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# We're fighting hunger

## WPA launches Easter Basket program

PITTSBURGH -- William Penn Association is pleased to announce that our Easter Basket Program for 2017 is now underway.

Now in its fourth year, our Easter Basket program encourages branch members to gather and create baskets to positively impact your community. Branches can host "basket parties" offering light refreshments, allowing members and potential members to gather in fun and fellowship while supporting a worthy cause.

Use your imagination! For example, you can focus your energy into creating a cheerful Easter Basket for one family in need, or you can create several smaller gift baskets for the residents of a local senior care home.

Remember to take photos of your event to be published in *William Penn Life*. This activity is an event for your branch and also expresses your fraternalism during the Lenten season.

Your branch will be reimbursed up to \$50 for your participation.

Deadline for submitting participation forms, photos and receipts is May 8.

With your help, our Association can remain a dynamic part of your community and continue to grow for the next 131 years. God's blessings to each of you for your generosity and fraternal spirit!

## Holiday Baskets *Update*

PITTSBURGH -- Since last month, we have received reports from several more branches which participated in the Holiday Baskets program over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. These latest reports bring the total number of baskets distributed to those in need for the 2016 holiday season to 105, with the items in those baskets worth a total of nearly \$4,800.

We thank all those branches who shared the fraternal spirit through this annual effort, especially the following branches who reported since last month:

- Branch 14 Cleveland, OH
- Branch 89 Homestead, PA
- Branch 129 Columbus, OH

## Scholarship News

The Ohio Fraternal Alliance is seeking applicants for its 2017 Scholarship Program. Scholarships worth \$500 each will be awarded to three students. To qualify for consideration, you must be an Ohio resident and a current member of a fraternal society belonging to the Ohio Fraternal Alliance who will be graduating from high school in 2017. Students must complete an application form, write a 150-word essay, list their various activities outside of school and submit a letter of recommendation from their local branch officer. **Deadline for all applications is March 15.** For complete eligibility rules and requirements, visit the Ohio Fraternal Alliance website at [www.ohiofa.org/charitable.html](http://www.ohiofa.org/charitable.html) or email Robert Tiell at [robertstiell@aol.com](mailto:robertstiell@aol.com).

## Correction

In the February 2017 issue of *William Penn Life*, the age groups listed in the registration form for the WPA Annual Bowling Tournament were incorrect. The correct age groups appear on the revised registration form, which can be found on page 15 of this issue.





## Focus on Fraternalism *with Barbara A. House*

# Make your plans for 2017

WE HAVE JUST CELEBRATED 131 years of fraternal service. We could not do this without you and your participation. Thank you to the National Officers, Board of Directors, Home Office employees and you, our wonderful members. We are the only American Hungarian fraternal. Help us to continue for many years to come.

I hope you all had a wonderful winter and are ready to start getting active in all the events William Penn Association has to offer. We hope something we are planning piques your interest.

- Our first activity of the year was and still is Join Hands Against Hunger. Your branch will be reimbursed up to \$50 for your participation. Receipts must be submitted by April 1. Food pantries are always in need.

- We have a Guaranteed Issue promotion in progress. This is available to all who would like insurance and become a member of William Penn Association. Please call an agent in your area or the Home Office for more information.

- It is time to mail in your bowling registration. Even if you don't bowl, you are welcome to enjoy the banquet with us. Bowling is at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino. We are planning surprises for you throughout the two days. Hope to see you there.

- I hope all our graduating high school seniors are reading *William Penn Life* and are aware of our scholarships. Completed application forms and required essays must be dated and postmarked by May 31. I know every student could use a little financial help. Don't let this opportunity pass you up.

- Branch 18 is planning our Join Hands Day project. I

hope all your branches are also planning to participate. Your branch will be reimbursed up to \$500. Finding someone to help is not very difficult. Please take part.

- A giant Hungarian Festival is again being planned in New Brunswick, N.J., on June 3.

- Plans are also underway for our annual golf tournament. It will be on July 7 and 8 in Blairsville, Pa., at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort. More information appears elsewhere in this issue.

- We are looking forward to our annual Hungarian Heritage Experience to be held August 6 to 12 at the Sequanota Conference Center and Camp in Boswell, Pa. We did quite a few new things last year and are planning more for this year. Yes, the pool will be open and available for our use.

- St. Stephen's Day will again be celebrated in Toledo, Ohio, on Aug. 19 and 20 during the city's annual Birmingham Ethnic Festival.

- Our wonderful WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio will be held on Aug. 26. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again.

- The WPA tour to Hungary is Sept. 6 to 22. I promise you the time of your life.

Do you have information overload? I hope not. My plan is to give you plenty of time to plan your schedules. We surely have something for everyone. I will give you more information as time goes on.

You all know how much I love William Penn Association. I will do all I can to keep you interested. Please call me any time with your questions or suggestions. I hope to hear from you soon. □

## Enjoy a taste of Hungary today!

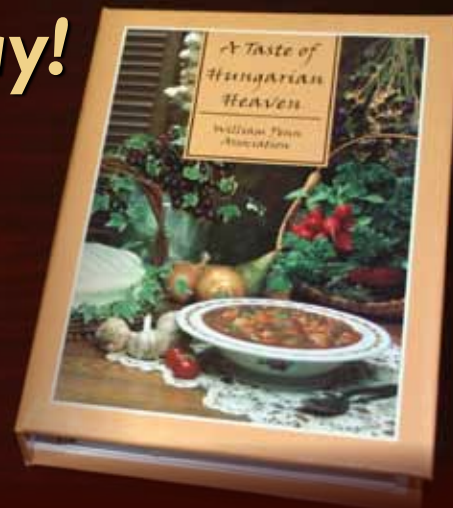
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# Reverse mortgages and your retirement

AS NATIONAL SALES DIRECTOR for William Penn Association, I'm often asked my opinion about reverse mortgages and if they might be a viable option for our members who are considering retirement or are retired and interested in learning more about their options when it comes to home equity and retirement funding.

At a recent meeting of the Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh, I had the good fortune to meet with Sallie Dunn, an experienced and well-respected expert in the area of reverse mortgages. After several meetings with Sallie, I asked if she would be so kind as to share some thoughts with our members, and she was more than happy to oblige.

Here is what Sallie had to share with us.

**W**hen people are asked to list their assets for the purpose of determining net worth, many people do not include their housing wealth – equity – as part of their asset listings. However, for many people, the biggest asset they have is the equity in their homes, and this should be a consideration when preparing a retirement strategy.

Reverse mortgages have evolved into a financial tool that should also be considered in retirement plans. It is no longer the loan of last resort or your grandmother's reverse mortgage. Changes implemented by the Federal Housing Administration beginning in 2012 are making many seniors take a second look at home equity conversion mortgages (HECM), another name for reverse mortgages.

Incorporating housing wealth early in retirement may help to preserve a portfolio by reducing monthly expenses and creating another source of cash flow.



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It needs to be used responsibly as part of an overall retirement income strategy. The proceeds from a reverse mortgage should not be considered a windfall to be spent quickly.

***So what exactly is a reverse mortgage?*** A reverse mortgage is a non-recourse mortgage that converts a portion of one's home equity into tax-free cash. It is available to homeowners age 62 or older. The borrower can choose a line of credit that grows larger over time, receive monthly payments or receive a lump sum. The borrower maintains ownership and can sell the home at any time. In addition, the homeowner continues to pay the real estate taxes and insurance on the property (and any homeowner's dues if applicable).

Some of the other benefits a reverse mortgage could provide are:

Have questions about life insurance or annuities? Call your local WPA sales representative. If you do not have a WPA agent, please call the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, ext. 120, and we can assist you in finding an agent who will serve you and your family by offering:

- A Review of Your Needs • Life Insurance Protection • Tax-Deferred Annuities •
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- **Better cash flow.** For some homeowners, structuring their reverse mortgage to provide a steady income stream of monthly payments helps them to manage their finances more effectively.
- **Elimination or reduction of mortgage/home equity payments.** The number of homeowners retiring with a sizeable mortgage or home equity line of credit is on the increase. A reverse mortgage will eliminate the mortgage payment and reduce the financial impact on the homeowner's monthly budget.
- **Tax-free cash availability.** The proceeds from a reverse mortgage are tax-free. The homeowner will not have to pay additional income tax on any withdrawals taken from his/her loan.
- **A line of credit for future use.** This is one of the most beneficial and overlooked features about reverse mortgages. Unlike traditional home equity lines of credit, the credit line on a reverse mortgage is secured and cannot be reduced if home values go down or interest rates go up. The unused portion of the credit line increases each month that you don't use it.
- **Means to purchase one's dream home.** The HECM for Purchase program\* was launched in 2009,

and many people still don't know that it exists. This unique program allows borrowers to buy a new or newer primary residence for their golden years. The buyer makes a down payment of approximately half the purchase price and does not have to make any monthly mortgage payment. They are still responsible to pay their real estate taxes, homeowner's insurance and homeowner association dues, if any. This program is gaining traction across the country as more and more realtors and retirees are learning about it.

If you want to learn more about reverse mortgages and how one might best be incorporated into your own personal plan, please contact the WPA Sales Department, or contact Sallie Dunn, NMLS # 485918, at Retirement Funding Solutions. Sallie is an experienced and highly respected reverse mortgage loan officer located in Pittsburgh, Pa. For over 10 years, she has helped countless baby boomers live the best years of their lives by helping them make the most of their retirement. You can reach her at 724-503-4500 or by email at [sdunn@rfslends.com](mailto:sdunn@rfslends.com).

*\*The HECM for Purchase program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Housing Authority. □*

# Come grow with us

William Penn Association is looking to grow and expand its reach in current and possibly new markets. To do this, we are seeking to add highly motivated agents to our list of over 800 existing agents. WPA currently writes insurance and annuity products in 20 states. The states include: CA, CT, DC, FL, IL, IN, KY, MD, MA, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and WI. To grow, we need both full-time and part-time agents. Good agents are the lifeblood of any association, and WPA is a strong and growing association that has much to offer our members and the agents who write for us. If you are interested in an opportunity to grow with us, then contact Bob Bisceglia at 1-800-848-7366 ext. 134. Thank you.



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# Truly golden books

(This month's Take is dedicated to nearly one-year-old Laszlo Ganchuk and his proud mom, Judit. It was during a recent conversation with Judit that I recalled another fond memory of my childhood, planting the seed from which this Take sprouted.)

BEFORE I WAS POTTY-TRAINED, the ability to read was already on my list of acquired skills. Books and every sort of reading material could be found in just about every corner of my early childhood home in Euclid, Ohio. My parents and grandparents were always eager to read a picture book to me. As they read, I imagined myself a future fireman, police officer, soldier, train engineer, postal worker, and countless other things. Books were the catalyst that helped me envision both far away places and great adventures that were just around the corner.

As a little boy, I read every book I could about trains, and if the stories were about big steam engines, so much the better. I also liked stories about boats, cars, planes and tractors. (Perhaps this is why I continue to subscribe to many publications about machines.) My early literary friends all had personalities and were lovable characters that I could relate to, and they became my heroes in a wide world of reading.

*Little Golden Books* were my favorites. I was particularly fond of *Scuffy the Tugboat*, *Tootle* and *The Little Red Caboose*. I recall going to garage sales in the summer with my mom who'd tell me to see if there were any books to my liking, and I often times found *Little Golden Books*. During my tender years, my family must have owned literally hundreds of these books in varying conditions: some were like new while others had been abused (or perhaps, improved?) by me or my siblings with crayons, pens or pencils. If a book was thrown away due to some extraordinary circumstance, my parents didn't seem to get upset. Most of all, I loved those books for another reason: they were always illustrated in a vast array of vivid colors.

Thanks to Laszlo Ganchuk and his *anya* Judit, my interest in *Little Golden Books* has been rekindled. I learned

that many of the most beloved *Little Golden Books* were illustrated by an American-Hungarian artist named Tibor Gergely. In the world of picture books, I think it is the work of the illustrator that often makes a book a popular classic spanning generations.

Tibor Gergely was born in Budapest in 1900. His father died when Gergely was young, leaving his mother with the task of working and raising the family. Gergely always doodled and carried a sketchpad wherever he traveled, leading some of his teachers to think he was destined to become an engineer.

As a teenager, Gergely became a member of the "Sunday Circle" comprised of prominent artists, writers and musicians who gathered at various pastry and coffee houses in the Hungarian capital. Gergely was much younger than the core group, but was accepted because he would regularly draw caricatures of the members and their guests. It was through the Circle that he met a renowned artist and patron of the arts, Anna Lesznai. Lesznai came from an affluent family and supported Gergely in his many artistic endeavors. Although Lesznai was 15 years older than Gergely, the two began a relationship which eventually blossomed into a marriage that lasted until her death in 1966.

The Sunday Circle moved to Vienna in 1921 as the newly-formed post-Trianon government made life for the artists quite unpleasant. While in Vienna, Gergely received his only formal artistic training, which lasted just one semester. Nevertheless, his talents were featured in the work of various magazines, theater groups and puppet designers. After 10 years in Vienna, Lesznai and Gergely returned to Hungary where they split their time between Budapest and her spacious country estate. There, Lesznai introduced Gergely to creating realistic artwork of the countryside which oftentimes featured nearby peasants while they worked, prayed and celebrated life. Like many other Hungarians, the couple emigrated to New York City in 1939 as the threat of Nazi persecution became apparent. They never returned to their homeland.

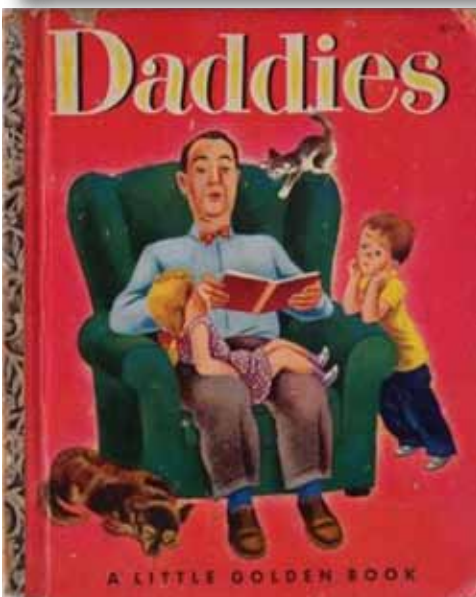
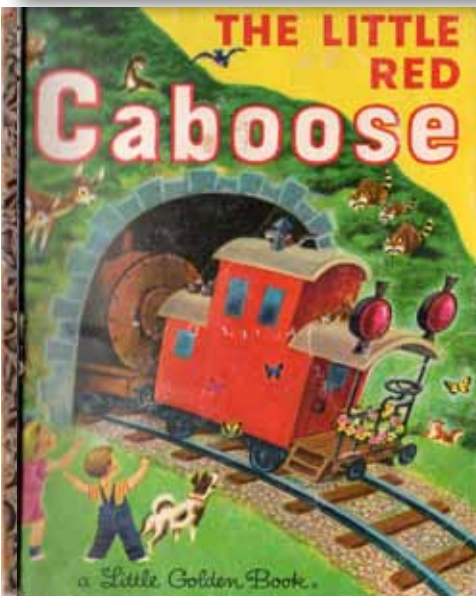
Upon arrival in America, Gergely was hired as an

## Point to Ponder....

So far, I have rediscovered 72 *Little Golden Books*, of which 15 were illustrated by Tibor Gergely. Two other internationally-acclaimed Hungarian authors and illustrators immigrated to the U.S. around the same time as Gergely: Kate Seredy and Willy Pogany. Most of their original artwork, like Gergely's, was destroyed or archived. The destruction of these types of production art pieces was a common practice in the publishing industry. It was not done out of spite or scorn, but was a practice akin to a mother discarding her child's old baseball cards she finds stored in a shoebox in the attic.

Do you have original artwork created by any of the three artists mentioned above? If so, I would love to hear how you acquired them. - Tibor





illustrator for Simon and Schuster Publishers and became the principal illustrator for the newly formed *Little Golden Books* division. Gergely continued to illustrate the books until his death on Jan. 13, 1978.

Gergely was one of the most prolific artists and illustrators of the mid-20th Century. He provided covers or artwork for *The New Yorker* and *Free World* magazines, won a Caldecott Award in 1954 for illustrating the book *Wheel on the Chimney* and did commercial art and drafting for several well-known advertising firms and publishers along the East Coast.

Although Gergely spent half of his life here in America, he never forgot his Magyar origins. In many of the *Little Golden Books* he illustrated, one can find a yellow house with green shutters, maroon roof and ornate wrought iron fences and decorations. Each quaint house served as a subtle tribute to his many happy experiences growing up in Hungary.

Gergely produced thousands of works, but most were destroyed once production runs of the *Little Golden Books* ended. Some of his work can be found in various museums and galleries, but the bulk of the art that made him a legend was thrown away — victim to the expediency and demands of the publishing world. Luckily, his books are still readily available, so current and future generations of children can enjoy and learn to read from them, just as I did.

On my most recent visit home, my quest was to find more *Little Golden Books*, hoping some were illustrated by Gergely. As with other items from my childhood, dozens of books were placed in plastic containers in the basement by my parents. Many of my *Little Golden Books* were put into containers that also contained different items and toys. I recently discovered some books that were packed in with some Barbies and one or two that were stored with some Hot Wheels. Being that *Little Golden Books* are not thick, they were also easily tucked away with my old baseball gloves and cards. I even found some in a box containing Hungarian Christmas ornaments, with several books partitioning the glass ornaments in a manner similar to an egg carton.

As a young adult, I further appreciate how Gergely sketched objects and animals with human-like facial characteristics, including those in such works as *The Merry Shipwreck*, *The Taxi that Hurried* or *The Jolly Barnyard*. He also could draw animals and objects so lifelike that they appeared ready to jump off of the page and into my lap, as in *Dogs*, *About the Seashore* and *The Book of Planes*. All of Gergely's *Little Golden Books* illustrations contain an incredible amount of detail that oftentimes can be overlooked when reading the story for the first time. A sentimental favorite of mine is *Daddies*.

Tibor Gergely is yet another example of how America benefited from the immigration of many artists, musicians, performers, industrialists and inventors, including those like Gergely who were born and educated in Hungary.

Éljen a Amerikai-Magyar,  
**Cseh Tibor, Jr.**

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## Let's hear your take

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# Forefathers of freedom

## *The Thirteen Martyrs of Arad*

by Judit Ganchuk

Every March, this magazine publishes information about the historical events of March 15, 1848, because the old adage is true: Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it. We teach our children about the past so they learn from others' mistakes. This year, we will look at the history of the 13 Martyrs of Arad.

March 15, 1848 marked the beginning of the Hungarians rebelling against the ruling Hapsburg family and the Austrian monarchy. Lajos Kossuth and Sándor Petőfi gained fame at this time. For over a year, there were military battles won and lost.

By August 1849, Kossuth accepted his shortcomings as a military leader and placed his hopes, and the hopes of all Hungarians, on General Artúr Görgei (sometimes spelled Görgey). Kossuth gave Görgei power over the armies. Görgei claimed he could not break through the enemy's lines. Some say he double crossed Kossuth because he was never imprisoned by the monarchy after he signed the Hungarian armies back to the Austrians.

With the Austrians back in power over all of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, an example was made of the rebel leaders. So, on Oct. 6, 1849, the empire executed 13 Hungarian generals in Arad, a city now located inside Romania. They are now known collectively as the 13 Martyrs of Arad. These Hungarian generals were: Lajos Aulich, János Damjanich, Arisztid Dessewffy, Ernő Kiss, Károly Knezić, György Lahner, Vilmos Lázár, Károly Leiningen-Westerburg, József Nagysándor, Ernő Poeltenberg, József Schweidel, Ignác Török and Károly Vécsey.

These generals did not start the revolution, but like Kossuth, they were tired of Austria stomping on their rights. How do we remember these brave men who tried to fight the monarchy? Some cities have commemorated these generals and their sacrifices by creating monuments. In Arad, a monument (shown below) featuring an obelisk and wreaths was erected. The obelisk bares the inscription: "Risen on the day of 6 October, 1881, where the 13 gener-



als were executed." In 1974, during the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of their execution, the generals' remains were moved and buried under this monument.

Other cities, like the capital of Hungary, Budapest, named a street "October 6th Street" to remind citizens of the date of the execution. Other streets were named in honor of the generals.

Hungarian composer Franz Liszt wrote a piano work entitled, "Funérailles." This is the seventh piece in Liszt's "Harmonies poétiques et religieuses" (Poetic and Religious Harmonies), a collection of piano pieces written as an elegy about October 1849.

There is a generally held notion that while these generals were being executed, Austrian soldiers drinking beer nearby were clinking their beer mugs together in victory against the Hungarian rebels. Hungarians promised to remember these generals by never clinking beer bottles or beer mugs. It is still often considered to be bad manners in Hungary.

The 13 Martyrs of Arad are one part of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. This Revolution reminds us, as Americans, how special and unique our American freedoms are and why we need to fight for them. □







DEARBORN, MI – Members of WPA's Official Family gathered Feb. 4 to attend the 59th Annual Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball) hosted by the Hungarian Arts Club. Representing WPA at this black-tie gala were: (front l-r) Marguerite McNelis, Vice Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak, Alexis Kozak, National Director Debra A. Lewis, Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt, Jessica Chobody, National Director Joyce E. Nicholson; (back, l-r) Chair of the Board Andrew W. McNelis, National Director James W. Robertson, National Director David M. Kozak, Rick Lewis, Fraternal Director Barbara A. House, National Director Richard E. Sarosi, Mark Schmidt, National Director Michael J. Chobody and Harry Nicholson.

## Association well-represented at annual White Rose Ball

DEARBORN, MI -- William Penn Association once again demonstrated its commitment to preserving the Hungarian culture in America when nearly its entire Board of Directors and their spouses attended the 59th Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball) Feb. 4 in Dearborn, Mich. In addition, many members from nearby Branch 18 Lincoln Park, Mich., attended the black-tie gala.

The event, hosted by the Hungarian Arts Club, was held at the historic Dearborn Inn.

WPA member Ursula Markovits hosted the Benefactor Reception prior to the ball, while her husband and fellow WPA member Tamás Markovits served as the ball's master of ceremonies.

The debutantes -- all of whom are of Hungarian descent -- and their escorts looked elegant as they were introduced. The young ladies took to the dance floor to first waltz with their fathers and then dance with their escorts. The traditional *Palotás* (or Palace Dance), which originated in the 15th century, was graciously

performed in a dignified manner by the debutantes and their escorts. Afterward, all were invited to dance to music provided by the group, Harmonia.

All those in attendance were pleased to learn that this Hungarian tradition will continue in 2018 with the 60th Fehér Rózsa Bál.

The WPA Board wishes to thank the officers and members of The Hungarian Arts Club and Branch 18 for the warm hospitality that was extended to the board members and their spouses and families over the weekend.

Special thanks go to Branch 18 for the hospitality that was extended to all at the Friday night dinner at the Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate, Mich. Steve Szatmari and his staff prepared a delicious Hungarian dinner for the WPA contingent, which made for a perfect night.

In lieu of an arts scholarship, proceeds from this year's White Rose Ball will be donated to Holy Cross Hungarian Roman Catholic Parish of Detroit.

## McKeesport club to commemorate War of Independence

McKEESPORT, PA -- The McKeesport Hungarian Social Club will be hosting a special program to commemorate the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence on Sunday, March 19. The event will be held at the club, 3004 Walnut St., McKeesport, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be served following the program. There is no admission, but donations will be accepted.

The club will also be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

For more information, contact Kathy at 412-664-4042.

## Hungarian cooking classes scheduled

ALLEN PARK, MI -- Elizabeth Krajcz is once again teaching Hungarian cooking at the American Hungarian Reformed Church (AHRC) in Allen Park and at the Hungarian American Cultural Center (HACC) in Taylor on several Saturdays in March. Each class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The featured menu of the day will be served for lunch:

- March 11 (AHRC) - Chicken Paprikás with dumplings; Hungarian cucumbers; *Kalács* with raisins.

- March 18 (HACC) - Dried bean soup with vegetables; stuffed pork loin with spinach and bacon; *Rácsos* (sheet cake with nuts and apricot).

- March 25 (HACC) - Vegetable soup with cream of wheat dumplings; layered potatoes with *kolbász*; *Zserbó* (multi-layered sheet cake).

The cost is \$35 per class by prepayment only. No walk-ins will be accepted. Please indicate on your check the dates of each class you wish to take. You may register for one, two or all three. All reservations MUST be received by noon on the Wednesday of the week of the class.

For more information, including where to send your check, please email Judy at [Hungariancookingclasses@gmail.com](mailto:Hungariancookingclasses@gmail.com) or call her at 248-763-1617.

# William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

## Eligibility Rules for Year 2017 Scholarship Grants

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

a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing for four (4) years as of January 1, 2017.

b) For both new and renewal applicants, the students must be the child or grandchild of a life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing. For the 2017 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2017.

c) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they have been accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university or school of nursing.

d) Grants are awarded for a two- or four-year period.

e) **New applicants** must submit the following:

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

2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"With all of the societal problems we face today, where do you see goodness in the world?"** If the essay exceeds 100 words, the student's application will not be accepted.

**The Scholarship Application and Essay must be mailed and postmarked by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.** We recommend the student submit these materials via Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.

3. A transcript of the student's latest high school scholastic record.

4. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Friday, September 15, 2017.**

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

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

2. An Essay of 100 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you were applying for an internship at William Penn Association, how would you convince us that you are the right person?"** If the essay exceeds 100 words, the student's application will not be accepted.

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

4. Proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term.

Items 3 and 4 must be mailed and postmarked by **Friday, September 15, 2017.**

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

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

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

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

k) All applications and essays must be mailed and postmarked by **Wednesday, May 31, 2017.** Any applications and essays postmarked after that date will not be considered.

**Students with questions about these eligibility rules may call Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, Ext. 128, or e-mail us at [scholarship@wpallife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpallife.org).**



# William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821

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## Application for Scholarship Grant Academic Year 2017-2018



**1. Check One:** ☐ **New Applicant** ☐ **Renewal Applicant**

### STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

**2. NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **3. DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

**4. ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**5. STUDENT APPLICANT'S PHONE:** ( ) **6. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School	Location	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### 9. ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WHERE ACCEPTED:

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Will Be Attending in School:** ☐ Freshman ☐ Junior ☐ Sophomore ☐ Senior  
**Street Address or P. O. Box:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Completed application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017**

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

Name

Address

Occupation

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

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

**14. SUGGEST AN EVENT OR PROJECT THAT WPA COULD PROMOTE WHICH WOULD INTEREST YOUNG ADULTS:**

**15. WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION VERIFICATION:**

**INFORMATION ON BOTH STUDENT AND PARENT (OR GRANDPARENT) IS REQUIRED.**

Student Applicant

CHECK ONE: ☐ Parent or ☐ Grandparent of Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Insurance Certificate Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL APPLICANTS** must submit an essay not exceeding 100 words, along with this completed application form, to be considered for a grant. The application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017. **NEW APPLICANTS** must also submit: (1) a transcript of the student's high school scholastic record; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term. **RENEWAL APPLICANTS** must also submit: (1) a copy of the student's latest scholastic record showing that the student has maintained a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2017 school term. Failure to submit these items by the date specified in the Eligibility Rules will result in the forfeiture of your grant.

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

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Completed application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 31, 2017**





## A good night's sleep

IT HAPPENED THREE TIMES in five days, so I have to write about it. That is how these things work: sometimes inspiration is light and whimsical, other times it hits you like a sock full of quarters.

Apparently there are a bunch of folks on my radar screen that don't engage in full, restful sleep. Their minds are like race cars zooming around the track with no end in sight. Sleep won't come to an active, swirling mind.

A lot of this mind fluttering comes from ignoring stress during the daytime when it occurs. Sweeping the day's dirt under the rug can keep you awake and wired.

Staring at a computer, phone or television screen before bed is like staring at a bright light. It prevents the brain from being able to shut down properly. I know, I know: you can fall asleep in front of the television on the couch or in the easy chair. But wake up and take yourself to bed, and--wow!--there you'll be the next day, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

Sleep isn't something you can recollect like a memory or answer like a question. Letting go of being awake happens in the bazillion neurons that operate your consciousness. In other words, you can't force sleep; you have to invite it.

First off, breathe. Slow, deep breaths in through the nose and out of the mouth help to slow your racing mind. Think of it as down shifting.

Next, relax your tightly gripped, white knuckled muscles. Start at the head and move systematically towards your toes. Stress can be found in the neck, shoulders,



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belly, hips, legs, hands and feet. Release the tight muscles while breathing slowly in and out.

Once your body feels soft, begin to purge the nagging thoughts. Oftentimes, the same thought gets rehashed over and over. Let it go.

Give yourself every comfort to pursue rest. Prepare for slumber an hour before you want to go to sleep. With the rise and fall of your breath, permit yourself to fall into a deep, quality sleep. If the mind starts up again, restart the process. Your brain craves down time, it will comply with practice.

Sleep deprivation has serious health consequences affecting your mood, appetite and your ability to function clearly. Most of us need eight to nine hours of quality sleep to be healthy and alert. Master this process, and sleep will only be a breath away.

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

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709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



# Join us for bowling & MORE!

We are excited for this year's bowling tournament, and we want to make sure that you are, too! Make a day out of it and travel to Washington, Pa., for our bowling tournament and luncheon at hotel. Then after the WPA buffet luncheon, drive around to the following places to make more memories. Don't forget your camera!

- Washington County has an Annual Covered Bridge Festival held the third weekend in September each year. But these bridges are just as beautiful in April. Take a look at one of the 29 covered bridges in Washington and Greene Counties – some of which you can even drive through, like the Bailey Covered Bridge over Ten Mile Creek in Amwell Township. Visit [www.pacoveredbridges.com](http://www.pacoveredbridges.com) for more info.

- Don't forget about visiting the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, where you can "climb aboard for a ride into the past," sitting on an old-fashioned trolley for a scenic ride. The museum's last tour is at 3:00 p.m., so you may want to make this your first stop after our bowling luncheon. Visit [www.pa-trolley.org](http://www.pa-trolley.org) to learn more.

- For those with a sweet tooth, visit Sarris Candies chocolate factory and ice cream parlor. They have a 1,500-pound chocolate castle, penny candy and gifts for all occasions. Mother's Day is the next big holiday after our bowling tournament, and doesn't your mother like pecan turtles? For hours of operation and the whole, sweet story, log onto [www.sarriscandies.com](http://www.sarriscandies.com).

- If you have only a couple of hours before you need to head home, bring the family to the Tanger Outlets after our luncheon. The outlets are just a two-minute drive across Racetrack Road. There, you'll find family-friendly stores like Old Navy, Skechers shoes, Children's Place and more. Visit [www.tangeroutlet.com/pittsburgh/stores](http://www.tangeroutlet.com/pittsburgh/stores) for a complete list of all stores and more info.

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up for our tournament today and get ready for a fun weekend for the entire family!

**April 28-29 • Meadows Racetrack & Casino • Washington, PA**

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

You can help our young members achieve the dream of attaining a higher education by sponsoring a frame at this year's WPA Annual Bowling Tournament. For a tax-deductible donation of only \$25, your name--or the name of the branch, organization or company you represent--will appear on digital screens at the bowling lanes during the tournament. More importantly, your donation will fund scholarship grants which will help qualifying WPA members meet the costs of pursuing a college degree.

Please use the form below to join our growing list of frame sponsors. Make your check payable to "WPFA Scholarship Foundation" and send it to the WPA Home Office by **March 31, 2017**.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### WPA Annual Bowling Tournament • Frame Sponsorship

Name to be displayed:

Your Name:

Street:

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Email:

Mail this form, along with your donation of \$25 made payable to "WPFA Scholarship Foundation," to:  
**William Penn Association, Frame Sponsor, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**





# 2017 WPA Annual Bowling Tournament

April 28-29, 2017, Washington, PA



## BOWLING REGISTRATION & BANQUET RESERVATIONS

### CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### BOWLING & BANQUET

NAME	Up to Age 15 \$15.00	MEMBER AGE 16 & UP \$50.00	NON-MBR AGE 16 & UP \$60.00	TOTAL
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
TOTAL - BOWLING & BANQUET = \$				

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations will be at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands**. All bowlers and guests are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. To reserve your room(s), call the hotel at 724-222-6200, or go online at [www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com](http://www.pittsburghmeadowlands.doubletree.com). Use the group code "WPA" to receive our special rate of \$139 per night.

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2017.**

### BANQUET ONLY

NAME	Up to Age 15 \$10.00	MEMBER AGE 16 & UP \$30.00	NON-MBR AGE 16 & UP \$40.00	TOTAL
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
TOTAL - BANQUET ONLY = \$				

### SPECIAL NOTE ON WPA ANNUITY OWNERS

WPA annuitants will pay the WPA life benefit member rates for bowling & the banquet if they have a minimum of \$500 in their annuity by April 1, 2017.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION • TOTAL OF ALL FEES = \$

**PAYING BY CHECK:** Make check for bowling & banquet payable to: "William Penn Association." Mail this form & check to Barbara A. House, Fraternal Director, William Penn Association, 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

**PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:** Mail this form to the address listed above and call 1-800-848-7366, ext. 112, to complete payment process.

**All bowling & banquet reservations must be received at the Home Office by March 31, 2017**



# JUST 4 KIDZ

Spring is almost here --HURRAY!! -- and with it comes all sorts of fun things to do: celebrating St. Patrick's Day, flying a kite or preparing for Easter, to name a few. But, one thing that we all have to do in the spring that may not seem like a lot of fun is spring cleaning. Here are some ways to turn a boring chore into a fun activity. Our thanks to Brightpeak Financial, a division of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, for these great ideas.

• **10-Minute Tidy** - You'll need a simple kitchen timer and a large cardboard box to play this cleaning game. Pick a room to clean. Put the box in the middle of that room. Set the timer for 10 minutes. Then, ask a grown up to say "10-Minute Tidy!" and start the timer. Your goal is to fill the box with items that belong in another room before the 10 minutes is up. Can you do it? This is a great way to get rid of those piles of shoes, mail, books and other things that seem to pile up where they really don't belong.

• **Donate, Give & Keep** - We all have things we don't need or want anymore but that can be used by someone else. For this cleaning game, get 3 cardboard boxes and put them in your room. Label one box "**Donate**" another "**Give**" and the third "**Keep**." Separate everything in your room into each box as follows:

- The **Donate** box is for items you want to give to charity.
- The **Give** box is for items you can give to someone.
- The **Keep** box is for items you want to keep but need to be organized or stored away.

Once you're done, you'll love seeing how much more room you will have after you get rid of things you don't fit in or play with anymore. And you'll feel good when you think of kids who might be happy to receive your items.

These are just a couple of ways to make spring cleaning a bit more fun. And, we bet your parents will really be happy for all your help!



We're building a new **JUST4 KIDZ** section, and we need your help.

We'd like to know what kinds of things YOU would like to read about in these pages each month. What kind of activities would you like to learn about? What kind of crafts do you like to make? What type of food you'd like to learn how to make for yourself? Share your ideas with us and you could win one of three gift cards. The kid with the best idea will receive a \$25 gift card. We'll also be awarding a \$15 gift card and a \$5 gift card to the next two best ideas. All you need to do is write down your best idea for fun activities, crafts or recipes and send it to:

**Just 4 Kidz**  
**c/o William Penn Association**  
**709 Brighton Road**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821**

OR, tweet your idea by tagging #WPALife with the help of a grown-up.  
 OR, send your idea in an email to [jlovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jlovasz@wpalife.org)



## Can you spot the differences?

For a lot of people, the start of spring means it's time to get out their fishing poles and head out to their favorite lake, river or stream. Can you find the 10 differences between these two nearly identical pictures? Some of the differences are pretty small, so look closely. The answers appear below, but try not to look before you find all 10. Have fun!



Answer:





### Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

We send you warm greetings and a blessing for St. Patrick's Day.

*May the Leprechauns be near you  
to spread luck along your way.  
And, may all the Irish angels  
smile upon you on St. Patrick's Day.*

It was a pleasure to attend the 59th Fehér Rózsa Bál (White Rose Ball) sponsored by the Hungarian Arts Club Feb. 4 in Dearborn, Mich. Our thanks to all involved in organizing the weekend's activities. You can read a bit more about this event in the "Magyar Matters" section on page 9.

Thank you to Branch 249 Dayton, Ohio, for the nice surprise I received. I won a basket of cheer in their Christmas raffle. Thank you, Anne Marie and Mark Schmidt, for delivering it to me in Dearborn. I hope the raffle was a success.

I was pleased to receive an email from Rev. Lisa Kerestesi containing an article written by Marsha Keefer of *The Times* newspaper in Beaver Falls, Pa., featuring the Beaver Falls Third Avenue Calvin Reformed Church. Congratulations to church officials, the Csoman family and the congregation for all of their hard work to keep the congregation going and the church active. May God continue to provide his rich blessings upon those who have done so much to keep the Holy Spirit alive and who serve the Hungarians and the community of Beaver Falls.

Make note of these upcoming Branch 14 and WPA activities:

- Branch 14 meetings for 2017 will be held on the following Wednesdays: March 1, April 5, May 3, Sept. 6, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend the meetings.
- Hungarian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains with fireworks after the game, Saturday, July 1. More details coming soon.
- WPA Picnic, Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Hungarian Cultural Center of

Northeastern Ohio in Hiram, Ohio.

Check *William Penn Life* each month for the latest information and reservation forms for all WPA activities.

Please support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation in 2017. Your donations help provide monetary assistance to our eligible student scholar WPA members. If you or your child received a WPA scholarship, please pay it forward so that other WPA students might enjoy the benefits of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

Also, as your children grow into young adults, please convert their juvenile insurance certificate into an adult life certificates when your student reaches the age of 25. This will ensure that they continue to receive valuable WPA insurance coverage into their adult years and continue to enjoy the fraternal benefits of membership in WPA. We want to see moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents as members of the WPA family.

The officers of Branch 14 extend our sympathy to those Branch 14 and WPA members who have recently lost a loved one. We extend our condolences to the family of Antoinette "Toni" Gras who lost her battle with cancer. Toni was active with Cleveland's Csárdás Dance Company where she served as board president and general manager. Toni was an inspiration and a visionary. May God bless her family at this difficult time, and may Toni rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all Branch 14 and WPA members and friends who might be feeling under the weather, including Michelle Day, Violet Szabo, JoAnne Sedensky, Irene Korpak, Arlene Csoman and John Morey. Please continue to send super-charged get well wishes, prayers and God's healing power to National Director Albert Frate, who continues rehabilitating at home. Please keep them and all of our members in your prayers.

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

Remember, Branch 14 members having news to share about them-



Carol and Doug Truesdell of Branch 18 present a donation from the branch to Rev. Paula Miller at the food pantry of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lincoln Park, Mich. as part of the branch's participation in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.

selves or family members can reach me at [RichSaro@att.net](mailto:RichSaro@att.net) or at 440-248-9012.

### Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Spring 2017. We made it through another winter. I really must admit that we really haven't had much winter thus far. I am writing this on Feb. 1 in order to make the 10th of the month deadline, so we have a bit of winter ahead of us. But even if it comes, I think we can handle it.

I am eagerly anticipating all our guests arriving for our annual White Rose Ball on Feb. 4. This event introduces young ladies of Hungarian descent to today's society. WPA has supported this event for over 50 years. My brother Joe and his wife Wanda are to arrive today from Mississippi. This is her first time at the ball. I can't wait to see her reaction. Members of the WPA Board of Directors also are attending. If you are not attending this year, I truly hope you will next year. You will not be disappointed. Thank you to Linda Enyedy for all her hard work in making the debutantes and their escorts look so magnificent. Thank



Members of Branch 18 attended the annual White Rose Ball Feb. 4 in Dearborn, Mich.

you also to Ursula and Tamas Markovits. Yes, that also takes a village.

Speaking of Linda, I mistakenly omitted her from the February birthday greetings. I am so sorry. Linda is also Branch 18's vice president. Our branch is very alive, and she is still learning, but she is getting there. Happy birthday my friend, Hungarian Heritage Experience participant and European travel partner. We wish you many more.

Happy birthday also to our March members, especially National Directors Joyce Nicholson and David Kozak, Jennifer Sullivan, Joan Rectenwald, Cassie Holmes, Laurin Wolf, Board Chair Andy McNelis and Branch 18 Auditor and Hungarian Heritage Experience chef Ursula Markovits. Last, but not least, happy birthday to my husband and Abigail's dad, Tom House. We love you and wish everyone many more. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone this month.

The January issue of *William Penn Life* was spectacular. I thank you all for your submissions. I know how time consuming they can be. If we want to continue another 131 years, we need you to tell everyone about all the wonderful things your branch is involved in. We don't hear from some of you every month, but every little bit helps. Your Christmas party pictures were wonderful to see.

I sure wish I lived closer to Branch 89. That gulyás sounds marvelous.

Congrats to all the newly-elected branch officers. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

We resume our monthly branch meetings on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. We continue to meet at the Hungarian Cultural Center on Goddard in Taylor. Hope to see you there.

Get well wishes to my mom Irene, Doug Truesdell, George Schvarckopf, Joe Csereklye, Eleanor Kender, Albert Frate, Arlene Csoman and Ursula Markovits. I recently heard from Elsie Kantor;

she had a freak accident. Sure hope you are all better soon.

Thank you to all who sent condolences to us on the death of Tom's brother Charles. We received many cards, flowers and donations to the scholarship foundation. You just don't know what it meant to us. Thank you.

Remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers, especially Julius Robert Macker, Elizabeth Varga and Walter L. Goldsmith. May they rest in peace.

Special hello to Barbara and Alfred Yates. What a nice thing to do. Thank you.

Think spring! It will be here soon. My thought for the month: "Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you find you are doing the impossible."

I can always be reached at 313-418-5572, or 734-782-4667, or 1-800-848-7366, ext. 107.

## Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

by Evelyn B. Bodnar

We held our annual Christmas party at Confectionately Yours on Dec. 17, 2016. Everyone had a great time. The children enjoyed their gifts and each other.

At our branch meeting the next

day, we elected our officers: Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Bodnar, president; Joseph A. Bodnar, vice president; Evelyn B. Bodnar, secretary-treasurer; and Jennifer Lyn Bodnar and Kathy Shimmel, auditors.

The last Saturday in December, we donated food to those in need and gifts to children in need. We have been giving coats to local residents for six weeks, a total of 500 coats in all. Our thanks to Burlington Coat Factory for supplying the coats.

The Bayard Street Presbyterian Church serves food to those in need on the last Saturday of each month at noon. The church has been providing this service for the past five years. About 175 people are served each month. Rev. Bodnar picks up the food every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at the county warehouse. We also receive food donations from local residents.

Happy New Year!

## Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

What is with this weather? I wish it would decide what it wants to do. Well, at least we can look forward to the spring flowers popping their heads out of the ground. Hope this finds everybody doing well.

Starting this month, we are going to put the names of all those attending our meetings into a drawing. Each month you attend, your name gets put in. The first drawing will be at the June meeting. Come and get active with our branch. The more active members we have, the stronger our branch will be.

We are participating in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. I know that this is short notice, but anybody who would like to donate any canned goods can drop them off at our meeting on March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at American Table.

Another month has gone by and it is again time to send out birthday wishes. We wish the following members and friends of our branch happy birthday: Rex Aranyosi, Nicole Atchison, Patricia Belegirn, Andrew Benko, Joseph Berta Jr., Joseph Butler, Thomas Clark, Isaac



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61 - 70	\$3,000.00
71 - 80	\$2,000.00
81 - 90*	\$2,000.00*

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*There is a limit of one new insurance policy per person under this special plan. Any individual who applied for life insurance and has been declined or refused a table rating by the WPA or any other insurance carrier since January 1, 2015, or who was previously insured by a Guaranteed Issue Certificate issued by William Penn Association which lapsed, is not eligible for this Guaranteed Issue Program.*

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Telephone:

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Remember, if anybody has any news they would like for me to include in our branch news--a new baby, an engagement, a wedding or retirement--please send me an email at [pooh9382@bex.net](mailto:pooh9382@bex.net).

Hope everyone had a pleasant St. Valentine's Day, and don't drink too many green beers with your corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day.

### Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

Spring is just around the corner. We hope this mild Ohio winter will continue until spring arrives.

Congratulations to the Hungarian Arts Club in Michigan for continuing the tradition of hosting the White Rose Ball for 59 years. This Hungarian ritual of presenting the debutantes is such an elegant event. Those attending can feel the emotion filling the room as the young ladies are presented. We extend much appreciation to Branch 18 for welcoming all those attending this event with open arms and in a warm, fraternal spirit.

The Youngstown American Hungarian Federation will be hosting a program to commemorate the 1848 Hungarian War of Independence on Sunday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m. at the Aut Mori Hall on Belle Vista Avenue. This year's guest speaker will be the Rev. Joseph Rudjak, pastor of Holy Apostle Parish, St. Stephen of Hungary worship site. The program will also include traditional poems and songs related to this important historical event.

Speaking of Holy Apostle Parish, it has been given the nickname "Stuffed Cabbage Headquarters."



## Next Deadline

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

The parish's two worship sites alternated making stuffed cabbage each month. This is one of several fundraising activities the parish conducts.

Remember to fill out and send in your reservation form for the upcoming WPA bowling tournament. It promises to be a lot of fun for people of all ages.

On a personal note, I want to thank all those who sent me well wishes upon my recent early retirement from the Cafaro Company. A big, heartfelt hug to my family for the suprise gathering.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month.

Get well wishes go to everyone who is not feeling up to par, especially Dolores Gran, Robert Palotsee, John Morey and Margie Sams.

We extend our condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one.

For answers to your questions about life insurance or annuities, please call either Kathy at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

### Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Well, the groundhog saw his shadow, but so far we have been very lucky!

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

Thank you to our friends in Michigan for the warm welcome at the White Rose Ball. It was nice to be able to spend some time with all of our friends again. It is a beautiful

event. The hard work that goes into an event like this is greatly appreciated by all who attend. The debutantes were very pretty and their escorts very handsome. The Rhapsody dinner was delicious, as usual. Thank you, Father Barnabas, for the welcome at Holy Cross Church and the good (short) homily. As always, it was a very enjoyable weekend.

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

Get well wishes go out to our dear friend Mitzi Berei. Get well soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues.

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

Greetings from the WPA branches of the Ohio Valley area!

Don't forget the annual WPA bowling tournament will be held April 28 and 29 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino, right across the road from the Tanger Outlet Mall in Washington, Pa. So, there's a lot to do! Make your plans to get your

team together and sign up now. The registration form can be found on page 15 of this issue. Even if you don't or can't bowl (like me), go for the delicious buffet and the wonderful company. It's great fun!

The annual outing for our branch members to a Wheeling Nailers hockey game will be on Sunday, April 2. It will be a "Pucks 'N Pups" and "Family Funday" featuring a post-game skate with the team for kids. You can even bring your dog to the game and join the parade on ice during intermission! Our tickets are limited, so if you plan to go, call me soon to reserve your seats at 740-264-6238. This game pits the Wheeling Nailers against the Reading Royals. The Wheeling Nailers play at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling, W.Va., and the game begins at 5:00 p.m.

What a ball my husband Harry and I had at the Fehér Róza Bál (White Rose Ball), hosted by the Hungarian Arts Club in Dearborn, Mich., on Feb. 4. The entire event was inspirational. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the stunning debutantes with their escorts. Much thanks and appreciation to Tamas and Ursula Markovits and all the members of the Hungarian Arts Club for their dedication in keeping this beautifully elegant Hungarian tradition alive. Thanks also to Branch 18 for their hospitality and the delicious dinner at The Rhapsody Hungarian Restaurant in Dearborn.

We want to remind college students that the deadline is quickly approaching to submit your WPA scholarship application and essay. Both must be postmarked by May 31. The application and eligibility rules can be found on pages 10 to 12 of this issue.

Our next branch meeting is set for Sunday, March 26, at 63 Meadow Lane in Wintersville, Ohio, at 6:00 p.m. We'll be discussing upcoming branch events for 2017.

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to branch members celebrating this month.

Our prayers go out to those who may have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord be with the family of Martins Ferry branch member Margaret Hoyos who passed away on



Branch 89 President John Toth (left) and Branch Vice President Mark Maskariniec cook the gulyás sold by the branch as a recent fundraiser.

Jan. 19.

If you have any news you wish to share with us, please contact me. For information about branch activities, call me at 740-264-6238.

## Branch 44 Akron, OH

by Elizabeth K. Darago

Ah, the balmy days of spring....

Branch 44 invites all members to share a business meeting and ethnic sampler lunch on the first day of spring, Monday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Al's Corner Restaurant, connected to Al's Quality Market, 155 Second St., Barberton. Reservations required by March 13. Leave your name and phone number at 330-753-5270 or 330-670-5367. Cost is \$9. You get sausage, pierogi, chicken paprikash, cabbage roll, cabbage and dumplings and a drink.

We send warm wishes to all those celebrating a birthday, anniversary, new baby or other happy event.

If you have been ill during the winter, we wish you good health.

To members who have lost a loved one, our deepest condolences. Each and every member will be in our prayers.

I sent a list of our three Branch 44 scholarship recipients to the "Good News" section of the *Akron Beacon Journal*. As of yet, I have not seen it published, but it will be.

Members should contact a branch officer if they have news or an activity they'd like Branch 44 to pursue. We are your branch.

If you know a family to which we can donate a spring/Easter basket, contact me at 330-753-5270, or Jean and George Naswadi at 330-670-5367.

Did you know that Branch Auditor George Naswadi has worked for years with the 4-H program teaching gun safety and long gun competition? Way to go, George!

Vice President Bob Chula recently traveled to Las Vegas for a three-day medical conference and to visit friends.

Auditor Cheryl Stadler has been working out of town on a new job since graduating. She misses her family, but it's a path to the future and won't last forever.

Auditor Alex Darago and his wife, Sharon, visited their son Joe and his family in Phoenix.

It's been a busy winter for the branch officers!

Need insurance? Contact Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

## Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Lisa S. Toth-Maskariniec  
Belated Happy Valentine's Day, one and all. We're also sorry that pesky groundhog had to go and see



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Send this form along with your full payment made payable to "William Penn Association" to:

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his shadow, but don't fret, it only means 42 more days of winter. With the activities going on in all the WPA branches, I'm sure those days will fly by.

Well, the gulyás making was a great success. We cooked on Friday, packaged on Saturday and have been selling ever since! Several members were involved in the preparation, cooking, selling and buying of the gulyás. We'll have a final report next month, but for the time being let's just say it was a great weekend of fellowship and fraternalism. We saw some old friends, made some new friends and had a great time. Oh, and the early returns indicate the gulyás tastes great! Thank you, John Toth!

We made about 250 quarts of gulyás and so far have raised more than \$1,000 for our church. We hope to do this project twice a year. The demand really surprised us.

We were most appreciative of those who donated supplies and provisions necessary for making the gulyás. Special thanks to Mark S. Maskarinec, John and Vera Recktoth, Dianne Schneider, John Toth, Ruth Toth, Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec and Michelle Zamberry for their donations to this project.

Our next fundraising project will be selling baked goods for Easter.

Another new fundraiser our branch will be having will be a "Dining for Dough Luncheon" at Uno's Chicago Restaurant at the Waterfront in Homestead. The date and time have not been set but it will be on a Sunday in April. The branch will receive a percentage on the amount of money spent on food, and Blue Moon will be donating pilsner glasses which everyone in attendance will be able to decorate and take home. This promises to be a fun event in which everyone--male and female, young and old--can participate. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon: go to church, then come to Uno's.

That brings us to our golf outing. Our outing will again be held Aug. 13 at Butler's Golf Course. There will be prizes for the winning foursome and the skill shot winners. We're looking for more golfers, more diners, more donors and especially

more sponsors. As always, we're on the hunt for new and exciting auction items. If you have any ideas or things you'd like to see, please give me a call. We hope to see you all there. The outing is "only" five months away.

Belated birthday greetings go out to Drs. Marty and Michael Maskarinec, brothers of Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec. Marty was the first to request gulyás. Anyone know how to ship to Moline, Illinois?

Very special birthday wishes go to our beloved "Aunt Pat," Patricia Walochik, on her 90th birthday on March 17. For those of you who attended our golf outing last year, Pat was honored for being one of the senior members of our branch. Pat's family came from Atlanta and Spain to be on hand for her award and to participate in our golf outing. May you have many wonderful birthdays to come.

Special get well wishes continue to be sent to branch member Vera Recktoth. It is great to see Vera up and around and doing so wonderfully after her heart attack. Please, Vera, do us all a favor and listen to your doctors and take it easy. We need you around for a long time.

Also, get well wishes to branch member George Kostival after his recent hospitalization. Keep on smiling, Cobbie.

Stay warm and happy and try and support not only our branch events but the WPA bowling and golf tournaments. They're for a worthy cause and always fun.

### Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debbie Lewis

Greetings from Columbus, Ohio.

We have been having another mild winter so far. We have had to shovel snow only once or twice, and we have been experiencing milder temperatures. Hopefully, the weather will stay the same until spring starts later this month.

Special days this month include Ash Wednesday on March 1, the beginning of Daylight Saving Time on March 12 (don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour), the

anniversary of the 1848 War of Independence on March 15, St. Patrick's Day on March 17 and the beginning of spring on March 20.

I was able to attend my first White Rose Ball on Feb. 4 in Dearborn, Mich., at the beautiful Dearborn Inn. I would like to thank the members of the Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit for all of their hard work in hosting and preserving this wonderful Hungarian tradition. I am already looking forward to being able to attend next year.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at the Hungarian Reformed Church located at 365 Woodrow Avenue in Columbus beginning at 4:30 p.m. Please plan on attending to discuss activities for the coming year. We would like to have new input from our members. If you can't make it, call and give us your input.

The Hungarian Cultural Association invites you to join in commemorating the 1848 War of Independence on Sunday, March 19, at the Hungarian Reformed Church. Worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a commemoration program and dinner. Menu includes *pörkölt* (stew), *nokedli* (dumplings), green beans, cucumber salad, *kifli*, coffee and lemonade. Reservations are required. Please call Erzsi Wagner at 614-738-4415 by March 12.

Some of our members are making plans to attend the WPA Bowling Tournament on April 28 and 29 in Washington, Pa. We already have one team and would like to have at least one more. This is a wonderful fraternal event and a great time to see old friends and make new ones.

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

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

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

For all your life insurance and annuity needs, or if you have any news you would like to share, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or email [DAL9968@aol.com](mailto:DAL9968@aol.com).



*This composite of the founding members of Branch 189 Alliance, Ohio, stands as a testament to the branch's long, proud history of service to its members and our Hungarian heritage.*

## Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Happy (belated) Anniversary, WPA! 131 years and counting!

It appears that spring is starting early this year. We have experienced very mild temperatures, and rain--not snow--has been the most common weather pattern. But, things can change in an instant this time of year.

Branch 132 made a \$50 donation to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in January. This donation was for the Join Hands Against Hunger campaign for 2017.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on March 7 at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road at 6:00 p.m.

## Branch 189 Alliance, OH

by Teresa Phillips

Hello from WPA Branch 189 in Alliance, Ohio.

Members and guests gathered Dec. 31 for our annual New Year's Eve party. Music, dancing and great food was enjoyed by all.

An article published in our local

newspaper many years ago announced that Hungarians in Alliance were going to construct a two-story building with a basement measuring 100 feet by 40 feet as a way to counteract the "saloon element." Heading the effort was the Rev. A. Harsanyi, pastor of the Hungarian church. Others on the committee were John Korosy, Joe Sepsi, Mike Bileze, Mike Fabian, George Bulough, John Nagy and Joe Bathort.

More than 100 years later, our branch is still up and running. We are excited to be a part of this history.

We have started some early spring cleaning. All unused items were donated to the Alliance Children's and Family Services.

We also raffled off a Valentine's basket, with all proceeds donated to the local food pantry.

Belated February birthday wishes go out to several members and friends of our branch: Jen Polverine, Jay Thompson, Jim Stuchell, Rose Jackson, Jim Hall, Terry Court and Elsie Welch. Wedding wishes go out to Jim and Sharon Croteau.

We are happy to announce that we recently welcomed 12 new members.

Any ideas and contributions are always welcome. Let's keep Branch 189 active and successful.

## Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

Spring begins March 20--are you counting down the days?

Happy birthday wishes to all our members sharing their special day this month.

We extend our sympathies to members and families who have lost a loved one. It is never easy to lose someone dear.

We are thinking of and sending warm thoughts to Branch 226 member Sally Petras, former branch auditor.

We ask branch members to attend our next meeting. Remember, our meeting time has changed. It will be the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Branch President Malvene Heyz's home. Please call 412-751-1898 if the weather is bad: better safe than sorry!

March 15 marks the 169th anniversary of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution against the Austrian monarchy. Hungarian-Americans share in these somber commemorations to remember the past and to honor those who lost their lives.

We're looking forward to the annual bowling tournament in Washington, Pa., at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino!

Please call us with news you want to share. We want to spread the good news and cheer other members up in this frigid weather. Until then, stay warm and cozy!

## Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Is this really winter? We've had temperatures in the 50s and very little snow. Boy, I hope I didn't jinx this area into bad weather and March coming in like a lion. But, what will really "roar" is this year's local events.

The White Rose Ball was as spectacular as ever. All the debutantes were so beautiful and their escorts were dashing as they danced the *palotás*. The Hungarian Arts Club does a wonderful job organizing the ball, and we thoroughly enjoyed



our stay at the famous Dearborn Inn near the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.

Branch 249 participated in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign again this year, donating nearly 140 pounds of food to The Foodbank. For 40 years, The Foodbank has served as the primary source of food for the hunger relief network in the Miami Valley. The Foodbank provides the infrastructure to distribute to more than 100 food pantries, community kitchens, and shelters. These in turn give food to more than 70,000 different people yearly. That's food to nearly 1 in 10 people in this area that have low food security; or in other words, may not know where their next meal will come from. I am truly proud that WPA supports this effort to help those less fortunate.

Don't forget to go to the WPA Bowling Tournament in Washington, Pa. on April 28 and 29. I hope to see a large group of members from Dayton participating. Don't forget to bring your lucky charms as the bowling is held at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino where you can try your luck after the bowling and banquet. This is a really fun fraternal activity that you should try.

Locally, the Magyar Club of Dayton will host its annual spring dance at the American Czechoslovakian Club on Saturday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is available before the music of George Batyi and the Gypsy Strings plays away the evening. Cost is \$15 for club members, \$20 for non-members. For reservations call Michele Daley-LaFlame at 937-771-0404 or Gail Robison at 937-836-2549.

Make it a totally Hungarian weekend by joining Branch 249 at its annual Hungarian Day with Dayton Dragons baseball on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. The day will include food and drinks as we watch another professional sports record-breaking sell-out game at 5/3 Field. We will have a luxury suite in the upper deck to watch the game in climate controlled comfort or brave any elements in the included box seats. Cost is \$15 for local branch members, \$25 for guests. Call Mark Schmidt at 937-667-1211 for reservations soon since these tickets go fast.

Our next branch meeting will be held Saturday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m. at McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs Church off North Dixie Highway, close to the traffic circle. Hope to see you there.

Happy birthday to those celebrating this month, and a happy anniversary to those married in March. We wish you many more.

Get well wishes to those hospitalized or ill, especially Branch President Michele Daley-LaFlame, Jesse Stefanics and Dennis White, husband of member Karen Vance.

We extend our sincere sympathy to those who have lost a loved one. You are in our prayers.

Don't forget Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12 and spring--glorious spring--starts March 20.

That's all for now. Until next month, stay dry and warm.

### Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

We enter the month of March constantly wondering how the weather will unfold each day. March typically enters like a lion and leaves like a lamb. We shall see. The vernal equinox (hello, springtime!) occurs on March 20. Have you noticed and enjoyed the increased amount of daylight that we've been having?

Hungarians celebrate March 15 as a national holiday, commemorating the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. If you are of this ancestry, then you should find a special source of pride in this patriotic day.

This month, Branch 296 will end its winter hiatus and return to our regular meetings. As part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger cam-



WPA Vice Chair of the Board Anne Marie Schmidt and husband Mark Schmidt, a Branch 249 auditor, deliver food donated by the branch as part of WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign.

paign, we kindly ask our members to bring canned goods or non-perishable items to our next branch meeting March 9. These items will be donated to a local food pantry.

Generally speaking, pantry donations are most plentiful at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but decrease at the end of the holidays. Hunger never takes a holiday, and your thoughtful donation will make a huge difference in a person's or a family's well-being. Thank you so much, in advance!

We extend get well wishes to Tom "Bongo Tommy" Kerek, who recently took a nasty spill on his bicycle. Tom, I saw the photo that you sent and, really man, we cannot print that in living color! That was a serious fall, Tom, and we're hoping that you are back to your regular self soon, playing your bongos. We also wish a speedy recovery to all of our Branch 296 members who are ailing.

Happy March birthday greetings and wishes for many more to our members, including branch auditor John Torma.

Heartfelt condolences to those who have recently lost a loved one.

As stated, we'll return to our regular branch meetings, beginning Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at King's Family Restaurant, New Kensington. Dates for future meetings are April 6 and May 11. We hope to see you and any food dona-





Members of Branch 525 enjoy the branch's annual family Christmas party in December.

tions that you can bring for the Join Hands Against Hunger program. We always welcome your ideas, energy and input for branch events.

If you have news to share contact me at [makelly367@verizon.net](mailto:makelly367@verizon.net) or by calling 724-274-5318.

WPA agent Noreen Fritz attends most of our meetings, too. She has solutions for your life insurance and annuities needs at [noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net](mailto:noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net) or at 412-821-1837.

Hope this month is good to you. Wishing you the best of luck on your bracket picks for the NCAA tournament. Will the Pitt Panthers be in it this time? Hmmm, that's doubtful....

## Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

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

Spring also brings the beginning of many of WPA's fraternal activities. The bowling tournament on April 29 will be here soon. This promises to be a fun, fraternal event, one you won't want to miss. Everyone who attended the previous tournaments had a great time. You

can find information on the tournament in this month's issue of *William Penn Life* on pages 14 and 15.

Branch 352 participated in WPA's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign by donating canned goods to the North Side Common Ministries, located on the North Side of Pittsburgh. Special thanks to Branch Treasurer Dianne Charles for purchasing additional items for this project. A total of 195 items will be going to the North Side Common Ministries..

If you or someone you know is applying for a WPA scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year, pay attention to the deadlines when all of your information is required to be submitted. You can find the rules and application in this issue on pages 10 to 12.

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

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

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

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12.

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

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

## Branch 525 Los Angeles, CA

by Sáríka Gotz

Our branch members gathered with members of the Bloomington Hungarian Club for a Christmas party in December. It was such fun seeing how excited all the children were to see Santa and his helpers. Santa's bag was filled with so many goodies for the children. Parents and grandparents were busy taking many

pictures of their happy little ones.

I had to laugh when some of the ladies in attendance sat on Santa's lap and had their pictures taken as they told Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

I hope all our WPA members and their families had a safe and blessed holiday.

Thank you to our branch officers for helping with the party. Suzan Reinhardt, Ami Graf and Melissa Tremblay--you all did a great job.

On New Year's Eve we celebrated at the Hungarian Club. We danced our feet off and welcomed in 2017.

I would like to thank the Home Office for the contribution to our Christmas party.

Best wishes to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Get well wishes to all who are not feeling well.

Our deepest sympathy to all who have lost a loved one recently.

Please contact me if you have some news or information you would like published in *William Penn Life*. I can be reached at 909-350-1620.

Have a safe and healthy 2017.

## Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

The month of March brings many noteworthy events.

Ash Wednesday ushers in the season of Lent, a time when we are encouraged to examine our lives and to change in a positive manner.

The WPA calendar reminds us to turn our clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12. Soon after the time change, we welcome spring, but it is too early to put away the snow shovel.

It doesn't matter whether or not you are of Irish descent, as many of us will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green.

For all our bowlers, reservations for the WPA Bowling Tournament must be received at the Home Office by March 31. Join in the fun with family and friends.

Calling all students: The deadline for your WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant application and essay is

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May 31 for both new and renewing students. Check out the eligibility requirements, which can be found on page 10 of this issue. This is a great way to obtain financial assistance.

We pray for better health for branch members who are ailing, and we also want to acknowledge caregivers and thank them for their time

and effort.

Our condolences to those who have lost a loved one recently.

Best wishes to all celebrating a birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, family addition or other significant life event. We hope you will be enjoying the company of family and friends.

For all your life insurance needs, call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661. He will take time to address any questions you may have.

If you have news you would like to share with your fellow members, please call me at 814-941-8863 and I will have your information published in a future branch article.

## In Memoriam

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

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## Puzzle Contest #141 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

### Tibor Gergely: Master Artist

Tibor Gergely was an American-Hungarian artist who was born in Budapest in 1900. He was a frail young boy who loved to doodle and draw. With very little formal training, he mastered his craft to the point where his talents were recruited by several publishers and theatrical groups in Vienna.

He met and later married Anna Lesznai, who was a rich patron of the arts and supported Gergely in his efforts. She herself was an acclaimed artist, and her work today is sought after by collectors. The couple immigrated to the U.S. in 1939 and settled in New York City where they would live the rest of their lives.

Tibor and Anna became friends in Budapest when both were members of a loosely organized group comprised of young prominent artists and musicians called the "Sunday Circle." Each Sunday, the group would meet at one of the many coffee houses in the city to discuss any subject pertinent to the day. Young Tibor would casually sketch many of the attendees and offer them the finished product. One such notable to have his image drawn several times was the composer Jenő Hubay.

After moving to New York, Gergely was recruited by Simon and Schuster Publishing to become a book illustrator for children. Some of his most prominent illustrated books were about trains, tugboats and animals drawn with human-like facial expressions. Tibor also worked and designed covers for various advertisers and magazines and did drafting for architectural firms. His artwork can be found in various renowned galleries and museums. His list of Little Golden Books is quite lengthy, and many editions are still available for purchase.

Gergely passed away in 1978, but his legacy of creating heartwarming characters via picture books will remain for generations to come.

The March 2017 wordsearch is comprised of 18 clues. Each clue is about the life of Tibor Gergely or books he brought to life by his illustrations. Good luck and see you in April. For more information on the artist, his life and work, log on to: [www.tibor-gergely.com](http://www.tibor-gergely.com).

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

### Puzzle Contest #138 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #138 were drawn Feb. 6, 2017, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

**Diana M. Gensthaler, Br. 383 Buffalo, NY**  
**Laszlo Harangozo Jr., Br. 16 Perth Amboy, NJ**  
**Elizabeth E. Kulick, Br. 88 Rural Valley, PA**  
**John E. Kulina, Br. 14 Cleveland, OH**  
Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

### WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #141 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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#### "Tibor Gergely" Word List

Animal Orchestra	Illustrator	Scuffy
Barnyard	Jungle	Seashore
Budapest	Lesznai	Sunday Circle
Daddies	New York City	Taxi
Gergely	Postmen	Tootle
Golden Books	Red Caboose	Vienna

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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 #141**  
**709 Brighton Road**  
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4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by **April 28, 2017**.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about May 5, 2017, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

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