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Time is running out to report your Join Hands Day projects

We remind all our branches that reporting forms for your Join Hands Day projects are due at the Home Office by Friday, Sept. 28. It is important to meet this deadline should you wish to receive reimbursement for your project. When submitting your forms, please include any receipts related to your project expenses, as well as photographs and additional information which we can publish in an upcoming issue of *William Penn Life*. We thank all those who participated in Join Hands Day, spreading the fraternal spirit and serving your community.

*Thank
You!*

WPA member selected queen of Lorain festival

by Katie Nix, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

LORAIN, OH -- Emily Hetrick did not ever think she was going to be the Lorain International Festival Queen.

And yet, one night earlier this summer at Lorain High School, Emily (pictured below) was the one wearing the crown following the 52nd annual pageant celebrating young women from across Lorain County as they shared their heritage and culture.

"It feels like it's not even real," she said. "There were so many amazing people that competed this year that I can't believe my name was called. I seriously can't believe it. People don't know what all we put into this, but having been around the International Festival every year? This is amazing."

However, the three other girls who will be sitting on court with Hetrick, who was representing her Hungarian nationality, said they absolutely thought the incoming freshman at Cleveland State University would be the star by the end of the night.

"I absolutely knew Emily was going to win," said third runner-up Ivelysse Gracia, a 17-year-old rising senior at Elyria Catholic High School.

The 23 princesses who competed in the pageant have spent the last several months volunteering throughout the county, and the four princesses who end up on court will travel to festivals across the state in the next year.

Emily, a first-time recipient of a WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant this year, is a member of WPA Branch 14 Cleveland, as is her mother, Janet, and her brother, Bradley. Her grandparents, the late Mary and Steve Krakomperger, were also WPA members.

"Emily has also been a proud member of the Lorain Hungarian Folk Dancers since she was three years old," she said.

Her grandparents were born in Hungary and instilled in their granddaughter a deep love for her heritage. She has traveled to Hungary twice, visiting more than 130 relatives still living there. She even stayed in the small home in which her grandfather was born, a home still owned by the family.

The Lorain International Festival is a three-day event celebrating ethnicities from around the world. "The Hungarian community here in Lorain is one of the biggest participants in the Festival and one of the main attractions," Janet said. □





Focus on Fraternalism *with Barbara A. House*

Winding down our fraternal season

IN JULY during our golf tournament weekend, the annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation was conducted by Chair Andrew W. McNelis. It was reported that we have 56 new applicants and 111 renewals. That means a total of \$83,500 will be given to our members this school year. The scholarship program is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019. Many programs will be made available to you to help keep this wonderful program going. Keep your eyes open for donation jars. They will be popping up in many places. Proceeds raised at the golf tournament totaled \$13,639. This included 50/50, hole sponsors, Chinese auction and your many pledges.

The tournament in Youngstown, Ohio, was our best ever. Many thanks to our employees, officers and directors for all your help in making this event such a success. Were there some glitches? Of course, but everything new has to be tried and worked out. I have read all the surveys and everything will be addressed.

Thank you, Steve Charles for being such a great partner, as always. It was so nice to see Alan Szabo and Noreen Fritz take time out of their busy days to come and be with us. Special people Gerry Davenport and Frank and Maria Schauer also joined us. We don't see you often enough. Hope you had a great time and will come again. Congratulations to all the winners, the scholarship donors and all of you. As you know, I really appreciate each and every one of you.

Mostly, congratulations to Vice Chair of the Board Katherine E. Novak on your excellent choice and all the hard work you and your branch put into this. Thank you

all so much. Hope to see you all return in 2019. Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier.

Two days after the golf tournament, I was privileged to present a check to the Hungarian Reformed Youth Camp sponsored by the Calvin Synod and Hungarian Reformed Church of America. They really appreciated WPA and our donation. I took Branch 18 Auditor Ursula Markovits with me. She was surprised by how well we were received. WPA and I were presented with thank you certificates. What a nice surprise! And what a great visit and barbeque we had. Can't wait to go back next year.

As I am writing this, I am preparing for the Hungarian Heritage Experience. We had a great group this year with some first timers. You can read all about it on Page 12.

After that, it was off to the wonderful Birmingham Ethnic Festival in Toledo on Aug. 19. It takes over the entire length of Consaul Street. I hope you were there and stopped by the WPA booth to say hello.

We closed the month with the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. We worked very closely with the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio. I hope you enjoyed the new menu, George Batyi, the WPA dancers, bakery booth and Chinese auction. Our scholarship recipients will benefit from the purchases you made.

On Sept. 25, many of us will be embarking on a trip of a lifetime. We will be visiting four countries this year. We have many first timers. It is always a thrill to show off Hungary to those who have never visited before. We also are visiting Slovenia, Croatia and Venice. I can't wait to tell you all about it. Richard Sarosi always takes such great pictures. □



Aging Well *with Cathy Graham*

On being content

HAVE YOU EVER HAD the feeling there should be something more to life? For the most part everything is in balance. At this stage of life, we have put enough time in to understand that the apple cart can flip at any minute. We also know that with patience and understanding, the cart will be upright again with fresh new apples.

Loss happens more often now, and while it is never easy to lose a loved one, our abundance of faith holds us dear. Still, there is a gnawing, a gentle tug, a stirring of the soul that eases us into wondering, what else am I here for?

When I look in the mirror, I see the 25 year old me, because that is the age I feel. If I continue to hold the gaze, I see a maturing woman, and I wonder when the more aged face moved in.

I find myself in a joyous existence with loving relations

and meaningful work. There is nothing in need of mending. I have learned that material things are wants and not essential. I know that a happy home is more important than seeing the world, for me anyway. I know my truths, and I am proud of them, but I have no need to persuade anyone.

But still, I cannot dismiss the notion of being open to a different step. My faith is solid and my heart is more accepting. I judge less, sleep well and laugh a lot. Above all, I feel content knowing that when a new door opens I will embrace what is on the other side. Perhaps it will be something more.

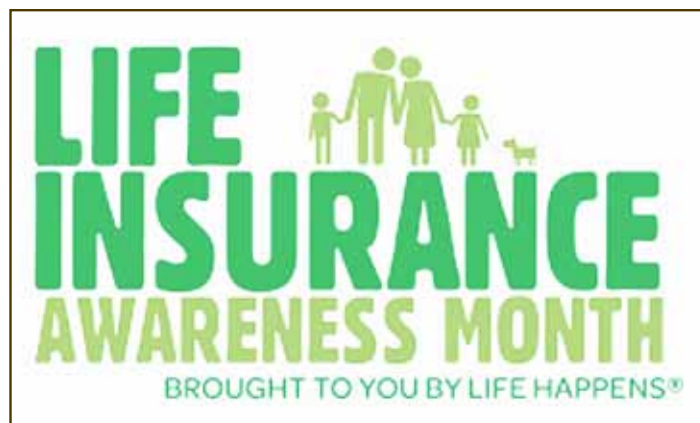
Cathy Graham is director of the Graceful Aging Wellness Center at Bethlen Communities in Ligonier, Pa.



Being aware and prepared

HERE AT WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION, we see the value of life insurance on a daily basis. In 2004, an organization called the LIFE Foundation (now known as Life Happens) wanted to increase awareness of the need for life insurance for people of all ages, socio-economic status, income levels and marital status. Thus, in September of that year, the inaugural Life Insurance Awareness Month (or LIAM to those in the industry) was celebrated. Ever since then, the industry has used the month of September to heighten the general public's awareness about the importance and value of life insurance.

I have written many articles on this topic. This month, I thought that I would review the stories of the spokespersons for LIAM whose lives testify to the values and need for life insurance and see the impact life insurance had on their lives.



2004 – Kwame Jackson

The first spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month was Kwame Jackson, who saw first-hand the benefits of life insurance. You may recognize his name as a runner-up contestant from the TV show, *The Apprentice*. His mother passed away at the age of 41 when Kwame was only 15, but fortunately, she was prepared. She owned life insurance, and Kwame's opportunities in life were greater because of it. He was able to fund his college education at Harvard because his mother was prepared for the unexpected. According to Kwame, "85% of Americans see life insurance as important – but the vast majority have none or are underinsured." He also stressed that you should "begin to plan anytime there is a milestone in your life, such as getting married, starting a new job or caring for an aging parent--anytime someone is counting on you to be a financial provider."

2005 – Marilu Henner

Actress, producer and author Marilu Henner was the first woman and second overall spokesperson for LIAM. Her father passed away at the age of 52 when she was just 17. Fortunately, just three weeks prior to his fatal heart attack, her father had taken out a small life insurance policy. Prior to his heart attack, her father had gotten a clean bill of health from his doctor. Marilu's story is a clear example that anything can happen at any time. Marilu said that her family "would have been devastated if it were not for the life insurance he purchased....It paid for the funeral and kept us in the house and to maintain our standard of living." She goes on to say that "for around one dollar per day, a 40-year-old man can provide insurance for his family. You're never too young or too old to be thinking about life insurance."

2006 – Scott Hamilton

Scott Hamilton has a special story as well. The world-renowned figure skater and Olympic gold medalist not only

saw the need for life insurance for his mother, who passed away from cancer, but saw the need in his own life as well. He, like his mother, was diagnosed with cancer, yet was fortunate enough to live to talk about it. With a wife and two kids, his health issues stirred discussion about life insurance and its place in the common household. As if cancer wasn't enough to test Scott, a brain tumor surely was. But, again, Scott was able to fight it off. Scott was lucky--twice--but his trials taught him (and remind us) of the need to be financially prepared at any age.

2007 – Molly Shannon

If you enjoy a good laugh, then you probably are familiar with Molly Shannon. The comedian and actress has appeared in many movies and was a long-time cast member on *Saturday Night Live*. Tragedy struck her family when she was just 4 years old: her mother, sister, and cousin all perished in an automobile accident. Life insurance was, unfortunately, not part of the picture. During her tenure as spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month, Molly discussed the hardship and financial difficulties her family faced after her mother's passing. Because of those experiences, Molly said that, "as soon as I became pregnant with my first child, I immediately thought about purchasing life insurance....Purchasing life insurance and taking care of business is part of being a responsible parent, and allows me to go on performing with the knowledge and comfort of knowing that my family is taken care of."

2008 – Donnie Wahlberg

Donnie Wahlberg is no stranger to the impact life insurance, or lack thereof, can have on a family. The singer, actor, producer and burger chain mogul lost his sister before her 45th birthday, and she didn't have life insurance to protect her son. Luckily, the family was able to band together financially and get her son through all the turmoil. But as Donnie pointed out, "not every family is so lucky, and the outcome is usually much worse." In 2008, over 68

million American families didn't own life insurance, leaving their families open to serious financial problems if they were to die prematurely.

2009 – Chris Noth

You may know this spokesperson as Mr. Big on “Sex and the City” or Detective Logan on “Law and Order.” His father, who died prematurely in an auto accident when Chris was just 9 years old, was himself a life insurance agent. Thankfully, he believed enough in his product to purchase and own it himself. That gave Chris, his mother Jeanne, and his two brothers the security to continue the lifestyle they enjoyed. They could pursue their dreams without the financial difficulty that not having sufficient life insurance coverage can bring. Chris said the insurance money was a source of great comfort for his mom. While she continued to work as a journalist, the life insurance proceeds allowed the family to maintain their standard of living and ensured that all three boys could go to college. “Life insurance can be that safety net that catches a family when tragedy strikes. Life is unpredictable, so be smart and plan ahead,” Chris advises.

2010 – Leslie Bibb

Like Chris, Leslie Bibb was fortunate that life insurance was in place when it was needed most. You might recognize her name from her movie roles in *Iron Man 2* or *Talladega Nights*. Although Leslie was just a toddler when her father was killed in a work-related accident, her mother was provided for by a policy that her father had purchased for just that reason: expecting the unexpected. When asked how her father knew to buy life insurance at such an early age, her response was “he didn’t, and that’s the point. He simply loved us enough to expect the unexpected. If my dad didn’t have that life insurance, my mom would have had to sell the house or be forced to take another job or work longer hours to care for me and my three sisters.” Leslie’s father understood that a life insurance purchase is an act of love—a promise to provide for the ones you love, even after you are gone. Leslie credits her father with helping her to understand that love can be everlasting. “Through life insurance,” Leslie said, “the love we show while we are alive will continue on after we are gone.”

2012 – Buddy Valastro

You may know Buddy Valastro as TLC Network’s “Cake Boss.” What you may not know is that, like many of the others listed here, he lost a parent at a young age. Buddy’s father was diagnosed with lung cancer at age 52 and died just three weeks later. Buddy lost his best friend, mentor and the sole breadwinner for the family. This loss forced Buddy to drop out of high school to run the family

business. This meant 12- to 18-hour workdays, six days a week, and overseeing 30 employees—all at the young age of 17. Buddy’s situation was made more challenging by the fact that his father didn’t own life insurance. “If there had been life insurance, I know things would have been a lot easier. I could have hired more people, worried less and had more time to grieve.” Buddy learned at an early age that it’s important to have a back-up plan. Buddy bought life insurance when his first child was born, and has increased his coverage as his family and business have grown. “If people depend on you, you have to protect them with life insurance,” he said.

2013 – Boomer Esiason

Most of you know Boomer Esiason as a former NFL quarterback and NFL TV color analyst, but you may not know that he was the spokesperson for the 10th annual

Life Insurance Awareness Month in 2013. Boomer was 7 years old when he lost his mother to cancer at age 37. He said his life could have been different had she been protected with life insurance. Her death not only took his mom but also deprived the surviving kids of quality time with their father because his father had to work longer hours. In essence, his mother’s death nearly took both

parents away. Boomer’s story was entitled, “A life lesson learned early.” In it, Boomer reminds us that “if something happens and you haven’t done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.”

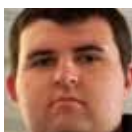
These are just a few of the stories about the miracle of life insurance (or lack thereof) that have been told by some of the spokespeople for Life Insurance Awareness Month. The Life Happens website (lifehappens.org) contains countless examples of people whose lives have been changed forever by circumstances beyond their control. The Life Happens video series highlights the true stories of people who have either benefited from sound insurance planning or found themselves in tough situations due to the lack of sufficient coverage. There’s even a calculator to help you determine how much insurance you should have.

So, as we mark Life Insurance Awareness Month 2018, I hope you and your loved ones will fully understand the need for life insurance. Why not contact your William Penn Association agent or broker today to make sure your family’s needs are being met? Don’t have an agent? Check with your branch coordinator or call the WPA Home Office at 1-800-848-7366, we’ll be glad to help point you in the right direction.

Remember what Boomer Esiason said: “Life happens at the most unexpected times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and people you love.”

Happy Life Insurance Awareness Month! □





Can you find 'Souvenirs' online?

THE MOST FREQUENTLY asked question I am asked by the dedicated readers of *Tibor's Take* is: "Is your family's Hungarian radio program available on the internet?"

I could answer this question with one word, but where's the fun (or *Take*) in that?

So, here's the long answer....

For many years, the "Souvenirs of Hungary" has been broadcast via FM radio at the frequency of 90.7Mhz in the northeast Ohio area. Being that the broadcast tower is located in a valley not far from the Mahoning River in Struthers, Ohio, the signal usually travels within a radius of about 40 miles, which is a far cry from the optimal FM broadcast range of nearly 100 miles. And unlike AM radio, for which the signal is sent in the direction of the upper reaches of the earth's atmosphere and then bounces back to earth, FM radio travels as far as a line of sight.

We have sent many dozens of CD recordings of our programs to WPA members who have asked for samples of what our broadcast is all about. Every person who has received a recorded copy of the "Souvenirs of Hungary" radio show has told me that they wish there was a program like this where they reside.

Generally, the show features continental/Roma music, classics by Magyar composers, Hungarian opera and *tánc ház*/dance house-style folk music. For each broadcast, we add a bit of Magyar trivia and history to spice up the program. We have attracted a group of steady listeners, and we send out birthday and anniversary greetings. The studio does have a phone for incoming calls, so listeners can contact us for a special dedication or request.

We gladly showcase any non-profit event. Over these many years, we have informed local listeners of events from as far away as California and western Canada. We believe that our American-Hungarian audience likes to hear about things going on in other places, even if the probability of one of our listeners traveling such a great distance is remote. I think it is nice to hear that others are still sponsoring great Magyar gatherings in far-off locales. As an example, Judit Ganchuk at the WPA Home Office continuously updates us on events and affairs in the Pittsburgh area, and Vice Chair of the WPA Board of Directors Katherine E. Novak keeps us abreast of events in the



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Youngstown, Ohio, and New Jersey communities.

In a few months, my family will be celebrating 40 years of broadcasting the show. Five generations of my family have been involved in various segments of programming. The first two generations--Emerencia Vasko Silvers, Andras Cseh Sr. and Jeannie Cseh--are now in Hungarian heaven; the remaining three generations continue to proudly broadcast to the listening public.

It is more than 50 miles from my parents' home to the studio. The journey is often an extremely treacherous one in the dark and stormy winter months.

The "Souvenirs of Hungary" benefits greatly from its other team of hosts. Several years ago, Frank and Maria Schauer, along with Elizabeth Cibulas, began to share the broadcasting duties with us. They present the audience their own special take on Hungarian music and culture.

Nowadays, WKTL-90.7 FM is in partnership with WAPS-91.3 FM from Akron, Ohio. The two stations share programs and technologies on a 24/7 schedule. For six days of the week, the Akron studio provides an eclectic mix of programming. On Saturdays, WKTL becomes the area's epicenter for great ethnic programming, with a total of 10 different 90-minute programs featuring various nationalities, including the "Souvenirs of Hungary." Each program is truly a labor of love.

Many of our listeners tune their radios in on Saturdays beginning at 7:00 a.m. and keep them on until the last show ends about 11:00 p.m. Several of our long time listeners are not Hungarian but still enjoy our music and the information of upcoming events. Those same listeners patronize American-Hungarian events and spend plenty

Point to Ponder....

When my family hosts the *Souvenirs of Hungary* radio show, we broadcast primarily in English for several reasons, but mainly because most of our listeners are first-, second- or third-generation Hungarian-Americans. Do you believe that such ethnic programming should be broadcast only in the native language of the nationality a show celebrates (that is, a show celebrating Hungarian music and culture should be broadcast only in Hungarian)? Let me know your thoughts on the matter. - Tibor

of money buying food, pastries and drinks.

But, even if you live outside the Youngstown area (like me), you can listen to our program so long as you can access a computer and have an internet connection. Smart phones also work! If you're unsure of how to listen online, ask your children or grandkids to show you how to connect in a flash to the program using a computer or phone.

Nowadays, computers are no longer a thousand dollar investment. Tablets with double or even quadruple the processing power of computers from the 2000s can be purchased for as little as \$50. A few years back, I wrote about how my family brought tablets during their visit to Hungary and our relatives in Csót. There, I explained how we were able to video-chat live to loved ones in America.

One tip: If you are going to listen to the "Souvenirs of Hungary" on your computer or phone, get yourself a better quality set of headphones/earbuds. The difference in sound quality makes the additional cost worth it.

To tune in to our show from anywhere in the world, log onto www.WKTL.caster.fm. Tune in every Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

As always, you can call into the show for special requests and dedications at 330-755-8578. (Don't worry about long distance charges: most cell phones now offer inexpensive or inclusive long distance calling plans.)

Recently, my cousins in Csót connected to our program using their computer. They are six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST), thus were enjoying a Saturday dinner of *gulyás* and *vörös bor* (red wine) with our program providing background music. Cousin Arpi's favorite song is "Galambszivet." My brother András recorded the song on his cellphone while playing his Bohak cimbalom. We broadcast the tune on the internet so that Arpi, while sitting at home some 3,600 miles away, could sing along to

the contemplative song dedicated to sentimentality, home and departed parents. During the airing of our show, cousin Judit, (Arpi's daughter in Csót) called the station on her cellphone to tell us we were coming in loud and clear.

Many listeners prefer listening to the show via the internet streaming service, stating that the sound quality and clarity is much better compared to FM radio.

Give online listening a try. It's simple, easy and free. It is a simple process and offers the joy of Magyar music.

So, can you listen to our family's Hungarian radio program on the internet?

Yes.

Speaking of Hungarian music online....

Recently, actress and comedian Kate McKinnon (perhaps best known for her impersonation of Hillary Clinton on *Saturday Night Live*) rapped--in Hungarian--to a well-known contemporary Hungarian song on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. McKinnon had been in Hungary shooting a movie, *The Spy Who Dumped Me*, and tried to learn some of the language. It was a moment to make one proud of being a Magyar. Her pronunciation of Hungarian was exceptional and many natives of Magyarország gave her an "A" for rapping those tongue-twisting words to perfection. Maybe she will learn to sing other Hungarian tunes, like "Az a Szép," for an encore! You can see and listen to McKinnon's performance on You Tube.

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Hungarian Cultural Center hosts car show, gulyás events

by Richard E. Sarosi

HIRAM, OH -- The Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio (HCCNEO) continued a summer full of activities with two recent events at its grounds, located at 12027 Abbott Road, Hiram.

The first was a classic car show and picnic held on Sunday, July 22. Despite the threat of rain, the event attracted 27 cars which were on display. Prizes were awarded to the crowd's favorites.

The Center's traditional picnic foods were available for purchase. Local musical group, The Hungarians, filled the air with Magyar music and kept the people dancing.

If you have a classic car that you are proud of and that you think other people would enjoy seeing, please keep the HCCNEO in mind and bring your vehicle out to the club grounds in 2019.

The second event which took place with much excitement and anticipation was the first-ever Gulyás Cook-Off that took place on Saturday, Aug. 4. This new event to the HCCNEO's calendar drew a most interesting group of gulyás chefs who shared their styles of gulyás cooking with others.

Many of the entrants decorated their table space with Hungarian linens, kettles, pictures, maps, figurines, old *kolbász* makers, and so much more. It was quite the sight to see and it added to the festivities.

A DJ played upbeat Hungarian dance music along with traditional music selections.

Prizes were awarded to the best gulyás as selected by the crowd in attendance. In addition, three Hungarian radio show hosts from the Cleveland area acted as judges and joined in the fun, selecting their favorite gulyás.

Be sure to check the HCCNEO's 2019 calendar for the date of next year's cook-off.

For more information about the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio and future event dates, visit their website at www.hungarianclub.org.

The HCCNEO's grounds in Hiram have served as the location for the WPA Picnic for the past three years.

Your continued support is much needed and appreciated as the club continues its remodeling project. Yearly memberships are available, donations are encouraged and volunteers are appreciated and needed.

Garden marks anniversary with golf outing and dinner

by Richard E. Sarosi

CLEVELAND -- As part of the celebrations marking its 80th anniversary, the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden hosted a golf outing and dinner at Barrington Golf Club on Wednesday, July 18.

The golfers enjoyed the opportunity to play on a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course at the Barrington Club. The meal, 18 holes of golf and the awards dinner afterwards made for an enjoyable day.

The Hungarian Cultural Garden is considered a shining jewel in the

chain of gardens that make up the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. Restoration work continues in an attempt to return the Hungarian Garden to its original design. Your continued support is much appreciated for the additional work that needs to be done.

Yearly memberships are available, but donations of any size are much needed and appreciated.

For more information, visit the Hungarian Cultural Garden web site at www.hungarianculturalgarden.org.

Hungarian Room seeking applicants for two scholarships

PITTSBURGH -- The Hungarian Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh is seeking applicants for two summer study abroad scholarships in 2019. One grant is for undergraduate students, and the other is for graduate students. Each grant is worth \$4,000. Applicants must be students currently enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh. For more information, contact either Christina Lagnese, scholarship administrator, at 412-624-6159 or at mcl38@pitt.edu; or Jonathan Naser, chair of the Hungarian Room Committee at jn647@yahoo.com. Deadline for applications is Jan. 8, 2019 for graduate students and Jan. 17, 2019, for undergraduate students.

Hungarian cooking classes scheduled

ALLEN PARK, MI -- Anyone interested in learning about Hungarian cooking is invited to attend "Cooking with LOVE" classes conducted by Elizabeth Krajcz on select Saturdays in September and October. Each class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is held at one of several locations. The featured menu of the day will be served for lunch.

- Sept. 15 at the Hungarian American Cultural Center (HACC) in Taylor, Mich.
- Sept. 22 at Ms. Krajcz's home in Brownstown Township, Mich.
- Sept. 29 at the American Hungarian Reformed Church (AHRC) in Allen Park.
- Oct. 20 at the HACC.
- Oct. 25 at the AHRC.

The cost is \$35 per class (except for the Oct. 20 class, which will be \$40) by prepayment only. No walk-ins will be accepted. Please indicate on your check the date(s) of the class(es) you wish to take. All reservations MUST be received by noon on the Wednesday of the week of the class.

For more information, including the menu for each class and where to send your check, please email Judy at Hungariancookingclasses@gmail.com or call her at 248-763-1617.

Hungarian Heritage Experience 2018



'Lots of love, fun & learning'

by Loretta Nemeth

BOSWELL, Pa. — For the third year, the Hungarian Heritage Experience was held at the Sequanota Lutheran Conference Center and Camp. Returning students learned the lesson to expect the unexpected. The first year, students experienced oppressive heat; the next year, unseasonably cool weather; and this year, with rain almost every day, extreme humidity. But, the weather didn't stop the group from enjoying a wonderful week.

Eighteen students came from Florida, Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Ages ranged from 49 to 80. Many students were there for their sixth, seventh or even eighth year. Six students were first-timers. The fact that each year returning students bring friends or family members with them is an indication of the success of the program. This year Patty Soltes brought her sister, Dee Soltes, who said she, "felt a family atmosphere: lots of love, fun and learning not only the language but also the heritage and cooking."

In addition to the sisters, there were also a mother and son and a mother and daughter attending together. Stephen Johnson from Pompano Beach, Fla., brought his mother, Mary, from Hendersonville, N.C., who was recovering from a stroke. The language classes were helpful for her recall. She said her father purchased WPA insurance for her when she was seven. Stephen said, "the week was fantastic. My mother and I came here as strangers, and we left feeling as if we had many life-long friends."

The days were spent attending morning and afternoon classes, learning the Hungarian language from instructors Emery Marcus and Tamás Markovits. They began the week with a history of the Magyar people and continued to intersperse information on history and culture into their classes. Time was also spent each afternoon practicing poems, songs and a dance for the Friday evening program. Student Linda Enyedy taught students a circle dance to perform at the Friday night program, the highlight of the

week. The dance was from Szatmár, with the men stepping out to do a Szatmári *legényes* (a traditional men's solo dance).

Ursula Markovits, Tamás' wife, was the cook for the week, providing delicious Hungarian meals. She said she enjoyed cooking for the "wonderful group of students, very easy to make friends with, appreciative of everything." She was assisted by WPA National Directors David Kozak and James Robertson. Robertson also cooked the Friday night main course, *gulyás*, in a big outdoor kettle.

Evenings were spent learning how to make *csiga* (noodles) and *palascinta* (crêpes), demonstrated by Alexis Kozak, David's wife. Charlotte Sipos, a Hungarian Heritage Experience alumni, helped with the *csiga* making, and David assisted his wife with the *palascinta* making.

Other craft opportunities included painting wooden eggs (*hímes tojás*) and making greeting cards, demonstrated by Linda Enyedy and Nancy Martinsen. Lory and Jenifer Nemeth led the group in decorating *méz-eskalács* (honey cookies), but the humid weather turned the cookies into mush.

The Friday night program began with student Nancy Martinsen extending a welcome from the students and thanking the WPA Board for providing this Experience. Martinsen explained that this year's program was dedicated to David Valentine, a long-time student who died last February. Valentine was an integral part of each year's experience, bringing his homemade *kolbász* and *hurka* and the equipment for making the *csiga* and *palascinta* and demonstrating how to make them. He exuded his love for his Hungarian heritage, its food and culture. Valentine's wife, Elaine, and her sister, Debbie Leyva, were in attendance for the evening.

The students then sang "God Bless America" and the Hungarian Himnusz. This was followed by the students' recitation of a selection of Hungarian poems and singing of traditional folk songs, including a solo by Theresa Girhiny. Next, students Linda Enyedy, Vicki Loesch, Nancy Martinsen and staff member Ursula Markovits performed a skit, singing "Three Blind Mice" in Hungarian.





A special tribute to Valentine followed: the reading of the lyrics to "Kossuth Lajos" by instructor Markovits. This was Valentine's signature performance at previous years' programs.

Finally, a circle dance concluded the students' part of the program.

Then, Rev. Gabor Nitsch, director of pastoral care at Bethlen Communities in nearby Ligonier, gave the invocation before dinner was served. In addition to the kettle-cooked *gulyás*, other foods served included *kolbász* and *hurka* and a huge decorated sheet cake, courtesy of WPA Branch 8 Johnstown, Pa., along with Hungarian delicacies baked by Elizabeth Krajcz.

The after-dinner program began with Fraternal Director Barbara House, organizer of the Experience, again welcoming everyone and commenting on this year's group of students. "I am so very proud of them. This year everyone took part in the activities," she said. House then introduced the guests, including WPA Chair of the Board Andrew McNelis and other WPA officials.

House and the instructors, distributed graduation certificates to the students and a gift from WPA. Each student also received a small bottle of wine decorated with a special label, donated by National Director Joyce Nicholson.

Music for listening and dancing was provided by the George Batyi Ensemble.

First-year student Brian Weber, a retired farmer from Meadville, said the highlight of the evening was meeting Judit Ganchuk, fraternal department secretary, in person. "She was so kind and helpful during our many phone conversations," he said.

Students and staff brought items for a raffle, and a profit of \$267 was donated to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. McNelis said next year will mark the Scholarship Foundation's 50th anniversary, and it plans to award about \$87,000 in scholarships.

The evening ended all too soon, and everyone retired to prepare for departure Saturday morning. All of the students commented favorably on the experience. Marita Maloney called it, "an invigorating week. A time to renew friendships and to make the acquaintances of newcomers." Many complimented the patience and experience of the instructors and appreciated the hard work and dedication of the staff.

Barbara Bernard summed up the experience: "Throughout the week, I enjoyed myself - yet again - and will leave with a tear wanting to drip down my face."

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



Teeing off in Canfield

by Judit Ganchuk

CANFIELD, OH -- The heat and humidity didn't keep our golfers away from our 35th Annual WPA Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days held July 13 to 14 in the Canfield, Ohio, area.

Our meals took place at the Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield, and Kennington Golf Club hosted our golf tournament down the road. According to their website, Kennington Golf Club is a "7,050-yard and par 71 that blends natural beauty with a challenging layout."

The weekend's events began Friday evening at the hotel when golfers and guests enjoyed our Chinese auction, putting contest, local desserts from Jimmy's Italian Deli and Sparkle Bakery and a buffet of pizza, salads, chicken wings and tenders.

Many guests topped off their meal Friday with a treat from a new addition to our golfers reception, an ice cream truck. This was no ordinary ice cream truck; Handel's ice cream is a local Youngstown tradition since 1945. Their ice cream truck was filled with great flavors like classic vanilla, chocolate malt, White House (cherry-vanilla flavor), salted caramel, mint chocolate and strawberry. After the reception, WPA donated ice cream to the Inn at Ironwood Rehabilitation Center, located across the street.

After Saturday's tournament, golfers and guests met at the hotel for a delicious buffet of bourbon chicken, Italian sausage, baked fish almandine and side dishes, along with a delectable dessert table. During the program, prizes were awarded to the winners of the scramble tournament and skill shots. A number of door prizes were also distributed,

and Bob Schafer won \$596 in the weekend's 50/50 raffle.

We congratulate all of the winners, especially the first place team: Betsy Griffith, David Griffith, Cory Ermold and Larry Long who scored 59.

No one scored a hole-in-one during the tournament, so none of the big cash prizes were awarded. Another large unclaimed prize was \$2,500 for sinking a 50-foot putt before the tournament. Jack Baculik tried but did not win.

To be sure, our weekend's biggest winners were the WPA members who will receive grants from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. All of our weekend's activities benefited the Scholarship Foundation. The weekend raised a total of \$13,639. Of that total, \$5,525 was raised through donations, the majority of which were made during the Foundation's annual meeting held at the Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield prior to Friday night's reception. The remainder was raised through tournament hole sponsorships (\$6,225), the Chinese auction (\$1,180) the 50/50 raffle (\$596), the Friday night putting contest (\$88) and the sale of WPA cookbooks (\$15) and Christmas tree ornaments (\$10).

The success of this tournament was made possible through the hard work and dedication of many people. Our thanks go to the Board of Directors, the National Officers, the Home Office staff, our hole spotters, and the staff and management of both Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield and Kennington Golf Club. We're looking forward to planning our next golf outing for 2019, when we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the WPA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.! □



All photos by Steve Charles



WPFA Scholarship Foundation meets to raise funds, elect advisory board

The William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation held its annual meeting July 13 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Youngstown-Canfield, Ohio.

Those attending the meeting and golf weekend showed their strong support for the Foundation by pledging a total of \$5,525 during and after the meeting.

Since 1972, the Foundation has awarded 6,152 scholarships worth a total of more than \$2.7 million. Chair of the WPA Board Andrew W. McNelis urged all WPA branches to set up collection jars at branch events and ask those attending to take a dollar, or whatever spare money they may be carrying, and placing it in the

collection. Every donation, no matter how large or small, helps sustain this worthwhile fraternal effort that benefits our young members.

The Foundation also elected 20 members to serve on its Advisory Board. Elected by unanimous vote to a one-year term were: Robert G. Bisceglia, David J. Chakey, Steven F. Charles, Dennis A. Chobody, Catherine A. Heitman, Barbara A. House, Thomas F. House, Charles S. Johns, Alexis C. Kozak, James R. Lewis, James R. Lewis, Jr., Ralph F. Manning, Esq., Marguerite T. McNelis, W. Harry Nicholson, Violet E. Sarosi, Mark C. Schmidt, Alan A. Szabo, Sandor Tollas, Carol A. Truesdell and Gary G. Vamos. □



SCRAMBLE WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

*Betsy Griffith, David Griffith,
Cory Ermold & Larry Long*

SECOND PLACE

*Roger Krawchyk, Bob Plata,
John Brennan & Joe Vidmar*

THIRD PLACE

*Greg Kline, Corey Snyder,
Marty Glass & Chris Kelley*

FOURTH PLACE

*Harry Nicholson, Rick Smith,
Dave Kozak & Tom House*

FIFTH PLACE

*Jeff Klecan, Steve Horvath,
Roger Storozuk & Lou Kastelik*

SKILL SHOT WINNERS

Longest Putt (Hole #18)
Otto Solis & Betsy Griffith

Longest Drive Ages 18-59
Bruce Traves & Amanda Rhoads

Longest Drive Ages 60 & Up
Terry Bennett & Donna Ruble

Closest To Line (Hole #15)
Bob Schafer & Jackie Prologo

Closest To Pin (Hole #11)
Tom McKee (No Ladies Winner)

Closest To Pin (Hole #13)
Dan Wytko & Amanda Rhoads

Closest To Pin (Hole #17)
Vaun Stoots & Betsy Griffith

HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

Holes #8 - #11 - #13 - #17
No Winners

CONSOLATION PRIZES

Closest to Pin - Hole #8
Betsy Griffith - \$500
Tom McKee - \$200

Our Golf



Thank you to our hole sponsors

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our members, branches and friends who sponsored holes for this year's tournament and donated a total of \$6,225 for the benefit of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. *Köszönjük Szépen!*

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JUST 4 KIDZ

Another summer vacation has come to an end, and a new school year has begun. That means it's time to learn new things...and have some fun along the way!

This month, we're going to have fun AND learn something at the same time by making **Exploding Toothpaste**. Now, this really isn't as dangerous as it might sound, but you will need an adult to help you and your friends do this.

Make sure your parent knows that this is a science experiment using kid-friendly ingredients, and that everything can be safely thrown away in your garbage can at home once you're done.

What You Need

- Plastic wrap
- A funnel
- 4 ounces of 40-volume hydrogen peroxide
- A clean 1-liter plastic bottle
- 1 tablespoon of dish soap
- Food coloring of your choice
- 1 packet dry yeast
- 4 tablespoons of very warm water
- A small plastic cup
- Safety glasses and rubber gloves

What You Do

- Cover your table with plastic wrap. Put on your safety glasses and rubber gloves.
- Using a funnel, pour the hydrogen peroxide into the 1-liter plastic bottle.
- Squirt a little dish soap and add some food coloring to the hydrogen peroxide in the bottle. Cover the top of the bottle and swirl the bottle to mix the contents.
- In a small plastic cup, mix the entire package of dry yeast with the warm water. Stir the mixture with a spoon. If the mixture is too thick (like paste), add a small amount of warm water to thin it out.
- Now for the fun part! Pour the yeast mixture into the plastic bottle and watch what happens. It may take a few seconds to react, but the result is well worth the wait.
- When you are finished, throw away everything in the trash can or wash it down the drain. Go ahead and take a photo and tag #WPALife so that we can share in the fun.

Here's how it works. The yeast works as a "catalyst," which means it causes something to change to whatever it's added. In this experiment, when added to the hydrogen peroxide, the yeast releases the oxygen molecules within the hydrogen peroxide. The oxygen-filled bubbles, which make up the foam, are actually the remainder of what happens when the hydrogen peroxide breaks down into water (H_2O) and oxygen (O_2). The bottle will feel warm to the touch because this is an "exothermic reaction" in which energy, in the form of heat, is given off.



Find the hidden words

How many words can you find hidden in the phrase "BACK TO SCHOOL"?



Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

by Sara McKinsey Barra

Hello from the birthplace of William Penn Association, Hazleton, Pa. My name is Sara McKinsey Barra, and I am the branch coordinator for Branch 9. My family and I live in Tremont, Pa., which is south of Hazleton. From time to time, I will be writing an article about what the branch has been doing.

The branch participated in Join Hands Day recently by planting flowers at the Pine Grove United Church of Christ. Several branch members helped spruce up the front of the church.

Four branch members also volunteered at a church camp in North Carolina for a week. They helped build a handicap access ramp at one home, as you can see in the photo, and worked in a soup kitchen and performed other tasks.

If you do any volunteer work or help out in the community in any way, please let me know so that I can include it in a future article. A picture would be great too!

If you need to contact me, email me at s_mckinsey@hotmail.com. You can also call at 570-695-5761. I can help you apply for new life insurance, change a beneficiary or answer any questions you may have about your current insurance.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

by Richard E. Sarosi

We hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer and the fruits of their labor with a bountiful harvest from your gardens. Let the canning begin.

Good luck to our students who are beginning the school year in a new grade. Study hard and do your very best. Your education is so important, and you will benefit from it greatly.

We also hope everyone had a wonderful time at the many Hungarian picnics and events that took place in our towns this summer. I am sure that we will have more great events planned for 2019. Your



Members from Branch 9 recently volunteered for a week at a church camp in the Appalachian region of North Carolina and helped make repairs at the homes of area residents.

continued support through your attendance, membership and monetary contributions throughout the year, are so important for the continued existence and operation of our Hungarian clubs, churches, organizations, activities and events.

Among the events held recently in our area were the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden's golf outing and two events at the Hungarian Cultural Center of Northeastern Ohio: a classic car show and the first-ever Gulyás Cook-Off. You can read more about these events in the "Magyar Matters" section on page 9.

Also held in our area recently was the 35th Annual William Penn Association Golf Tournament and Scholarship Days, held July 13 and 14 at the Kennsington Golf Course in Canfield, Ohio. The course's close proximity to our area lead to an increase in golfers from the Cleveland, Ohio, area, joining a number of golfers from the Pittsburgh area. A total of 79 golfers enjoyed playing a new golf course, and they were up to the challenge it presented to their golf game. The lunch was delicious, and the awards that were given were enjoyed by the winning players. Additional prizes were an added bonus. We hope your family and friends

will join us in 2019 for a challenging game of golf.

I had the opportunity to visit WPA's Hungarian Heritage Experience held Aug. 5 to 11 at Camp Sequanota in Boswell, Pa. It was nice to see former classmates I met when I was a student at previous camps. The instructors, Tamás Markovits and Emery Marcus, were again teaching separate beginners and advanced classes. I also saw the students practice their singing, dancing and recitation of Hungarian poetry in preparation for Friday night's graduation ceremony. Some students made *csiga* (noodles) the night before for that day's lunch. They ate them in a delicious chicken soup prepared by Ursula Markovits.

Fraternal Director Barbara A. House and National Directors James Robertson and David Kozak made sure that everything ran with great efficiency that week. It was a hard job, and they are to be commended.

You can read more about the Experience on page 10.

Branch 14 meetings are held at the Bethlen Hall of The First Hungarian Reformed Church, 14530 Alexander Road, Walton Hills. Upcoming branch meetings will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday,

Nov. 7. Both meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Branch 14 adult members and guests are welcome to attend.

Upcoming fall activities in the Cleveland area include the Third Gala Organ Concert for the benefit of the Cleveland Hungarian Cultural Garden, to be held on Sunday, Oct. 7. In addition, many churches will be hosting harvest festivals this fall. Check with the churches for more information.

As always, check *William Penn Life* each month for information on WPA events and other events in the Hungarian community. Again, please support the clubs and organizations in your local communities that still continue our Hungarian customs, traditions, music and food.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or who may have recently lost a loved one. May they all 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, dealing with health issues or recovering from a surgery. We send out get well wishes and prayers to Branch 14 members Frances Hassel, Carl Horvath, Michelle Day, and Ernie Sarosi and to Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara for their continued healing, recovery and return to good health. Please keep them and all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent out to all of our branch members and Home Office staff, who are celebrating a September/October birthday and/or anniversary. May everyone be blessed with many more birthdays and anniversaries.

Lastly, your continued support throughout the year of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation is very important and needed, as it provides the funds that are distributed to our student members for their college studies. Please support education and our students.

As always, 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 up the phone and/or

plan a visit. Also, remember those who are in the hospital, rehabilitation facilities and extended care facilities; they like to have visitors.

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

Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

by Barbara A. House

Happy Labor Day. Can you believe it is now September? Where did the summer go? Everyone knows I am not a "summer" but a "winter," and, boy, am I ready. We had a pretty hot one here as did many of you. As always, it was a super-busy season. You can read all about the great things that happened in your WPA family in my fraternal column on page 3.

Meanwhile, Branch 18 has restarted our branch trips. We teamed up with Riverview seniors and went to Windsor, Canada. There were 55 of us. It was so successful, we did it again. We are working on other trips for next year.

Remember, we recently restarted our branch meetings. Come and share your opinions, thoughts, ideas and concerns with the rest of your fellow members. We need you to tell us what you would like to do.

Branch members Steve J. Stoltz and his granddaughter Ambrielle V. Stoltz-Bango attended the University of Debrecen Summer School (Debreceni Nyári Egyetem) in Debrecen, Hungary. They were among 200 students who participated in a four-week program in language and culture. Classes were held in the nearly

100-year-old majestic Főépülete (main building). Ambrielle is a WPA scholarship recipient and attends the University of Michigan.

Get well wishes go out to all who are feeling under the weather, especially Elsie Kantor, Alex Kulcsar, Julie Bubenko, Doug Truesdell, David Bodnar and the Rev. Barnabas Kiss. We wish you good health very soon.

Happy belated 99th birthday wishes to Olga Wansa. Also, happy belated birthday to Dianne Charles and Home Office employees Anthony Mastrangelo and Megan Craig. Thanks for your help, Megan. Hope you all have many more.

Hello to my mom, Irene Gall. Even at 96, she still looks forward to reading *William Penn Life*.

Happy anniversary to my husband, Tom. Can you believe it's been 52 years?

Thank you to Ursula and Tom Markovits for my very special "surprise" birthday on July 28. You worked so hard. Thank you to all who remembered my day. It was a wonderful day. Thanks to Tom who planned my day so perfectly.

Please pray for the families and loved ones of our recently departed members, especially Elsie Bocskay, Margaret Danielak and Emma Florescu. May they rest in peace.

My thought for the month: It is only when we understand that we have a limited time on Earth, and we have no way of knowing when our time is up, that we begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it were the only one we had.

See you soon at all our many events. Please call me anytime with your questions or suggestions. I can be reached at 734-782-4667 or 313-418-5572 or 1-800-848-7366 ext. 107.



Next Deadline

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

Branch 27 Toledo, OH

by Paula Bodnar

I hope everyone had a great summer and Labor Day. It's hard to believe that summer is over.

I am sorry that I have missed a few months of articles, but I was very busy taking care of my husband David. He was battling kidney cancer for over a year. He lost the battle on July 9. I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and kind words you spoke to me.

It's time for our branch meetings to resume. Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1:00 p.m. at American Table. All members are welcome to attend. We will be making plans for the Christmas party. Again this year, we will be collecting canned goods and personal hygiene items for the food pantry.

There was talk before we took our summer break about going to a Walleye hockey game after the new year. Anyone interested in attending a game please contact Irene at 419-349-7316 or Lisa at 419-367-8117.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me at 419-460-7214 and leave me a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

by Kathy Novak

I hope everyone who attended the WPA Golf Tournament enjoyed the Youngstown area. I just wish the temperature would have been a little cooler. Thank you to the WPA officers and staff for handling all the fine details for this event.

There was an added treat for those attending the Bethlen Communities' annual picnic on July 29: the Kodály Ensemble from Canada danced on the outdoor stage, while the WPA Magyar Folk Dancers performed for residents inside. There were many WPA members in attendance at this picnic, including National Directors David Kozak, Joyce Nicholson and Kathy Novak. Joining them were Alexis Kozak, Harry Nicholson and Sandor Tollas.

The Youngstown American Hun-



Members of Youngstown's Hungarian dance group entertained guests attending the 92nd Annual Magyar Nap hosted Aug. 5 by the Youngstown American Hungarian Federation.

garian Federation hosted its 92nd annual Magyar Nap on Aug. 5. A very nice crowd was on hand to enjoy delicious homemade Hungarian food while listening to Hungarian music. The Youngstown Hungarian dance group performed under the direction of Paula Horvath.

It has been so nice seeing so many people attending the Hungarian events throughout the tri-state area. It was a particular pleasure to see Jonathan Naser, chair of the Hungarian Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh, along with his mother Joann and sister Liz, at the Lake County Captains game and the Bethlen Communities picnic.

There have been many visitors to the Youngstown area lately.

The Schauer family had the pleasure of hosting their son Frank and grandchildren Rachael and Jerry, who were visiting from Florida.

Irene Nemeth enjoyed sharing her summer with her great-granddaughter, who was visiting her from Virginia for several months.

Also traveling back to the Youngstown area was Irene Devlin, the daughter of Irene Nemeth, who also is from Virginia.

Congratulations to all the WPA scholarship recipients. The future is

in your hands.

We're looking forward to sharing reports on the Birmingham Ethnic Festival in Toledo and the great WPA Picnic in next month's magazine.

It's always a bit of a letdown when September rolls around: school starts, vacation time ends, fewer festivals are held. But, there are still some events to look forward to. Among them is the Slavic Fest in Johnstown, Pa., a chicken paprikas dinner at Holy Apostle Parish in Youngstown, and the annual International Film Fest of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, to be held the first week of October.

Get well wishes go out to Pat Purton, Alice Nagy, Irene Devlin, Shelley Toth, Margie Sams, Steve Tkach, Caroline Lanzara, Ernie Sarosi, Arlene Csoman and John Torma.

Special wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month.

We extend our sincere sympathy to those who recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

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



Members and friends of Branch 89 log some time at the practice green in preparation for the branch's annual golf outing held recently in conjunction with the Steel Valley Rotary Club.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

by Marguerite McNelis

What a rainy summer! Hope next summer will be nicer. Keeping my fingers crossed. Let's hope fall will bring us nice weather, and this winter won't be as bad as last year's.

School is back in session. Parents can hopefully relax a little.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients. Take advantage of these school years because they will shape your future. Also, remember the William Penn Association and its generosity. When someone helps you, "pay it forward." Please, if you are able, make a donation to our future scholarship recipients.

Please take a moment and pray for all our service men and women, especially those in harm's way. Please remember when you see a veteran thank them for their service because they paid for our freedom.

We had a great turnout at the Kennsington Golf Club in Canfield, Ohio. Boy, what a hot day that was! My brother Gary and nephew Bob won prizes. Way to go, guys! Sorry Andy and I couldn't stay for the meal or congratulate the winners

due to our Cape Cod road trip. The food was delicious, we were told. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will spread the word and be back golfing next year. Thank you, Home Office employees, for all your help.

The Hungarian Heritage Experience was a success again this year. It certainly is a great fraternal activity. A special thank you to all the attendees, the great teachers and the cooks! *Köszönöm Szépen!*

Our branch made a donation to the Rainbow Kitchen, our local community food bank.

Special birthday wishes go out to Valerie McNelis, Nicole Healy, Gabriella Medina and everyone celebrating a birthday this month.

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

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

by Mark S. Maskarinec
Lisa S. Toth-Maskarinec

What a day! Our golf outing, held in conjunction with the Steel Valley Rotary Club, was another great success. We were happily surprised to



Branch 89 Vice President Mark Maskarinec stands next to the sign noting the hole he and his wife Lisa sponsored in memory of his niece's mother-in-law, Sharon.

see 108 golfers turn out on a bright, sunny Sunday at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, Pa.

Our day started off with a hot breakfast with choices off the menu--no buffet for our group. That was followed by wings, compliments of Buffalo Wild Wings. After registering, golfers purchased Mulligans, 50/50 raffle tickets and tickets for the always outstanding Chinese auction. This year, the total value of our Chinese auction prizes was over \$3,000, all of it donated by our branch members and members and golfers of the Steel Valley Rotary. True fraternalism if there ever was.

A huge surprise occurred during the golf banquet when Branch President John Toth was presented the WPA Branch 89 Distinguished Service Award. Presenting the award to Johnny was Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec, accompanied by two surprise guests and friends of Johnny who said they could not miss this event: former Vice Chair of the WPA Board William J. Bero and former National Vice President-Fraternal Endre Csoman. What a true sign of friendship to have both in attendance.

Since the death of our branch's former president, Johnny has not only stepped up and tried to fill those big shoes but also served as

assistant chief elder of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead while providing moral support to Branch Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Toth as she battles Alzheimers. He's a true class act if there ever was one and well deserving of this award.

As WPA Medical Director Dr. Michael Finikiotis said, "John is about one of the nicest people out there." Branch 89 totally agrees, and we know his predecessor, his uncle Elmer Toth, is very proud of how he has stepped up.

Tom Kazar, a member of WPA and owner of Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café, was planning to host another Hungarian Night at his restaurant on Aug. 31, complete with the musical accompaniment of George Batyi. Come check out Dorothy 6 on 8th Avenue in Homestead, even if it's not on one of the Hungarian Nights.

Get well wishes continue to go to branch members George Kostival, Mark Maskarinec, Janet J. and Rudy Phillips, Jim Findlay (as he continues his battle with cancer) and Justin Toth.

Branch 89 is sad to report the sudden and unexpected death of our branch mascot, Baron Leo DeGoofus Toth. He led a good life and provided countless support to many. He will be missed.

And here's a story that was told to me by another member of our branch. Connor Langan, one of our younger members, was talking to our branch president about the upcoming golf outing. He said to John, "I'm really proud to be a Member of Branch 89," to which John replied, "Why do you say that?"

Connor replied, "because when Unc ran the branch, he had things going on. But he died, and you stepped in with Cousin Lisa--it is okay for me to call her that, isn't it?-- and both of you always have something going on in our branch. And I like that. And you know, Uncle Elmer was still my Unc, and he would be proud of all you're doing."

My response was, "wow!" To hear words like this coming from a young person in this day and age truly is something. It puts everything in perspective.

Take care and make every day count. Do something nice for someone and see how good you will feel. It takes more energy to complain about something than it does to correct the problem. Fraternalism is the key! Let's make it count.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

by Debra A. Lewis

Hello, all! Well, we have finally made it to September. This month marks the end of summer with pools closing, kids going back to school and the last of summer picnics being held. Hope everyone had a great summer.

This month's important dates include: Labor Day (Sept. 3), Grandparents Day (Sept. 9), Patriot Day (Sept. 11) and the beginning of fall (Sept. 23).

Congratulations to all those student members who received a scholarship grant this year from the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation. We encourage all our members and friends to please consider donating to this great program that supports the continued education of our young members.

The WPA Tour 2018 to Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia and Venice is scheduled for Sept. 25 to Oct. 11. We wish safe travels to all those participating in this great trip. We can hardly wait to see all your pictures and hear all your stories about your experiences in Europe.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Plank's Café, located at 743 Parsons Ave.,

Columbus, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We will be discussing plans for our annual branch family christmas party.

There will be a Soup & Learn Program sponsored by the Hungarian Cultural Association of Columbus on Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Ladislav Church, located at 277 Reeb Ave., Columbus. Soup will be served at about 11:30 a.m. followed by the program.

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and additions to their families.

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

Sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the family of our branch member Frank Orosz. Please remember all in your prayers.

If you have any news about yourself or a loved one you would like to share, or if you would like to receive information about WPA life insurance or annuity plans, please contact me at 614-875-9968 or e-mail at DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 132 South Bend, IN

by John E. Burus

Summer seems to be almost over; how could it go by so fast? Before you know it, football season will be here. Go, Irish!

The garden has been very good to us this year as the paprika (sweet and hot) harvest has been plentiful.

I would also like to wish all a happy and safe Labor Day.

Our branch's summer picnic was

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Members of the WPA Magyar Folk Dancers perform for residents of Bethlen Communities during Bethlen's annual Hungarian picnic on July 29.

a success, and I believe all had a good time. The weather cooperated, the food was good and camaraderie was perfect. The parking was a little tricky this year as the neighboring zoo was hosting a free concert, and there were vehicles everywhere.

The next Branch 132 meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 5:00 p.m. at Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road, South Bend. We will begin planning the date for the Christmas party.

Branch 132 once again sponsored a men's softball team for 2018. They finished the season with a record of 12 wins and 8 losses. They are currently playing in the city tournament, and I will report results next time.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

by Judit Ganchuk

It's Life Insurance Awareness Month! Make sure to call our Home Office or your agent with any questions you or your family may have about life insurance and put your mind at ease.

Happy birthday wishes go out to our members celebrating this month. Happy anniversary wishes go out to those special September couples.

Please keep those who have recently lost a loved one in your prayers. May God bless their friends and family.

We are thinking of our branch

members and friends who are under the weather or are recovering: Gloria Jordanhazy, June Coyne, Wayne Nelson and Sally Petras.

We'll see you at the next branch meeting in September. Please call Branch President Malvene Heyz at 412-751-1898 with questions about our next meeting or news you want to share here.

By the time this goes to print, the William Penn Association Magyar Folk Dancers will have finished their performances for this summer. In August, our group performed at the International Village ethnic food and music festival in McKeesport, Pa., and the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. We thank all of the dancers and their families for giving up their summer and giving back to the community in your volunteer efforts.

Mark your calendars--The Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport's annual fall bingo luncheon will be Saturday, Oct. 13. Tickets cost \$25 and include the luncheon and one bingo package. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Please call the church at 412-672-7298 for more info.

Also, the church is offering a Halloween Shopping Spree raffle. Tickets cost \$5 each. One winner will receive gift cards worth a total of \$1,000 donated by the members of the church. More info available at the phone number above.

Best of luck to all those students returning to classes!

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

by Mark Schmidt

Here we are, three fourths of the way through the year.

Labor Day is upon us. Always held on the first Monday in September, Labor Day was the idea of Peter J. Maguire, a labor union leader who in 1882 proposed a celebration honoring the American worker. The date chosen was simply "convenient" because it was midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. Although the day's focus on organized labor has diminished over the years, the holiday has become a way to mark the end of the summer season and the start of the school year.

But, with the similarities that Labor Day shares with fraternalism and the beginnings of WPA--that is, people grouping together as one for the benefit of many--maybe we could now consider it "Fraternal Day," a time when we all look out for our fellow man. Just a thought as we get back to the routine of school, work and life.

I want to thank the members of Branch 249 and the Magyar Club of Dayton for the non-routine contributions of money, baking and many dozens of pastries that were donated for the WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio. I also want to thank Cindy Dobo of Dobo's Delights Bake Shoppe in Piqua, Ohio, for her most generous supply of cookies, pastries and *Dobos Tortes*. All these pastries were sold, and the proceeds were given to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Check out Cindy's goods at www.dobosdelights.com and have her ship some to you.

Speaking of the WPA Picnic, we'll have more to report on that in the next issue. I was looking forward to seeing many old friends and making many new ones as we came together. Truly, fraternalism at its best.

Locally, we have some future events to note. First, there's the Magyar Club Bacon Fry, on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 1:00 p.m. at Sinclair Park off of Shoup Mill Road. The Club will supply the bread, bacon and veggies. Please bring a side dish to share.

Also, mark your calendars for

the Gulyás Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 4:00 p.m. at the Czech-Slovak Club on Valley Street. More info to come next month.

A website to check out for local Hungarian info and activities is www.daytonhungarians.org. This site is updated frequently with activities and links. Make it a favorite in your browser.

Our condolences and sympathy go to those who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the Helen Kovach family. May our dearly departed rest in peace.

Get well wishes to those who are ill or in the hospital. We send out prayers of healing for a speedy recovery.

Happy birthday and anniversary wishes to those celebrating in September, especially our grandson, Lucas, who turns one this month.

As always contact me if you have some info you would like to share in this article.

See you soon. That's all for now!

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

by Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz

First and foremost, we've got the return of Branch 296's Bacon Roast (*szalonna sütés*) on Sunday, Sept. 23, at Oakmont's Riverside Park. Please come hungry! The grills will be ready at 1:00 p.m., and we'll continue until around 5:00 p.m. Find us directly behind Riverview High School at the end of the Hulton Bridge. (For GPS users, type in 200 Hulton Road, Oakmont.)

Parking is available in the high school lot, within a short walk of our picnic pavilion. Follow the directional signs in the ground, approaching the park. We'll be awaiting your arrival with smiles, hugs and great food!

Branch 296 provides the bacon, bread and fixings for *szalonna sütés*, plus *kolbász*, hotdogs, pop and water. If you would be kind enough to bring a side dish or dessert to share, that would be greatly appreciated. My contribution will once again be a crock of my homemade baked beans.

RSVP by Saturday, Sept. 8, so we'll know how many to plan for. Call either me at 724-274-5318 or



Branch 249 helped provide food and service for a picnic honoring veterans, many of whom gathered for the above photo, held July 21 at Friendship Park in Smithfield, Ohio.

Diane Torma at 724-882-3802.

Riverside Park, with its basketball court, tennis courts and rubberized track (on which you can play or walk off your meal) awaits you!

Friends from neighboring branches are welcome, as are other like-minded folks. A super-fun playground is there for the enjoyment of your little ones, too. Come out and relax with us at Riverside Park.

Birthday greetings to all of our 296ers in the month of September, especially Josh Borland (cannot believe you are nearly in high school, buddy).

Continued get well wishes to Branch Auditor John Torma, and to all of our members who are experiencing health issues at this time. We want you well in all aspects of living and pray that God grants each of you a speedy recovery.

Our heartfelt condolences to each of you who have lost a loved one recently. May good memories, family members and friends carry you through this difficult time.

Hello to our newest Branch 296 members. You are welcome to attend our casual meetings, and we look forward to seeing you at our branch events.

Please save the date to attend our branch family Christmas party at Springdale's VFW on Sunday, Nov. 25. More details will follow.

School will be in session by the time you read this. Students of all ages, we anticipate your success in the new academic year. November's *William Penn Life* will feature this year's scholarship recipients. Are

you aware that the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019? This is an incredible accomplishment, knowing that WPA has provided financial grants to literally thousands of its members. Were you a recipient?

We continue to learn and develop new skills over our lifetimes. I taught my own father how to use his debit card at the grocery store when he was 91. Another fine example is WPA's Hungarian Heritage Experience that was held last month. Each year, WPA welcomes new and returning students who are curious and eager to learn and practice lessons they've learned in the Hungarian language, cooking, history and culture. Here's hoping that we can always let ourselves be open to discovery and learning.

Branch 296 will resume its monthly meetings on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at King's Family Restaurant in New Kensington. Our remaining meetings for the year will be held on Oct. 11 and Nov. 8. We welcome you to join us and provide your input. If you have questions about your insurance coverage or annuities, you can ask our WPA agent Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, who usually attends our meetings. You can also contact Noreen at 412-821-1837 or at noreenbunny.fritz@verizon.net.

September is a great month to take in harvest festivals. Buy some apples or cider from a roadside stand. And, the heavy rains we've experienced throughout the summer

generally make the trees produce extraordinary autumn colors for us, so that is something beautiful to watch for.

Happy football season to everyone, too!

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

by Joyce Nicholson

Greetings from WPA branch 349 in the Ohio Valley Tri-State area!

Our branch's Join Hands Day project this year was to celebrate and honor our veterans at the annual Jefferson County Veterans Association picnic held Saturday, July 21, at Friendship Park in Smithfield, Ohio. About 85 to 90 people attended; among them were veterans who served in WWII, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam or Desert Storm and current military members. All branches of our military were represented, and several of their family members were present. Our WPA branch helped provide food and service for this event which paid respect to our military.

Congratulations to the golf team of Dave Kozak, Tom House, Rick Smith and Harry Nicholson who won fourth place at the WPA Golf Tournament in July. As always, it was great fun, great food and great fraternalism. Plus, this team finally won some prize money!

On Sunday, Aug. 5, Harry and I took the short drive to Youngstown, Ohio, to join in the annual Hungarian Day Festival (*Magyar Nap*). The churches and Hungarian societies of the greater Youngstown area join together for this day of festivities, featuring delicious Hungarian cuisine and demonstrations of dancing, music and song. Kathy Novak, Vice Chair of the WPA Board, was serving up the chicken paprikás, *kolbász* and pastries to a line of people that seemed to never end.

Thanks to Kathy and everyone who put this event together. It was enjoyable.

Have a great end-of-summer weekend this Labor Day; fly the flag and stay safe. Let us never forget to observe Patriot Day on Sept. 11. Say a prayer for those who died or were injured in the terrorist attacks on

the USA in 2001. God bless all first responders everywhere.

We extend good wishes to those members with birthdays and anniversaries this month. Among those celebrating a birthday in September are Emily Nicholson, Deborah Toth and Kathy Novak.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Andrew Zelk Jr. on his passing.

Soon, we will be focusing on fall and winter holidays and events. For additional information about Branch 349 activities, or if you have any news you wish to share, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238. You can call on Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994.

Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA

by Dora S. McKinsey

September brings with it the beginning of the fall season. Officially, fall starts on Sept. 23 this year. We also celebrate Labor Day on Sept. 3. Not to shock anyone, but Christmas is right around the corner!

In next month's article, a list of all Branch 352 members who received a scholarship check for the 2018-2019 school year will be published.

Instructions for those applicants applying for a 2019-2020 WPA scholarship grant will soon be published in *William Penn Life*. Remember to donate to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., so that William Penn Association can continue to offer scholarship grants to our deserving future scholars.

The 17th anniversary of 9/11 is this year. In remembrance, we should all volunteer for whatever cause you most care about. That is one of the best ways to remember the sacrifices made by so many. If you do volunteer, please remember to let us know so that we can all share in your accomplishments.

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

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

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

If you need help with any insurance questions, whether it is to change a beneficiary or to report a lost policy, please contact me by phone at 412-932-3170 or by email at dmckinsey@hotmail.com. I will be happy to assist you.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

by Joan B. Ballash

Happy Labor Day! Time to go with family and friends for one last summer outing.

Did everyone see the four-generation photo of Olive Savino and her family in the *Altoona Mirror*? Congratulations, Olive!

School has started. Drive carefully and obey all laws regarding school buses.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of branch member Rosemary Kwolek and to all who have lost a loved one. Take comfort in the Resurrection.

You're Invited

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

BACON ROAST

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1:00 PM • Riverside Park
200 Hulton Road (off 3rd St.), Oakmont, PA
For more information, call Diane Torma at 724-882-3802





Are your beneficiaries up to date?

That's a question you may not have asked yourself very often, if ever. But, it's one you should ask yourself at least once a year.

We can't stress enough the importance of regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates. It is the only way to ensure that the people you want to receive the benefits of your life insurance are the ones who will receive it.

Think about the changes that have occurred in your life since you purchased your life insurance. Getting married, having children, losing a loved one, getting remarried—all these life changes affect your responsibilities. In some states, divorce may make your beneficiaries null and void. Do the beneficiaries currently listed on your life insurance certificates reflect such changes?

If you think you need to update the beneficiaries listed on your certificates—either primary or secondary beneficiaries—contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office toll-free at 1-800-848-7366.

Branch News



Members and friends of Branch 8036 gathered for the branch's fifth annual Meet & Greet event held on the grounds of Stone Villa Wine Cellars in Acme, Pa.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are ill and to their caregivers. We wish everyone the best of health.

Branch 800 members and guests attending the annual picnic enjoyed delicious food and warm fellowship. Branch President Dan Greiner and his brother, Vice President Dennis Greiner, hosted the event. Thank you for your efforts and all the great prizes.

Blessings to our Jewish friends celebrating Rosh Hashanah.

I would like all of us to experience an autumn filled with beautiful foliage, mild weather and time to savor it.

Branch Coordinator Bob Jones is available, regardless of the season, to answer your questions about life insurance and annuities and can assess your need for either or both. Bob can be reached at 814-942-2661.

Branch 8036 Scottsdale, PA

by Jerry Hauser

Branch 8036 held its fifth annual Meet & Greet on the grounds of Stone Villa Wine Cellars, located in Acme, Pa.

Our event coincided with Stone Villa's "Sangria Weekend," which featured hourly door prizes along with the popular Limbo Contest for those willing to put their agile body to the test.

Mother Nature held the rain at bay as branch members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of refreshments, relaxing reggae music and great fellowship.

Guests were informed about the upcoming WPA Picnic in Hiram, Ohio on Aug. 25.

Special thanks to branch officers Elizabeth and Leslie Kastal for providing a variety of tasty meats and cheeses along with Elizabeth's famous fresh bread direct from the Darlington Inn. Also, thanks to Joanne Brahosky for sharing her delicious homemade cheese and pineapple dip that disappeared quickly.

After the event, goodbyes were exchanged with many looking forward to the branch's Christmas dinner in December.

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Puzzle Contest #159 with Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky

School in Hungary (Part I)

The school year in Hungary begins around Sept. 1 and ends around June 15. The government regulates all aspects of the education process, making it uniform throughout the country. Private schools can regulate their own programs but are required to submit detailed plans to the government for approval.

Each child, once they reach the age of 5, is required to attend kindergarten for at least one year prior to entering first grade at age 6. But, parents can choose to enroll their child in kindergarten for up to three years prior to first grade.

Education lasts until the age of 16. Elementary school comprises grades 1 through 8, with the first four years being called "lower school" and grades 5 to 8 "upper school."

While in 8th grade, a student must choose between three paths for high school. Tests, grades and letters of endorsement from teachers enable a student to attend a particular type of school. A "gimnázium" is the most difficult type of school to enter. It focuses on university preparation, and students spend 20 hours per week in a foreign language class, studying either English, German or Russian. The second type of high school is vocational and is the most popular because it not only trains students at a workplace but also qualifies them to attend a college or university. The final option is trade training in which students become qualified to work as skilled laborers.

There are many traditions involved with Hungarian education. One is the "readiness sign," a wooden plate featuring the photos of students and teachers during the students' final year of high school. It does not come down from the school or training site until the exams are completed. Hopefully, the student will pass the rigorous testing procedure and receive a diploma.

Grading is done numerically, with 5 being the highest and 1 being unsatisfactory.

Elementary school starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends around noon. Parents have a choice to have their offspring come home or stay at an enrichment/daycare site where lunch is provided. During the high school years, the scholastic day is much longer.

The Hungarian educational system is very efficient and boasts one of the highest high school and college graduation rates in the world.

The September 2018 puzzle consists of six clues about the education system in Hungary and their English language translation. Have a great Labor Day and see you in October.

Lizzy Cseh-Hadzinsky, Branch 28

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #159 OFFICIAL ENTRY

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"Education in Hungary" Word List

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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 #159
709 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

4. Entries must be received at the Home Office by Oct. 31, 2018.
5. Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Nov 5, 2018, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #156 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #156 were drawn Aug. 6, 2018, at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

John E. Burus, Br. 132 South Bend, IN
Gina M. Goettler, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
Doris Hepp, Br. 51 Passaic, NJ
Nancy C. Spohn, Br. 34 Pittsburgh, PA
 Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

In Memoriam

We ask you to pray for all our recently departed members listed here:

JULY 2018

- 0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT
Lucy Christiano
Edward Lengyel
- 0014 CLEVELAND, OH
Louis Andrew Balogh
James T. Pillar
Lynne M. Pillar
Joseph B. Volter
- 0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI
Elsie Bocskay
Margaret A. Danielak
Emma Florescu

- 0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Donna L. Mincher
- 0034 PITTSBURGH, PA
Thomas E. Hirsh
- 0044 AKRON, OH
Edith Nasvadi
- 0048 NEW YORK, NY
Gwendolyn Bynoe
- 0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Antoine A. Bookard
Edith Nemeth
- 0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Nancy Jean Baran
- 0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Frank J. Orosz
- 0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
Margaret Nelson

- Eleanor Zato
- 0159 PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Stephen M. Sarian
- 0189 ALLIANCE, OH
Kathleen A. Nile
- 0216 NORTHAMPTON, PA
Anthony Madl
- 0249 DAYTON, OH
Helen Kovach
Steven E. LaFlame
Margaret E. Toht
- 0296 SPRINGDALE, PA
Rene R. Wanamaker
- 0336 HARRISBURG, PA
Margaret Otzel
Carol M. Smith

- 0349 WEIRTON, WV
Theodore E. Lengyel
- 0352 CORAOPOLIS, PA
Irene A. Kerestes
- 0383 BUFFALO, NY
Michael Nagy
Patricia L. Newell
Frieda I. Sutton
- 0590 CAPE CORAL, FL
Jose Z. Bras, Sr.
- 0705 MAYVILLE, WI
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- Branch - Donor - Amount**
- 8 - Stephen J. Gall Jr. - \$4.15
- 9 - Diane Fala Klingner - \$4.13
- 19 - Mary Jane Nagy - \$1.00
- 28 - Michael A. Kroner - \$8.92
- 28 - Earl A. Spencer - \$3.67
- 28 - Albert E. Schmalzried Jr. - \$10.00
- 48 - Concepcion Rivera - \$25.00
- 76 - Katherine A. Schaefer - \$5.00
- 89 - Carissa R. Debrezeni - \$4.20
- 89 - Damon V. DeLuca - \$20.00
- 129 - Amy E. Deeds - \$5.00
- 129 - Stephanie L. Shepard - \$9.58
- 132 - John P. Burus - \$10.00
- 159 - William Scherfel IV - \$1.71
- 216 - Anna Martincsek - \$13.04
- 226 - John T. Benedek - \$50.00
- 226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40
- 226 - Carol S. Burlikowski - \$5.00
- 296 - Elsie R. Cristillo - \$2.00
- 296 - Elizabeth J. Huffman - \$25.00
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- 352 - Veronica A. Kochinski - \$10.00
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- 8036 - Steven W. Savage - \$10.00
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- 8036 - Cathy J. Savage - \$10.00
- 8340 - Aaron J. Holdsworth - \$10.00
- 8340 - Christian D. Sugg - \$10.00

TOTAL for Month = \$293.76

Additional Donations JULY 2018

- Donor - Amount**
- Lou Ann Hunchuck - \$5.00
- Proceeds from sale of Hungarian Christmas Ornaments at YSU Festival - \$45.00
- WPA Cookbook Sales - \$545.00

TOTAL for Month = \$595.00

Donations In Memoriam JULY 2018

- Donor - Amount**
(In Memory of)
- Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI - \$100.00
(Deceased Members Brent V. Elser & Elmer E. Bankics)
- TOTAL for Month = \$100.00**
- Donations Received From Annual Golf Tournament**
Received as of July 31, 2018
- Donor - Amount**
(In Memory of, if applicable)
- Anonymous - \$10.00
- M/M George S. Charles Jr. - \$100.00
(Our Mumsy)
- Steven F. Charles - \$100.00

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(Parents and Brother)
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- Katherine E. Novak - \$100.00
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- Mary Rose Purton - \$50.00

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- James W. Robertson - \$100.00
(My Parents & Sister)
- Rev. Joseph Rudjak - \$100.00
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- Violet Sarosi - \$100.00
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- Mark C. Schmidt - \$100.00
(Annie & Albert Kertesz)
- Alan A. Szabo - \$20.00
- Sandor Tollas Jr. - \$100.00
- M/M John J. Torma Jr. - \$100.00
- Gregory & Malinda York - \$25.00
(David J. Bodnar)
- Br. 8 Johnstown, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased Members)
- Br. 14 Cleveland, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Members)
- Br. 26 Sharon, PA - \$25.00
(Br. 26 Deceased Members)
- Br. 28 Youngstown, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Br. 28 Members)
- Br. 249 Dayton, OH - \$100.00
(Deceased Members of Br. 249)
- Br. 296 Springdale, PA - \$100.00
(Br. 296 Deceased Members)
- Br. 349 Weirton, WV - \$50.00
(Deceased Members)
- Br. 8036 Scottsdale, PA - \$100.00
(Deceased Members)
- TOTAL for Month = \$3,725.00**



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