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In Brief

Prizes sought for Chinese auctions

WPA invites our members, branches and friends to donate prizes for the Chinese auction to be held during the annual WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

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

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

All proceeds from the Chinese auction benefit the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Share information about your Hungarian events with us

From the time of its founding 131 years ago, WPA has worked hard to preserve and promote our Hungarian cultural heritage. To help us fulfill this vital part of our mission, we call upon all Hungarian organizations to share information about any and all of their upcoming events and programs. We will publish this information in our monthly magazine, *William Penn Life*, to help spread the word and attract greater participation. By working together to promote all Hungarian events, we can be more successful in preserving our heritage for future generations.

Please send information about your events to: John E. Lovasz, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Or, better yet, you can email your information to John at jlovasz@wpalife.org.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

The next annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., will be held Friday, July 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center, 132 Pine Ridge Road, Blairsville, Pa. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 34th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days to be held July 7 and 8, 2017, in Blairsville, Pa.

The meeting is open to all members. Any branch or individual donating a minimum of \$100 is also eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Please make your donations payable to William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. All contributions, no matter what the amount, will be greatly appreciated.



Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance seeks applicants for scholarship

WHITE OAK, PA -- The Scholarship Committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) recently announced that applications are now available for its 2017 scholarship program.

Applications can be obtained by contacting Theresa Kluchinski, PFA Secretary-Treasurer, by email at Theresa@lpescu.org or by phone at 888-834-6614.

To be considered for the award, applicants must:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a fraternal benefit society, like William Penn Association, that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2017 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2017 as a full-time student (12 semester credits). Proof of attendance must be submitted with application.
- Obtain a recommendation letter

from their fraternal benefit society.

- Submit a 500-word essay on: "What does fraternal mean to you? What would you do to increase the relevance of fraternal to you and your peers?"

The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation must be postmarked no later than Sept. 1, 2017.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded depending upon available funds. Last year, six grants were awarded.

The Scholarship Committee of the PFA will make the selection(s) and all decisions will be final.

The scholarship recipients(s) will be announced during the PFA Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 22 to 24 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Seven Springs, Pa.

For more information, contact Theresa Kluchinski at the email address or phone number listed above.



Focus on Fraternalism *with Barbara A. House*

Really be a member & join us!

I RECENTLY CAME ACROSS the item below. I know you may have read it before, but sometimes it needs to be repeated:

Are You Really A Member?

*Are you really a member, the kind that would be missed?
Or, are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or, do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or, are you satisfied to only just belong?
Do you volunteer on committees to help the job go quick?
Or, leave the work for a few and complain about the clique?
Please come to our meetings and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member but take an active part.*

Before I tell you about everything going on, I need to say a giant "Thank You" to the Home Office staff. We get more letters and phone calls than you can imagine, and we welcome them all. I hope you are happy with how quickly we get back to you. We welcome your suggestions.

- At this writing, the 34th Annual WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days are right around the corner. I hope to see you all there.

- The Hungarian Heritage Night at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio, is set for July 1. I hope all of you who wanted tickets were able to purchase them.

- Our Hungarian Heritage Experience will take place the week of Aug. 6. As this was going to press, we had two openings remaining. Please come. You will love it. We don't just learn the Hungarian language; we practice Hungarian customs, sing, dance,

cook and enjoy each other's company.

- There are many picnics and festivals this summer. Please read *William Penn Life* for information about these events, then choose which you would like to attend. For instance, many branches and churches celebrate Saint Stephen's Day.

- We'll be attending and volunteering at the 43rd Annual Birmingham Ethnic Festival in Toledo, Ohio, on Aug. 19 & 20. It is always a great time. You must try the Hungarian turkey sandwiches.

- We are all working very hard on the WPA Picnic to be held Aug. 26. We are looking forward to working once again with the members of the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio. We have made some changes to the menu and tents. We sure hope you like what we have planned. Again I am asking for *volunteers*. Yes, it takes a village. Call me anytime.

- Our WPA Tour 2017 departs on Sept. 6. I cannot wait. We have many first-timers this year. I can't wait to see your faces in Hungary. You are going to love everything. We are already working on the 2018 trip, which will include a short visit to Croatia and lots of time in Hungary. Everyone loves Croatia and has asked to go back to the sea. Your wish is our command.

- Then, all your branch Christmas parties begin.

I am always available to talk with you. We welcome your questions and suggestions. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you soon. □

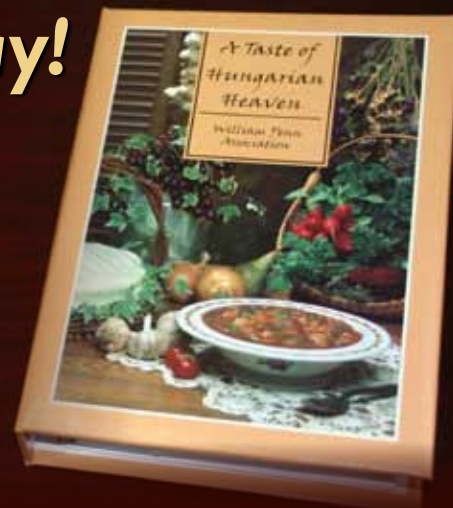
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Avoid these 6 estate planning mistakes

TRUSTS HAVE GAINED TRACTION in recent years as one of the best estate planning vehicles in the United States. If you have a trust, you might feel comfortable that it will take care of every estate settlement issue – from helping you and your family avoid probate after your passing, to making the transfer of wealth a very smooth process.

While in many cases that is true, it's not always the case. More and more, we are seeing a trust being used as a will substitute, but using a trust is not always the same as having a comprehensive estate plan.

Here are six common issues that may come up when settling your estate, and some possible ways to avoid them:

1 Not naming the proper fiduciary

It's quite common when choosing a trustee or executor to choose a close family member, often a son or daughter. You value their insight after all, don't you? In reality, that assignment can place a real burden on the person or persons. The fiduciary (or beneficiary) is responsible for transferring all of your assets held in your trust or estate. For someone who has accumulated assets--such as real estate, business interests, stocks or bonds--naming someone who is inexperienced in that position could cause a lot of problems.

Serving as trustee or executor is a major commitment, and choosing one child over another can cause family conflict. As I mentioned in a previous article, I have seen families literally torn apart over a \$500 discrepancy.

Alternatively, if you name multiple children, the stress, potential disagreements and complications of settling the estate could strain their relationships with one another.

2 Failing to consider the disposition of tangible personal property

Quite often, the little things mean the most to people. Something that you kept in your curio or on your desk for years may not have much value to the average person, but family members may have a special attachment to it. Tangible property is typically handled in a will, even if there is a trust in place. Often, that part of the will is just a clause stating that the property should be divided "as my children agree" versus naming specific bequests. This can (and does) cause conflicts between heirs if two or more beneficiaries want the same item. In worst-case scenarios, this can even involve court and legal intervention, adding even more stress and cost to an already costly, stressful

situation.

Most states allow for a "separate writing" part that can be incorporated into your will which allows you to list certain tangible property items--such as jewelry, china, musical instruments, etc.--and assign them to certain beneficiaries. A key "best practice" is to communicate your wishes about who gets what before your passing to help smooth any potential hurt feelings about the distribution of these assets once you are gone. Many feel that an even better practice is to gift the items before you pass; that way, you can see the value of the gift being enjoyed by your loved ones while you're still living.



3 Not accounting for digital assets

When you think of your assets, what comes to mind? For most of us, its real estate, investments, personal property, bank accounts, and the like. But, what about the extensive music collection you purchased through your phone or over the internet, or the airline miles and hotel points you have accumulated over the years? In our area, we have seen court battles over Pittsburgh Steelers or Penguins season tickets and seat licenses!

We live in a digital society. Laws are still evolving around these types of assets, so it's important to talk to your heirs and estate planning team members about any concerns you may have about these types of assets. Many times there are heirs, executors or trustees who have no clue about the existence of these assets unless you brought them up as part of the process.

4 Improper titling of assets

This is probably the most common of estate planning mistakes. Thankfully, it is being addressed more often with middle to higher net worth individuals. Different assets--such as 401(k) plans, IRAs and insurance policies--transfer in different ways. As your life changes, and you draft new estate planning documents, it's critical to confirm that assets are titled properly and beneficiary designations are up-to-date. (See Jerry Hauser's articles in the last two issues of *William Penn Life* to verify the importance of having current beneficiary designations). Make sure your beneficiary designations and improper asset titling do not defeat the goals of your overall plan.

5 Ignoring family discord

One of the hardest things to handle is realizing that some members of your family might not get along

well. While unfortunate, this fact is often overlooked in estate plans. People often set up trusts and wills that will unintentionally feed the flames of family discord. But, even the best planned documents can still cause problems if you don't communicate with your beneficiaries prior to your passing.

Talk to your kids about your plans and why you set things up the way you did. Why are you leaving more to child A than child B? Why did you skip over child C and leave assets directly to the grandchildren? You may have very valid reasons for setting things up the way you did, but if your plans don't meet your heirs' expectations, there can be resentment and even litigation challenging the will or trust.

If you can't bring yourself to have that difficult conversation in person, you can always write a letter that can be left with your will and other important documents.

Failing to update your plan as you age
Estate laws change. You or your children go through divorce or remarriage. A child passes away. Your assets grow and diversify in the years since you drafted your original estate plan. All of these changes--and many others--can have a significant impact on your estate plan. Be specific in your planning. If you've remarried and want your new spouse to be able to live comfortably, but you also want your children left with a significant inheritance, then spell out the terms of what "living comfortably"

means instead of leaving it up to the competing forces to decide.

Having a professional fiduciary or trustee in some of these instances could make sense. Many people just don't understand the resentment and conflict that can build during the estate settlement process. Many times, we hear beneficiaries battling with their siblings, saying "we never thought this could happen to us." With proper planning and good communication, conversations such as these can easily be avoided.

Confused about estate planning, beneficiary designations and keeping everything up-to-date? Then call your local William Penn Association agent or broker today. While we can't give legal advice, we can work with your estate planning team and help make sure your beneficiaries are up-to-date and your plan is doing what you want it to do. Don't have an agent? Call the Home Office, and we'll be happy to assist or assign a local agent for you.

Happy Independence Day from the sales team at William Penn Association!

SPECIAL NOTICE: Time is running out to purchase a certificate of insurance under our "131st Anniversary Guaranteed Issue Special" offer which expires July 9. All applications for the guaranteed acceptance offer with NO health questions asked, MUST be signed and dated ON OR BEFORE July 9 AND postmarked NO LATER THAN July 10 to qualify for this offer. Call your agent or our Home Office today!

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NOW THAT I'M OUT OF LAW SCHOOL and no longer hunting or striving for that "dream job," I've finally been able to redevelop some hobbies. Ever since my sophomore year of high school, it seemed my attention had been divided between school, work and extra-curriculars. Now that I'm just working in a job that I love, I realize that I suddenly have more time than anticipated. This has enabled me to pick up old hobbies and discover some new ones. I'd like to think I'm a "Renaissance man," but I haven't quite reached that distinction, yet.

Anyway, one of my new hobbies is genealogy. For those who don't know what genealogy is, it is the study of one's personal history; or as the academics say, it is the "study and tracing of lines of descent." I call it a new hobby, but I've really been interested in the subject since I was in middle school. Back then, my interest was a minor one, but it has stuck with me.

Of the various hobbies and kind-a-hobbies that I had, genealogy was the one that was put on the back burner for the longest time, and for good reason: genealogy is time consuming. Since I've picked it up in a more serious way eight months ago, I've spent probably a few hundred hours here and there on the project...and I have barely scratched the surface. Genealogy is also expensive; there is only so much you can do for free. You can interview relatives, run queries on a search engine, and visit the local library, but that only takes you so far. To truly see how deep your roots go, it takes time and money.

So far, most of my research has been conducted on *Ancestry.com*, an online database that helps you curate and organize the information you find. There is a lot of information in their databases, which can include not only text but also photos and images of documents.

I get a funny feeling when I see a great-grandparent's ticket for crossing the Atlantic or their immigration documents, knowing that so many years ago, my flesh and blood were filling out those papers, and that all that would eventually lead to me being born. It's interesting to see how fragile the fact of your birth is, how much had to go right in order for you to even be born. If my great-grandfather sailed to Canada instead of the United States when he left Hungary in 1913, then there is a good chance that I would not be writing to you today.

Each ancestor is a strand in a tapestry, and it is fascinating what you find when you begin to pull on the individual threads to see where they go.

A hand-drawn tree diagram where the trunk and branches are labeled with family and relationship terms. The trunk is labeled 'FATHER' and 'MOTHER'. The left branch is labeled 'FAMILY' and 'MOMMY'. The right branch is labeled 'FRIENDS' and 'PARENTS'. Other labels include 'Grandpa', 'Grandma', 'Uncle', 'Aunt', 'Sister', 'Brother', 'Daddy', 'Son', 'Grandparents', 'Sweet', 'Home', 'Relationship', 'Smile', 'I love my family', 'Grandpa', 'Grandma', 'Uncle', 'Aunt', 'Sister', 'Brother', 'Daddy', 'Son', 'Grandparents', 'Sweet', 'Home', 'Relationship', 'Smile', 'I love my family'.

Uniontown, Pa., on July 4, 1776, not knowing the importance that date would have. Uniontown is the home of George C. Marshall and where the Big Mac debuted, so as far as places go, it is a pretty remarkable one to have had an ancestor create. That same ancestor qualifies my brother and me—but not my dad—for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. My ancestor, a Quaker, did not fight but instead provided milled flour, provisions and other supplies to Colonial forces in the area. Since he was a man of relative importance, his strand in the tapestry is a little longer than most of the others. Quakers kept good records, so I've been able to trace that line of descent all the way back to a small village in Cornwall, England, as far back as the early 1600s.

Another strand from my mom's side terminates in 1856. My third great-grandfather on mom's side married my third great-grandmother in 1856 (who, coincidentally, is the link to the founder of Uniontown). Aside from this marriage license, there is nothing else that I've been able to find about his family or where the man came from. He shows up in historical records after 1856, but there is nothing from before. Part of it might be a matter of bad luck—before 1850, the federal census was based on head of household, so everyone in the family was recorded under the breadwinning male's name. But, this does not explain why this particular ancestor of mine is not recorded in the 1850 census, or why he does not show up in the Civil War draft records. Are these mere coincidences, or is there some other explanation? Was he a draft-dodger? Or a scofflaw? Was he fleeing debt in another state (he was born in Pennsylvania)? Or was he simply one of those nomadic people—the rural poor—who were not tied to one place long enough to be counted by census workers or too impoverished to buy any property. So, that strand terminates, abruptly, leaving me to wonder and speculate.

This brings me to my dad's side. Because we have all made a conscious effort to do so, my family has a clear understanding of where one particular branch of our family originates: Csót, Veszprém County, Hungary. Still, I've been able to trace that line back only to the late 1860s, and much of what I've learned came from immigration records and ship tickets. We have a general idea about what the family looked like as far back as the 1830s, but these are just mere silhouettes on the canvas. We have the outline, but it is too grainy and unclear, especially when compared with the well-documented and clearly defined lives of later generations and of contemporary generations that happened to live in a different land.

This is the branch of my family that I know the most about, at least on my dad's side. Other ancestors on my dad's side are even murkier than that. I know one great-grandparent was born in Zemplén County, Hungary, in the 1880s, but that is not much to go on. Zemplén, now part of Slovakia, was and is a big area—it would be like saying to my descendants that I was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. That's a big place too, and does not give an amateur genealogist like myself much to go on.

Which brings me to the point of my column for this month. I have found it much harder to research my Hungarian and Slovak roots than my English ones. I think there are several reasons for this.

Point to Ponder....

I have had a hard time finding personal and family histories of American-Hungarians...until recently. In a future edition of *Tibor's Take*, I will have the honor of telling you about a man who had a dream of coming to America and who wrote a brief memoir portraying his saga and the hardships he, his wife and their children endured on both sides of the Atlantic. This story begins at Kassa, Hungary, in 1914. Do you have in your possession a similar family story, preserved in writing by a loved one from generations ago? If so, I would love to hear from you. Drop me a line at Silverking1937@gmail.com.

- Tibor

First, there is the language barrier. Sometimes, there are multiple languages used. I've found some records pertaining to Hungarian ancestors written in German, the administrative language of the Austro-Hungarian Empire before the dual monarchy in 1867.

Then, there's the relentless tidal wave of history. The United States (especially the North) and the United Kingdom had a better time of it over the course of the 20th century than did Hungary or Slovakia. Both suffered multiple wars, invasions and tyrannical regimes each with its own twisted vision of history. It would not surprise me if many governmental and historical records were destroyed in the dark decades of the past century. I think that this loss has not yet been realized. Years from now, I think that historians will look back on that period and liken it to when the Mongols raided the libraries of Baghdad or when the library of Alexandria was burnt down. There is much that was probably lost for all time.

So, I ask you, my readers, what tips and tricks and advice do you have for me regarding Hungarian genealogy? Did you make any discoveries or find any surprises in your own research? I would be interested to hear your perspectives and your stories. Please write to me at Silverking1937@gmail.com.

Until next time...

Éljen a Amerikai-Magyar,
Tibor

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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.



In the Community *with our National Directors*

Reports from our National Directors on the people and activities they encounter during WPA's fraternal and charitable outreach.



Welcoming guests to the Hungarian booth at A World A'Fair were (l-r) Jim Boston, Ann Kimerling, Mark Schmidt, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and Jane Boston.

A World A'Fair gives Dayton a taste of many cultures

by Anne Marie Schmidt

DAYTON, OH -- The Dayton community is rich with culture as exemplified by the 44 years the Dayton International Festival, Inc. has hosted A World A'Fair, an event where 33 local organizations represent their culture through their customs, dance, music, food and handmade gifts.

This year's festival was held May 19 to 21 at the Dayton Convention Center with the theme "Folk Medicine." Guests were treated to a selection of folk remedies, from herbs and spices to baths and even witchcraft.

The music and dance of various cultures were presented on two stages, including an interactive stage on which visitors could learn and participate in traditional dances. The Tamburitzans, America's premier folk ensemble, performed on Saturday seven times on both stages, doing dances from a variety of Eastern European countries.

Young guests were given a "Children's Passport" which they could get "stamped" at each culture's booth. After receiving stamps and answering a question from each booth, a child could enter a drawing to win a basket of international toys. For adults, there was a "Beer Passport" good for a dozen 2-ounce samples of beer.

The festival also included a naturalization ceremony, welcoming and celebrating Dayton's newest citizens.

Hungary was well represented at the festival with volunteers from WPA Branch 249 and the Magyar Club of Dayton. The Dayton Festival Club dancers performed traditional Hungarian folk dances on both stages. Delicious cabbage rolls and Hungarian sausage sandwiches were served at the booth, as well as a wide variety of Hungarian pastries including palacsinta, linzer and kifli cookies with apricot, *lekvár*, *diós* and poppy seed fillings. The exhibit showcased a typical spa in Hungary.

It is a heartwarming experience to share our beloved culture and customs. Bridging the cultural divide provides a hope and desire to create harmony and peace in this world we live in.

New Brunswick celebrates its Magyar heritage

by Kathy Novak

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ -- After a morning rain, the 42nd Annual Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick kicked off with a parade.

Each year, more vendors attend the festival. WPA had a booth at their usual corner location. Helping spread the Fraternal Spirit were Fraternal Director Barbara House and her husband Tom, National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia, Sales Representative Ed Straka, Vice Chair of the Board Kathy Novak and Branch 28 member Sandor Tollas Jr.

More than 1,000 WPA red backpacks were handed out; as the day progressed, you could see them traveling up and down the street.

Our booth welcomed many visitors. Among them were former Home Office employee Alyssa Trunzo and her parents, Pista and Annush Molnar, and Rev. Stefan Török.

As always, Rev. Joseph Bodnar was there, offering a helping hand to all.

After the festival, the American Hungarian Foundation held a twilight concert featuring two musical groups. I would venture to say all who attended the festival had a wonderful time.



Fraternal Director Barbara House and National Sales Director Bob Bisceglia pass out WPA backpacks to visitors at the New Brunswick fest.

Cultural Garden to host golfing fundraiser

CLEVELAND -- The Hungarian Cultural Garden of Cleveland will be hosting its 10th Annual Golf Outing and Fundraiser on Wednesday, July 19, at the Barrington Golf Club in Aurora, Ohio.

The day will begin with registration at 11:00 a.m. and a cookout luncheon at 11:30 a.m. A few announcements and a palinka toast will immediately proceed the 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. The event will conclude with a social hour and cash bar at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and

awards presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Golfers will have the chance to win additional prizes along the course as the day will feature a hole-in-one contest and several skill shot contests.

Cost for entry is \$225 per person which includes the cookout luncheon, greens fees, golf cart, driving range and practice greens, pro shop services, on course beverages, locker room services, event scoring, bag services, valet parking and the awards dinner.

Sponsorships are welcome at \$250, \$500, \$1,500 and \$5,000 levels.

For reservations, contact Ron Kovach at 216-789-7483, or email him at ron@kovach.org.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, July 12.

All proceeds from the golf outing will help prepare the cultural garden for its 80th anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2018.

For more information about the Hungarian Cultural Garden and its upcoming anniversary, visit the garden's website at www.Hungarian-CulturalGarden.org.

Church leaders gather in Canada to celebrate 500th anniversary of the Reformation

by Kathy Megyeri

A celebration marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation was held at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls from June 7 to 9.

The purpose of the meeting, in addition to celebrating the long history of the church, was to bring U.S. and Canadian Hungarians closer together to learn more about their faith, appreciate the struggles they have shared and to plan for the future.

At the Centre's new prayer house, which was partly funded by the Hungarian government, panel discussions and prayers were held in Hungarian. The main speakers were Bishop István Szabó of Hungary and Bishop Béla Kató of Transylvania (Erdély).

The program was organized by Rev. Zoltán Vass of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Toronto on behalf of the Hungarian Reformed Churches of North America. Attendees came from around the world, including Australia.

The main event was an outdoor service for 250 people.

At the end of the service, 50 white doves were released.

Rev. Dr. Csaba Krasznai, Bishop of the Calvin Synod from Walton Hills, Ohio, Rev. Gábor Nitsch of the Bethlen Communities and Rev. Stefan Török of Somerset, N.J., were in attendance and played roles in consecrating the baptismal fountain/Lord's Table (*pictured below*) that signify the two sacraments in the Reformed faith.

The fountain/table was blessed and presented to the Toronto Church and symbolically placed in front of the outdoor service. Afterwards, the ministers carried the fountain/table into the sanctuary where it remains.

To conclude the festive but somber occasion, the Hungarian Self Culture Society of Welland, Ont., provided a complete Hungarian meal followed with a piano concert in the sanctuary by Tünde-Ilona Krasznai.

Rev. Török's wife Cynthia said the celebration, set among God's handiwork of Niagara Falls, held special significance and helped to make the occasion most memorable.



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

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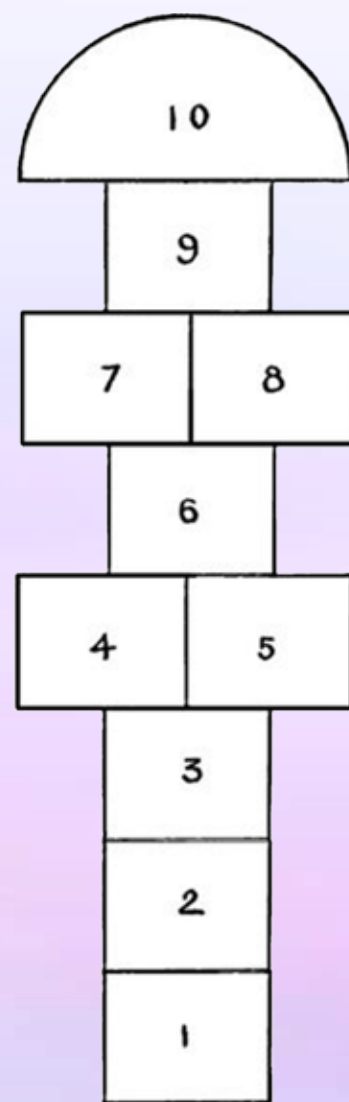
One of the winning ideas submitted in our recent **Just 4 Kidz** contest was for us to feature Hungarian children's games and crafts. Hungarian children are like all children – they LOVE games! And one of the best known games in the world is HOPSCOTCH. It's a fun and challenging game that can be played just about anywhere, although it's usually played outdoors. All you need is a flat surface, like a driveway or sidewalk, some chalk to draw the hopscotch course, and something to use as a marker, like a flat stone, coin, button or small bean bag. The following description was provided by **wikiHow**. For videos demonstrating each of the steps below, log onto www.wikiHow.com/Play-Hopscotch.

1 Draw a hopscotch design on the ground. Chalk is the best drawing medium on asphalt, patio stones or concrete. The squares should be large enough to fit one foot and to make sure that a stone thrown into the square will not bounce out too easily. While there are many ways to draw the course, a common schoolyard design is shown here. It is common to designate the "10" section shown here as a "rest" or "stop" area. This is where the player can take a moment to turn around and/or regain their balance. Sometimes a more creative name, like "Heaven" is given to the space.

2 Throw a flat stone or similar object (small beanbag, shell, button, plastic toy) to land on square one. It has to land inside the square without touching the border or bouncing out. If you don't get it within the lines, you lose your turn and pass the stone to the next person. If you do get it, however, go on to Step 3. If you're playing alone, you can make up any rules you'd like.

3 Hop through the squares, skipping the one you have your marker on. Each square gets one foot. Which foot you start with is up to you. You can't have more than one foot on the ground at a time, unless there are two number squares right next to each other. In that case, you can put down both feet simultaneously (one in each square). Always keep your feet inside the appropriate square(s); if you step on a line, hop on the wrong square, or step out of the square, you lose your turn.

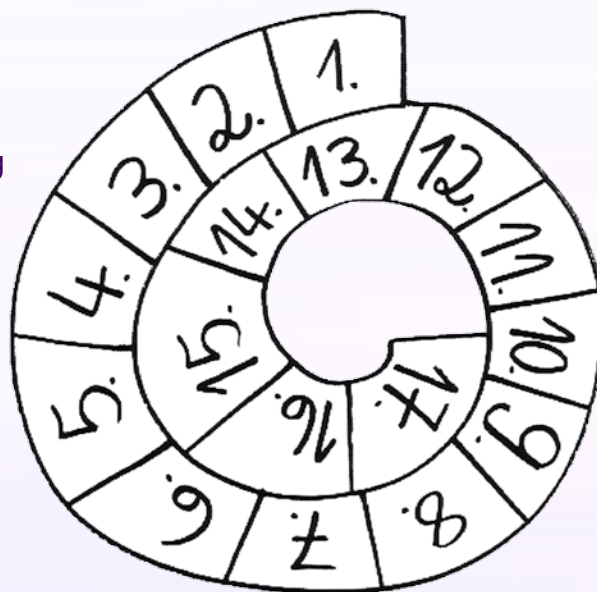
4 When you get to the last number, turn around (remaining on one foot) and hop your way back in reverse order. While you're on the square right before the one with your marker, lean down (probably on one foot still!) and pick it up. Then, skip over that square and finish up.



5 Pass the marker on to the next person. If you completed the course with your marker on square one (and without losing your turn), then throw your marker onto square two on your next turn. Your goal is to complete the course with the marker on each square. The first person to do this wins the game!

Variations

- Change the shape of the hopscotch course. Make it circular, with the numbers going in a spiral direction. Or make it a rectangle, triangle, or firework! It's easiest to start drawing your circular course from the middle and go outward. That way you can make it as big as you need--instead of ending up with your last square being microscopic.
- Vary the size and shape of the squares. Make some of them smaller so that people have to step on their tip toes. You can even make some in the shape of a shoe to control the direction in which the person faces. Get creative!
- Make some squares into islands. That way, a person needs to jump over a distance to get to it. Just make sure the spaces are jump-able! And who said hopscotch didn't require skill?



- Set a time limit. Make it into a game of "speed hopscotch." Each person has a certain amount of time to complete the course, or else they lose their turn. Or you could turn it into a race!



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Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

Happy summer and Happy July 4th as we celebrate our nation's independence and birthday. We hope that our dads enjoyed their Father's Day and our military service members enjoyed the Flag Day celebrations.

Now that summer has officially arrived, we can start attending the many Hungarian activities in the Greater Cleveland area. We pray that the rain will fall gently at night and keep our gardens and flower beds growing.

Thank you to the members of Branch 14 and The First Hungarian Reformed Church who participated in the Join Hands Day project on May 17. We had a beautiful evening to help get the church ready for their Memorial Day weekend dedication of the new bricks which were added to the memorial garden walkway. We bought and planted phlox, a golden azalea bush, marigolds, geraniums, red zinnias, hydrangeas and several other varieties. We tried to select flowers that are not deer friendly and are hardy.

We got everything planted in two hours. Afterwards, we enjoyed fellowship over a light snack and beverage in Bethlen Hall. We were very proud of our work and colorful garden.

The Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden is preparing for its 80th anniversary in 2018. Watch for more information in the months to come.

Branch 14 meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 6, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. All Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend our branch meetings.

We will host our annual branch Christmas party and "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More details to come later this year.

We hope you'll be joining us for the Lake County Captains' Hungarian Heritage Night on Saturday, July



1, at Classic Park in Eastlake, Ohio. There will be fireworks after the game. WPA, the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio and the Hungarian Heritage Museum support this event.

Please support the Hungarian events and activities found in your area and those close by. If there are Hungarian organizations in your area, join them and get involved. As we get older, we risk losing that which was brought to America by our ancestors--the Hungarian language, music, dance, costumes and traditions.

We also need your continued support of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Your monetary donations provide financial assistance to WPA student members. If you or your child was a recipient of a WPA scholarship, please remember to donate to the fund so that others can enjoy the same benefit.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. May they rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 and WPA members, as well as our friends, who might be feeling under the weather. We send out get well wishes to Branch 14 member Michelle Day, Dante Parete, Albert Frate and Ernie Sarosi, who was hospitalized June 7. Get well wishes also go to WPA members Betty and Al Vargo and Arlene Csoman. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members and Home Office staff who are celebrating a

Next Deadline

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

July/August birthday and/or anniversary. Happy belated birthday wishes to Helen Mason, who celebrated her 91st birthday at the end of May. May you be blessed with many more birthdays.

Congratulations to my parents Violet (Branch 14 Coordinator) and Ernie Sarosi who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 14. It is quite an achievement to celebrate this milestone anniversary with your family and friends. We wish you many more years of anniversary wishes. We love you, Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa!

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

Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Don't let the opportunity pass you by. Pick

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Independence Day. Thank a vet for our wonderful gift of freedom. We at William Penn Association thank you for your service, now and always.

I am writing this before our wonderful annual golf tournament. I hope you are planning to join us. It is always a fun filled event.

We also have the scholarship meeting on the Friday evening of the tournament weekend. I hope all our golfers and their guests attend. We must support our scholarship foundation and our student mem-



Graduation congratulations go to Branch 18 members Samantha House (left), Zachary Haas and Shelby Truesdell.

bers. Without your donations, we cannot give scholarships.

The meeting is followed by our golfers welcome reception. We have a beautiful menu planned. Chinese auction and Monte Carlo tables will keep you entertained. We have some wonderful prizes for you to win. All the money we raise will go to our scholarship foundation. See you there.

We are also getting ready to greet you at our Hungarian Heritage Experience. I am meeting with Chef Ursula Markovits tomorrow to plan a menu that will please your Hungarian taste buds. We are going to have a great week.

Branch 18 had a great Join Hands Day project. We cleaned and planted in three locations.

But, you don't have to wait for Join Hands Day to be a volunteer. I know many places that would love to see helpers come in: homeless shelters, food banks, Meals on Wheels, veterans homes, soup kitchens--there are so many places.

We helped with many bingo parties at the local veterans hospital. Prizes were nominal, but the vets didn't care. We also supplied donuts, coffee and conversation when we were done with games. Had a ball. You can do the same at senior centers. Once you go and see how well received you are, you can't wait to go again. Just some suggestions to help you choose.

Father Barnabas is in Rome and Vienna. He finishes off his trip in

Hungary, celebrating his birthday with his aunts. You are missed.

Branch 18 is planning a day trip to Firekeepers Casino on July 11. Your cost is \$30. You will receive \$25 back to spend. We will leave from the Hungarian Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor at 9:30 a.m. We will be home by 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you want to attend.

Our next branch meeting will be held at the Cultural Center on Aug. 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Our Charity-of-the-Month was won by George Schvarckopf. He chose the Robert Jones Council K of C as his charity. We also support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation every month.

Get well wishes to Doug Truesdell, Tom Kerek, George and Doris Schvarckopf, Eleanor Kender, Beata Csaszar, Joe Csereklye and Albert Frate. We wish you speedy recoveries.

We at Branch 18 lost a wonderful member. Mary Tirpak reached the age of 95. You may remember when she and my mother celebrated their 90th birthdays at the WPA Picnic. She was quite a woman, a true volunteer, bowler, cook, crocheter and knitter. Condolences to her family.

Congratulations to our recent branch graduates:

- Zachary Haas, son of Victoria Haas and grandson of Carol and Doug Truesdell.

- Shelby Truesdell, daughter of David Truesdell and granddaughter of Carol and Doug Truesdell.

- Samantha House, niece of Barbara and Tom House.

- Olivia Hall, granddaughter of Joseph and Wanda Gall. (She is also our Mississippi niece.)

We wish them all success in their chosen fields, and we send bunches of love and best wishes.

Remember also our wonderful deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Harvey L. Charboneau, Rita Ann Osmon and Helen Caroline Szalay. May they rest in peace.

Happy July birthday to Pamela George, Emma Borsa, Home Office employee Brittany Brown and all our wonderful members.

You know you must work your muscles to stay healthy, but you also need to keep your brain active. Connect with others. Strong involvement with others reduces stress and makes you feel great. Make an effort to see the bright side. Volunteer.

Please call me anytime at 734-782-4667, or 313-418-5572, or 800-848-7366 ext.107. I love hearing from you.

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

We wish everyone a Happy Independence Day. Hope your vacations are full of sunshine and relaxation.

Just wanted to remind everyone of the festivities coming up.

- The Hungarian Heritage Experience is Aug. 6 to 12 in Boswell, Pa. If interested, call Judit Ganchuk at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149.

- The Birmingham Ethnic Festival is Aug. 19 and 20 in Toledo.

- The WPA Picnic will be Aug. 26 in Hiram, Ohio. If you need tickets or information, call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 149.

Summer break started in June. That was my posting mistake last month. We will resume our meetings on Sept. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at American Table. Sure hope everybody interested in the branch will join us.

We wish these members a very happy birthday: Barbara Aranyosi, Sarah Aranyosi, Alan Arnold, Diana Baez, Donald Baskey, Abigail Beres, Charissa Beres, Braylynn Bodnar, Paula Bodnar, Ilona Borko, Carl Brooker, Amanda Bruce, Irene

JOIN HANDS DAY 2017

Recently, many of our members and branches put their fraternal ideals into action by participating in Join Hands Day projects. Our member volunteers -- youths and adults working together -- planted flowers and shrubs, collected food for local food pantries, packed snack bags for hospital patients and their families and cleaned up the grounds at local churches. We salute all those who donated their time, money and effort to making their communities better places to live.



Branch 249 Dayton, OH



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Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH & Branch 349 Weirton, WV



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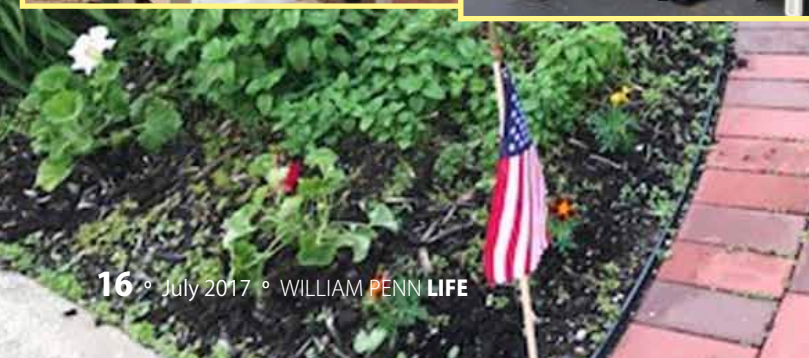
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Branch 296 Springdale, PA

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Happy birthday wishes also go to William Gombash, Eugene Gorey, William Gruber, Dominic Guyton, Sydney Hales, Joyce Hansen, Frederick Hanus, Marianne Harcsa, Shirlee Harvey, Lee Hinkle, Virginia Hockenberry, Joseph Hornyak III, Joseph Hornyak IV, Harold Hornyak, David Horvath, Mary Alice Horvath, Gary Humbarger, Rosemary Imre, John Irelan, Stephen Ivancso Jr., Madison Ivancso, Peggy Ivancso, Irene Kaminski, Alexander Karcsak and Anne Marie Kessler.

Also celebrating this month are Sarah Kessler, Mary Suzanne King, Emily Kinsey, Isabella Kinsey, Mary Klausz, Margaret Klorer, Steven Klorer, Kathalene Krotzer, Connie Kubik, Agnes Lorenc, Heather McPeck, Gerald Miller, Shirley Miller, Cody Mitchell, Judith Mulligan, Helen Orshoski, Robert Ostafi, Laura Ousky, Zachary Ovens, Katherine Parker, Richard Pisula, Lou Ann Powell, George Rasi, Mary Regan, Dominic Rodriguez, Susan Roper, Charles Serfozo, Marilyn Shiets, Timothy Stecker, Rondal Stiltner, Janet Timmons, Elizabeth Ujvagi, Suzanne Ujvagi, Ethel Vanko, Ryan Vanko, Brody White, Vicky Wiley, Tiffany Wong, Shayne York and Jacquelin Zak.

Remember to contact Branch Coordinator Amalia Horvath at 419-726-1109 or Branch President Paula Bodnar at 419-460-7214 with any questions or news you want published.

Also, don't forget to contact Alan Szabo at 1-888-428-8452 with any questions you may have concerning WPA life insurance and annuity plans.

Remember, July 9 is the last day to sign up for WPA's 131st Anniversary Guaranteed Issue special. See page 10 of this issue for more details on this special.

I sure hope everybody has a great summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in September.



Congratulations to Karen Jarosz (left) and Betty Anzevino, cousin and aunt of Branch 28 member John Morey, who were the winners of their local newspaper's Mother's Day photo contest. The photo was taken at Jane's Carousel in Brooklyn Bridge Park, N.Y.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Happy birthday, America! On that thought, we also send out our best wishes to all our members having birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Several members of Branch 28 helped spruce up the grounds of St. Stephen of Hungary worship site on Saturday, June 3.

Jeremiah Schauer is visiting the Ohio area from Florida. He's here to help celebrate his grandfather's 80th birthday and to attend the graduation parties of two of his cousins.

Remember: Sunday, Aug. 6, is Magyar Nap (Hungarian Day), sponsored by the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation, at the Aut Mori Grotto Hall on Belle Vista Avenue from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Advance reservations for the chicken paprikash dinner will be taken until July 31. Other food, pastries, beverages and music will be available that day as well.

Best of luck to Michele Dye, who is relocating to Royse City, Texas.

The 53rd Carousel Ball hosted by the American Hungarian Foundation was held May 6. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Rev. Imre Bertalan and the Bethlen Communities in recognition of their dedication and commitment

to serving others. A well-deserved award.

Welcome home to Bettyann Nagy, who recently returned from a hiking trip in Yellowstone National Park.

Mark Peyko, local Hungarian publisher of the Metro Monthly, was the guest speaker at the "Memories of a Lifetime" series held in conjunction with the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society.

Congratulations to Betty Anzevino and Karen Jarosz, aunt and cousin of Branch

28 member John Morey, who won their local newspaper's Mother's Day photo contest. Their photo was taken on a trip to visit Jane's Carousel, which originally was erected in Idora Park in Youngstown but now is found in Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York.

I had the pleasure of volunteering at the WPA information booth at the annual Hungarian Festival in New Brunswick, N.J. on Saturday June 3. For a bit more on the festival, please see "In the Community" on page 8 of this issue.

We're looking forward to having some fun in the sun at the WPA Golf Tournament & Scholarship Days. Remember to come on Friday to attend the scholarship meeting and golfers reception. Monte Carlo Night will be held on Friday as well, with all proceeds benefiting our scholarship foundation.

Specially happy 60th wedding anniversary wishes to Bill and Dorothy Skebo.

Get well wishes to all those not feeling up to par, especially Alice Nagy, Evelyn Horvath and Veronica Brown.

Our condolences to all who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one, especially the family of Michele Daley-LaFlame.

Have a safe summer.

Have questions about life insurance or annuities? Call Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-746-7704.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

We hope everyone enjoys a good 4th of July and is getting their foursomes ready for the golf outing. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at golf and the other great fraternal activities William Penn has planned!

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

We again attended the Memorial Day service at Calvary Cemetery. I am very proud of my husband and the Branch 34 members who helped place 14,000 flags on veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery. We plan on helping again next year.

Branch 34 would like to welcome our newest member, Josephine (Josie) Rose Healy.

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating their birthdays in July, especially our son Andy, grandson Donovan, great niece Josie and Fraternal Director Barbara House. Many, many more.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact Marguerite McNelis at 412-421-6031.

Branch 40 Martins Ferry, OH Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Hello from the WPA branches in Martins Ferry and Weirton!

The weatherman received our order for a beautiful day on May 28 for the picnic hosted by our two WPA branches and the Ohio Valley Hungarian-American Cultural Society. The early morning started out bleak, but by the time the picnic started, the sun was out and shining brightly.

There were a couple of bacon roast novices trying it out for the first time, but it wasn't long before they got the hang of it. The day was beautiful, the food delicious and the conversation delightful.

The next joint picnic at Warren



This past Memorial Day, members of Branch 34 and other volunteers placed 14,000 flags on veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery, located in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh.



Members and friends of the Association enjoy a bacon roast and picnic hosted May 28 by Branches 40 and 349 and the Ohio Valley Hungarian American Cultural Society.

Township Park is slated for Sunday, Aug. 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Anna Eversole, granddaughter of Branch 40 member Ed Skocik and his wife Caroline and niece of Branch 40 member Joe Skocik, will be volunteering for a month this summer in Colorado at an outreach program. In 2015, Anna spent a month in Hungary participating in Ohio State University's Global Project. Last year, she spent the month of May in Spain with OSU's Global Project. Anna spoke so favorably of her visit to Spain, her grandparents decided to visit there, too.

Anna volunteers at the Columbus

Dream Center's "Super Saturdays" for kids and serves meals to the homeless. She volunteers with "Best Buddies," mentoring a young person. She also is a reading mentor at the Dowd Education Center, helping individuals with their reading skills.

She manages to find time for travel and maintains great grades toward her goal of becoming an early childhood educator.

All her hard work will reap rewards one day. Good luck, Anna!

Remember: Independence Day means freedom. Our forefathers gave us liberty by signing the Declaration of Independence.



Branch 89 member Lauren Finikiotis celebrates her recent graduation from Oakland Catholic High School in Pittsburgh with parents Dr. Mike and Lori Finikiotis.



Enjoying Branch 89's recent fundraising dinner at Uno Pizzeria & Grill were (l-r) guest Emily Angle and Branch members Janet Phillips, Vera Recktoosh, Fred Gabocy and Dianne Schneider.



Anna Eversole, granddaughter of Branch 40 member Ed Skocik, will be volunteering at an outreach program in Colorado.

So, too, did the service men and women who fought for our freedom since. Say a prayer for those in the armed forces that they return home safely. Fly your American flag proudly and enjoy the freedom our country has to offer because of these brave service personnel.

Congratulations to all graduates, and best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. July birthdays include Barbara House and Brittany Brown.

We also want to keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are sick. Get better, Joe Skocik!

Say a prayer for those who have family members who recently died.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec

It's here: sunshine, dry weather and 90 degree temperatures. What could all this mean? Could it be?...It must be... GOLF SEASON!

Work has already begun to make this year's Branch 89 golf outing our biggest and best one yet. We have in our possession more than \$1,000 worth of prizes and auction items. We are expecting more than 100 golfers and another 30 guests at the dinner afterward. Don't be shy--be a hole sponsor. If you want to donate a prize basket or just some items for the auction, we could really use Hungarian wines. They will go well with Chef Janos' Hungarian food basket. Lottery tickets are another item we need. Come on down and join us at Butler's Golf Course on Aug. 13.

Branch 89 held its annual Join Hands Day project on Saturday, June 24, at the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead. Projects planned for the day included painting, planting flowers and cleaning up the outside of the church. As my mother-in-law used to say, "There isn't much in this world that can't be made better with a bar of soap or a coat of paint."

We hosted a successful fundraiser, a "Dining for Dough" luncheon, at Uno's Chicago Restaurant located at the Waterfront in Homestead on

Sunday, May 21. We had the patio to ourselves. Although we had to tolerate some minor showers, it was a nice event. Everyone in attendance had a blast, and I was told the pitchers of White Sangrias helped our members and guests come up with very creative pilsner glasses.

Special thanks to branch members Dianne "Snoopy" Schneider for drawing Snoopy characters on some of the glasses and "Uncle Fred" Gabocy for taking pictures of the event. This will be an event we will do again, that's for sure. How nice it was just to sit out on the patio, relax and create our very own pilsner glasses.

Special get well wishes continue to be sent to branch members Fred Gabocy, George Kostival and Betty Rubinsak. We plan on seeing you up and navigational real soon.

Stay warm and happy and try and support not only our branch events but also the events being sponsored this summer by our Association. They're for a worthy cause and are always fun.

Happy anniversary to my husband Mark on July 14. I can't believe it's been 10 years. Still amazing to think back to that special day. That was probably the first and last time the church will see that many guys wearing kilts. You came from a relatively small family into a larger family that is highly involved not only with WPA but also with the church, and you fit right in. Here's to many more wonderful years together.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Hope everyone is experiencing a healthy and exciting summer. I hope your weather has been great so far this summer.

Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, July 4. Take the time this day to think about all the people who have made this holiday possible. Many of us will be attending parades, picnics and fireworks over the holiday weekend. This day is a great way to be able to spend time with family and friends.

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

Good luck to all those participating in the annual golf tournament to be held on July 7 and 8 at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort in Blairsville, Pa. This is a great way to meet old friends and make new ones.

A Taste of Hungary Festival will be held at the Hungarian Reformed Church located at 365 Woodrow Ave., Columbus on July 22 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy Hungarian food, music by Steve Hegedeos and Hungarian dancing. There will also be Hungarian-themed items for sale. This event is sponsored by the Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus. Our branch will also be helping to sponsor this event. Please come and help support this local event.

Save the date Aug. 26 to attend the WPA Picnic. This event will be held at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

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

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

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



National Director Debbie Lewis (third from right), along with her husband Rick (far right) and son Jimmy deliver donated groceries to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Happy Independence Day to all William Penn members and fellow Americans. As we celebrate the birth of our nation, please take a moment to reflect on the great freedom we all share.

The date for the branch's summer picnic has been set as July 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will once again be held at Pottawatomie Park Pavilion #1 in South Bend, as the permit has already been secured. The branch will provide the main items, such as chicken and sausage, sodas and utensils, as in the past. We ask that members make reservations in advance and bring a dish to share. To make your reservations for the picnic, call Janos Burus at 574-287-0590 by Friday, July 21.

The next South Bend Branch 132

quarterly meeting will be held on Sept. 5 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road at 5:00 p.m.

Branch 132 is sponsoring a local softball team with the hopes that they will have another strong year and continue their winning tradition. Our team has won five games and lost three games, so far. All games are played at Byers Softball Complex at St. Clair Park off of Mayflower Road and the 31 bypass. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- July 5 v. Chupabras @ Byers West @ 6:00 p.m. & v. Barnaby's @ Byers West @

7:00 p.m.

- July 12 v. Firerock Cafe @ Byers Green @ 6:00 p.m.

- July 19 v. Barnaby's @ Byers Blue @ 8:00 p.m. & v. SBFD Grill 362 @ Byers Blue @ 9:00 p.m.

The officers and members of Branch 132 offer our deepest condolences to the family of Joe Horvath.

Branch 189 Alliance, OH

by Teresa Phillips

Greetings from Branch 189 Alliance! The lazy days of summer are upon us. Get out and enjoy the nice weather.

We are doing some more renovations at the club. Anyone wishing to donate their time, please contact Mike Vargovic or any of our officers. A special thanks goes out to Wayne Whaley and Gary Bailey for their help with our ceiling painting project.

Our monthly steak fries have been put on hold for the summer. They will resume in September.

On June 10, we had a stuffed shell dinner followed by a Woodstock party with music provided by DJ Mike.

We participated in the local Me-



Among those joining in the Memorial Day celebration in Alliance, Ohio, were members and friends of Branch 189: (l-r) Teresa Boyd, Bill Boyd, Terry Court, Brenda Court, Gloria Vargovic, Mark Stephenson, Wayne Whaley and Ronda Stephenson.

memorial Day parade. Those riding their motorcycles were Terry Court, Mark Stephenson and Wayne Whaley. A luncheon was offered afterwards at the club.

Belated birthday for May wishes go out to Eric Saeger, April Amor, Mike Stoffer, Kim Valuska, Ron Miller, Wanda Cruck, Bill Nichols, Daryl Taschiver, Mike Brion, John Mount, Ed Coutts and Pam Reeder.

Those celebrating birthdays in June were Frank Hall, Rich Seabolt, Kathy Schafer, Kelly Tarbet, Barb Simons, Marlona Hurst and Art Stuchell.

Any suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

Stay happy and enjoy your summer. Always remember to support our troops. Be proud to be an American.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Happy Independence Day! Like the song goes: "You're a grand old flag/You're a high flying flag/And forever in peace may you wave!"

Happy birthday wishes to our members marking their special day in July. Happy anniversary to all lovebirds celebrating this month.

We extend our sympathies to

members who have lost a loved one. It is never easy to lose someone.

We send get well wishes to our members feeling under the weather. Sending a smile to Sally Petras, former branch auditor.

Branch members can attend our next meeting on the third Wednesday of June at 10:00 a.m. at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 to RSVP for this meeting.

We're looking forward to this year's WPA Picnic on Aug. 26 in Hiram, Ohio.

The WPA Magyar Folk Dancers are looking for more dancers to join us. We help the younger generation learn the Hungarian language and culture through dancing and singing. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us!

Please call the number above with news you want to share here.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

We are smack dab in the middle of summer for you readers with kids. One month gone, one we are in and another to go before school starts. Gas up the car, we need to hit the road, but be safe!

Congratulations to all the gradu-

ates. May your dreams come true in the next stage of your life. Whatever your next stage is, whether more education or the working world, please remember that you have a fraternal family here at WPA.

Branch 249 joined members of the Magyar Club of Dayton June 27 to bake pastries and cookies for both the WPA Picnic and a local event supporting the police in Old North Dayton, a traditionally Hungarian part of town. Another baking event may be planned for July. Please call us for more info if interested.

Another joint activity Branch 249 participated in was Join Hands Day. WPA, along with members of the Magyar Club of Dayton and Queen of Martyrs Church, weeded, planted 250 flowers and mulched the flower beds in front of the church. Both Branch 249 and the Magyar Club hold activities at McAuley Hall at the church. In appreciation, Branch 249 supplied the flowers, mulch, donuts and coffee for the event which was accomplished in two hours by the eager volunteers.

July brings the commemoration of the start of two great countries. For any Canadian readers, July 1 is Canada Day. And, of course, July 4 is Independence Day for the USA. It seems fitting that these two countries have close birthdays since we share the longest ungarded border in the world and share many customs and habits. May both countries continue to prosper and flourish.

Speaking of July and flourishing, we're looking forward to the 34th Annual WPA Golf Tournament. If I had to make a living at golf, I'd have starved a long time ago. No, to me the weekend is a time to be with my family, both actual and fraternal. The memories you make with both families are priceless. That's why I torture myself on the golf course. And who knows, I only need one lucky shot to win \$15,000.

August has two great events for a Hungarian style stay-cation: the Birmingham Festival in Toledo Aug. 19 and 20; and the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio Aug. 26. See elsewhere in this magazine for additional info.

Get well wishes go to those ill or hospitalized, especially Frank and Pearl Murin, Jesse Stefanics at the

Dayton VA, Elizabeth Daley-Hewitt and Don Dugan. Please remember them in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to those who have recently lost a loved one. May only good memories ease your pain.

Contact Anne Marie Schmidt soon at 937-667-1211 for the WPA Guaranteed Issue 131st Anniversary Year Special. Last day for applications for this life insurance offer is July 9.

That's all for now. Enjoy your summer and vacations.

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

Happy 241st birthday to our United States of America! Our nation's first vice president, John Adams, wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776 that our Independence Day "ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." And so, it continues to be observed in similar fashion, so many, many years later. God bless our nation. Go out and observe this wonderful day!

Happy birthday wishes to all of our July 296-ers, including my lovely, hard-working daughter, Leanne.

Belated first birthday wishes to Garrett Keller. His mom, Megan works in our WPA New Business Department and she has chronicled his first year for all of us in photos. He's a sweet boy!

First birthday wishes also to Laszlo Ganchuk, whose mom, Judit, works in WPA's Fraternal Department. We've enjoyed seeing photos of her dear little guy throughout the year, too.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Holmes who recently received his associates of applied science degree in petroleum technology, as well as three applied science certificates in petroleum and industrial process operation technology, natural gas and oil technology and pipeline mechanics. That sounds like a mouthful, but it involves cutting-edge technology for using our earth's natural resources for fuel. Jeffrey was a grant recipient



Congratulations to Branch 296 member Jeffrey Holmes as he recently earned his associates of applied science degree in petroleum technology.

of our WPFA Scholarship Foundation. He is the son of proud parents Cassie (our WPA life underwriter) and Jeff Holmes and brother to Megan Keller. He's also a good son, wonderful brother and an awesome uncle to Garrett. Oh, and I nearly forgot to mention that besides being an all-around talented athlete, he's also a pretty good bowler, as he demonstrated at our WPA tournament in April. Much success to you, Jeffrey. May the job force be with you. (I have no doubt that it will be.)

Congratulations to all of our recent college graduates from Branch 296.

"Wow!" That is the only way for me to describe our latest branch Join Hands Day project. Branch members really got into the spirit of the occasion by decorating and filling snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.

Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka got a head start, preparing ahead of time beautifully colored pictures that were cut and pasted onto the bags. Their pictures were amazing, and we were delighted to see them, one after the other. Thank you, Helen and Mary Ann, for your creativity!

Thank you also to the creativity

of Diana Borland, Toni Kosheba and Diane Torma. The bags were really little works of art. Accolades to all our helping hands Joshua Borland (I want to borrow some of your energy), his dad Tim, Noreen Fritz, John Lovasz and John Torma. And all this would not have been possible without the snack shopping savvy and expertise of Toni and Marge Kosheba.

Diane and John Torma delivered the products of our labor to the Ronald McDonald House, and the bags were greatly appreciated.

We're already looking forward to next year's project. We invite all of our youth and adult branch members to join us. It's really time well spent.

Remember our upcoming *szalonna sütés* (bacon roast) on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Riverside Park in Oakmont. Start spreading the news! The same pavilion we used last year, the one closest to the Hulton Bridge, has been reserved. More details will be provided as the date draws nearer.

Branch 296 is on summer vacation, so no meetings until Sept. 14.

If you would like to purchase WPA life insurance or annuities, we encourage you to contact our agent, Noreen Fritz, at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

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

On June 3, members of Branch 352 participated in a Join Hands Day project at the Western PA Humane Society on Western Avenue in Pittsburgh's North Side. We picked up debris, pulled weeds and planted flats of flowers. We had a lot of fun and got to interact with some of the

animals there at the Humane Society. Of course, some of us just had to go in and see the animals, especially the dogs. I saw a beautiful golden retriever puppy with big, brown puppy dog eyes. Believe me when I say that I was tempted to adopt her; but, she was already spoken for and was only waiting to be picked up by her new family. Maybe next year....

Remember our fraternal events that are fast approaching: golf is July 7 and 8, and the annual picnic is Aug. 26. The Home Office is looking for volunteers for the picnic.

Happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month. May God bless you with many more, and may all of them be healthy. Happy birthday to my granddaughter, Julia, who turns 5 this month.

Get well wishes to anyone who's feeling under the weather. May you soon be up and about.

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

If you have any news to share or need any help with your insurance certificates, please contact me at 412-932-3170 or by e-mail at dmckinsey@hotmail.com.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan Ballash

We wish all Branch 800 members a very enjoyable Independence Day shared with family and friends, eating tasty food on a sunny day.

Please remember, however, that the 4th of July isn't just a day for picnics; it is also a time to proudly fly our nation's flag and celebrate the birth of our nation, patriotism and our brave forefathers. Although millions will have the day off from work, let's remember and thank those who must go to work this day to keep our country going, keep its citizens safe and care for people who are ill.

When planning your outdoor activities this summer, it is important to keep in mind sun protection via proper clothing and sunscreen for all adults and children who will be outdoors.

In May, my husband Victor and I had an unexpected treat while attending an event at DuBois Central Catholic High School. We met Craig Ochs, a member of WPA Branch 8114 Clarion, Pa. Our common

membership in WPA made for great dinner conversation. Craig is looking forward to his daughter applying for WPA scholarship grants when she becomes eligible.

Happy birthday to Branch Auditor Rob Gohn Jr. and best wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special occasion this month.

We extend our sincere condolences to members mourning the loss of a loved one. We pray for you and for those experiencing pain and sickness. May the Lord bless all families.

Did everyone see the photo of our new branch member, Alice P. Gearhart, in the June *William Penn Life*? What a blessing!

The deadline for reservations for the Branch 800 picnic is July 26. Call Dan Greiner at 814-943-7471. The picnic will be held Aug. 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park in Altoona. Cost is \$5 per person.

Is it time to review your policies? Know of someone who would benefit from membership in WPA? Then call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661. He can answer all your questions about WPA and its life insurance and annuity plans.

In Memoriam

STEPHEN A. NOVAK YOUNGSTOWN, OH

-- The members of Branch 28 Youngstown and members throughout the Association were saddened by the death of Stephen A. Novak. "Steve" passed away March 10, 2017, at ValleyCare Northside Medical Center in Youngstown. He was 92.

Steve served as president of Branch 28 for many years and was a fixture at nearly every WPA fraternal event, both locally and nationally. He also served as a delegate to the past seven WPA General Conventions.

He was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Youngstown, a son of Julius and Eliza-



beth Kalapos Novak. Steve was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Greenland during

World War II.

Steve was employed as a truck mechanic for International Harvester and a supervisor for the Youngstown Street Department. He also worked at Union Distributing, United Trucking and Szabo & Sons Funeral Home, retiring in 1989.

Steve was a member of the Holy Apostles Parish/St. Stephen of Hungary

Church. He was a former councilman and parish council member. He was a member of the St. Vincent DePaul, Holy Name Society and Altar and Rosary Society.

Steve was also a member of the Youngstown American Hungarian Club and Father Gallagher Council Knights of Columbus.

In addition, he was a delegate of the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation of Churches and Societies.

Stephen married his wife, Katherine Bence on Nov. 3, 1951. They shared a wonderful life until she passed away on Feb. 4, 1995. He was also

preceded in death by an infant son, Stephen, and two sisters, Anna Novak and Mary Tollas.

He is survived by a daughter, Vice Chair of the WPA Board Katherine "Kathy" Novak, with whom he made his home. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and additional family members.

Steve enjoyed Hungarian music, sharing stories, yardwork, wood crafting, casino bus trips, bowling, and road trips. He was extremely proud of his Hungarian heritage, supporting and attending as many events as possible. Steve was happiest when

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he was with his family and close friends.

A Mass of Christian burial was held March 14 at the Holy Apostles Parish/St. Stephen of Hungary Church. Internment was at Calvary Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

We ask you to pray for Mr. Novak and all our recently departed members listed here:

MAY 2017

0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA
Joseph J. Topor
0016 PERTH AMBOY, NJ
Irene Ruschak
0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Harvey L. Charboneau

Rita Ann Osmon
Helen Caroline Szalay
0025 BECKLEY, WV
Josephine E. McClung
0026 SHARON, PA
Irene P. Bukowski
0027 TOLEDO, OH
William J. Lorenc
0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Irene H. Gianfrancesco
Carol R. Hurl
Mary Vass
0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Dorothy M. Pavlan
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Rose Toth
0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Irene M. McCool
0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Anne S. Kennelly
0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Joseph D. Madsen

0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Georgian M. Vargo
0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Anna Lucas
0174 SCRANTON, PA
Robert J. Glessner, Sr.
0209 ST. LOUIS, MO
Ella Veach
0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Louis Konya
Rose Mary Stubits
0249 DAYTON, OH
Irene Harting
Dorothy J. Hofele
0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Margaret A. Kennihan
Stephen Roka
Sandra E. Wojtyszka
0349 WEIRTON, WV
Alvin F. Weidman
0352 COROAPOLIS, PA
Richard J. Bayus

John J. Zunic
0383 BUFFALO, NY
Emily Resko
Evalyn M. Shaw
0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Louis J. Bogнар
Johnnie R. McLeod
0720 DEDHAM, MA
Marion E. Besso
Julia M. Doherty
0723 WORCESTER, MA
Rosalina L. Treano
0800 ALTOONA, PA
John L. Talbot
8036 SCOTTDAL, PA
Mary Ondo
Anna May Rose

Recent Donations

WPFA Scholarship Foundation

Donations Through Premium Payments MAY 2017

Branch - Donor - Amount
8 - Clarence H. Showalter - \$5.00
8 - Margaret I. Martin - \$2.00
8 - Janos I. B. Wilson - \$10.00
8 - Alma F. B. Wilson - \$10.00
14 - Frances E. Pickett - \$20.00
14 - Almut S. Zvosec - \$25.00
14 - Alexander M. Kezdi - \$25.00
15 - Anna M. Borosky - \$10.00

Correction

In last month's Recent Donations (WPL June 2017), under the listing of "Donations In Memoriam" from April 2017, the American Hungarian Federation of Churches and Societies of Youngstown, Ohio, made a \$50.00 donation in memory of Stephen A. Novak. The name of the donating organization listed in last month's issue was incorrect.

19 - Mary Jane Nagy - \$2.00
26 - Marie S. Logue - \$1.00
28 - Sandor Tollas Jr. - \$4.63
28 - Michael A. Janovick - \$3.00
34 - Linda R. Units - \$20.00
34 - Mary M. Miksic - \$4.00
159 - William Scherfel IV - \$1.71
226 - Doris Stipkovits - \$25.00
226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
226 - Rachel A. Kish - \$25.00
296 - Jay A. Blizman - \$5.00
352 - Stephen J. Hornyak - \$5.00
352 - Dennis G. Kurzawski - \$6.00
352 - John P. McKinsey Jr. - \$10.00
352 - Julie R. Smilak - \$50.00
352 - John W. Bush Jr. - \$15.00
590 - August J. Licari - \$20.00
720 - Jake D. Bjork - \$5.00
800 - Victor E. Ballash - \$5.00
TOTAL for Month = \$320.74

Additional Donations MAY 2017

Donor - Amount
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$195.00
TOTAL for Month = \$195.00

Donations In Memoriam MAY 2017

Donor - Amount
(In Memory of)
Dennis A. Chobody - \$50.00
(Irene B. Charles)

Dennis A. Chobody - \$50.00
(Steve Novak)
Craig Hovanec - \$150.00
(Paul Varga)
Bernadette E. Mikolics - \$20.00
(Mary Wagner)
Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Anna Sabo & Eleanor H. Nagy)

TOTAL for Month = \$370.00

Donations Received From Annual Bowling Tournament Received as of May 31, 2017

Donor - Amount
(In Memory of, if applicable)
Rev. Dr. Daniel & Judit Borsay - \$25.00 (Irene B. Charles)
Chris & Shelly Boso - \$40.00
(Marge & Charlie Boso)
Patty Boso - \$50.00
(David & Margaret George)
Patty Boso - \$100.00
(Margaret, Charlie & Brad Boso)
Geraldine Davenport - \$100.00
(In honor of my three grandchildren in the military)
Maris Glass - \$100.00
Mary Jane Hermansderfer - \$20.00
(My Parents Mr. & Mrs. John Hriczo)
Cassie Holmes - \$50.00
(Donna Griffin)
Jeffrey Holmes - \$100.00
(William J. Holmes)
Thomas F. House - \$100.00
(Brother Charles House)
Memory Joll - \$100.00
Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz - \$25.00
(My Grandmother Juanita Collins Kelly)
Veronica A. Kochinski - \$50.00
(Joseph & Mary Olves)
Margaret Leonardo - \$50.00
(Loved Ones)
James R. Lewis - \$25.00
(Marge Boso)
Ralph F. Manning - \$100.00
(My Mother & Father)
Andrew W. McNelis - \$30.00
M/M W. Harry Nicholson - \$100.00
(Deceased WPA Members)
James W. Robertson - \$200.00
(Irene B. Charles)
Ernest & Violet Sarosi - \$100.00
Richard E. Sarosi - \$100.00
M/M Mark C. Schmidt - \$50.00
(Michele Daley-LaFlame, President Branch 249 Dayton, OH)
Diane Walker - \$50.00
(Margaret, Charlie & Brad Boso)
Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$100.00
Br. 26 Sharon, PA - \$50.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
Br. 129 Columbus, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Branch Members)
TOTAL for Month = \$1,915.00



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Our awards lead to far greater rewards. The rewards that come with a higher education are priceless. That's why since 1972 William Penn Association has awarded more than \$2.6 million in scholarship grants to its young members attending accredited institutions of higher learning. Our scholarship program is just one of many benefits available to our members. To learn more on how membership in our Association can benefit your family, call your local WPA representative or our Home Office, toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.



Puzzle Contest #145 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

Gábor Miklós Szőke

I recently saw a news report about a sculpture being erected at the main entrance of the Atlanta Falcons' new stadium. The immense laser-cut stainless steel structure has a wingspan of over 70 feet, stands 42 feet tall and weighs over 73,000 pounds. Modern in design, this unique piece portrays a realistic pose of a bird of prey in full flight carrying a football in its talons. The creator is a 32-year-old artist born, raised and educated in Budapest: Gábor Miklós Szőke.

Much of Szőke's art depicts animals; his favorite subject is Dante, his Doberman. After graduating from the Hungarian University of Fine Arts in Budapest in 2010, his career blossomed. First he was commissioned to make several small wooden sculptures around the Magyar capital. As his reputation grew, he was hired to make various animals in areas such as Lake Balaton and Pécs.

The international spotlight focused on this young Magyar when he was chosen to make a 14-foot-tall Puli dog at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in 2013. Constructed on-site, the huge black canine was made entirely of wood boards. After the festival, an attempt was made to transport it to the Hungarian embassy in Washington, but due to the immense weight, transport was impossible. A week later, the loveable symbol of the festival was taken apart and recycled.

Szőke's art is modern in technique but traditional in concept. He says that much of his work is connected to his Hungarian heritage. This young man is an advocate of Totemism (a belief in the spiritual significance of animals) and is a proponent of eco-awareness in everything he creates.

Much of Szőke's work is made of wood, but his most noteworthy animal portrayals are made of stainless steel. Several of his sculptures are the biggest rendering of a particular species in the world (e.g. the FTC Soccer Club Eagle in Budapest).

To learn more about Gábor Miklós Szőke, the Smithsonian Puli or the Atlanta Falcon, log onto the following websites:

www.gabormiklosszoke.com

www.folklife.si.edu

www.atlantafalcons.com

The July wordsearch contains 16 clues. Each clue is either a place or animal related to Szőke's art.

Enjoy your summer. Make a fire and enjoy szalonna sütés on the 4th of July. See you in August!

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

Puzzle Contest #142 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #142 were drawn June 5, 2017, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

Veronica M. Bujdos, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA

Michael Z. Strank, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH

Michelina Yanevich, Br. 16 Perth Amboy, NJ

Charmayne C. Zieziula, Br. 383 Buffalo, NY

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #145 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Gábor Miklós Szőke" Word List

Atlanta	Falcon	Slovakia
Bear	Horse	Switzerland
Dinosaur	Hungary	Unicorn
Doberman	Mongolia	Washington DC
Eagle	Moscow	Whale
	Puli	

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State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

WPA Certificate No.: _____

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 #145
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Aug. 31, 2017**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Sept. 5, 2017, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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June 30, 2017

Dear Member:

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

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

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

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

We obtain information about you from the following sources:

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

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

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

It is our sincere desire to maintain complete, accurate and up-to-date records. You may contact us at the Home Office, to access, as provided by law, information included in your file. We will promptly correct any error in our information. To protect your privacy, you will need to identify yourself by providing us with your name, date of birth and Social Security Number.