role at GOP convention

CLEVELAND -- When Noah Fechter gets asked by his friends at school about what he did over the summer, he will have a very interesting story to tell.

On July 19, Noah was among a select group of students from the Cleveland area to appear on stage at the Republican National Convention to lead the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Noah is the grandson of WPA Branch 14 Cleveland members Vicki and Brian Bowens and the great-grandson of Branch 14 member Anne Pustai.

The Bowens were looking forward to having Noah and his brother Samuel visit them from Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y., where the boys' father, Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Fechter, is stationed with the U.S. Army.

But, on the evening of July 14, word reached WPA National Director Richard E. Sarosi that the Republicans were assembling youths to represent Cleveland's ethnic groups at the convention.

Sarosi's mother, Violet, knew the Bowen's grandsons would be in town and, after several rounds of phone calls between Ohio and New York, it was decided that Noah would be perfect for the assignment. Richard Sarosi then contacted Branch 14 members Elaine and Betty Rose Galgany who he believed could provide an appropriate costume for Noah.

On July 19, Noah, his mother Katie and his grandmother traveled to a designated site where they gathered with children and their chaperones representing a dozen ethnic groups. From there, everyone was transported together to Quicken Loans Arena, where the convention was being held. Once at the arena, all the children and chaperones had to clear four security checkpoints. They were accompanied by security agents from the moment they entered until the moment they left.

All the children and chaperones were fed and treated nicely, Noah said. The group met Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY) who spoke to the group



Noah Fechter stands front and center as he helps lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

about his trip to the South Pole.

The group practiced for three hours, and then spent time in the dressing room of the NBA Champion Cleveland Cavaliers while waiting to appear on stage.

When it came time for the children to take the stage, Noah was the first in line and stood front and center in his Hungarian costume as the children led the pledge. Noah said it was one of those times when it was a good thing he was short.

Noah said he plans to watch the presidential candidates during the coming months. He has studied in school about the branches of government and was glad to be a part of something that plays an integral part of the selection of our nation's chief executive.

Noah also had something to say to everyone age 18 and over: "You have to vote in November."

(Our thanks to Richard E. Sarosi who contributed to this story.)

Cultural Garden to hold benefit concert

CLEVELAND -- The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden is holding a Gala Organ Concert on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 4:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Residence in Bratenahl, Ohio. Featured performer Marcia Snively will play the 7406 pipes organ with Randy Fusco joining on the Bosendorfer piano. Refreshments will be served overlooking Lake Erie. Proceeds will benefit the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden Maintenance Endowment. Admission is \$100 per person. A reservation form can be found at www.hungarianculturalgarden.org. For more information contact Carolyn at cebalogh@aol.com.

Reformed Church to host estate sale

DUQUESNE, PA -- The Hungarian Reformed Church of Duquesne, Pa., will host an estate sale featuring multiple sellers on Sept. 23 and 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. There will be antiques, collectibles and Hungarian items for sale, as well as homemade baked goods, cabbage and noodles and beverages. The church is located at 1411 Kennedy Ave., Duquesne.

If you have news about people, places or events in the American Hungarian community that you think would be of interest to our readers, please share it with us. Simply email the details concerning your "Magyar Matters" to: jlovasz@wpalife.org.

Golfers & guests enjoy annual WPA tournament



WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION held its 33rd Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days on July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa.

The fun-filled fraternal weekend kicked off Friday evening, July 15, as dozens of non-golfing members and guests joined our golfers at the annual golfers reception and Monte Carlo Night at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Adding a little fun for our young members was the Marshmallow Putting Contest, held in the hallway outside the reception room. Each child who participated received a prize. The evening also featured the annual putting contest and the popular Chinese auction.

The 18-hole, scramble format tournament teed off early the next morning under cloudy skies. But, the weather cleared a short time later and the day turned out to be nearly perfect for a round of golf.

Once tournament play ended, everyone gathered in the Quicksilver clubhouse for the post-tournament barbeque and the awarding of prizes to the tournament winners.

We congratulate all of this year's winners, especially the team of Joe Vidmar, Rich Vallecorsa, Rob Krawchyk and Bill Krawchyk, who took home first prize. In addition to the team prizes, a number of individual prizes were awarded to golfers who won the various skill shot contests held along the course. *(For a complete list of tournament and skill shot winners, see "The Leader Board" on the right.)*

No one scored a hole-in-one during the tournament, so none of the big cash prizes were awarded. The other big unclaimed prize was \$2,500 for sinking a 50-foot putt during the awards barbeque. Ron Florjancic couldn't quite get his ball in the hole on that long putt.

Even though her foursome didn't win a prize, Betsy Griffith of Branch 216 Northampton, Pa., could be considered the weekend's biggest winner. She won \$500 for getting her tee shot closest to the pin at the \$15,000 Hole-In-One contest (hole #8). She also won \$445 in the weekend's 50/50 raffle and another \$60 for being closest to the pin on hole #6. Betsy generously donated \$100 of her winnings to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

Betsy's donation was part of a total \$12,977 raised during the weekend for the Scholarship Foundation. Of that total, \$5,382 was raised through donations, the majority of which were made during the Foundation's annual meeting held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott on Friday evening. The remainder was raised through tournament hole sponsorships (\$5,225), the Monte Carlo Nite (\$820), the Chinese auction held Friday evening (\$1,000), a 50/50 raffle (\$445), the Friday night putting contest (\$80) and the sale of WPA cookbooks and Christmas ornaments (\$25).

The success of this tournament was made possible through the hard work and dedication of many people. Our thanks go to the National Officers, the Home Office staff, our hole spotters, and the staff and management of Quicksilver Golf Club and the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott.

We invite everyone back for our 34th Annual Golf Tournament next year. □





The Leader Board

SCRAMBLE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

Joe Vidmar, Rich Vallecorsa,
Rob Krawchyk & Bill Krawchyk

SECOND PLACE

Ed Houseman, Tom McKee,
Tony Dodaro & Robert Harbison

THIRD PLACE

Harold Krawchyk, Roger Krawchyk,
James Krawchyk & Bob Plata

FOURTH PLACE

Tim Klodnick, Terry Bennett,
Thomas Morgan & Hani Ghazaleh

FIFTH PLACE

Ron Florjancic, Arlene Florjancic,
Lynn Williams & John Williams

SKILL SHOT WINNERS

Longest Putt (Hole #18)

Tom Peternel & Lynn Williams

Longest Drive Ages 18-59

Richard Dimeler & Melodie Gunias

Longest Drive Ages 60 & Up

Otto Solis & Arlene Florjancic

Closest To Line (Hole #10)

Ron Florjancic & Arlene Florjancic

Closest To Pin (Hole #6)

James Krawchyk & Betsy Griffith

Closest To Pin (Hole #11)

Greg Heitman & Arlene Florjancic

Closest To Pin (Hole #14)

Otto Solis & Arlene Florjancic

HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

Holes #6 - #8 - #11 - #14

No Winners

CONSOLATION PRIZES

Closest to Pin - Hole #8

Betsy Griffith - \$500

Roger Krawchyk - \$200



WPFASF conducts annual meeting

CORAOPOLIS, PA -- The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation held its annual meeting July 15 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Those attending the meeting and the golf weekend showed their strong support for the Foundation by pledging a total of \$5,382 during and after the meeting. The Scholarship Foundation also elected 18 WPA members to serve one-year terms on the Foundation's Advisory Board. Those elected will serve on the Advisory Board along with members of the WPA's Board of Directors and the National Officers.

Advisory Board members attending this year's meeting were: (front, l-r) Ernest Sarosi, Violet E. Sarosi, Alexis C. Kozak, Vice Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak, Fraternal Director Barbara A. House, Marguerite T. McNelis, National Director Joyce E. Nicholson, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt, Catherine A. (Cassie) Heitman; (back, l-r) National Director Richard E. Sarosi, National Director David M. Kozak, Ralph F. Manning, National Director Michael J. Chobody, Thomas F. House, National President George S. Charles Jr., National Vice President-Secretary Jerry A. Hauser, David J. Chakey, National Vice President-Treasurer Diane M. Torma, Steven F. Charles, Chair of the Board Andrew W. McNelis, National Director James W. Robertson, James R. (Jimmy) Lewis, National Director Debra A. Lewis, James R. (Rick) Lewis and Paul J. Varga. (Advisory Board members not pictured: Charles S. Johns, Harry Nicholson, Zita Prowse, Mark C. Schmidt and Carol Truesdell. Photo by John E. Lovasz)

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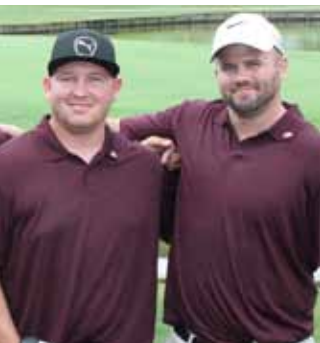
Thank you to our hole sponsors

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our members, branches and friends who sponsored holes for this year's tournament and donated a total of \$5,225 for the benefit of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation.

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A new experience

Students like new location & other changes to WPA's annual heritage camp

By Loretta Nemeth

BOSWELL, Pa. -- "This is a new beginning; we're starting all over again." Those were the words that Fraternal Director Barbara House spoke to open the 16th Annual Hungarian Heritage Experience, held July 31 to Aug. 6 at a new location -- the Bowersox Enrichment Center of the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp in Boswell, Pa.

House said she, National Director David Kozak and Home Office employees Judit Ganchuk and Dora McKinsey looked at 11 campsites before choosing Sequanota. She returned to Sequanota four times before committing to hold the Experience there. And the participants reaped the benefits: each person had his or her own room with private bath, and everything was on one floor with no steps to climb. Classrooms and the dining and lounging areas were ample. Participants even had access to the Camp's swimming pool in the afternoons. A large patio with comfortable seating became the after-dinner-to-late-night gathering place for the students to relax and share stories and some liquid refreshments.

New, too, this year was the format of the classes. Since there were only 11 students, they were not divided into "beginner" and "advanced" categories as at past Experiences. Instead, students could switch classes and spend part of the day with instructor Emery Marcus and another part of the day with instructor Tamás Markovits. Marcus focused on vocabulary, word endings, verb declension and sentence construction, while Markovits focused on the Hungarian alphabet, word pronunciation and reading. This format "went well," Marcus said. "It was a good idea to switch," Markovits agreed. "I kind of like it," he said, but added, "there's only so much you can do in a week."

Prior to beginning classes for the week, Marcus and Markovits presented a lesson on Hungarian history and then interspersed more of the history and culture in their classes. Student Linda Enyedy gave a talk on the dance and music styles in the different regions of Hungary.

Of the 11 students, nine had attended previous Experiences and two were first-timers. The students came from Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Pennsylvania and ranged in age from late 40s to late 80s.

This was Mark Bolla's sixth year attending the Experience. He said he learned about the program from his cousin, Liz Vos, the owner of Magyar Marketing, an online source for Hungarian goods.

When Bolla moved back to Cleveland from Florida, he decided he could attend. That opened up the Bolla brigade! The next year, his sister also attended; the year after that his dad attended, too. Since then, his aunt and another cousin joined the clan at the Experience. Bolla, who went on the WPA trip to Hungary in 2013, said attending the Experiences helped improve his language for that.

Bolla's dad, Ted, 88, said he comes more for the camping experience than the language instruction, saying he enjoys "the woods, swimming and camaraderie." But he attended class and improved in his language skills.

Another student who has attended for six years is David Valentine. This year Valentine's wife, Elaine, stayed home to continue recuperation from a medical procedure. Her sunny personality was missed by those who know her. As usual, Valentine arrived with fresh kolbász, smoked kolbász and his homemade hurka. He also facilitated *csiga* (noodle) making one evening, and the students who participated had their own *csiga* in their chicken soup for lunch the next day; the other students had store-bought *csiga* in their soup. Another evening, Valentine and some



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Preparing a Magyar feast



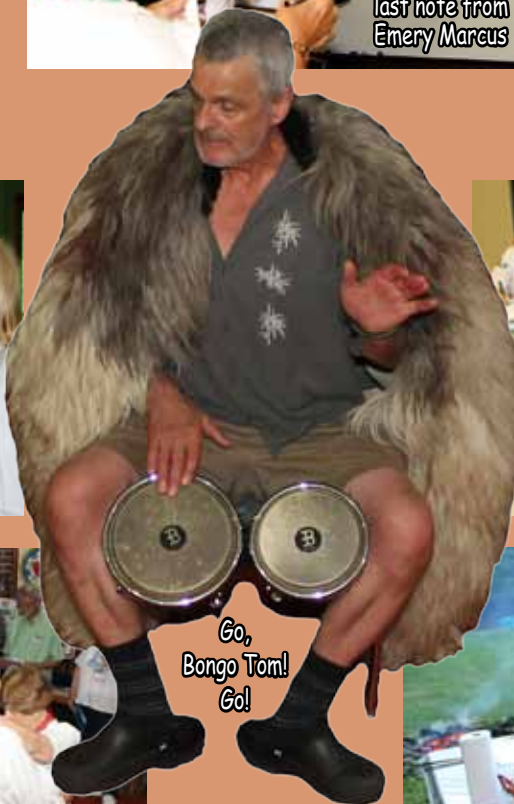
Catching every last note from Emery Marcus



Making csiga for lunch



Reviewing notes with Tamás Markovits



Go, Bongo Tom! Go!



Learning the Magyar tongue



"Az a szép, az a szép, akinek a szeme kék, akinek a szeme kék."



Szalonna sütés!

students made *palacsinta* (crepes) for everyone.

Valentine said he appreciated the privacy of having his own room at Sequanota. The Experience this year was "more intimate; we were together more," he said, and his knowledge increased more than usual. "Everything was good."

The youngest student, Jenifer Nemeth, attending for her fourth year, said she loved the traditional cooking and the hands-on evening experience of making *csiga* and *palacsinta*. "Everyone should encourage more young people to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about their heritage," she said.

New student Tom Kerek said he came "to learn the language, something to do, a direction for my life [in retirement] and to improve my brain and creativity." He said he was surprised, though, by the "difficulty factor" for a first-timer. While calling it "overwhelming," Kerek said he'd do it again and is planning a trip to Hungary sometime next year. What he enjoyed the most was the "rich personalities" of the people. And he provided a lot of enjoyment for the students. Kerek came with a telescope and bongo drums! He set up his telescope outside and students were able to see the rings around Saturn. "Bongo

Tommy" even did a bongo solo with recorded accompaniment as students did a folk dance to his beat for the Friday evening program.

The other "new" part of the Experience was having Ursula Markovits (wife of instructor Tamás) as the cook for the week. She had assisted with cooking in prior years. Markovits was helped by National Directors David Kozak and James Robertson. "It was a pleasure to work with David and Jim," she said. She also commented that the kitchen was "nice to work in and well equipped."

Meals included Hungarian staples such as chicken paprikas, breaded pork cutlets, Hungarian hamburgers, gulyás, kolbász and hurka, vegetable soup, chicken soup, green bean soup, mushroom soup, cabbage and noodles, and noodles with cottage cheese and bacon. No one left the table hungry!

One of the highlights of the week was having the executive director of Sequanota, Rev. Nathan Pile, visit and say grace before dinner on Wednesday. He promises to learn to say it in Hungarian by next year.

During the week there was a children's camp going on in another area of Sequanota, with about 70 children

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A Hungarian settlement in the heart of Bayou Country

Árpádhon

by Kathy Megyeri

During the late 1890s, a number of Hungarians who had immigrated to Canada and the northern and eastern parts of the U.S. were looking for a new home. They had been working in factories, industrial sites and coal mines but had become discouraged and found the English language very difficult to learn. They longed to resume the agrarian life and mercantile businesses they had left behind in the Old Country.

The Settlement Begins

In 1896, three adventurous Hungarians — Julius Bruskay, Adam Mocsary and Tivador Zboray — arrived in Hammond, La. They came to work for the Brackenridge Lumber Company which was clear cutting large areas of previously untouched forest. Eventually, the lumber company began selling the cleared acreage in inexpensive, 20-acre plots. The three Hungarians began saving what they could from their dollar-a-day wages, until they had the \$200 needed to buy one of the plots. Once they had a place of their own, they sent for their families, farmed and found freedom, security and a way to live as they did in the Old Country.

Zboray named their new home “Árpádhon” (“Home of Árpád”) in honor of both the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the Hungarian nation and the Hungarian hero who in 896 united the Magyars and conquered the land known today as Hungary.

The Hungarian newspaper *Szabadsag* in Cleveland helped spread word of this new Hungarian settlement. “Come to Árpádhon,” the newspaper’s readers were told.

“Return to your former occupation. Countrymen, return to the tiller.” For many Hungarians, this was a chance of a lifetime. So, they headed south. By 1900, there were 11 families living in the new settlement; by 1935, there were 350 families and 1,500 Hungarians, a rapid growth in 35 years.

Árpádhon remains the largest rural Hungarian settlement in the U.S. Other rural settlements — including New Buda in Iowa, founded by L. Ujhazy for the 1849 refugees; A. Haraszthy’s town in Wisconsin; Balaton in Minnesota; Tolna in North Dakota; and the farming settlements of Nyitra, Tokaj, Budapest and Fordhouse — have ceased to exist or lost their Hungarian inhabitants, most likely through



The founders of Árpádhon Hungarian Settlement — Adam Mocsary (far left), Gyula Bruskay (second from right) and Tivador Zboray (far right) — in 1912, with a Fr. Grosz and an unidentified settler.



All photos courtesy of Alex and Royanne Kropog and the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The Brackenridge Lumber Company (c. early 1900's) where many of the first settlers were employed, and a photo of a teacher with her students at the settlement's Hungarian school (c. 1927). LEFT: St. Margaret Catholic Church (c. 1915).

culture and hardship.

One farmer, Joseph Juhasz, donated 20 acres of land in 1910 for a Catholic church to be built by the parishioners, and that church is still in its present location today. The hand-carved wooden plaque over the altar at St. Margaret Catholic Church proclaims, "*Dicsőség mennyben az Istennek*" (Glory to God in the highest). The church's name honors the granddaughter of St. Stephen, Hungary's first king. Eventually, the church added a school in 1914.

In 1907, the first church for Presbyterians was designated as a Reformed Church but later became the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, finally allowing the men and women of the congregation to sit together during services.

Both churches established their own cemeteries but due to interfaith marriages, some families have loved ones buried in both. All Saints' Day is a huge religious event for the Hungarian Settlement because cemetery graves are cleaned and decorated before they are blessed and candles are lit. This local tradition continues almost a century later. Even dignitaries from Hungary come to the settlement, especially to see the graves of the three founders of Árpád-hon.

The Strawberry Capital

Árpád-hon farmers thrived because they raised the cultivated rows about a foot or more above the level of the surrounding land for drainage purposes. The community became known as the "Strawberry Capital of Louisiana." Farmers added lime to the soil, sprayed for insects, dug drainage ditches, eliminated grass, aerated the soil, mulched with straw, applied fertilizer, fostered new plants and even sold excess strawberry plants for additional cash. Eventually, the growing, picking and packing of the berries grew to be so successful that migrant workers and sugarcane cutters were hired to help those in the Hungarian settlement.

The First Hungarian Association or the United Hungarian Association oversaw the sale of berries for farmers. The crops were inspected and loaded for transport with ice to keep them cool and fresh. The end-of-season berries were sold to a canner who added sugar and sold them to the military in five-gallon containers during WWII. After berry season, other vegetables were raised to tide the family over to the next season and the process would begin all over again.

Despite this success, there were difficult times. With periods of uneven income from strawberry production and the 1908 Yellow Fever epidemic, some residents needed help with family burials so the Magyar Temetkezi Egylet (The Hungarian Burial Association) was formed, membership fees were assessed, and, surprisingly, the society is still in existence. Coffins were handmade, graves were hand dug, food was hand cooked, and bereavement was indeed a community affair whether the deceased was Catholic or Presbyterian.

outward migration and intermarriage. Still other communities have changed their names. Certainly, larger Hungarian communities may remain in the industrial centers of the Northeast, but this Hungarian settlement in southeast Louisiana remains the largest *rural* Hungarian community today.

Because others have moved into the area, Árpád-hon is now often referred to as the "Hungarian Settlement." Both Bruskay and Mocsary have descendants still living in the settlement today, and all three founders of Árpád-hon are buried in the St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery in Albany, Louisiana.

The Immigration House, built by the Brackenridge Lumber Company, was the first main building to be constructed in the settlement until the settlers' own lodgings were built. It was also a multipurpose facility for entertainment, picnics, social functions, and funeral wakes. The two main religious groups among the settlers — Catholics and Presbyterians — conducted services there until they could erect their own churches.

Life on the new farms was difficult. Simple shacks served as homes. Stumps had to be cleared with picks, axes, and shovels. Residents coped with mosquitoes, reptiles, snakes, alligators, wild hogs and large feral cats. The summers were hot and wet; the winters, cold and drizzly. Bayous and overflowing creeks were unfamiliar to most of the Hungarians. Still, they were happy to have left the industrial smoke stacks and dangerous coal mines. The air was clean, the land was theirs, they controlled their destiny, and they were self-reliant as they shared language,



In the spirit of the settlers of Árpádthon, the Árpádthon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association keeps the tradition of the Hungarian Harvest Dance alive and well (c. 2011).

Magyar Traditions

As in Hungary, hog killing and butchering after the first frost was a special time. All parts of the hog were cleaned and used -- from the brain, liver, kidneys and organ meats to the crisp ears which were a delicacy for children. *Tepertős pogácsa*, a Hungarian delicacy, was made fresh on the day of the killing. *Kolbász*, *hurka*, and hogs' head cheese were shared among neighbors. *Kalács*, *fánk*, *kifli*, and apple and cabbage strudel were made in the *kemence*, an outdoor clay oven that most all homes had. Geese, Muscovy duck and chicken were Sunday dinner favorites. Soured milk made good clabber. Stuffed cabbage and stuffed peppers were mainstays. *Gulyás* cooked in a *bogrács* (a hanging kettle over an open fire) with fried cabbage and homemade *nokedli* or *galuska* (noodles) were always favorites-- anything but the dreaded neck soup (*nyakleves*).

Children spoke Hungarian at home, but only English was spoken at school. Eventually, however, Hungarian was replaced by English, even at home, as the parents needed to learn English to carry on their business. As the Hungarian culture and language passed, second generation Hungarians realized the language of their ancestors needed to be preserved, so Southeastern Louisiana University and the local parish school board reintroduced Hungarian in the local schools for a short time.

In 1976, the Livingston Parish (La.) School System funded a grant for Project Harom under which three languages -- French, English and Hungarian -- were taught simultaneously in the school system. ("Harom" is the Hungarian word for "three.") Hungarian was taught at Albany Elementary and French was taught at Maurepas and French Settlement. The program was also funded by Southeastern Louisiana University and the World Federation of Hungarians. Many teachers were trained during summers at the Tanítóképző Főiskola in Debrecen, Hungary. Unfortunately, funding ceased in 1980 and the language program didn't survive.

The Hungarian Harvest Dance in October, held just after the harvest, was a special celebration featuring authentic folk dances and music in their purest form without

modification—just as it was in Hungary at the turn of the century. This tradition was especially treasured as most of the settlers struggled to get ahead and thrive amongst English speakers and basically disregarded other traditions. The songs and dances of harvest time could at least save the language and customs from further decline.

Fortunately, the Árpádthon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association (AHSCA) carried on the Harvest Dance tradition. Founded in 1976, the AHSCA attempts to preserve and promote the Hungarian culture of the Albany area. The AHSCA compiled community recipes and published a cookbook in 1992 that includes many local ethnic family recipes. The AHSCA also perpetuates and promotes the preservation of the Magyar cuisine of Albany by offering Hungarian dinners for sale at least once a year, usually in conjunction with the annual Hungarian Harvest Dance. Some community members, including non-Hungarians, assist with the food preparation. Currently there are at least 150 active members in the AHSCA. Many live out of town and some live out of state. (*As this issue was going to press, the AHSCA announced that, due to damage caused by floods in the region in August, this year's harvest dance has been cancelled.*)

The musical score and lyrics from the harvest dance were compiled in a book published in 1979 called "*Élő örökségünk — Our Living Heritage*." The harvest dancers were so renowned that a select group of dancers went to Washington, D.C. in 1976 to perform at the Bicentennial Folk Life Festival on the National Mall. Almost all residents of the settlement have at one time or another participated in the Hungarian Harvest Dance, so the line remains unbroken to the first dancers in this country at the turn of the century.

Preserving History

Realizing the need to preserve the history of Árpádthon, the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society was established in the year 2000 with the mission of renovating the old Hungarian school into a museum. "My girlfriend (Irene Good DeMars) and I were bike riding and we stopped at the building that is the museum now," said

Juliana Roberson, secretary of the Historical Society. "The building belonged to the Livingston Parish School Board. To make a long story short, the building had been vacant for years, in need of mega repairs. The idea came to us that day, since it was a school for the Hungarian children and then an old folks home, why not turn it into a museum. It was awesome how many in the community wanted to save the building. No funds, but a big dream."

Under the leadership of the officers and membership, and after 16 years of fundraising, the challenge is being successfully met. The building is being restored to its original configuration and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"There are many Hungarian families who stepped up to the plate to get this project up and running: Bartus, Erdey, Petho, Blahut, Kovach, Aranyosi, Ujavari, Prokop, Megyesi, just to mention a few," Roberson said.

Within the last five years, grants and donations totaling about \$500,000 -- including funds from the State of Louisiana, the Livingston Parish Tourist Commissions, the Hungarian Initiatives Foundation, local government and William Penn Association -- along with sales of bricks for a Memorial Brick Garden, have allowed the museum to do interior and exterior renovations.

Donated artifacts include dance costumes, Herend porcelain, documents, embroidery and even the vestments of Rev. Alexander Bartus who served the Presbyterian Church for 60 years.

A year's membership to the Historical Society costs only \$5, and members receive a newsletter four times a year.

The Hungarian settlement is a living testimony to Royanne and Alex Kropog, who have dedicated their lives to the project. Alex serves as president of the Historical Society and Royanne as treasurer. Both offer guided tours of the settlement, organize receptions and encourage visitors to see the local shops and businesses, St. Margaret Church and its cemetery and the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church and its cemetery. Hungarian journalists, writers and documentary filmmakers who have visited the area marvel at the settlement's 120-year history and efforts to maintain Hungarian language and traditions.

Hungarian Ambassador Andras Simonyi was impressed by the settlement during his visit there. "I was deeply touched by the deep feeling of belonging among the

American-Hungarians I met there, although none of them spoke any Hungarian," he said. "I have rarely seen less self-interest involved. It was just all hearts, a respect for the past and for Hungary. Hungarian-Americans at their best. They took me to the Hungarian cemetery where the first Hungarian migrants to Louisiana are buried. It was a most touching experience."

Telling the Story

Years ago, Royanne Kropog created a little pamphlet on the settlement, which she started writing before Hurricane Katrina while teaching math in Baton Rouge. That pamphlet evolved into a detailed, remarkable, delightful history entitled, "The Story of Árpádthon, Hungarian Settlement, Louisiana 1896-2006," published with the help of a local grant in 2006. In addition to the history of the settlement, she writes of the area's farming, animals, wildlife, hunting, fishing, economic conditions, homes, food, clothing, schools, wedding customs, holidays, traditions, businesses, entertainment, medical care -- nearly every detail of life in the settlement. She also devotes an entire chapter to the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the Freedom Fighters and the 14 Hungarian refugees who moved to the settlement area, one of whom she married.

As curator of the new museum, she's collected the history of local families, photographs, memorabilia, letters, clothing, artifacts and documents. All the donations and proceeds from her book -- some \$17,000 -- have gone to purchasing museum display cases. Her goal is to have a truly professional exhibit with "no staples, tape or cardboard," she said.

When asked why she has devoted so much time and effort to writing such a detailed, thorough and well-researched book and to establishing a museum that tells the story of the Hungarian settlement, Royanne Kropog said, "I felt there was a story in how the people lived once they left Hungary. The purpose of this book and of the museum is to demonstrate the courage, adaptability and survival of the Hungarians in a new land."

Once the museum opens in 2017, it promises to be a go-to destination. But even more so, many Hungarians will want to meet Royanne and Alex Kropog, Juliana Roberson and all those they worked with to preserve the rich history of Árpádthon and its residents to thank them and, perhaps, donate a little something to their efforts.

In the meantime, those interested can contact Royanne by phone at 225-294-5732 or by email at Roykropog@gmail.com. You can also write to her at 30165 George White Rd., Holden, LA 70733-6402. Copies of her book can be purchased in paperback or hardcover (\$23 or \$28, respectively, postage included).

For more information on the Árpádthon Hungarian settlement and the Hungarian Settlement Historical Society, go online at www.hungarianmuseum.com.

To learn more about the Árpádthon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Association, visit their website at www.magyars.org. To purchase a copy of the AHSCA cookbook, send \$15 (check or money order, includes shipping and handling) to: AHSCA, P.O. Box 10, Albany, La. 70711. □



This building, which originally served as the settlement's Hungarian school, has been renovated and will soon reopen as the home of the Hungarian Settlement Museum.



I am soooo excited that school is back in session. I mean it. I LOVE going to school! Every year is different than the one before, even if I return to the same school and see a lot of the same classmates. I learn new things, meet new teachers, make new friends, do new projects. Sure, going to school is not always easy and it's not always fun, but I feel better about myself when I work hard and do well in school. It makes me feel as if I could do anything or be anything I want to be.

Before the new school year starts, I make a list of the things I want to do that year. Some of my goals for this year are to do better in math, try out for the basketball team and make at least two new friends. What are your goals for this school year? Make your list below then share it with your parents. They might have an idea or two about other goals you can set for yourself. Have a great year!



My goals for this school year:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Spot the Differences

Mumford is such a good dog! He even packed my school bag for me! These two pictures might seem the same, but there are 9 things that are different between them. Can you spot all the differences?



- ANSWER:**
1. There are fewer stones along the path.
 2. The colors of the windows on the left side of the school have changed.
 3. The sun lost its eyebrows.
 4. The color of Mumford's collar changed.
 5. The entrance to the school has only one door instead of two.
 6. The clipper on the bell is missing.
 7. The color of the "O's" in the word "School" switched.
 8. The tuft of grass behind Mumford is gone.
 9. The bush on the right side of the school is gone.

Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

by Alexis Yuhas Kozak

It has been a very busy summer and, we're sorry to say, it will be ending shortly. WPA has kept us all busy with its wonderful events.

The bowling tournament was a great weekend with fraternal fun and camaraderie. I'm proud to say that I "won" the lowest score competition...good in golf, not so good in bowling.

The golf tournament was next: great reception, beautiful baskets for the Chinese auction, interesting games and, of course, delicious food. The day of the golf tournament was absolutely beautiful. God was looking down at us.

The Hungarian Heritage Experience wrapped up in early August. Unfortunately, I was there only for the graduation ceremonies on the last night of the Experience, but I could tell all those attending had a wonderful week. The students entertained us with their Hungarian poems, songs and dances. There was even a "shepherd" and a bongo player. (He must have been from another village.)

As this was being written, we were preparing for our trip to Hiram, Ohio, for the WPA Picnic.

As you can read, it was a very busy William Penn summer.

We saw the late Rev. Albert Kovacs at the closing service for the Johnstown and Windber Hungarian Reformed Church on June 18. Throughout his sermon, he mentioned how well he was doing. But we never know when the Lord will call us, and the Lord called him a few weeks later on July 2. Our deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and family.

We have a doctor in the branch! Congratulations to Dr. Keith Groshans, son of Mary and Andrew Groshans and grandson of the late Vera and Steve Petruska. They would have been so proud. Keith received three honors: he was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; he received his medical degree from the University of South Florida; and he was promoted to the rank of captain in



Branch 8 member Dr. Keith Groshans, who recently received his medical degree from the University of South Florida and was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army, poses with his proud parents, Andrew and Mary Groshans, and his sister, Heather.

U.S. Army.

We welcome Donald and Charlene Hritz and Judy Grasa, all of whom recently joined the Branch 8 William Penn family. We are looking forward to seeing you at all our activities.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2:00 p.m. for our branch's bacon roast. We hope you can join us. Please call David at 814-242-1111 to make your reservations and to learn more details.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Have fun and stay safe. Hope to see you all at the upcoming events.

For all your life insurance needs, please give me a call at 814-242-0000.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

The officers and members of Branch 14 hope everyone enjoyed summer and had bountiful gardens.

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

On July 20, the Hungarian Cultural Garden's golf outing was held at the Barrington Golf Club. It was a beautiful day, and the golfers enjoyed both the course and the Hungarian gourmet dinner served afterwards. Proceeds from the outing were earmarked for the main-

tenance of the Hungarian Cultural Garden, which will soon be celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The WPA Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days took place July 15 and 16 at Quicksilver Golf Club. We had a beautiful day for golf with some cloud cover and very comfortable temperatures. The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation benefits from our golf weekend. We are fortunate to have so many generous members and friends who support our effort. We invite our grant recipients to join us next year for a weekend of golf and fraternalism.

The Republican National Convention took place in Cleveland July 18 to 21, and we were fortunate to have a Branch 14 connection to the convention (*see article Page 8*).

Keeping with the golf theme, the Bethlen Communities' golf outing took place on July 30 at Champion Lakes Golf Course in Ligonier, Pa. There was a two-hour rain delay, but the golfers were able to complete their rounds. The Bethlen Communities will celebrate their 95th anniversary in October.

During this outing, I had the opportunity to meet former Pittsburgh Steelers player and sideline reporter Craig Wolfley, who spoke to the golfers and guests about his career and faith-based experiences.

Lastly, the Bethlen Communities hosted a picnic July 31. This enjoy-

able event began with a church service in the Moriah Chapel, followed by the picnic which was held behind the Bethlen Home. The all-you-can-eat menu, pastries, beverages, Hungarian music and performance by the WPA Magyar Folk Dancers made for a wonderful afternoon. I was happy to see so many friends from past WPA Hungarian Heritage Experiences and WPA trips to Hungary along with friends whom we have not seen in a couple of years.

I know that we will see them once again in Hiram, Ohio, for the WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 27.

The WPA Hungarian Heritage Experience took place from July 31, to Aug. 6 at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp in Bowersville, Pa. It was a busy week for the students, who learned about Hungarian cuisine, history, culture, language, music and dance. The camp had walking trails and a swimming pool for students to enjoy. The Bowersox Enrichment Center provided accommodations, classrooms, activity rooms, a dining hall and covered patio all in one building. Many students have inquired about attending in 2017. Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience one to remember.

Tickets for the 2016 Branch 14 Red, White and Green Raffle are selling well. Only 400 tickets will be sold, with four prizes being offered. The drawing will take place Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m. during the Branch 14 Christmas party. Do not wait until November to buy your tickets; we sold out before the party last year. Please contact Branch Coordinator Violet Sarosi at 1-440-248-9012 for ticket information.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming branch activities:

- Branch 14 meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 7, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. All begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of the First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road.

- The branch Christmas party will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the First Hungarian Reformed Church.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to our WPA students who received William Penn Association



Next Deadline

All articles & photographs for the October issue of *William Penn Life* are due in our office by September 9. If you have any questions, please contact John E. Lovasz toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 135.

Scholarships beginning this fall. We wish you well as you pursue your dreams and goals. Study hard for the rewards are great, but have some fun in school, too.

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

Branch 14 member John V. Csuti passed away on July 18, 2016. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Barbara and sons John and Jason and their families. May John rest in peace.

Get well wishes are sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members and friends who might be feeling under the weather. We wish continued good healing to National Director Richard E. Sarosi who had surgery July 18. We also send out get well wishes to Violet Sarosi who was hospitalized in early August after a fall. We also send out prayers of healing to National Director Michael Chobody. It was great to see him at the WPA Golf Tournament.

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 home. It is a tough road. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

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

Congratulations and best wishes

to Branch 14 members Lynn and Bob Chamberlain on the purchase of their first home in Painesville, Ohio. May God bless you and your new home.

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

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Labor Day!

I am writing this before I leave for the Hungarian Heritage Experience. I have made changes in the agenda and curriculum for the Experience, and I can't wait to get started. I have made many calls to past and present attendees and have discovered what they would like and what they would like changed. We are going to start implementing some of those suggestions this year. I will let you know what worked and what didn't. We are always open for suggestions; please call me anytime.

Shortly after the Experience, we'll be off to Toledo for the two-day Birmingham Ethnic Festival. I am sure I will see you there.

Our wonderful WPA Picnic was held in Hiram, Ohio, on Aug. 27. We all worked hard to ensure you had a wonderful time. It truly took a village, and I am so grateful to have the best village in the world.

Our next big and wonderful trip to Europe begins on Sept. 6. We have so many new things to see and do. I'll tell you all about it when

we get back. You can be sure that Richard Sarosi will also have many wonderful pictures for you.

Branch 18 begins our new year of meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Remember, we meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Hungarian American Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor. We are asking our members to bring a guest. People will be drawn to our WPA branches when they are impressed with our activities and agendas.

Our Branch 18 agenda will include our annual trip to Soaring Eagle on Nov. 1 and 2. Cost is \$159 per person, which includes food, a gorgeous room and many perks. Please call me to make your reservation.

We are also planning for our annual family Christmas party to be held Nov. 20. Invitations will be mailed to our juvenile members and their families and friends. If you do not receive an invitation, you are still welcome to attend. Just let me know you're coming. Everyone is asked to bring donations for the homeless animals. Winter is awfully hard on the shelters. They'll accept food, towels and money. We hope to see you at our party, which will be held at the P.R.C.U. hall on Oak Street in Wyandotte.

In July, I attended the Calvin Synod's youth camp. WPA made a nice donation to help support the camp. What a nice group they were, and what a wonderful meal they treated me to. I am looking forward to next year's camp.

Thank you, Steve Stoltz, for all the wonderful pictures. You are always so thoughtful.

Happy birthday to some wonderful members, especially Olga Wansa. Holy cow! I cannot believe it is number 97. You are truly blessed, and we are also just by being your friends. Hope your day was wonderful.

Happy birthday also to National Director Kathy Novak, Home Office employees Krista Broderick and Toni Garofalo, Eleanor Kender, Sheila Gall and Wanda Gall. We wish you many more.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to National Directors Albert Frate and Michael Chobody, Doug Truesdell, Santa Schvarckopf, Lee



The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers get ready to perform for the audience at the Bethlen Home's annual picnic.

Kosaski, Kathy Megyeri, Joe Csereklye, Beata Csaszar, Arlene Csoman and retired National Director Marge Boso. Hope you all are feeling better soon.

Please remember in your prayers our deceased members and their families, especially Julia LaPointe. May she and all our departed loved ones rest in peace.

I am thrilled for the fall and winter seasons to make their appearance. I bet some of you are, too.

My thought for the month: "Surround yourself with people who want you to be your best but accept and love you even when you are at your worst." Believe me, that one is very special to me. Thank you; you know who you are.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

Hope this finds everyone well rested from vacation. It is hard to believe that the end of summer is coming soon. The kids have begrudgingly gone back to school. That means it is time to start our branch meetings again. Our first meeting will be held Sept. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Tony Packo's on Front and Consaul Streets. All members are welcome to attend.

We are still looking for somebody to serve as our branch treasurer. We

would really like to see more members get active with the branch. It took those who came before us years of hard work to build our branch; we'd hate to have it all fall apart.

If anybody has any questions, please feel free to give me a call and I will do my best to get you an answer. Also, if you have something you want published -- including news about weddings, births, graduations or retirements -- just give me a call at 419-460-7214 and leave a message, or email me at pooh9382@bex.net with "William Penn" in the subject line.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Wow! Where did the summer go? It's so hard to believe schools are back in session.

The William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers performed recently at the Bethlen Home's annual Hungarian picnic and did a wonderful job. It was nice to see some new faces in the group. Judit Ganchuk does a great job leading this group, and teaching them traditional songs and dances. I also got to meet Judit's and her husband Perry's adorable and precious new arrival, Laszlo Daniel. Congratulations to the fam-

ily on this new addition.

How disappointing it was to travel to Pittsburgh and Kennywood Park for the 90th Hungarian Day only to learn the event had been cancelled. I hope it will be revived next year.

Congratulations to those who completed their week at the Hungarian Heritage Experience. The new location was an ideal place to host this event. All activities and lodging were located in the same building at the spacious Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp.

The students must have really studied hard during their time in class because the program they presented at the end of the week was very nice. Each student recited a poem in Hungarian for the guests as they celebrated their graduation. The Hungarian meal served that evening was excellent as well.

Once again, WPA did a great job hosting the Experience. Thanks go to Fraternal Director Barbara A. House and her support staff for the week: National Directors Jim Robertson and David Kozak, Tamás and Ursula Markovits, and Emery Marcus. Thanks also to David Valentine for all of his input for the week.

Details of the annual Youngstown Hungarian Day will be shared with you next month.

By now, you've all experienced the 2016 WPA Picnic, creating new WPA memories. I hope all those who attended this fundraiser for our scholarship program had a great time. Highlights of this event will appear in my next article.

I also hope some of our members were able to travel to Toledo for the city's wonderful two-day celebration, the Birmingham Ethnic Festival.

WPA had a booth and supported the event. We will have some photos and information to share next month as well.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday this month 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, especially Ethel Kripchak, Violet Sarosi, Ernie Sarosi, Sandor Tollas Jr., and National Directors Michael Chobody, Richard Sarosi and Albert Frate.

Sincere condolences are extended to all those who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

For answers to your questions about WPA events, life insurance plans or annuities, please call Alan at 330-428-8452 or Kathy at 330-746-7704.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Hope everyone's summer is going great. Can't believe that summer will be over and fall is right around the corner. Time really flies!

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

Thank you to the National Officers and Home Office staff for your help at the WPA golf tournament. I will take a chance and speak on behalf of the golfers when I say that Quicksilver is a challenging course. The weather couldn't have been better. The food served at the barbeque after golf is always delicious. Consider putting a foursome together for next year. We would love to have you join us in the fun, food and

frivolity! We always need golfers. You don't have to be a pro; it is an enjoyable event.

We had an enjoyable visit with everyone at the Hungarian Heritage Experience held at Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp. What a beautiful location. Everyone who attended enjoyed their week learning the Hungarian language, cooking and hiking, to name a few of the week's activities. Nice work, Barbara and helpers. Great picture, John.

Our branch made a recent donation to the Rainbow Kitchen, our local community food bank. That will be one of our other charities going forward.

Special birthday wishes go out to my daughter-in-law Valerie, my nieces Nicole and Gabriella and everyone celebrating a birthday in September.

Get well wishes to long-time member and friend, Carmella DeBlasio. Hope you are doing better every day.

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

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

My husband and I had an opportunity Aug. 5 to visit the graduation ceremony and program of those attending the WPA Hungarian Heritage Experience at Sequanota Conference Center and Camp in the Laurel Highlands region of Pennsylvania. The graduates put on a beautiful program highlighting what they learned throughout the weeklong event. The program showcased their newly-gained knowledge of Hungarian language, history, culture, song, dance and, of course, food. All are to be congratulated for the commitment they made in helping to preserve the Hungarian language, culture and traditions.

Sequanota was a new venue for this event. It was a very pleasant facility with lots of room for every-

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one and readily able to hold more students. Maybe we'll see you there next year.

Don't miss out on the The Hungarian National Dance Ensemble performance on Oct. 21 at the West Mifflin Area High School in West Mifflin, Pa. They are one of Hungary's preeminent professional folk dance companies, and have toured every continent with great success and acclaim.

The program, entitled "Spirit of Hungary: Revolution and Roots in Music and Dance," promises to showcase a wide range of Hungarian dance, music and culture. The first part of the program will feature contemporary dances commemorating the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, while the second half will showcase more traditional Hungarian folk music and dances.

William Penn Association is one of the tour's sponsors. I know it will be a moving, awe-inspiring display of dance moves that I can only dream about. Get your tickets for reserved seating soon.

Congratulations to my husband, Harry, on his retirement in August. Now, he will have ample time to practice his golf game for next year's WPA golf tournament.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskarinec

Well, it's been a very active month or two for us as we attended the Bethlen Home golf outing and prepared for our branch's own annual golf outing.

Branch 89 was well represented at the Bethlen Home golf outing. All officers were present and played. Two of the officers were on the golf committee this year and a third will join the committee next year. The highlight of the event had to be a stirring speech from ex-Steeler and current Steeler commentator Craig Wolfley. He spoke on the necessity of faith and teamwork in all things.

Our branch's golf outing was held in conjunction with the local Rotary on Aug. 7. Partnering with the local

Rotary has been very gratifying. It's also been very gratifying to see the number of WPA Branch 89 members involved. It gives credence to the concept of true fraternalism.

We had an all-time high of 102 golfers plus 30 people who joined us for the banquet. Registration was at 11:30 followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth. After registering, golfers and guests were able to partake of wings compliments of Buffalo Wild Wings.

Our motto this year was: "A Lot of People Doing a Little Bit Each." So far, it's been working. We worked very hard to make our outing a first-rate event. We believe you won't find a better deal for the price in this area. (Seriously, where else are you going to get free wings *before* you golf?) Each year, our outing grows, and this year was no exception. We will have pictures from the event in the next issue.

I would like to thank my co-chair for the event, Scott Green of the Steel Valley Rotary, and all of the volunteers for pulling together and helping to make this event so successful.

We thank everyone who participated in our 50/50 drawing. We are proud to report that the winner was Marian Popely Cattrell, a member of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. She won a whopping \$677. Nice.

During our banquet, we honored Patricia Walochik as the senior female member of Branch 89. As we all know, Pat was enrolled by her brother-in-law, the late Elmer W. Toth, and continues to be a staunch supporter of Branch 89 even though she resides in Georgia. It was great not only to see Pat's son Jeff and granddaughter Katie accompany Pat from Atlanta, but also to see Pat's daughter Krista, her son-in-law Goyo and granddaughter Helena who were in from Spain for the event. Not only were they among the first golfers to set out on the course, but they also rented the house on the course so they could stay close. Now, that's true family to come from Spain to support Pat.

On a related note, Branch 89 congratulates one of its own members, Helena Lubiano Walochik,



on not only graduating with a chemical engineering degree from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, but also earning her master's degree in science in chemical engineering from the Imperial

College in London. In September, Helena (*pictured above*) will start a two-year graduate program at GlaxoSmithKline. This graduate program consists of four rotations that will allow her to see different parts of engineering at one of the company's production plants.

Branch 89 is proud of Helena and her endeavors and wish her only the best as she embarks on this new path in her life.

Check next month's branch report for pictures from the golf outing and from our monthly dinner held at the Darlington Inn in Ligonier, Pa., on, July 29. In attendance were Branch 89 members Rev. Lisa Kerestesi and her son Miles Edwards and Mary Jane Hermansdorfer. A good time was had by all. Send us your thoughts for where we can dine next month.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Well, here it is September, so students should be back in school by now. Please drive safely and watch your speed in the school zones.

Holidays in September are Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5 which is dedicated to honoring and remembering the achievements of the U.S. worker. It also marks the unofficial end of the summer season, the beginning of school and the start of the football season (Go Buckeyes).

Also this month is Patriot Day on Sunday, Sept. 11. It has been 15 years since over 2,900 people lost their lives in the attacks on 9/11. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Our next branch meeting will be



Congratulations to the men's softball team sponsored by Branch 132. The team finished the season 15-5 and finished fourth in the city tournament Aug. 7.

held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church, 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus.

The Hungarian Reformed Church will host a program, "Life Stories of Two Local Hungarians," on Sunday, Sept. 11, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Soup will be served at 11:15 a.m. followed by the program. It will feature Ernest Gaal, who was born in Hungarian Village (Columbus). His parents were founders of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Columbus. Also speaking will be Kathryn Metz who taught English in Hungary at the University of Szeged. She earned a master's degree at Central European University in Budapest. She now works at Ohio State University with the Slavic & Eastern European Center.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas party to be held on Saturday, Dec. 3. We will be mailing out information in November.

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

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill or hospitalized, especially Branch President Marge Boso who was recently in the hospital with pneumonia and is now recovering at a nursing home. Also, Branch Vice President Rick Lewis had hip replacement surgery and is home recuperating. Hope all have a speedy recovery.

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

Remember them in your prayers.

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

The weather has been hot and muggy, but we do need some rain in a desperate way. Maybe we can all get together and do a rain dance to make it happen.

The Branch 132 summer picnic was held on July 24 at reserved Potawatomi Park Pavilion #1. It was quite a success as about 50 folks attended. We had great weather and plenty of food was shared by all. We also sang happy birthday to Janos Burus as he turned 78 and is the key player in making the summer picnic a success each year. I also want to say "thank you" to all who helped to make the picnic a success; it is truly a team effort. Looking forward to next year already. We will try to get group photos posted for the next issue of *William Penn Life*.

The William Penn Association Branch 132 men's softball team won 15 games and lost 5 to finish first in their division. They had a really good season and finished fourth in

the city tournament on Aug. 7.

The next branch get-together will be the Christmas party in December. More details will follow after the next quarterly meeting.

The next Branch 132 quarterly meeting will be held on Sept. 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (second floor) on Ireland Road. We hope to see you there.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

As this was being written, we were looking forward to another fantastic WPA Picnic, this time in Hiram, Ohio. Hundreds of Hungarians and their families and friends were expected to attend. The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio is a wonderful site. The food and pastries are always delicious, the greasy bread and langos always tempting and the authentic music of George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings fills the air with Hungarian sounds. Everybody has a great time.

I hope I got to talk to you at the pastry booth. A big "thank you" goes to all of you who made pastries or donated money to purchase pastries. All the proceeds from the pastry sales went to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation and will be distributed to member youths seeking a post-secondary education. Having had a child who received WPA scholarship grants, I know personally how much this helps families sending their children to college.

And speaking of good Hungarian food, the Magyar Club of Dayton is having its annual bacon fry Sunday, Sept. 11, at 1:00 p.m. at Sinclair Park off Needmore Road at Riverside in Dayton. The club requests you bring a covered dish and drinks; they will supply the bacon, bread and toppings. Please call Michele Daley LaFlame at 937-771-0404 for reservations.

Mark your calendars for the club's Gulyás Fest on Oct. 23 at 1:00 p.m. More info on this will appear in next month's *William Penn Life*.

The Hungarian National Dance Ensemble will perform at the beautiful Masonic Temple in Dayton on Oct. 17 at 7:00 p.m. More informa-

tion to come. This is the group's second visit to Dayton and should not be missed.

Get well wishes go to Branch President Michele Daley-LaFlame. We miss you; please get better soon.

We extend our sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family.

That's all for now. Stay safe and enjoy what's left of the summer weather. Fall is just around the corner.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

OK, so you know that Branch 296's bacon roast ("szalonna sütés") returns later this month at Oakmont's Riverside Park. I hope you've marked Sunday, Sept. 25, on your calendars. The grills will be ready at 1:00 p.m., and we'll keep going until around 5:00 p.m.

The park is located directly behind Riverview High School, at the end of the Hulton Bridge. Once you cross the bridge, just follow the signs with the red, white and green balloons and you'll find our special place. If you're using a GPS, the address is 200 Hulton Road, Oakmont. Parking is available in the high school parking lot and is within a short walk of our pavilion.

We'll be waiting for you with smiles and great food! Please come hungry. Our branch will provide the bacon, hot dogs and fixings; we ask



that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. My contribution will be a crock of my homemade baked beans. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 16, so we'll know how many to plan for. Call me at 724-274-5318 or email me at mkelly367@verizon.net.

Riverside Park is a beautiful gem along the Allegheny River. There's a super-fun playground on the premises for the young ones and a cushioned track for the rest of us to walk off our meals. You may bring a basketball or tennis balls and rackets if you'd care to. We'll have shade from plenty of oaks and sycamores, and lots of friendly squirrels who love to scamper around. Last year, we shared a great time with folks from neighboring branches, and we'll have an even better time when we see YOU!

Congratulations to branch member Nicole C. Reynolds. Nicole (pictured above) recently received her master's degree from the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at the John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences of Duquesne University.

Birthday wishes go to all of our 296-ers in the month of September, especially Josh Borland, and belated wishes go to his nieces Cadance and Lily (the big #1!).

For those members who are ex-

periencing health issues at this time, you are on our minds, and we're hoping that you are feeling better soon.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who have lost a loved one recently.

School has resumed by this time, and we want all students to have a successful and worthwhile academic year. Next month, I'll give a tip of the hat to our Branch 296 new WPA scholarship grant recipients. Remember, learning is a lifelong process.

Branch 296 resumes its monthly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the New Kensington King's Family Restaurant. Please join us.

Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, can provide solutions to your life insurance and annuity needs with great WPA products. Contact her at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Branch 336 Harriburg, PA

by Jim Robertson

Wow! What an exciting day we had at our 16th annual golf outing and picnic held on July 30. There were 71 members and quests who played and had a good time in the golf tournament. The top three teams were:

- First Place: Luis Perales, Rich Dimeler and Brett Wiley.
- Second Place: Mark Gaines, Yvonne Gaines, Steve Koser and Dave Dyer.



You're Invited

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

BACON ROAST

Sunday, Sept. 25, 1:00 PM • Riverside Park
200 Hulton Road (off 3rd St.), Oakmont, PA
For more information, call Diane Torma at 724-339-2445



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Congratulations to Brett Wiley, Rich Dimeler and Luis Perales who won first place at the 16th annual golf outing hosted by Branch 336 on July 30.

• Third Place: Otto Solis, Marty Glass, Derek Bressi and Corey Snyder.

The rain held off until the golf finished and provided cooler air for all to enjoy the food, beverages and band at the picnic.

A special "thank you" goes out to all who help make the events of the day possible. We look forward to our 17th annual golf outing and picnic in 2017, which is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in July.

Come one, come all to the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Branch 336 Harrisburg. This special event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, at noon at Cibort Park located at Penn and Center Streets, Bressler, Pa. The cost is \$15 per person for members and guests. Come and enjoy the food, refreshments, fraternalism and the band "Reminisce" playing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. We extend a special invitation to the WPA Board of Directors, National Officers and Home Office employees, and all members and friends of WPA. Come, enjoy the celebration!

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

The beginning of fall has arrived, and soon we will see the beautiful colors of fall. This time of year is especially enjoyable because of all the harvest festivals in our area. We

have an apple festival, a pumpkin festival and a covered bridge festival close to us. All are held out in country settings, and it is so pleasant to stroll in the crisp air and just enjoy the outdoors before the snow starts to fall. Labor Day on Sept. 5 traditionally closes the summer season. Autumn officially begins Sept. 22.

In next month's article, a list of all Branch 352 members who received a scholarship check for the 2016/2017 school year will be published. Start looking in the January 2017 issue of *William Penn Life* for eligibility rules and instructions for applying for a scholarship for the 2017/2018 school year. From what I understand, the rules will be changing slightly.

The 15th anniversary of 9/11 is this year. In remembrance, we should all volunteer for a cause we care about. That is one of the best ways to remember the sacrifices made by so many. If you do volunteer, please remember to let us know so that we can all share in your accomplishments.

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

Hope anyone feeling under the weather will soon be feeling well.

We offer our condolences to anyone who has lost a loved one recently.

If you need help with any life insurance issue, whether it is to change a beneficiary or to report a

lost policy, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com. I will be happy to assist you.

Any senior member reading this might want to consider changing ownership on their life insurance policy, since Medicare considers life insurance an asset. It is easy to change ownership on your policy. Contact me, and I will help you through the process.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Dave Greiner

Wow! The months of summer have gone by so fast. Our children are now back in school. The high school football season is underway. Major league baseball is in its final month of the regular season. The Steelers are ready for the 2016 season.

The month of September brings us Labor Day weekend. We at Branch 800 salute all working Americans and hope everyone can enjoy a weekend of relaxation with family and friends.

Our branch held its annual summer picnic in August at Highland Park in Altoona. All in attendance had a chance to share companionship and fraternalism and enjoyed some catered summertime foods. Branch 800 thanks the family and friends of Paul Lasher for coming from Nanty Glo, Pa., to spend some time with us.

Our branch's summer recess is now over. Our next branch meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education Center, 873 - 27th St., Altoona. All members are welcome to attend.

Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 11. Branch 800 wishes all grandparents the very best and hopes all can enjoy the day with their grandchildren.

Branch 800 extends birthday and anniversary wishes to all members celebrating their special day this month. I thank all of those wishing me the best on Sept. 22.

We hope all members had an enjoyable time at the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. Look for full coverage and lots of pictures from the picnic

in the October issue of *William Penn Life*.

Did you know that Sept. 16 is American Legion Day and POW/MIA Recognition Day?

The Altoona Curve, the local Class AA affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, are battling for first place and a spot in the Eastern League playoffs. We wish them well and hope they can give Altoona its second Eastern League championship in franchise history.

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

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Take a moment to remember all who lost their lives or lost a loved one that day.

Until next month, let's go Curve!

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by Jerry A. Hauser

On July 17, Branch 8036 held its annual "meet and greet" at the Stone Villa Winery near Acme, Pa. This day was part of the Winery's "Sangria Weekend" which included games and prizes.

Mother Nature provided plenty of sunshine as members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of refreshments, relaxing music and great fellowship.

Special thanks to branch officer Elizabeth Kastal for providing Hungarian sausages and cheeses, along with her famous homemade bread direct from the Darlington Inn.

Thanks also go to Joanne Brahosky for her generosity in sharing chips and dip and the abundant supply of fresh strawberries.

Kudos to Branch Coordinator Debbie Hauser for organizing this delightful fraternal event.



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participating. The Experience students were invited to one of the children's evening worship services, for which the opening and closing were offered in five languages, with instructor Markovits speaking in Hungarian.

The other highlight of the week was the final program and graduation on Friday evening. "This is a totally new experience for us," House said as she welcomed the guests. "We've done things we've never done before." She then introduced guests, including WPA Chair of the Board Andrew McNelis, who welcomed everyone and spoke about the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Students and staff brought items for a raffle, and, together with a few private donations, contributed \$266 to the Foundation.

Next, Nancy Martinsen extended a welcome from the students and gave a brief synopsis of the Experience. Then she led the students in singing "God Bless America" and the Hungarian Himnusz. This was followed by students' reciting poems by Petőfi Sándor, the bongo solo and folk dance, the singing of traditional folk songs and the dancing of the csárdás.

House, assisted by the instructors, passed out gradua-

tion certificates to the students and a gift bag from WPA including a group picture that was taken earlier in the week. Each student also received a "2016 graduate" Starbucks gift card.

Then Rev. Imre Bertalan, executive director of Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, offered the invocation and blessed the food before dinner was served. Valentine cooked the main course -- gulyás -- in a big kettle outdoors. The kitchen crew served the gulyás to each diner. Rev. Julia Sprenkle, in residence at Sequanota, pitched in to help serve the gulyás. "She was a big help," Valentine said. An array of other foods rounded out the meal, and again a graduation cake was provided by Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa. Everyone was invited to step outside and try their hand at *szalonna sütés* or just dipping bread into a pan of already-rendered "liquid gold."

After the evening of merriment, Saturday morning came all too soon, and it was time for packing up and saying good-bye. All the students were grateful to William Penn Association for providing such a wonderful week of language, history, culture and camaraderie in the new, serene forest setting at Sequanota.

Loretta Nemeth is a member of Branch 14 Cleveland, OH.



The Batyi-Udvary Zenekar

I hope you were able to attend the WPA Picnic last month. The food was superb. Magyar fraternal pride could be found throughout the picnic area. Living legends – primas George Batyi and cimbalom virtuoso Alex Udvary – provided the best Hungarian folk music on the continent!

The August and September issues of William Penn Life feature biographical information of these two fabled musicians. They both have an unwavering commitment to creating traditional Hungarian music, and the quality of the music they create rivals that of the fabled Lakatos, Lendvay, Maga and Santa musical dynasties.

If, by chance, you could not attend the WPA Picnic, the Batyi-Udvary Band will be performing in the Cleveland area several times this month for your listening and dancing pleasure. This very orchestra will be making a return visit to the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio for the gala Szüreti Mulatság on Sunday, Sept. 11. This Magyar-styled grape harvest celebration is reminiscent of gatherings long ago.

Other upcoming Batyi-Udvary performances include the Hungarian Scout Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 4, and a concert commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the 1956 Magyar Revolution at the end of September.

On the weekend of Sept. 16 and 17, famous Roma musician Billy Rose will perform with the Batyi-Udvary Band during the internationally acclaimed Greenmill-Chicago Gypsy Festival.

For more details on the band's schedule, available CD's or booking information, call either George Batyi at 412-853-3569 or Alex Udvary at 773-567-5837.

The September 2016 wordsearch contains 16 clues. Each has something to do with the life stories of either Batyi or Udvary. More details on these clues can be found in the August or September issues of William Penn Life.

Good luck! Don't forget to attend the last few picnics of the 2016 season!

Éljen a Amerikan-Magyar,
Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

Puzzle Contest #132 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #132 were drawn Aug. 8, 2016, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Janet I. Grogan, Br. 590 Cape Coral, FL
Janet L. Hankins, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Doreen M. Hoffman, Br. 51 Passaic, NJ
Raymond E. Mrazik, Br. 89 Homestead, PA
 Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #135 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"WPA Picnic" Word List

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| Berti Batyi | Ernie King | Piano |
| Chicago | Homestead | Pittsburgh |
| Cimbalom | Kassa | Sandor Jaroka |
| Clarinet | Krista | The Lark |
| Cleveland | Lacey | Violin |
| | Ormandy | |

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RULES

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

WPA PUZZLE #135
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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

In Memoriam

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

JULY 2016

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Anne Ricciardelli
0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Robert M. Baker
Irene M. Husinka
Stella Petrilla
0015 CHICAGO, IL
William R. Mangold
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Julia LaPointe
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
Oscar Lemak

Rose McColgan
0026 SHARON, PA
Esther A. D'Aurora
Phyllis J. Little
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
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Geneva E. Nagy
0040 MARTINS FERRY, WV
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Stanley White
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William R. Zavec
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Ernest John Panek

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352 - Steven R. Evans - \$3.08
352 - Debra S. Evans - \$1.77
352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$10.00
352 - Veronica A. Kochinski - \$10.00
352 - John H. Townsend - \$2.00
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383 - Sadie E. Wygant - \$5.00
8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$4.00
8075 - Diane Fala Klingner - \$4.13
8114 - James Kehl - \$25.00
TOTAL for Month = \$237.10

Additional Donations JULY 2016

Donor - Amount
E. D. Mihalyi - \$40.00
Bonnie Murphy - \$20.00
Hungarian Christmas Ornament Sales - \$5.00

WPA Cookbook Sales - \$155.00

TOTAL for Month = \$220.00

Donations In Memoriam JULY 2016

Donor - Amount (In Memory of)
Katherine Butler - \$75.00
(Arthur Barillo, Sr.)
Bernadette E. Mikolics - \$20.00
(Frank & Mary Wagner, Parents)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Louis Vidra, Sherwin Vine, Steven Kankula & Ruth Revak)

TOTAL for Month = \$195.00

Donations Received From Annual Bowling Tournament Received as of July 31, 2016

Donor - Amount (In Memory of, if applicable)
Ursula Markovits - \$100.00
(My Father, Gustave Zilger)
TOTAL for Month = \$100.00

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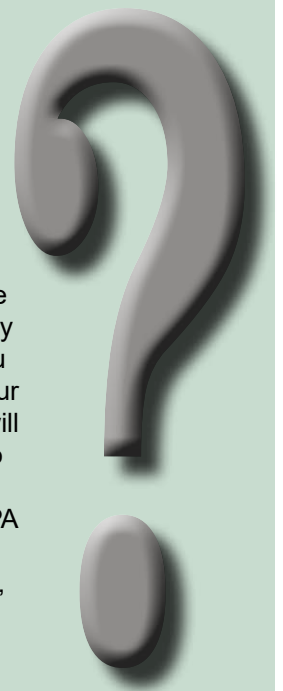
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(My Sister & Brother-In-Law, Linda & Ed Grossman)
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Katherine E. Novak - \$100.00
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Anne Marie Schmidt - \$100.00
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(Albert & Anna Kertesz)
Carol A. Truesdel - \$100.00
(My Parents)
Paul J. Varga - \$100.00
(Our Loved Ones)

Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$200.00
(In Honor of Our 50-Year Members)
Br. 28 Youngstown, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
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(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 129 Columbus, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 249 Dayton, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 296 Springdale, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 349 Weirton, WV - \$25.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
TOTAL for Month = \$2,357.00

Are your beneficiaries up to date

We can't stress enough the importance of regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates. It is the only way to ensure that the people you want to receive the benefits of your life insurance are the ones who will receive it. If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates, contact your WPA representative, or call our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 130.



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The rewards that come with a higher education are priceless. But, that education comes at an ever-higher price. Studies conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics show that 85 percent of all first-time, full-time undergraduate students at 4-year degree-granting institutions receive financial aid. In short, our college-bound children need help.

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It is only through the generosity of our members, branches and friends that WPA can continue to


offer this financial support to our children seeking to improve their lives through education.

By donating to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, you are saying that you believe in the potential of our children and in the power of education. And because of your help, our children will transform the world and our communities. It's not an exaggeration: your donation impacts the future.

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Thank you for playing such an important role in their lives...and our future.



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