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NJ-NY Fraternalists celebrate Flag Day

Directors of the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance celebrated Flag Day while attending a scheduled meeting of the Alliance. The meeting was at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, NJ, which is also the venue for its annual meeting in October. Pictured above are (l-r): Sam Sbraccia, former WPA Chair of the Board Anthony Beke, Theresa Kluchinski, Mary Jo Savidge and Fred Durso.

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Should you have a will or a trust?



As we get older, it's only natural to think about how to best share what we have with those we love once we're gone. The importance of setting down your wishes in writing can not be overstressed. But, how best to go about doing that? Should you have a will or a trust? Both transfer your estate to your heirs, but while **trusts** may be put into effect during your lifetime as well as after your die, **wills**, on the other hand, only take affect after you die. Together or separately, wills and trusts both serve as effective estate planning tools.

The importance of having a will

The thought of writing a will makes many people uncomfortable, yet a properly written will is one of the most important parts of effective estate planning. A will is a formal legal document that will instruct your survivors in the settlement of your estate. While insurance policies and annuities pass by contract to the named beneficiary—not through the will—a properly written will provides that your other property be distributed to your heirs based on your wishes.

Taking the time to compose your will helps to ensure that you decide how your estate is divided, not the state. When someone dies without a will—known as dying “intestate”—your state of domicile will decide how your estate is to be divided and by whom.

Some people may feel that their estate is too small to need a will, but you should consider writing one anyway no matter the size. The reason is this: if you die without a will you automatically forfeit your right to direct the dealings of your estate. In addition to stipulating any special bequests (who gets what), your will also gives you the opportunity to designate who handles your affairs (the executor), make plans for minor children and grandchildren and provide for any charitable bequests. If you've decided that you'd like part of your estate to pass to personal friends or even a charity, a will is the primary source of fulfilling your wishes.

Without a will, the courts have no way of knowing what your wishes were and will seek out relatives—no matter how distant—for distribution purposes. If you aren't married but have a “life partner” or others who you consider “family,” you should have a will to help ensure that your loved ones are properly cared for.

In addition, a properly written will provides for a secondary or alternate beneficiary in the event of a common disaster or in the event your primary beneficiary passes on before you do.

A will must be signed and witnessed as required by state law. Its implementation requires a legal process. Your will must be filed with the probate court in your jurisdiction and executed by your designated executor. The will is then publicly available in the records of the probate court that oversees the execution. The probate court also has jurisdiction over any disputes that may arise.

Many people today have shifted their assets into a trust. People with trusts should also have a will, because not all of your assets will be covered by the trust. The will, however, has the potential to cover ALL of your assets, leaving no property unaccounted for and no stone unturned.

So, how does a trust work?

Trusts are legal arrangements that provide for the transfer of assets from their current owner—called the “grantor” or “trustor”—to a designated trustee. The trust document sets the terms for the trustee's management and ultimate distribution of the trust assets to one or more

designated trust beneficiaries. The trustee is obligated to handle the trust assets in accordance with the terms of the trust document and act solely in the best interest of the trust beneficiaries.

Unlike wills, which take effect upon death, a trust becomes effective upon the transfer of assets to the trust. This often involves re-titling your home and other assets while the grantor is still alive. A “living trust” is created during the grantor’s lifetime and a “testamentary trust” is created after death and is created in accordance with directives and instructions found in the will of the grantor. Trusts are used to provide for the distribution of assets to the heirs of the grantor.

There are many different types of trusts—too many to discuss in this article. So, let’s review two of the most common trusts that we see here at William Penn Association.

- **Revocable Trust.** As the name implies, grantors can create revocable trusts which they can alter, amend or terminate at any time. The grantor can also be the trustee of the revocable trust and, in essence, still own the trust assets for tax purposes. The revocable trust document should provide for a successor trustee and provide instructions for the subsequent management of the trust should the grantor/trustee die or become disabled and unable to manage the trust personally. Although the trust assets will avoid probate, since the grantor retained control of the trust assets while alive, the assets in the trust will be included in the grantor’s taxable estate.

- **Irrevocable Trust.** Unlike the revocable trust, where the grantor retains control of the assets, in the irrevocable trust the grantor gives up all control and once established, cannot be altered or canceled. The irrevocable trust is managed by a trustee, not the grantor. Provided the grantor has given up all control of the trust assets, the income from trust assets are not included in the grantor’s taxable income nor are

the trust assets included in the grantor’s estate. If properly structured, the irrevocable trust may also protect the assets from the grantor’s creditors.

As I mentioned previously, there are a number of other trusts that are beyond the scope of this article.

- **Special Purpose or Special Needs Trust** might be used for grantors that have heirs with special needs.

- **Charitable Trusts** can be used to provide an economic benefit to the grantor or their beneficiaries, but are extremely complex and must meet strict tax law requirements.

Since trusts can be quite complex and involve a number of legal requirements, it’s always best to seek the advice of an attorney and tax advisor before deciding to move forward with establishing a trust.

Along with purchasing life insurance, writing a will and establishing a trust are among the means of providing security to your loved ones. Although the topic may be emotionally challenging, the advantages far outweigh any temporary discomfort you may feel. Give some thought to how you’d like your assets to be divided, who is to be named as executor (or executrix) and who (or what organizations) will receive benefits according to YOUR wishes.

Have you postponed the task of writing a will? If you have a will, has it been updated recently? Does your will provide for your grandchildren should your children die before you? These are all difficult questions but ones that need to be addressed. After gathering your thoughts and deciding on how you’d like to structure your affairs, consult a legal professional for any advice or guidance, and call your WPA agent to make sure your beneficiaries are up-to-date and also follow your wishes for distribution.

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Hope to see you at the WPA Picnic on Aug. 20!

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Agoston Haraszthy: The Hungarian 'grandfather' of American winemaking, (Part 3 of 3)



The entrance to the cellars at Agoston Haraszthy's Buena Vista Winery. Restored after an earthquake in 1906, the cellars appear much as they did in Haraszthy's time.

For years, I have been listening to a long-form history podcast called "Hardcore History." The host, Dan Carlin, observes that certain eras of history are like a black and white movie--grainy, hazy, lacking in major details and realism, where the audience only gets part of the story, leaving the rest to imagination. But, in other eras, we get more of the story, the "color." One might say that the "full-color" era of human history starts with Herodotus, author of *The Histories*. However, this full-color period relates to the grand arc of history, telling stories about big things, such as wars and kings and realms. Personal history--the stories of a community, a family or a person--that kind of history remains in the "black and white" era for most of us.

For example, despite hours of research over the course of several long winters, my own genealogical history remains in black and white. I have basic biographic information about hundreds of ancestors--dates, names, birthplaces, occupations. But, these are data points, and I am not anywhere approaching the full story. I know next to nothing about who my ancestors were, what they thought or how they felt. Many important questions will remain forever unanswered due to accidents of history, especially for those ancestors who moved from one homeland to another. Why would someone continually seek out and find new horizons and tread along unfamiliar paths? How much does one's personal destiny rest upon a knife's edge, teetering between the dull comfort of the ordinary and the plunge--whether short or long--into the unknown?

These questions apply equally to the Hungarian winemaking pioneer, Agoston Haraszthy, just as much as they do for my ancestors. I've been contemplating these central mysteries of Agoston Haraszthy's personality for months now, and I think my ruminations have come to an end, if not exactly a conclusion. I regret that, despite skimming a number of books and articles about the man, I still have not understood what motivated Haraszthy to move not once or twice, but five, six or seven times, depending on how one counts. I would have relished the chance to read Haraszthy's memoir to understand these matters more, but, as you will see dear reader, fortune robbed us of that opportunity.

In 1857, General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo called Haraszthy to his extensive vineyards in what is now Sonoma County, California. General Vallejo, despite having decades of viticultural experience, had been able to cultivate only a few dozen acres of the Valley of the Moon with a few poor varieties of grapes. Learning of the eccentric Hungarian's knowledge and character, he summoned Haraszthy to his estate called *Lacrima Montis* (The Tear of the Mountain).

Theodore Schoenman writes in his book *The Father of California Wine*, that Haraszthy, with "his first glimpse of the Sonoma Valley he sensed that his long search had ended."

"Here was a valley of rich soil, bathed in warm sun, its rolling sheltered hills protected from the fog of San Pablo Bay and most importantly, near the San Francisco grape market," Schoenman writes. "Other natural factors which influence grapes and wines, namely, local wind currents, precipitation, and its timing, and the general topography of Sonoma reminded [Haraszthy] of the high quality vineyards in Hungary."

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Haraszthy set about acquiring a small empire of land upon which to launch his winemaking experiments. First at a place called Crystal Springs, and later at the Buena Vista (Széptáj) property, Haraszthy began to revolutionize California winemaking. Over the course of a few short years, Haraszthy's plantings, grapes, and vintages soon claimed top prizes over the far more established General Vallejo. This competition turned into not only a friendly rivalry among neighbors but a family dynasty as Haraszthy's sons, Attila and Árpád, married Natalia and Jovita, the twin daughters of General Vallejo, in a double ceremony that must have been the talk of the region for decades.

Winemaking in that growing region remained chaotic, so, despite his earlier run-ins regarding the alleged improprieties at the mint, Haraszthy successfully lobbied the California state government to commission a study of winemaking techniques in the Old World. In 1861, Haraszthy set out to Europe via New York. In several months, Haraszthy and his son Árpád (who had been studying winemaking in the Champagne region of France) visited every wine region of prominence in Europe, except Hungary. What kept Haraszthy from his native soil? The historical texts provide no answer. Haraszthy published an account of his travels with Harper & Co., delivered his report and a number of vines and plantings to the California government, and went home to Buena Vista by 1862.

Haraszthy's political luck seemed to sour at this point. With the Civil War raging and with California controlled by Republicans and War Democrats, Haraszthy's connection to "copperheads" (northern Democrats who pushed for a peace settlement with the Confederacy) meant that his foreign travels and recommendations were ill-received. Despite a lucrative partnership with banking magnate William Ralston, which may have made Haraszthy's Buena Vista empire the undisputed wine-maker in America, financial hardships, winemaking disasters (including a failed batch of 10,000 bottles of champagne), and oppressive creditors plagued Haraszthy.

Despite all that he had achieved in California, he led part of the Haraszthy clan to a new frontier, this time to Nicaragua. He

acquired a sugarcane plantation, built a sawmill and started a rum distillery. Fortune seemed to smile upon Haraszthy again, leading a new life in his late fifties in yet another new frontier.

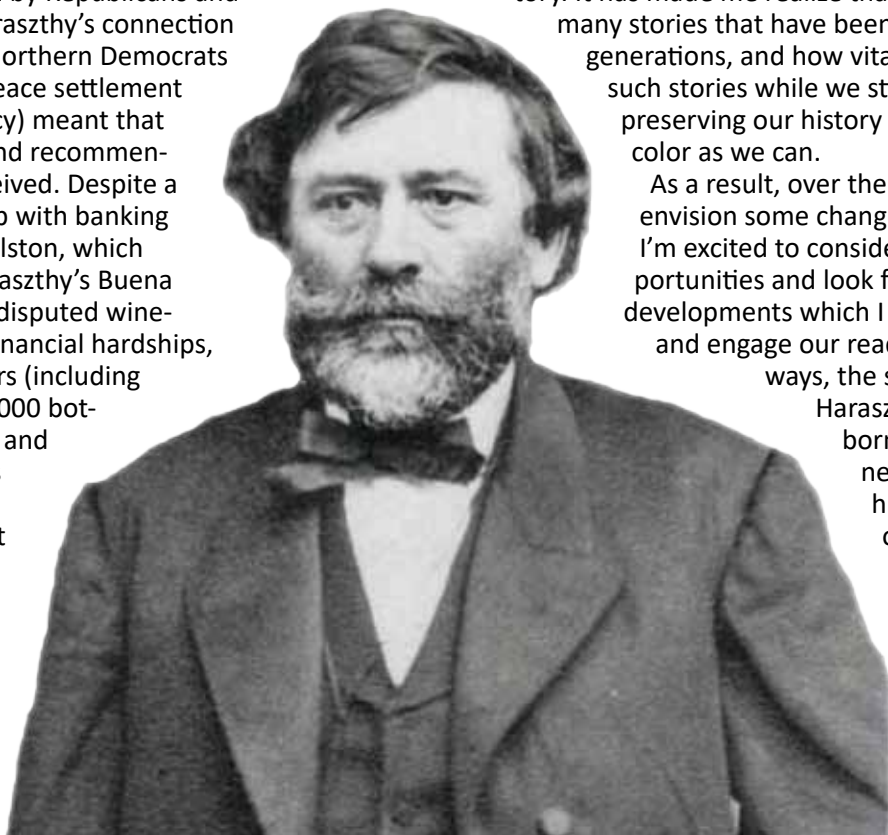
But, fate has a way of trying a person. In 1868, Eleonora, his beloved wife, died of yellow fever. Soon after, his father, "General" Charles Haraszthy, passed away at the age of 79 in California, having emigrated to the U.S. some years prior. Agoston himself met an untimely end, but, true to the themes of this tale, not without an air of mystery. On July 6, 1868, along the banks of a river that lined his Nicaraguan properties, Haraszthy attempted to cross the waters on a log. With the confidence of youth but all the clumsiness of an old man, it is supposed that Haraszthy lost his footing, fell into the waters and was consumed by an alligator. No one recovered the body.

The more fanciful part of me likes to think that Haraszthy faked his own death here. With grown children and his wife and father deceased, who was to stop him from embarking on some adventure from which he would not return? I like to imagine an elderly Haraszthy with a snow white beard sitting in a sun-baked temple in India, perhaps jawing with a youthful Gandhi, with the memories of Hungary, California, grapes and gold all far behind in the misty past.

This three-part series has instilled in me a newfound appreciation for the power of a first person, contemporary narrative to understanding history. It has made me realize that there are so many stories that have been lost from earlier generations, and how vital it is to preserve such stories while we still can, thereby preserving our history in as much living color as we can.

As a result, over the coming months, I envision some changes to this column. I'm excited to consider these opportunities and look forward to these developments which I think may excite and engage our readership. In some

ways, the story of Agoston Haraszthy, a Hungarian-born American pioneer who expanded his horizons across oceans, jungles, and deserts, seems to be a fitting way to begin this new chapter.





Summer cooking



Chunky Grilled Fruit

Fáradjon be a Magyar Konyhába! Summer is well upon us as we head into August. There are those who say that it's all downhill from here, but I strongly disagree. The growing season for vegetables and fruits is hitting peak time with the bearing of second and third crops.

Many years back, I was the chef at WPA's Hungarian Heritage Experience when it was held at Penn Scenic View (now part of Laurel Hill State Park). There was a farmstand about 3 miles down the road with the freshest seasonal produce, so we all ate great for the week--bread & butter corn, cherries, peaches, green beans, tomatoes, lettuce and cabbage just to name a few items.

It was a wonderful time as we used farm-fresh items to prepare old-time Hungarian recipes and enjoy great meals. We cooked in the Stable Lodge kitchen to prepare the food as we did not have the facilities to cook outside, no grill or fire pit near the lodge. The grill and firepit were down the hill at the Lakeside Lodge, not convenient to preparing food for the Stable Lodge. Some might remember when the WPA Picnics were at Penn Scenic View, and the Lakeside Lodge was the main hub for Hungarian culinary preparation.

This month, I will share with you how to prepare fresh fruit and vegetables on the grill for your family and friends to enjoy, plus some other tasty summer foods. But, before we get cooking, let me give you some tips and details about what you can prepare and how to prepare it. All my tips and recipes are based on using a propane gas grill on which the temperature can be regulated.

- When people grill food, they usually serve and eat it hot and fresh right off the grill. BUT, you can grill the food, mix it into a hot salad, or chill then serve it cold with the rest of your menu as another option.

- Since your grill is the main apparatus to prepare your food, think creatively. The grill can be used to prepare more than just meats. If your grill has three or more heating elements, you do not have to use them all. Only use what you need to produce the best quality without overcooking. Many overcook their food by using too much of a heat.

- I tell my culinary students: "The dog wags the tail, not the tail wags the dog." So always keep in mind your heat source.

- Before there were gas appliances, most grilling was done over charcoal briquets or an open wood-fired pit. This was the best way to really get great tasting and cooked perfect food. WHY? Because the food was slow cooked to perfection and not rushed. Keep that in mind when grilling.

- If you're going to grill kabobs, make sure to use metal skewers or *thick* wooden or bamboo skewers, not thin ones. The food should fit on the skewer without bending the skewer (if you're using wooden or bamboo ones). Also, soak the non-metal skewers in water overnight so they do not burn or break when grilling.

- My last tip is important and will give you the proper temperature of meats, vegetables, and fruits: *Everything the same size will cook the same way.* Make sure whatever you're cooking is all the same size, especially when cooking meat, burgers or fish. Bigger pieces will take longer to cook and not be done while smaller pieces will be well done or overcooked.

Now let's get ready to grill and have a great time outside. Next month, I will have early fall and back-to-school ideas.

Jó étvágyat! (Enjoy your meal!)

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Grilled Swordfish

7 garlic cloves, peeled
 ½ cup vegetable oil
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 teaspoon coriander, ground
 1 teaspoon Hungarian paprika
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 5 swordfish steaks

Blend the garlic cloves, lemon juice, oil, spices, salt and pepper in a food processor until well mixed. Place the swordfish in a baking dish and pour the marinade over the steaks and let set for 30 minutes. Preheat your grill to medium-high heat and oil the grates before cooking. Cook the steaks 4 to 5 minutes on each side until they are firm and cooked through. If using a meat thermometer, the steaks should be at least 145°F. Serve hot to your guests with side dishes.

Chunky Grilled Fruit

2 cups pineapple chunks
 2 cups banana chunks
 1 cup kiwi chunks
 1 cup strawberries, shucked and whole
 2 cups watermelon chunks
 2 cups peach chunks
 1 cup balsamic glaze
 ½ cup pineapple juice
 3 tablespoons honey
 ½ teaspoon Hungarian sweet paprika
 ¼ teaspoon ginger, ground

In a small saucepan, combine the balsamic glaze, pineapple juice, honey, paprika and ginger and heat until just combined to make the glaze. Heat up your grill and oil the grates to keep fruit from sticking. Cook the chunks of fruit until they are well grill-marked and hot. The thicker pieces and whole fruit will take longer to cook. Arrange the fruit on a large platter then drizzle with the glaze. The fruit can be served hot, warm or cold to your guests.

Grilled Corn on the Cob

4 ears of corn
 4 tablespoons butter, salted
 2 garlic cloves, smashed
 ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 ¼ teaspoon Hungarian paprika
 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Remove the husks and silk from the corn and soak in cold water.

In a small bowl, combine butter, garlic, pepper, paprika and half the Parmesan cheese.

Tear off four lengths of aluminum foil to wrap the corn and seal at each end. Place an ear of corn on a piece of foil then brush with butter mixture. Wrap each ear of corn and twist the ends to seal the corn. Place the corn on the grill and cook on medium heat for 30 minutes, turning the corn every 5 minutes to evenly grill the corn. Remove corn from grill and unwrap from foil, it will be extremely hot.

For eye appeal, place the corn



back on the grill for a few minutes to darken some of the kernels to a golden color.

Place corn on a platter, garnish with parsley and remaining cheese then serve hot.



Blueberry Cream Cheese Pie

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 ¼ cup sugar
 ¼ cup sour cream
 ½ teaspoon vanilla
 9-inch pie shell, baked and cooled
 3 cups fresh blueberries
 ½ cup water
 ½ cup sugar
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, sifted

Blend together the cream cheese, ¼ cup sugar, sour cream and vanilla until smooth. Spread evenly into the pie shell, then chill until firm.

In a small saucepan, mash 1 cup of the blueberries, add water and bring to a boil. Strain and add enough water to blueberry juice to make 1 cup.

Combine ½ cup of sugar and the cornstarch, stir in the blueberry liquid, then return to the saucepan and cook, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat, stir in lemon juice and cool.

Combine the remaining blueberries into the thickened mixture and blend well. Spoon the glaze over the top of the cream cheese, then chill for at least 2 hours

Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, slice and serve.

Remembering Dad

by Richard E. Sarosi

Lynn records a video of her 4-year-old son, RJ, as he looks out the glass patio door towards the heavens. It is raining.

RJ: He was not feeling good ?

Mom: Yea, he was not feeling good.

RJ: Is he with her?

Mom: So what do we say?

RJ: Bye Papa. We miss you. We love you.

Leave it to the innocence of a toddler who recognizes that there is something wrong, that someone is missing.

The person now missing is RJ's great-grandfather, Lynn's grandfather and my dad, Ernest E. Sarosi, who passed away on a Saturday evening, June 11, 2022, at 7:43 p.m. at age 98. He wanted to see his 100th birthday. What a devastating loss for my mom Violet, sister Caroline and her family and me.

There was no way to really prepare for what we knew was coming. Mom and I saw Dad on Friday around noon, and Caroline saw him after 4:00 pm. Mom wanted to come back again on Saturday, but I told her that I could not return on Saturday and possibly watch Dad's continued decline and lose his fight. Caroline and I were there with my sister Kathy when she passed away after 24 years of home care that my Mom and Dad gave to her.

I feel that Dad was ready to see my sister Kathy, his parents, all of the Sárosis that preceded him, his Hartman in-laws who preceded him, his WWII Army buddies and countless friends from the old Buckeye Road neighborhood and the First Hungarian Reformed Church. There will be quite a reunion. It will take a long time for him to catch up with everyone.

Dad was born Jan. 18, 1924. In his younger days, he was involved in the church where he helped Grandpa and Grandma Sárosi maintain the appearance of the church. Before the tower bells were electrified, the Sárosi family had to ring the bells by hand for Sunday services, special events and holidays. That changed one Sunday when Grandma forgot to let go of the rope and she was taken about 12 feet into the air before Grandpa and Dad were able to reach her and bring her down.

Mom and Dad celebrated 75 years of marriage on Flag Day this year. They were the first couple to be married in the new church by Rev. Stephen Szabo on June 14, 1947. Children came shortly thereafter with Caroline, Kathleen and Richard. Kathleen was born with severe handicaps which left her bedridden her entire life. But Mom and Dad provided her with the best quality of life that they could. There were no institutions that she would be placed in. She had round the clock care by family and close friends.

We lived at 11410 Buckeye Road above Dad's business, Hartman and Co. Funeral Home, located in the heart of a world-famous Hungarian neighborhood. There were two apartments above the chapel, one for my aunt and uncle, Grandpa and Grandma Hartman,

and two little cousins. The second apartment was for my family. Our yard had space for a round, three-foot-deep swimming pool and served as a place to ride bicycles, play with toys and dolls, hold baseball games, hit plums, grow Bonsai trees, host cookouts and more.

We saw a large number of funerals while growing up. We had to be quiet if there were customers down stairs. This was normal life for us, and Mom and Dad provided us with just about everything.

Dad and I would take long bike rides up Buckeye Road, through Shaker Heights (and Shaker Lakes), head to Beachwood to our friend's home and then back to Buckeye.

We lived across the street from Harvey Rice Garden Track where we had our summer gardens and even summer jobs, which my Mom conveniently arranged for Caroline and me. All of our needs were met. Dad would walk with me to the gardens to see the new greenhouse, hot houses, plantings and growing vegetables. I guess this is where I learned how to plant a garden and the importance of spacing plants,





Clockwise from top, left: Dad as a boy in the 1930s with his parents, John and Julia Sárosi; Mom and Dad on their wedding day, June, 14, 1947; Mom and Dad celebrating their 72nd anniversary in 2019; Dad with his great-grandchildren, Johnathan (JJ) and Robert (RJ) Chamberlain.

harvesting, watering, mulching with straw and peat moss. Dad was there with me over the years. Now, he will have to approve from above.

It was my mom who first took me out for my driving lessons, but then Dad got the sign that it was his turn. He'd take his Dramamine, and then he'd drive us up Buckeye Road. Once we crossed over the Rapid tracks into Shaker Heights, we would change

seats. Before coming home, we would switch seats again...that was until Dad realized that I needed to drive Buckeye Road so I could learn how to drive in two-way traffic and how to parallel park. Dad was a great teacher and it showed when I came into our parking lot

and I had to park the car into the garage. Did I mention that we had a 1969 green Cadillac Sedan DeVille which was not the easiest driving car? Dad would be in the garage waiting for me to pull in and he was always very pleased to see no scratches or dents on the Caddie.

Summing up 98 years of Dad's life is no easy task. During those years, he lived through the Great Depression, the ending of WWI, the Dust Bowl, WWII (Europe and Pacific) and the development of the Atom Bomb. He was awarded a Purple Heart for being shot in the jaw.

His life included a black and white TV, a larger black and white TV, the arrival of our own color TV (my favorite); a portable hand-held telephone and cell phones; electric typewriters, mixers, air conditioning

window units, blenders, microwave ovens; and cars with automatic transmission.

He witnessed man walking on the moon, supersonic travel, the Cleveland Air Shows, air races, sailboats, The Great Lakes Exposition and the snow storm of Thanksgiving when Cleveland shut down.

He enjoyed old Shaker Rapid Train rides and shopping downtown.

We got Dad to travel to Iceland, the Bahamas, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Toronto. There was my first family cruise to the Caribbean, followed by trips to the Mexican Riviera, Las Vegas, the Detroit Auto Show, and the Cleveland Auto Show.

He lived through getting seasick on the Good-time.

There were college graduations, walking Caroline down the aisle, seeing his granddaughter getting married and having two darling little boys. There will be the arrival of two more babies (a great-granddaughter and a great-great-granddaughter) later in 2022 this year which Dad will be watching over.

I have missed the picnics where the sprinkler system started mysteriously; Solon VFW 1863; American Legion Post 559 Buckeye Road; Woodward Masonic Lodge, now Mt. Olive Lodge; Eastern Stars Windermere Chapter; Bonsai Club; and so much more. Dad covered a lot of ground in his 98 years.

As RJ said, Papa was sick and he is now in heaven; he is loved and missed by everyone. The void that has been created in our lives might get smaller with time, but there will still be a void. I hope that he is having a huge Hungarian picnic with *szalonna*, *kolbász*, and some *pálinka*, where he is talking with so many family members and friends and dancing with his daughter Kathy who has not seen him in over 50 years.

Please hug and hold your loved ones. Tell them that you love them. Do things with them. Take an interest in their lives. Help them. Visit them. Never miss an opportunity to be with them, because once you lose them....

On behalf of my mom Violet, sister Caroline and family and myself, I thank you for your support, cards, telephone calls, words of encouragement, expression of sympathy, love, gifts, flowers, tributes and prayers.

Richard E. Sarosi is a member of the WPA Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer of Branch 14 Cleveland, OH.

Campaign for UKRAINE

in partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation

The stories and images emerging from Ukraine call to mind stories and images from the not-too-distant past, when the former Soviet Union brought its hammer down on people who dared to defy it. The war in Ukraine serves as a frightening reminder of what happened in Hungary in 1956, when so many were forced to flee their homeland in search of peace and freedom.

Today, millions of Ukrainians--and the 150,000 Hungarians living in western Ukraine are desperately seeking that same peace and freedom. Unfortunately, the vast majority had precious little time to plan their escape, taking with them only what they could carry, as they headed to safer land and an uncertain future. This latest group of war flung refugees needs help.

As fraternalists, we are compelled to offer that help. That is why William Penn Association--through its William Penn Association Foundation, Inc.--is partnering with **Brother's Brother Foundation** to get urgently needed aid to the people of Ukraine. Brother's Brother has more than 60 years of experience in bridging the gap between aid and sustainability by supporting localized programs and providing essential resources in the areas of healthcare, infrastructure, disaster response, and education. They will make sure your donations fulfill the more urgent needs of those greatest in need.

Fill out the form below and send it to us with your tax-deductible donation. Please, do it today. Time is of the essence. On behalf of the refugees seeking peace and freedom, we thank you.



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Campaign for UKRAINE



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Thank you for your support!

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Shower Curtain Painting

There are only a few more weeks of summer left, so let's take advantage of the warm weather and free time and get outside! Did you know playing outside is really good for you? Playing outdoors builds confidence, promotes creativity, reduces stress, and more importantly, gets you moving!

But, what if you like doing arts and crafts? Well, the good folks at **Happy Toddler Playtime** have come up with a really fun way to combine arts and crafts with being outside. They call it **Shower Curtain Painting**. For this outdoor painting activity you'll need a clear shower curtain liner and some strong string or twine. Thread the twine through the holes in the shower curtain, leaving enough to tie the ends of the twine to any fence posts or trees you may have in your yard. To keep the shower curtain from blowing in the wind, weigh down the bottom with a few large rocks. The shower curtain will still move a bit as the wind blows and as you paint it, but that's part of the fun! Don't worry--you'll get the hang of it in no time.

Once you're done with your painting, you can clean off the curtain using sponges and soapy water, let it dry, then start all over again making a new piece of art.

What you need

- Containers for paint
- Non-toxic, washable kids paint
- Paint brushes
- Clear plastic shower curtain
- Twine
- Large rocks
- Large bowl
- Sponges
- Water
- Dish soap



Our thanks to the folks at www.happytoddlerplaytime.com for this fun idea!

Share photos of your curtain art on Facebook @WPALife & Twitter #wpalife.

Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

By **Richard E. Sarosi**

We thank all those who have contributed to WPA's Campaign for Ukraine. It will take decades for Ukraine to rebuild, not to mention the huge amounts of money that will be required to recover from this unnecessary and horrible attack on their sovereignty.

To the moms and dads of our WPA students who will soon be growing out of their Juvenile policies: have your children sign up for their adult policies. As parents, set an example and sign up for your own WPA life insurance policy. Your children and grandchildren will be the recipients of your generosity.

Remember, your student--and at least one parent or grandparent--must be life benefit members of WPA for your student to be eligible for a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Contact your WPA sales representative or the Home Office for more information.

Please continue your support of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Every dollar amount received makes a difference to our students. They are counting on you! WPA is counting on you, too! Help to pay it forward.

Branch 14 meetings are in recess for the summer, but will resume in September. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church located at 36125 Aurora Road, Solon (the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). All Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 7.

Also, please mark your calendars for our Branch 14 Christmas party, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Mentor Presbyterian Church, 5855 Hopkins Road, Mentor, OH.



NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the September issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by Aug. 12.

Call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary/Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for any changes to our meeting and activity schedule.

Our local Hungarian churches, clubs and organizations are resuming their activities. Contact them directly for event information. Please support them by attending their events or by making a monetary donation. Also, do not forget the many local small businesses which desperately need your patronage and financial support in order to continue their existence during these difficult times.

We remember those WPA members who have passed away or may have recently lost a loved one. In June, our branch lost Ernie Sarosi, JoAnne Sedensky and Susan Carol Day, mother of Michelle Ann Day. May they and all WPA members who are not with us 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. Feel better soon. Please keep all of our WPA members in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary wishes are being sent to all of our branch members, Home Office staff and WPA members who are celebrating an August birthday or anniversary. Happy 15th birthday to Everett Varga, son of Paul and Rebecca Varga and Grandson of Anna Marie Varga.

Be safe and stay healthy. Please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked to in a long time. Cards, letters and phone calls have kept me in touch with WPA members, WPA Home Office staff and my fellow WPA Board members. It is so good to have contact and to say "Hi" and catch up on how everyone is doing. Take time to call, write, email or text those you care about and plan a visit, if possible. I can hardly wait to see everyone in person.

Remember those who are in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and extended care facilities. Everyone loves to receive cards, notes, telephone calls and the opportunity to hear from family and friends. Don't forget them.

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 28 Youngstown, OH

By Kathy Novak

Hoping that everyone has been enjoying all the summer activities. There is always a festival, fair or special picnic taking place somewhere nearby to attend.

Looking forward to the WPA Picnic on Aug. 20, noon to 4:30 p.m., at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick, PA. It will be so nice to see all the familiar faces once again as we gather for this fraternal event supporting the WPFA Scholarship Foundation.

The following day, Aug. 21, Holy Apostles Parish in Youngstown will be holding a parish picnic at the Strossmayer Picnic Center in Vienna, OH. The day begins with an 11:00 a.m. outdoor Mass at the picnic site. Ethnic food and desserts will be available for purchasing. Music will be provided for your listening and dancing enjoyment.

Congratulations to Rt. Rev. Stefan Torok of New Brunswick, NJ, on his 50th anniversary as an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. Also, congratulations on the 131st anniversary of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Walton Hills, OH. Such wonderful milestones to achieve.

Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays this month.

Happy anniversary to all those couples celebrating another year of shared happiness and love.

Get well wishes go to those who find themselves under the weather.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to everyone who have recently lost a loved one.

Special condolences go out to WPA National Director Richard Sarosi and his family on the loss of his dear father, Ernest. Mr. Sarosi was a dedicated supporter of everything WPA and Hungarian. It was always an enjoyable time when in his company, at any event.



Congratulations and best wishes to Branch 34 member Olga Darnay, who turned 100 years old on May 20.

May he rest in peace.

If you have any news to share or questions about WPA life insurance, annuities or activities, please call either me at 330-746-7704 or Alan at 330-482-9994.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer season.

Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

By Marguerite McNelis

Hope everyone's summer is going great.

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

A celebration for family and friends honoring the 100th birthday of branch member Olga Darnay was held on May 21, hosted by her son, John Darnay Jr.

Olga, who was born in Duquesne, PA, was also recently honored for her 100-year membership at the Hungarian Reformed Church of Duquesne. She was baptized, confirmed and married at the church and still attends weekly services there. She also

worked there for many years helping to make fresh *kolbász*, noodles and nut rolls.

Olga has been a member of our fraternal society for almost 90 years, initially with the Verhovay Aid Association, then as a member of William Penn Association.

God bless you, Olga! We wish you continued good health and happiness.

Congratulations to Rhiannon Healy, granddaughter of Gary and Roseann Vamos, for making the Baldwin Whitehall Girls Softball All-Star Team. We wish her the best of luck. You go, young lady!

Happy and healthy birthday wishes to everyone who celebrated their birthdays in July, especially our son Andy, grandson Donovan and great niece Josie. Birthday wishes also go out to all branch members celebrating their birthdays in August. May you all have many, many more.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone experiencing health issues. Please remember our deceased members in your prayers.

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

Branch 44 Akron, OH

By Elizabeth Darago

Pfffttt...that's the sound of a city-wide lockdown/curfew with all 4th of July activities cancelled in the City of Akron. Sadly, there was a police-involved shooting death of a 25-year-old black motorist which continues to be in the national news. After five days of peaceful protests, the protests became destructive, and the city imposed a 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew through the holiday weekend. Please pray for peace.

All Branch 44 members; please be safe out there.

The Ohio National Guard has contacted Branch 44 and our donation of drinks and snacks

for them (the First Responders), started in July (not June). Through August and September, Branch 44, with support from the Home Office in Pittsburgh, will provide snacks and drinks for 300-plus troops in the Akron area (including Stow/Fairlawn/Canton Units). This activity supports readiness drills and deployment for the two-week yearly training. Thanks to all who have assisted in procuring items, sorting, bagging and delivering. Both the Army and Aviation Units are recipients.

Branch 44 continues to collect clean grocery bags for making mats for the homeless.

Branch Officer Kimi Confer is looking for volunteers to repack-age pet food for pet food pantries. Contact me at mtd13ekd@att.net if you or your youth members are available.

We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for city food banks. Again, contact an officer or me.

Support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation by attending the WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 20, in Cheswick, PA. There will be plenty of fun, food, music and fraternalism.

Need life insurance??? Call Alan Szabo at 330-482-9994.

Branch 89 Homestead, PA

By Mark S. Maskariniec

We are proud to report that our branch's golf outing for the benefit of the First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead, held at Champion Lakes Golf Resort on June 25, was a rousing success.

The course was in great shape and everyone had a good time. We had participation from church members, WPA members and friends of the church. Some friends who came from as far north as Cochranton, as far east as Pottstown and as far south as Virginia and West Virginia...and

some even came to just volunteer.

Thank you for coming, Renee, Debbie and Amy Stainbrook. We hope you will come back next year. Branch 89 also participated in a memorial benefit for Debbie's late husband, Paul, a beloved teacher in the Cochranton School District who lost his battle with cancer at a very young age.

Getting back to our outing, we hit our own jackpot with donations this year. Among the items donated were:

- two lottery baskets, donated by Sandy and Bill Ardale;
- drawstring bags for all golfers, donated by Barbara and Alan Walstrom, who also donated a \$100 gift certificate for travel from her travel agency (I Book Travel 4 You) for each golfer in attendance;
- a huge golf bag and accessory combo from our friends at Fuhrer Distributing; and
- golf for four at South Hills Country Club, a prize valued at over \$500.

In addition, we had a number of sponsors, including:

- the Baptist Institute of Pittsburgh and Reverend Brian Hart, who provided the much-needed hydration for golfers in the form of water and Gatorade;
- Todd Kletter and Erie Insurance, who donated the hot dogs and beverages at the turn; and
- Central Maintenance Services, who donated gift certificates which were given to the winning foursome.

WPA members left with many of the auction and raffle prizes, Branch President John Toth (the 50/50 raffle), Branch Vice President Mark Maskariniec (Yuengling



Enjoying a moment prior to the Branch 89 golf outing are: (l-r) branch member Ronald Rubinsak; Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskariniec; Dick Groat, Pittsburgh baseball legend and owner of Champion Lakes Golf Course; and Branch President John Toth.

golf bag and swag) and Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskariniec (lottery basket). Members Michelle Zamberry and Debra Zamberry were also winners.

Also in attendance were Branch 352 member Lois Illar and Betsy and Charles Griffith, who came from Pottstown, PA, representing Branch 216. While we were sorry to learn about the WPA Golf Tournament being cancelled, we were happy to have Betsy, Charles and Lois come to our outing. The more the merrier, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Thank you each and every golfer and all the donors. Our outing was a success because of you.

We'd like to give a special shout out to WPA member Mary Jane Hermansderfer who is recovering from hip surgery. This may be the first outing she's ever missed. God speed, Mary Jane, your bright and shining face was missed.

One of the great pleasures of playing at Champion Lakes is having the chance to spend time with Dick Groat, Pittsburgh Pirates legend and one of the original owners and designers of Champion Lakes. Mr. Groat is never too busy to meet and greet golfers and people coming to Champion Lakes. Most importantly, he always wants to make sure everyone has a good



Among those playing at the Branch 89 golf outing were: (l-r) Branch Coordinator Lisa Toth-Maskarinec, Branch Vice President Mark Maskarinec and WPA members Ken Wolfe and Rob Powell.

time. The staff there can not do enough for us. Thanks to everyone who made this a success.

Keep an eye out for our second outing, which we do in conjunction with the Steel Valley Rotary. This benefits our church as well as the community-at-large. The outing will be held at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA, on Sunday, Aug. 14. We are looking for golfers and donors for that outing as well.

The main winner of both outings are The First Hungarian Reformed Church of Homestead and various organizations throughout the Steel Valley area that depend on donations. Remember, it's always better to give than receive.

I would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes. It's great to feel so loved by so many people and not only by my family.

Lisa continues to get stronger after having her right knee replaced in May. And don't tell her doctors but she actually tried to hit a drive from a Par 3 hole recently, and yes she was one of our golfers this year. Thanks to the extra volunteers we had, she was able to golf this year. And she

actually made a few putts for us, too, and not just the short ones. Lisa's new motto is: "have cane and golf clubs, will travel."

Special get well wishes continue to go out to not only Mary Jane but also Janet Phillips and Dianne Schneider. We ask God to watch over all of these women and all those who are feeling under the weather. May He give them His healing touch and help them get better.

We at Branch 89

continue to remember them in our prayers.

We would also like to remember branch member Phyllis Fallon who died recently. Phyllis was a longtime member of Branch 89, enrolled, of course, by my late father-in-law, Elmer Toth. She attended one of our golf outings a few years ago when her friend was honored as the oldest member of the branch. May God be with Phyllis's family during this difficult time.

Also, happy belated anniversary wishes to Branch 89 Coordinator and my other half, otherwise known as Lisa, on our 15th wedding anniversary on July 14. How the years have flown by. I still remember the packed church that hot July Saturday and the look on some of the guests' faces seeing me and other members of the wedding party wearing kilts in a Hungarian Church. Talk about rare sights. But it's been a fun 15 years. What a ride it's been. We've had our good times and not so good times, but I wouldn't want to travel this path with anyone else.

Everyone, please stay cool and healthy, and remember, let's all be a little more patient and kinder

with our words and do something nice for someone. I promise it will make you feel good. During these difficult and turbulent times, we all need to be nicer and kinder to one another.

Branch 129 Columbus, OH

By Debbie Lewis

Happy August to all! Summer is here in full force with temperatures on most days in the 80s to 90s. We hope everyone had a great 4th of July celebrated with family and friends. We also hope everyone has a great Labor Day filled with getting together with family and friends, attending picnics, reunions, sporting events or whatever makes you happy!

Don't forget to make plans to attend the WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 20 from noon to 4:30 p.m. It will again be at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center located in Cheswick, PA. Hope to be able to see old friends and meet new ones.

School will be starting in August for most students. Please watch your speed while driving in school zones. Good luck to all students this school year from preschool through college.

Congratulations and good luck to all the college students that received one of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants for new or returning applicants. If you or any of your family members have benefitted from these grants, please pay it forward with a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Any amount you are able to donate helps.

As always, remember to keep in touch with family and friends that you haven't seen or talked to in a while. Give them a call if you can't visit in person. We don't always know what someone is going through in their everyday lives. Your call or visit might just bring a smile to their face or brighten their day, as well as your own.

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

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

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the family of our longtime branch member, Dezso Kovacs.

Sincere sympathy also to the family of Ernest Sarosi, father of National Director Richard Sarosi.

Remember them by the good times you shared with them and keep them in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

If you have any news you would like to share, or if you would like to receive information about WPA life or annuity plans, please contact Debbie Lewis at 614-875-9968 or DAL9968@aol.com.

Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

By Judit Ganchuk

We wish happy birthday and happy anniversary to all who celebrate in August!

For Join Hands Day, our branch was able to support the Free Hungarian Reformed Church in McKeesport for recent maintenance on their church building and the

parking lot. It's hard to believe but it's the only Hungarian church left in McKeesport. The church is also planning for a one-day take-out only food fundraiser during the McKeesport International Village. Please call to confirm food, desserts and prices after August 1 at 412-672-7298.

Sending warm wishes to Branch President Malvene Heyz, Branch Secretary Gerry Nelson, Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson, Branch Auditor June Coyne, Ed Jordanhazy and Cathy Trunzo. We are thinking of you and sending prayers to give you strength.

Have you thought: "What can I do to help people suffering in Ukraine?" If so, then think about donating to the Campaign for Ukraine being conducted by the William Penn Association Foundation, Inc. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Brother's Brother Foundation, who will in turn see to it that your donation brings necessary aid to those in need. It has been encouraging to see the number of donations coming in, both big and small.

We look forward to happier days and can't wait to see friends again at the WPA Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 20 in Cheswick, PA (a little north of Pittsburgh). The picnic will be at the same outdoor pavilion as in 2019, rain or shine, from noon to 4:30 p.m. We're

planning on having a nice picnic for family and friends: music, food trucks, and bacon bread.

Bring your appetite for:

- Hungarian *kürtőskalács* (chimney cakes) from Steel City Chimneys;
- pierogies from The Ugly Dumpling;
- tacos from Cool Beans Taco Truck;
- shaved ice from Kona Ice food truck; and
- Pittsburgh favorite--burgers, hot dogs, mac 'n' cheese, and more--from PGHEATZ food truck.

We're ready to make new memories with our children...bring your kids and grandkids, too! Children up to age 15 get free admission! Find our picnic posts on social media and share with your family and friends.

Do you have good news you'd like us to share? Call Malvene Heyz Branch President at 412-751-1898 to get your news published.

For all those returning to school, study hard and if you can be anything, be kind.

Branch 249 Dayton, OH

By Mark Schmidt

Ah, the hot, lazy dog days of August. Laying in the shade of a tree, drinking lemonade, watching the clouds amble by....



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You're Invited **Branch 296 Springdale, PA** **BACON ROAST**

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1:00 PM • Riverside Park
200 Hulton Road (off 3rd St.), Oakmont, PA
For more information, call Diane Torma at 724-339-2445



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I wish. Not here in Dayton. We are watching two-a-day football practices, getting our last swims in at the pool, playing soccer, golfing, fishing and going to back-to-school sales.

Back to school? Sorry, kids, it's that time of year again. Vacations are almost over. But, do we care the summer's almost over? No! There are many fairs, festivals and fraternal events to go to. And don't forget football. High school, college or pro--it's time for the fall grid iron game.

But not so fast. We have the WPA Picnic to go to. We are looking for pastry donations--either goodies or money--to sell at the picnic for the benefit of the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Give me or Anne Marie a call at 937-308-4670. This fund benefits your kids and grandchildren directly. A couple dozen pastries translates into \$500 very quickly.

Next month, the Magyar Club of Dayton will hold its annual bacon fry on Sept. 11 at the Paw Paw Shelter at Hills and Dale Park at 1:00 p.m. The club will supply the bacon and fixings. Bring your favorite beverage and covered dish.

Branch 249 is sponsoring an outing Friday, Sept. 30, at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway and Casino. We have the Skybox and outside patio area reserved from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and are working on a menu. You can watch the trotters and pacers tear around the track and play slots until you hear bells ringing in your sleep. Or, just keep your money in your pocket and people watch. It's free to get in. This will be a fun fraternal adult activity. We have some very lucky members, so the bank at the racino is in jeopardy! Call me with any questions at 937-938-0198.

Happy birthday to you August babies, especially to son-in-law Greg. And, to you August love birds celebrating an anniversary, I hope you stayed cool during your

ceremony all those years ago but are still hot for your honey.

We extend our sympathy to those grieving the passing of a friend or loved one. May you find peace, and may they rest with God.

And because it's August: "That smell of freshly cut grass makes me think of Friday night football in high school...the cutting of the grass reminds me of August practice." (Garth Brooks)

Branch 296 Springdale, PA

By Mary A. Kelly-Lovasz

How is everyone's summer going? Being able to venture out and socialize more are two things I feel appreciation for. Between being cooped up with the pandemic and having had two knee surgeries, being able to go places, see people and feel the sun on me is glorious!

Are you coming to the WPA Picnic at the Shrine Center in Cheswick on Aug. 20? The venue is perfect for this fraternal event, and there's sure to be lots of great food. Come see familiar faces (ones that you probably haven't seen for a long, long time) and meet new members and guests. We anticipate a memorable time, and I hope to see your smiling face!

Congratulations to all of our WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant recipients. The November issue of the *William Penn Life* will highlight our recipients.

Were you ever a WPA scholarship grant recipient? That extra funding really came in handy, didn't it? You were able to purchase books and supplies. You may have earmarked that grant toward your tuition or even your travel expenses.

There were a multitude of thoughtful donors who were thinking of you and many others, during your college days. As a reminder, we still need a multitude



Are your beneficiaries up-to-date?

That's a question you should ask yourself at least once a year. Regularly checking the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance certificates 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. Do the beneficiaries 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 or both, contact your WPA representative. Or, call our Home Office toll-free at 412-232-2979.

of thoughtful donors to continue this legacy that began over 50 years ago. As the saying goes, "pay it forward." Any amount is helpful.

So, if you benefitted from our members' generosity in the past, please consider forwarding a donation to: WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Thank you!

It's nearly time for the Branch 296 Bacon Roast. Already, John and I are squirreling away supplies for this event, to be held Sunday, Sept. 18. Please see our ad in this issue of the magazine. Remember that Oakmont's Riverside Park is a no-alcohol facility.

We'll have plenty of delicious food, happy people and a relaxing atmosphere. Look for us at the Rotary pavilion, which is closest to Riverview High School. If you like, you may also bring a covered dish for sharing.

Everyone is welcome, but if you plan on attending, we are asking that you RSVP so we have an idea of how many will be attending. You may contact me at 724-274-

5318 or by email at makelly367@verizon.net. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 11.

We wish Georgene Pastura, Branch Treasurer Toni Kosheba, and Cadance Borland very happy birthdays. And, happy wedding anniversary wishes to all couples who married in August.

Get well wishes to all who are recovering from surgeries and illnesses. We are lifting each of you in prayer, as well as your caregivers.

For those who have lost a loved one, we are thinking of you and hoping that memories of your loved one will help carry you through your times of grief.

WPA's Campaign for Ukraine continues. Please see our appeal in this month's *William Penn Life*. The devastation in Ukraine is significant, and WPA is making a coordinated effort with Pittsburgh's own Brother's Brother Foundation to aid in Ukrainian humanitarian relief. The need is real.

Thursday, Sept. 15, is the date for our next scheduled branch meeting. It will be held at the

Tarentum (Pittsburgh Mills) Eat'n Park Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. All adult branch members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For your life insurance and annuity queries, Noreen Fritz, FIC, LUTCF, will be happy to assist you. She can be reached at 412-821-1837 or at noreen.fritz@comcast.net.

August is generally our hottest month, but besides that, we've also got several special days:

- Sea Serpent Day falls on Aug. 7 and is described as a day to ponder this mythological creature (makes me think of the Beany and Cecil cartoon).

- Aug. 8 is International Cat Day, encouraging some extra attention to that feline in your life. Maybe you'll decide to adopt one.

- Aug. 13 is International Lefthander's Day. Lefties, we all know one or two. One of them lives with us. Lefthanders deserve a lot of credit and love for living in a right-handed world. Buy a lefthander lunch on that day!

Wishing you all well, and I hope to see or hear from you, soon.

Welcome to Our Fraternal Family



LOUIS M. MOON
Branch 28 Youngstown, OH



MAXIMUS A. MOON
Branch 129 Columbus, OH

If you have a child or grandchild who recently became a member of William Penn Association, please send us his or her photo so that all our members can welcome your child into our fraternal family.

Next Deadline

August 12

Branch 336 Harrisburg, PA

By Nicole Starnier

Fall is right around the corner, and we have a bunch of fun coming your way!

Tickets for our branch picnic are now on sale. The picnic is on Saturday, Aug. 27, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Cibort Park. The band Block Party will be on stage from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: members \$20 each or 2 for \$35; non-members \$25 each. Your ticket purchase includes food and beer. We will have a cash bar available along with games, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. We are excited to celebrate with you. The picnic will feature a cornhole tournament starting at 1:00 p.m. (\$10 entry per person, random draw partners, double elimination) along with many other outdoor games.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, we will hold our annual fall golf outing. Play will take place at Manada Golf Course, 609 Golf Lane, Grantville, PA. There will be a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start in a scramble format. Cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team of four. Cost includes golf, cart, prizes, beverages, food and a reception at the course. Proceeds to benefit local charities and other WPA activities.

Full payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to "Verhovay Golf." RSVP by Oct. 8 to Verhovay Golf, Attn: Paul Dankowsky, 1012 S. 29th St., Har-

risburg, Pa 17111.

Sign-up forms are available at the Verhovay Home Association, or you can email verhovayhome-assn@gmail.com for an electronic version.

We have put together a bus trip to the Eagles v. Steelers game in Philadelphia on Sunday Oct. 30. Our seats will be in Section 111, Row 38, Seats 12 to 23 and Row 39, Seats 5 to 26. Total price is \$592 per person, payable in four installments of \$148 each. This price includes game ticket, bus transportation and all service and processing fees. First payment reserves your ticket. All payments are non-refundable.

Our bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the Verhovay club and return at 8:00 p.m.

You can make payments at the club, cash or credit.

We will hold our annual children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 10 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Verhovay Home Association. Sign ups will take place at the beginning of November. We will have games, crafts, food and a little surprise visit from the jolly old man himself!

Our branch adult Christmas party will be held on Saturday Dec. 17, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Details to follow.

We are holding all of our regular events at the Verhovay Home Association, including:

- Texas Hold'em tournament on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.;
- Dart tournament on Thurs-

days at 7:00 p.m.;

- Cornhole tournament on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.; and
- Bingo on Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

In July, the club hosted our second annual summer bar olympics. Sixteen random-draw teams competed in seven different events. There were lots of raffles and great food.

Get well wishes to all who have been or are under the weather. We hope for a speedy recovery!

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

Stay up to date with the club's food specials and pop up events on its Facebook page.

If you have anything you'd like to share or would like to receive the club's weekly email updates, please contact Nicole Starnier at verhovayhomeassn@gmail.com.

Branch 349 Weirton, WV

By Joyce Nicholson

We are ready to see everyone this year at the WPA Picnic at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center on Saturday, Aug. 20. The time is overdue for all of us to get together and break bread (with bacon, of course), converse and enjoy the day. There's plenty of free parking and golf cart shuttle service from the parking area. The location is 1877 Shriners Way in Cheswick, PA. See you there!

The summer has gone so quickly. Can you believe schools and colleges will be starting up again soon? Good luck and congratulations to the college students who received a WPFA Scholarship Foundation grant. Our college students need it. Every dollar donated toward the scholarship fund is an investment in their future. We ask everyone to please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation with your donations. You can also help the Scholarship Foundation by purchasing pastries

from the WPA table of tasty treats at the WPA Picnic in August.

Following our next branch meeting, we will soon have news on a possible branch picnic and the date and location of our Christmas party.

We extend best wishes to all members celebrating birthdays this month: Christian Nelson and Nick Toth. Congratulations also to those celebrating anniversaries.

We also want to keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are sick.

We extend our sympathy to those who have family members or friends who recently died, including the families of branch member Caroline Ann Rico and Branch 14 member Ernie Sarosi. Ernie was the father of National Director Richard Sarosi and husband of Violet Sarosi. May God rest their souls.

We continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine. It isn't too late to send your donation in to the William Penn Association Foundation Campaign for Ukraine. These tragic events have shaken us to the core. Your generous gift will

assist those suffering from the violence and oppression. The ongoing need is still very real.

This month's interesting fact: Elvis Presley's final appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show was January 6, 1957. Television censors would not allow his whole body to be shown on live TV, so he was seen only from the waist up. Most memorable was his beautiful rendition of "Peace in the Valley," the famous gospel song, as a tribute to the Hungarian Revolution. Sullivan solicited the audience to donate to Hungarian relief efforts and raised about \$6 million, or the equivalent of \$49.5 million in today's dollars. Elvis Presley became an unlikely hero for the Hungarian people and was named an official citizen of Budapest in 2011. Elvis also has a landmark park named commemorating him. Elvis Presley Boulevard is a dirt road on the outskirts of Budapest. It appears that Hungary has a new "King!"

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.

Branch 800 Altoona, PA

By Joan B. Ballash

Greetings!

Summer continues with really warm temperatures and many opportunities to enjoy outings of all kinds. Be certain to apply sun block and to wear a hat for protection against harmful rays of the sun.

By the time you read this, our annual branch picnic will have taken place. I'll report on it in the next issue.

We wish good health to Bob Jones, branch coordinator, and Rob Gohn Jr., who have both experienced medical issues in recent months.

Sincere condolences to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. We pray for your comfort and peace.

It is hard to believe that school will be back in session very soon. Be on the look-out for school buses and obey laws pertaining to vehicles.

If you have news to share, call: 814-941-8863.

WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Campaign for UKRAINE

in partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation

Thank You

to the following members, friends and branches who have responded so generously to our Campaign for UKRAINE. On behalf of our partners at Brother's Brother Foundation, we offer our most sincere thanks.

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Robert C. Richard - \$50.00

Deborah Vecchiarelli - \$50.00

Don & Karen Walker - \$100.00

John Z. Szabo - \$100.00

Total donations as of July 14, 2022.....\$27,130.00

Total of WPA Matching Funds..... \$20,000.00

Total of all funds raised.....\$47,130.00



See you at the WPA Picnic!

After three long years of COVID lockdowns, William Penn Association is bringing back its popular WPA Picnic Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon until 4:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center on 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA.

There will be a few changes compared to the last picnic in 2019. A DJ will be playing your favorite Hungarian and American hits. Several food trucks will be stationed on site for pay-as-you-go dining.

Parking is FREE. Admission is just \$5 and children ages 15 and under are admitted without charge. There are plenty of complimentary hot and cold beverages for guests. The traditional *szalonna sütés* (bacon roast) and all the trimmings will be the feature on this glorious day. So, bring your modified hobo pie makers or szalonna forks and make some great "Hunky Turkey" (as they call it in Toledo) or "Dirty Bread" (as it's known in some parts of NE Ohio)

In 2019, the Pittsburgh Pirates were at home on the day of the WPA Picnic, and the same is true this year. First pitch is 7:05 p.m. against the Cincinnati Reds, so there is plenty of time to get down to the ballyard once the picnic is over.

As mentioned several food trucks will be onsite, including Steel City Chimneys! As you may have guessed, this vehicle sells and makes *kürtőskalács*. Some of the other vendors will be selling pierogies, shaved ice and street tacos. Don't forget there will be plenty of cakes and pastries for purchase to benefit the WPA Scholarship Foundation.

For more information call the Home Office at 412-231-2979 Extension 149 and ask for Judit.

This month's word search has 15 clues, all which have something to do with the WPA Picnic. Good luck and *Boldog Szt. István Nap* (Happy St. Stephen's Day, Aug. 20).

WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #193 OFFICIAL ENTRY

"WPA Picnic" Word List

Bacon Roast	Disc Jockey	Pavilion
Bake Sale	Family Fun	PGH Eatz
Children's Area	Free Parking	Raffles
Cool Beans	Kona Ice	Shrine Center
Craft Vendors	Kürtőskalács	Ugly Dumpling

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RULES

ALL **WPA members** are eligible to enter.

Complete the word search puzzle correctly.

Mail your completed puzzle, along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and WPA Certificate Number, to:

WPA PUZZLE #193
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **Sept. 30, 2022**.

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about Oct. 7, 2022, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

Puzzle Contest #190 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #190 were drawn July 7, 2022 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

George H. Balcom, Br. 383 Buffalo, NY
David J. Trusch, Br. 8 Johnstown, PA
Kathleen M. McElravy, Br. 8114 Clarion, PA
Robert A. Vargo, Br. 19 New Brunswick, NJ

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.

In Memoriam

Please remember in
your thoughts and
prayers our recently
departed members
and their loved ones

JUNE 2022

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Florence L. Thomas
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Molly R. Prescott
Ernest Sarosi
Anna Rose Serieno
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Marguerite J. Dolan
Jolan I. Filak
0019 NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
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0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH
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John Bele
Paul C. Goettler
Laverne Pollock
John G. Rabatin
0044 AKRON, OH
Cosimo Tomba
0048 NEW YORK, NY
Joy Mowatt
0051 PASSAIC, NJ
Mollie Lundy
Lorraine M. Pflug
Mary Veres-Taylor
0076 PHILADELPHIA, PA
Dorothy Merrill
0088 RURAL VALLEY, PA
Veronica A. Metro
0089 HOMESTEAD, PA
Joseph Deboth
0129 COLUMBUS, OH
Dezso Kovacs
Joseph F. Spanovich
0132 SOUTH BEND, IN
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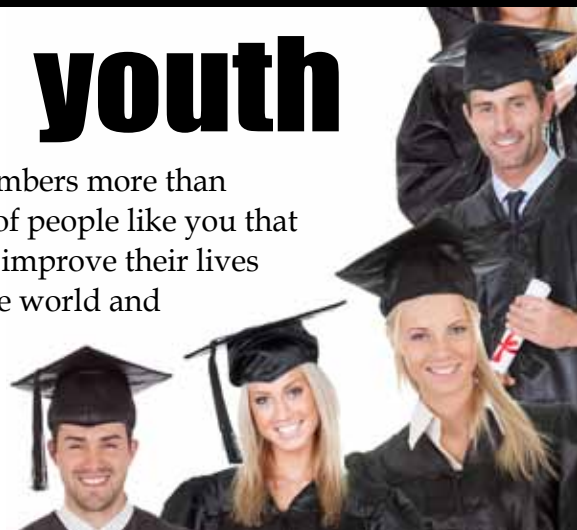
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(In lieu of golf tournament)
WPA Cookbook Sales - \$160.00
TOTAL for Month = \$11,018.00

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Since 1972, William Penn Association has awarded our young members more than \$3 million in scholarship grants. It is only through the generosity of people like you that WPA can continue to offer this support to our children seeking to improve their lives through education. With your help, our children can transform the world and our communities. With your help, we can make an impact on the future. Make your donation payable to "WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.," 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821



William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation

Tree of Knowledge



Helping our young members meet the challenges of modern educational economics requires great effort by all our members and friends.

Towards this end, the WPFA Scholarship Foundation has created the **Tree of Knowledge**. The Tree is mounted in the second floor foyer of the WPA Home Office. Those making donations through this program will be recognized with individual "leaves" on the tree, which can be used to honor and remember loved ones. Donations are being accepted at three levels: Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500)

and Bronze (\$250). Those wishing to purchase a leaf may use the form below. Please help our tree "grow" and allow us to continue to assist young members reach their educational and professional dreams.

Our Newest Leaves

We thank the following for being the latest to donate to our Tree of Knowledge:

**In Memory of
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For Those Gone
Before Us and Those
Who Will Continue
(Bronze Level)**

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Family and the
Memories They Create
Kathy Novak
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**In Honor of Saint
Stephen of Hungary
Church Yo. Ohio
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(Bronze Level)**

I want to help the Tree of Knowledge grow. Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of:

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