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# *Happy Easter*

*Kellemes Húsvéti  
Ünnepet Kívánunk*



# 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 Leaf

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

**In Memory of Our  
Deceased Members  
Branch 129 Columbus, OH  
(Silver Level)**

**Irene B. Charles  
George S. Charles Sr.  
Never to Forget You  
Love Noreen  
(Bronze Level)**

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

☐ \$1,000 - Gold Level    ☐ \$500 - Silver Level    ☐ \$250 - Bronze Level

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**William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.  
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1821**

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## WPA Golf Tournament

June 25, 2022

Kennsington Golf Club  
Canfield, OH

This one-day event will include 18 holes of golf, skill prizes, door prizes, beverages, light food on the course and a reception afterwards. Hole sponsorships are available. For more details, contact Judit Ganchuk at the Home Office at 412-231-2979, ext. 149, or at [jganchuk@wpalife.org](mailto:jganchuk@wpalife.org).



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### William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Financial Statement as of Dec. 31, 2021

Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$764,808
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	\$22,268	
Investment Income	<u>23,609</u>	
Total Income		\$45,877
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Scholarship Grants		
89 Renewals @ \$500.00	\$44,500	
38 New @ \$500.00	<u>19,000</u>	
Total Scholarship Grants		\$63,500
Fundraising & Administrative Expense	799	
Accounting Expense	<u>3,175</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>- 67,474</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$743,211
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Annuities	\$739,847	
Cash & Pledges Receivable	<u>3,364</u>	
Total Assets as of December 31, 2021		\$743,211

### PA & New England fraternal seek applicants for awards

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance (PFA) is accepting applicants for its "Fraternalist of the Year" award and annual scholarship program. To qualify for these awards, you must be a member of a fraternal benefit society that holds a membership in the PFA, such as WPA. Scholarship grant applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an accredited college or university as well as meet certain academic standards. Entries for either award must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2022.

Meanwhile, the New England Fraternal Alliance (NEFA) is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. To qualify, you must be a member (or a child of a member) of a society that holds a membership in the NEFA, such as WPA. Applicants must also be full-time students enrolled in an accredited college or university as well as meet certain academic standards. Entries must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact John Lovasz at the WPA Home Office at 412-231-2979, ext. 135 or by email at [jlovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jlovasz@wpalife.org).

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# 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. *Every dollar you donate will be matched by William Penn Association, up to a total of \$10,000, thus doubling the impact of your contribution.* 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.



WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

## Campaign for UKRAINE



Enclosed is my donation in the amount of: ☐ \$100.00 ☐ \$75.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) This donation is in memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make donation payable to: "William Penn Association Foundation, Inc."

Mail this form and your tax-deductible donation to:

**Campaign for Ukraine, William Penn Association Foundation, Inc.**  
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

*Thank you for your support!*

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# Just what is 'life' insurance?

**T**here has always been a certain stigma surrounding the words “life insurance.” For some, those words trigger a fear of the unknown, while for others, they cause them to turn away and say “blah!” In this issue, I hope to alleviate that stigma, calm those fears and show why owning life insurance may be in your best interest.

First, let's discuss just what a life insurance certificate is:

- A life insurance certificate is a contract between the insured (you) and the insurer (us).
- A life insurance contract is a promise made by an insurance company (us) to provide the insured policyholder (you) with a certain value at some point in the future, in exchange for a monthly, annual or one-time premium payment. That value, or promise to pay, could be in the form of a cash value build up that can be used during your lifetime, or it could be a “lump sum” benefit that is paid to your heirs at the time of your death. Earlier in my career when people would ask me what I did for a living, I was taught to respond: “we provide funds for future delivery!”

There are a number of parties involved in a life insurance contract:

- **The insurer.** A licensed insurance carrier that provides the products, sets the rates and determines the values of the contract.
- **The policy or certificate owner.** This is the person (or entity) that owns the policy. This may or may not be the same person as the insured. A parent, for example, might be the owner of a policy on their minor children until they reach a certain age. The policy owner maintains all policy rights to the contract, such as the ability to make changes, access the living values and change the beneficiary.
- **The insured.** This is the person whose life is insured.
- **The beneficiary (or beneficiaries).** This is the person (or persons) who will receive the death benefit of the contract when the insured dies. The beneficiary has no policy rights prior to the death of the insured. It's usually a good thing to name both a primary (first) as well as a contingent (secondary) beneficiary to the contract, in case the primary beneficiary dies first. The beneficiary can use the proceeds for whatever purpose they wish. Although not contractually obligated to do so, the beneficiary would typically use the death proceeds to pay for the funeral and other final expenses of the insured.

Up to this point, we have been discussing the nuts and bolts of life insurance, describing and defining the parties to the contract. That's the stuff that makes you turn your head and say “blah!” Now, let's shift gears and talk about how this stuff works in real-life situations and explore the magical, relevant and ecstatic aspects of life insurance:

- Life insurance solves an overwhelming financial problem at death. When a person dies, their income stops. Even for a retired couple, the income from their Social Security and possibly the pension of the deceased person may also stop or be drastically reduced. Anyone that is dependent on the deceased—even for a small amount of income or support—will suffer financially without their support.
- Just about the time that unpaid bills start to pile up, and the grieving family is under a lot of financial stress, the life insurance death benefit arrives, providing funds needed to meet ongoing financial obligations.
- The life insurance benefit appears just in time to help the heirs pay for the funeral and other burial and final expenses of the deceased.
- Life insurance proceeds provide funds that can be used by beneficiaries to cover: mortgage, rent or utility payments; childcare expenses; college expenses; car and other loans; and food, clothing and everyday living expenses.



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• Life insurance provides peace of mind. You will rest easier knowing that your loved ones will be taken care of because you cared enough to purchase life insurance.

Wow, life insurance can do all of that? YES! But wait, there's more! We talked about the "living benefits" of life insurance, what does that mean? I'm glad you asked.

The cash value build up in an ordinary (whole) life plan can be used:

- As an emergency fund in the event of a disability, job loss or other unforeseen event.
- To help offset college expenses.
- To start or maintain a family business.
- To supplement retirement income.
- To pay for a wedding.

Early in my career--very early, actually--one of my first sales was to a close friend, Russell. Russell was a single guy who decided to purchase a small starter policy. He purchased a \$10,000 ordinary life policy with a \$25,000 term rider attached, which would give him the protection he needed now and the ability to "convert" the term portion to a permanent life policy somewhere down the road. His monthly premium was around \$30 per month.

Little did I know when delivering his policy that, in addition to being one of my very first clients, Russell would also become my very first death claim. He died in an auto accident just six months after purchasing the insurance. His family could not believe he had the foresight to purchase life insurance and were truly amazed when I delivered a check for \$35,000 to their home not more than two weeks after the funeral. Russell had paid a total of \$180 in premiums, and I delivered a check for \$35,000. That, my friends, is what we call *the miracle of life insurance*.

No other financial product delivers the same economic impact as life insurance. Annuities don't. IRA's don't. Stocks and bonds don't. Real estate doesn't. Only life insurance delivers funds for future delivery to your heirs and at the best possible value.

Are you ready to unleash the miracle of life insurance on your family? Call your WPA agent today to get a quote on the valuable insurance coverage you and the members of your family need. Don't have an agent? Call the Home Office sales department at 412-239-2979 ext. 120 or 134 and we'll be happy to provide you with the information you need to purchase the life insurance product that's right for you. Then you'll have the peace of mind that comes with knowing that you're taking care of your loved ones.

Until next time, have a Happy Easter!

## Ordinary Life Senior Special

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When it comes to serving your family's financial needs, William Penn Association can provide you with a variety of services and benefits. One of those is our **Ordinary Life Senior Special**.

Developed for seniors with underwriting risks accepted at standard rates through Table 4 ratings.

Benefits are offered per annual premium units of \$200.00 and \$400.00 using five (5) year age groups with issue ages of 56 through 85 nearest birthday.

The smoking question must be asked (even though there is not a difference between smoker and non-smoker rates) to establish the proper Ordinary Life non-forfeiture values to be used in the contract.

Listed below are the insurance face amounts shown by 5 year age groups determined by annual premium units of \$200.00 and \$400.00.\*

Issue Age	Face Amount for \$200 Annual Premium*		Face Amount for \$400 Annual Premium*	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
56-60	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$10,000	\$11,000
61-65	\$3,900	\$4,500	\$7,800	\$9,000
66-70	\$3,200	\$3,600	\$6,400	\$7,200
71-75	\$2,200	\$2,700	\$4,400	\$5,400
76-80	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$3,000	\$3,800
81-85	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$2,200	\$2,400

\*To determine what your premium would be if paying other than annually, use the calculations below:

Semi-annual:  $.52 \times \text{Annual Premium}$   
Quarterly:  $.265 \times \text{Annual Premium}$   
Monthly:  $.09 \times \text{Annual Premium}$

To learn more about how you and your family can benefit from our Ordinary Life Senior Special, call our Home Office TODAY at 412-231-2979, ext. 120.





# Magyars on the ice, with and without sticks

Growing up, I never paid much attention to hockey. I didn't play it, first of all, reserving what little athletic ability I had to playing baseball and football. Hockey also requires a king's ransom to play, even recreationally, along with absurd early-morning practice times to use the few available rinks.

The NHL did not have a team close by during the formative years of my childhood and early adolescence, when such fascinations seem to take root deep in the reptilian lobes of the masculine brain that dictate what kinds of sports hold your interest, what cars draw your eye, and which girls catch one's fancy. The Columbus Blue Jackets arrived late in that period of my life, too late given the geographic distance and the mental remoteness that comes with watching a game one's never played.

With the clarity of hindsight, I see now that my dad, through whom I was exposed to televised sports, favored basketball far more than hockey as the third most-favored sport. Part of this lies in occupational necessity: following basketball undoubtedly would help an inner-city schoolteacher.

But, there may be another reason for my familial apathy towards hockey growing up, which is that, paradoxically, Hungary is not really a hockey country.

Geographically, it does not make too much sense. Some of the most successful hockey countries, Czechia and Slovakia, happen to share borders, topography and climate with Hungary. Looking at the qualifying standings for the 2022 Winter Olympics, Hungary's national team ranked far behind its neighbors. By comparison to its great success in the summer games, Hungary seems to lag behind in ice hockey and in the Winter Games in general. Hungary's national hockey team has qualified for the Winter Olympics only three times, in 1928, 1936 and 1964.

For those looking for a Hungarian name on the back of an NHL jersey, you might be disappointed—no Hungarian-born players have ever skated for an NHL team, though a handful have been drafted by some NHL teams over the years. The most recent Magyar prospect in the NHL was Adam Vay, a promising goaltender from Budapest signed by the Minnesota Wild in 2016. An article in the Twin Cities newspaper quotes Vay as recognizing Hungary's lackluster performance in the sport, saying "it's been my dream to skate in the NHL" and reported that Hungarians would laugh when he'd earnestly tell them about his dream. After playing a couple seasons for Minnesota's minor league system, Vay returned to play in Europe. Still in his twenties, I think there might still be a chance of a Hungarian in the NHL, though only time will tell.

Similarly, QuantHockey.com lists only one NHL player of Hungarian heritage on their website: Frank Banham, born in Alberta, Canada in 1975. Banham was drafted by the Washington Capitals (go Caps!) in 1993, playing in a total of 32 NHL games







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*Adam Vay was the first--and so far only--Hungarian-born ice hockey player ever signed by an NHL team. The goaltender played in the minor leagues of the Minnesota Wild organization for two years before returning to Europe to play professionally.*

and 304 AHL games over several years. (Note for the uninitiated: playing in the AHL is nothing to scoff at. Unlike many other minor league or alternative professional leagues, the AHL has been around since 1936 and its prestigious Calder Cup has been awarded to the League champion since 1937.) Some preliminary research did not yield any other Americans or Canadians of obvious Hungarian ancestry who have played professional hockey, but I'm sure some are out there. I hope my dear readers can point me in the right direction, in time for a future *Take* at some point?

Of course, there's more to the ice besides hockey, and here is where Hungary has attained most of its Winter Olympic success so far. In the 2022 games, Hungary brought a smaller team, with only 14 athletes total (eight men and six women) competing in five different events: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, snowboarding and short track speed skating. In this Winter Olympics, Hungary took home three medals--two bronze and one gold, all in short track events. One bronze came in the 2,000 meter mixed (co-ed) short track event with a team made up of Petra Jászapáti, Zsófia Kónya, Shaoang Liu, Shaolin Sándor Liu, and John-Henry Krueger. These last three names might look surprising to the reader, and, interestingly, Shaoang Liu won the other two medals (gold in 500m short track, bronze in 1000m short track) for Hungary during the Olympics. Born to a Hungarian mother and Chinese father, both Shaolin and Shaoang are Hungarian citizens, born and raised in Budapest. Shaoang has skated for the Hungarian Olympic team before, winning Hungary's sole gold medal in the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Games.

The two women, Petra Jászapáti and Zsófia Kónya, are both from Szeged. One of the other members of the winning team is a member of a Hungarian diaspora. John-Henry Krueger was born in Pittsburgh, PA and, in a bit of interesting Olympics trivia, is the

only athlete to have won a medal for the United States and another country.

Following his successful 2018 Games, where he won silver in speed skating, Krueger found himself forced to use his earnings from his silver medal performance to pay down debt incurred while training. Apparently, the US speed skating organization receives very little funding and more or less leaves individual athletes to support themselves while training for the games. While this true sense of amateurism is a call-back to a bygone era, most countries, and even most US athletes in more popular sports, have independent means of supporting themselves through their athletic endeavors.

Forced to choose between debt and quitting the sport, Krueger picked a third option--to compete in Hungary, where his great-grandfather was born. The Hungarian government provides living quarters, food and a stipend. Krueger even enjoys the use of an automobile provided by a sponsor. As a third-generation Hungarian-American, I found it interesting that Hungary would be willing to host and welcome a U.S. athlete with generations-old ties to the country. Krueger's brother, Cole, also skates for the Hungarian team, so this has become quite the family affair.

These case studies from Hungary's Winter Olympic performance raise thoughtful questions about the nature of our heritage and what it means to be a Hungarian and a Hungarian-American. I hope that you learned a little something about Hungary's athletic culture and I hope this inspires you to conduct further research of your own. If you have anecdotes regarding Hungary's winter sports or hockey, drop me a line at my new email: [tcseh@aol.com](mailto:tcseh@aol.com).

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# Actuary's Report for 2021

**William Penn Association** continues its long history of outstanding service to members while maintaining a strong margin of financial safety and its commitment to honoring its members' guaranteed benefit contracts.

Certain highlights from the financial reports to the regulatory authorities and the actuarial report to the Officers and Directors should be summarized for the benefit of the members. All numbers herein are taken from the official reports as filed. References are rounded for convenience.

The Association's controlled growth and development continued in 2021. This approach was rewarded with profits in all major lines of business totaling \$5.8 million. At the same time, assets grew by 9.4%. The profitability continues to be driven by careful management of investments, favorable persistency, prudent control of expenses, and favorable mortality experience.

This solid financial performance is sufficient to sustain fraternal activities. The members should feel very proud of WPA and the financial strength and discipline that underpin their guaranteed benefits.

WPA's financial strength should be emphasized. In its history, no WPA member suffered any loss in benefit value or reduction in dividends nor experienced a rate increase because of market fluctuations. WPA continues to be a very safe, secure place to hold money for future delivery.

Association assets total over \$564,000,000, and their quality remains high, with \$515,800,000 (96.8%)

of the holdings being investment grade bonds. All members can continue to have confidence that the assets standing behind their policies are sound and will provide the required funds when needed.

The margin of safety on December 31, 2021, continued at a high level of 110.88%. This means that the Association held over \$110.88 of admissible assets behind each \$100 of liabilities as a safeguard to all members that promised member benefits will be paid when due. The Association's safety margin is comparable to that of other fraternal benefit societies.

The Association enjoyed a very favorable year from investments. The net rate of return on mean assets was 5.13%, which is impressive given the current low interest rate environment. These exceptional returns support the competitive rates paid to members. During 2021, the Association earned net investment income of \$27,059,000 after deducting all investment expenses. Investment income exceeded requirements by \$10,880,000 in 2021. Excess interest continued to be the most important profit source to the Association.

In addition to the excellent investment returns, it is worth noting that the Association maintains Security Valuation Reserves of \$10,783,000 to guard against adverse fluctuation in investments.

The Association has \$505 million set aside to cover its life insurance and annuity liabilities, as well as member deposits and future claim payments. These insurance liabilities are computed according to the prudent and conservative standards of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

During 2021 the Association paid out \$45,578,000 to members. A breakdown of these payments over the past five years is presented below:

## Payments to Members

(Rounded to nearest \$1,000)

ITEM	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Death Claims	\$ 2,236,000	\$ 2,260,000	\$ 2,811,000	\$ 2,806,000	\$ 2,625,000
Matured Endowments	128,000	100,000	102,000	42,000	41,000
Emergency Cash Surrender Benefits	659,000	748,000	1,047,000	653,000	1,024,000
Supplementary Payments	3,000	3,000	3,000	7,000	13,000
Annuity and Old Age Benefits	15,940,000	18,047,000	21,763,000	23,078,000	30,460,000
Excess Interest on Funds to Members' Acct.	9,209,000	9,140,000	9,080,000	7,773,000	10,880,000
Dividends	<u>410,000</u>	<u>437,000</u>	<u>468,000</u>	<u>461,000</u>	<u>535,000</u>
<b>Benefits to Members</b>	<b>\$28,585,000</b>	<b>\$30,735,000</b>	<b>\$35,274,000</b>	<b>\$34,820,000</b>	<b>\$45,578,000</b>

**WPA** continues to provide reliable financial resources to its members.

In our opinion, the amounts carried in the balance sheets on account of the various actuarial items:

(1) are computed in accordance with commonly accepted actuarial standards consistently applied and are fairly stated in accordance with sound actuarial principles;

(2) are based on actuarial assumptions which produce reserves at least as great as those called for in any contract provision as to reserve basis and method, and are in accordance with all other contract provisions;

(3) meet the requirements of the insurance law and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are at least as great as the minimum aggregate amounts required by the state in which this statement is filed;

(4) are computed on the basis of assumptions consistent with those used in computing the corresponding items in the annual statement of the preceding year end with any exceptions as noted below; and

(5) include provision for all actuarial reserves and related statement items which ought to be established.

It is apparent that the officers and directors continue the skillful management of the members' money while maintaining very strong safeguards.

**Bruce & Bruce**  
Actuaries and Consultants

## William Penn Association 2021 Annual Statement Financial Report

### ASSETS

Bonds	\$532,821,964
Stocks	18,802,730
Mortgage Loans	382,267
Real Estate	770,889
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,895,377
Certificate Loans	1,597,336
Accrued Investment Income	6,758,652
Electronic Data Processing Equipment & Software	62,452
Premiums Due and Uncollected	44,829
Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous	-----
<b>Total Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$564,136,496</b>

### LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES & SURPLUS CERTIFICATE RESERVES

Life and Annuity Policy Reserves	\$494,415,000
Liability for Deposit-Type Contracts	9,944,113
Life Claim Reserves	196,547
Provision for Refunds Payable in Following Calendar Year	500,000
Premiums Paid in Advance	437,032
Officials' Retirement Program	1,867,096
Interest Maintenance Reserve	2,197,609
General Expenses and Taxes Due or Accrued	78,985
Asset Valuation Reserve	8,585,306
Trust Account	652,186
Other Liabilities	671,748
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$519,545,622</b>
<b>Unassigned Surplus</b>	<b>44,590,874</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$564,136,496</b>

### INCOME

Premiums & Annuity Considerations	\$58,649,395
Net Investment Income	27,059,413
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	(44,208)
Miscellaneous Income	453,647
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$86,118,247</b>

### OUTGO

Life Benefits Paid, Including Dividends	\$ 4,237,146
Annuity and Pension Benefits Paid	30,459,570
Interest on Funds to Members' Accounts	314,714
Increase in Reserves for Life & Annuity Certificates	39,247,000
Commissions on Premiums & Annuity Considerations	1,650,348
General Operating and Fraternal Expenses	4,140,159
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees	280,544
<b>Total Outgo &amp; Reserve Increase</b>	<b>\$80,329,481</b>
<b>Net Gain from Operations after Refunds to Members</b>	<b>\$5,788,766</b>

### RECONCILIATION

Net Gain from Operations	\$ 5,788,766
Realized Gains/(Losses) (excluding transfers to the IMR)	-----
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 5,788,766
Unassigned Funds as of 12/31/20	38,723,509
Change in Unrealized Gains	664,821
Change in Nonadmitted Assets	691,534
Change in Asset Valuation Reserve	(1,193,349)
Aggregate Write-In for Gain/Loss on Surplus	(84,407)
Unassigned Funds as of 12/31/21	<b>\$44,590,874</b>



# Louis Kossuth

## *A man of his time...and ours*

by Judit Ganchuk

As the world watches events in Ukraine and listens to the bold and brave words of its leader, I am reminded of events that occurred in my ancestors' homeland of Hungary 174 years ago and the man who inspired his fellow Hungarians and people around the world.

Lajos Kossuth was a strong political leader in Hungary's past who played a small part in America's history as well. Hungarians around the world solemnly remember Kossuth, the 1848 Revolution and the defeat to the Austrians every March 15th with commemoration programs and pageantry.

The 1848 Revolution started after a group of political reformers saw that liberty from the oppressive Austrian Empire was the only way Hungary could progress like the rest of Europe. Inspired by the French Revolution, Kossuth found the strength to demand freedom from Austria's monarchy, and on March 15, 1848, hosted a large public demonstration in Budapest.



*Sándor Petőfi, hand raised, recites "Nemzeti Dal" as Lajos Kossuth (standing to the poet's left, hat in hand) listens.*

At this demonstration, the famous poet Sándor Petőfi recited the poem, *Nemzeti Dal* (National Song), stating "*Talpra magyar, hí a haza! Itt az idő, most vagy soha!*" for the large crowd. The words translate to: "Stand up, Hungarian, the homeland calls! The time is here, now or never!" This poem still resonates as a piece of Hungarians' national identity.

Kossuth and the other leaders stood fast in their newfound freedom as long as they could. In May 1849, the Prussians began supporting the Austrians' fight against the Hungarians and by August the revolution was over.

Kossuth was not able to watch Hungary feebly return to a monarchy, so he left. But soon after he began his treacherous journey across Europe and Asia Minor, he was arrested and imprisoned in present-day Turkey.

Once word of Kossuth's arrest reached the United States, President Millard Fillmore and Congress requested the Hungarian hero be released. Kossuth, grateful and freed, sailed to Great Britain first and eventually arrived in the U.S. in 1851. He toured the country, making many public appearances and pleading for financial and political support for the liberty and freedom of his fellow Hungarians.

Kossuth left a deep mark on many Americans during his brief time here. Pittsburgh residents felt a special connection to Kossuth after he visited the city from Jan. 22 to 31, 1852. While in the city, he stayed at the St. Charles Hotel, located on a part of the present-day campus of Point Park University. Today, a plaque at a campus building's front entrance commemorates the visit.

In February 1852, Kossuth expressed his thoughts on the essence of democracy in a speech to the Ohio State Legislature. His words were echoed 11 years later by Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address: "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government [should be] of the people, by the people, for the people, [and] shall not perish from the earth."

March 15 has been and will continue to be observed by Hungarians worldwide as their "Liberty Day" and as a time for reflection. Though often not mentioned in high school textbooks, Kossuth remains a hero to Hungarian-Americans and an inspiration to all who fight for freedom 174 years later.



## Spring flowers

As winter melts away, spring washes over us to renew our spirits and sense of hope. Flowers are one of the many calming symbols of spring. Bring some joy into your space this spring by making some **Crystal Flowers**. You can also make some for your mom as a Mother's Day gift. This craft can brighten anyone's mood!

Not sure what type of flower to make? Here are a few ideas: the national flower of the United States of America is the rose; the national flower of Hungary is the tulip; and the national flower of Ukraine is the sunflower. If you're making them as a gift, try making that person's favorite flower, or make a bright, colorful bouquet of various flowers.

### What you need

- Borax
- Boiled water
- Fake flowers
- Pencils
- String
- Tape
- Spoon
- Plastic container



### What You Do

- Remove any leaves from your fake flowers. Tie the flower stems to your pencils using string. Dangle your flower heads into your container. Make sure that the flower heads don't touch the container's bottom, side or other flowers. Adjust the placement of your flowers and string lengths as necessary. Place them aside. Now you're ready to make the crystal mixture.
- Ask an adult to boil your water. Carefully pour it into your empty container. Then, dissolve spoonfuls of Borax one at a time until the Borax no longer dissolves. Congratulations! You've just made a supersaturated solution! Your science teacher would be proud!
- Place your flowers into your container and let them sit there for a few hours. If your pencils keep rolling, tape them to the sides to keep them still.
- After 2-3 hours, pull the flowers out and see how crystallized they've become. When you have enough crystals to your liking, set the flowers to dry standing up. When you're cleaning up, if you have trouble removing the crystal growth from the bottom of the container, pour boiling water into the container again to dissolve the crystals.
- Enjoy your lovely and sparkly flowers!

*Our thanks to [pinkstripeysocks.com](http://pinkstripeysocks.com) for this fun, springtime idea!*

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

## Eligibility Rules for Year 2022 Scholarship Grants

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

- a) The student applying for a scholarship grant must be an individual life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing for four (4) years as of January 1, 2022.
- b) For both new and renewal applicants, the student applicant must be the child or grandchild of a life benefit member of William Penn Association in good standing. For the 2022 school year, the parent/grandparent must be a life benefit member for at least four (4) years as of January 1, 2022.
- c) Scholarship grants are awarded to full-time undergraduate students only if they have been accepted by or are currently attending an accredited college, university or school of nursing.
- d) Grants are awarded annually for a maximum of four years.
- e) All new and renewal applicants must complete and submit the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Application for Scholarship Grant, which can be found in this issue of *William Penn Life*. An application also may be obtained by writing to: President, William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, or may be downloaded from the Association's website at [www.wpallife.org](http://www.wpallife.org).
- f) **NEW Applicants** must submit the following:
  1. An Essay of 150 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?"** If the essay exceeds 150 words, the application will not be accepted.  
**The Scholarship Application and Essay must be either mailed and postmarked, emailed or faxed by Friday, May 27, 2022.** If sending through the U.S. postal service, please use Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.
  2. A transcript of the student applicant's latest scholastic record and proof of enrollment for the Fall 2022 school term. **The student's name and the name of the school must be clearly indicated on both the scholastic record and proof of enrollment. This information should NOT be handwritten.** The scholastic record and proof of enrollment must be mailed and postmarked, emailed or faxed by **Wednesday, August 31, 2022.**
- g) **RENEWAL Applicants** must submit the following:
  1. An Essay of 150 words or fewer answering the question: **"If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?"** If the essay exceeds 150 words, the application will not be accepted.  
**The Scholarship Application and Essay must be either mailed and postmarked, emailed or faxed by Friday, May 27, 2022.** If sending through the U.S. postal service, please use Certified Mail to ascertain proof of mailing date.
  2. A copy of the student applicant's latest scholastic record and proof of enrollment for the Fall 2022 school term. All renewal applicants **must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to qualify. The student's name and the name of the school must be clearly indicated on both the scholastic record and proof of enrollment. This information should NOT be handwritten.** The scholastic record and proof of enrollment must be mailed and postmarked, emailed or faxed by **Wednesday, August 31, 2022.**
- h) All applications and essays must be signed by the student applicant and submitted either via the U.S. Postal Service to the President at the address listed in section (e) above, OR via email to [scholarship@wpallife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpallife.org), OR via fax to **412-231-8535**. Materials submitted by anyone other than the student applicant will not be considered. Any applications and essays postmarked, emailed or faxed after **Friday, May 27, 2022** will not be considered.
- i) Scholarship grants will be awarded by the Executive Committee of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc., once each year. **Grants will be paid directly to the student applicant provided the student applicant is a life benefit member in good standing on the date the check is issued and all of the eligibility requirements stated herein have been met.**
- j) If for any reason the recipient does not attend college after receiving the grant, it must be returned to the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
- k) In compliance with current privacy laws, all information regarding scholarship status will be divulged only to the student applicant and to the parents and/or legal guardians of the applicant.

**Students with questions about these eligibility rules may contact Mary Ann Kelly-Lovasz at the Home Office.  
Phone: 412-231-2979, Ext. 128 • E-mail: [scholarship@wpallife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpallife.org) • Fax: 412-231-8535.**



# William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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## Application for Scholarship Grant Academic Year 2022-2023



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

### STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

**2. NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **3. DATE OF BIRTH:**     /     /

Last

First

Middle Initial

**4. ADDRESS:**

No.

Street

City

State

Zip Code

**5. STUDENT APPLICANT'S PHONE:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name of College/High School

Location

Dates Attended  
(Month/Year)

Ex: 08/2018 - 06/2022

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

School Name:

Year Will Be

☐ Freshman

☐ Junior

Attending in School:

☐ Sophomore

☐ Senior

Street Address or P. O. Box:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

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

**Completed application & essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 27, 2022  
or sent via email to scholarship@wpalife.org, or faxed to 412-231-8535 by May 27, 2022**

**10. WILLIAM PENN ASSOCIATION LIFE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE INFORMATION VERIFICATION:**  
**INFORMATION ON BOTH THE STUDENT APPLICANT AND EITHER A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT IS REQUIRED.**

**STUDENT APPLICANT** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

☐ **PARENT OR** ☐ **GRANDPARENT** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## **PLEASE NOTE**

ALL APPLICANTS must submit an essay not exceeding 150 words, along with this completed application form, to be considered for a grant. The application and essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 27, 2022, or sent via email to *[scholarship@wpalife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpalife.org)* or faxed to 412-231-8535 by May 27, 2022.

NEW APPLICANTS must also submit: (1) a transcript of the student's latest scholastic record; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2022 school term.

RENEWAL APPLICANTS must also submit: (1) a copy of the student's latest scholastic record showing that the student has maintained a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and (2) proof of enrollment for the Fall 2022 school term.

Failure to submit these items by the date specified in the Eligibility Rules will result in the forfeiture of your grant.

I hereby certify that I have read the eligibility rules prior to completing this application. I further certify that this application contains no misstatements or omissions of material fact and that the statements herein are to the best of my knowledge complete and correct. I also hereby authorize and approve the Scholarship Foundation or its representatives to share or discuss this application with my parents and/or legal guardians.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Student Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Completed application & essay must be mailed and postmarked by May 27, 2022  
or sent via email to [scholarship@wpalife.org](mailto:scholarship@wpalife.org), or faxed to 412-231-8535 by May 27, 2022**

## Branch 8 Johnstown, PA

**By Alexis Juhas Kozak**

Greetings everyone. Hope you all survived the cold weather.

David and I spent a week visiting our son and family in Florida. It was nice to have a chance to thaw out.

Not much to report here with the winter isolation period, however, we are gearing up for our spring activities, including Join Hands Day and Easter Bunny time. We hope the weather will be getting warmer so we can have a nice branch social soon after Easter.

A big shout out to Barbara Petruska who had some health issues over the past few months. We're glad to hear you are home and on the road to recovery. Continued prayers to you and your family.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Steve Jordan of Rockwood, PA. Steve was a member of WPA Branch 226, but many of us will remember seeing his smiling face at Penn Scenic View during the WPA Picnic. Steve, along with Joe Kiraly and John Toth, prepared and served the *gulyás*. They would stay up all night cooking it the old-fashioned way in a black kettle over an open fire, just like a scene from a village in Hungary. It was the best *gulyás* ever. Steve was so proud of their finished product.

Steve passed away Feb. 9 due to an automobile accident. He was 85. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Sylvia and his family.

Please be safe out there and have a blessed Easter season.

If you have any ideas concerning our branch activities or have news you would like to share with your fellow members, please do not hesitate to call me, Alexis Yuhas Kozak, at 814-242-0000.



Branch 226 member Steve Jordan (left) helps Branch 89 President and retired Home Office employee John Toth prepare *gulyás* at the WPA Picnic in 2016. Steve, 85, died Feb. 9, from injuries he sustained in an auto accident.

## Branch 9 Hazleton, PA

**By Dora McKinsey**

Greetings from Branch 9 Hazleton, PA, the founding branch of William Penn Association. All of the snow and ice has finally melted, and we hope it does not reoccur. We look forward to the start of spring on March 20. Let's all "spring forward" to warmer days and increased daylight.

We hope all enjoyed a festive and safe St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

The officers of Branch 9 would like to extend Happy Easter wishes to all members of William Penn Association. Easter falls on April 17 this year.

Several Branch 9 members have been busy volunteering at a local charity, Pine Grove Area Pathway, located in Pine Grove, PA, that is just getting off the ground. Pathway (for short) will be offering food, household items, personal items and eventually appliances to

those in the Pine Grove area who are in need. Look for more information about the charity in future issues of *William Penn Life*.

This issue of *William Penn Life* includes the scholarship application for those members who will be attending an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2022. If you are a student who is graduating this year and are planning to further your education, please apply for a scholarship. All the rules are outlined and must be followed exactly. It's worth the time and effort to apply.

On that note, the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. depends on donations in order to continue to offer these scholarships. If you can, please donate to the scholarship foundation in whatever amount you can afford. All donations count and are tax deductible.

I would like to end with the following quote from Edward Everett Hale:

*I am only one,  
but I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but I can do  
something.  
And because I  
cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do  
the something that  
I can do.*

## Branch 14 Cleveland, OH

**By Richard E. Sarosi**

An Irish Blessing to get us through these tough times:

*For the test of the heart is  
trouble  
And it always comes with years.  
And the smile that is worth the  
praises of earth  
Is the smile that shines through  
the tears.*

Do not take anything for granted: *please* get your COVID vaccination and boosters and please encourage your families and friends



to do the same. While we now have other distractions taking our mind off the pandemic, COVID-19 and its variants are not going away any time soon. It is very real, and you need to follow the guidelines to protect yourself and those around you.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and the many peoples of Europe that now have to fight for their basic freedoms and democracy. Those things can be lost very quickly and be taken away. Hungary shares part of its eastern border with Ukraine.

To our WPA students, 2022 will go down as a year to remember. You continue to be part of living history and you will have a story to tell for the rest of your life. Keep notes or a diary of your experiences and thoughts during this time.

To my nieces, nephews, cousins and young friends, those in primary and secondary schools and colleges, continue to do your best with your classes. High school graduation and college graduation are just a few months away. Best wishes and study hard.

To the moms and dads of our WPA students who will be growing out of their juvenile policies: it is time to sign your children up for their adult policies. And if you haven't already done so, it is time for *you* to join the ranks of *your* parents and grandparents and purchase WPA life insurance. Your very own children and grandchildren will be the recipients of your generosity. Contact your WPA sales representative to sign up.

Please continue to support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Every dollar donated makes a difference to our students. They--and WPA--are counting on you.

Branch 14 meetings have resumed. We meet at St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Road, Solon, Ohio (at the corner of Aurora Road and Liberty Road). WPA Branch 14 adult members and adult guests are



## NEXT DEADLINE

Submissions for the May issue of William Penn Life are due in our office by April 8.

welcome to attend the branch meeting. Upcoming meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Please note, this schedule can change at any time. Please call Branch 14 President Caroline Lanzara at 216-970-2769 or Branch 14 Secretary/Treasurer Richard Sarosi at 440-248-9012 for any changes with the scheduled dates.

Please support the Hungarian churches, clubs and organizations in your local community. Be sure to contact them directly for event information, updates, additions or cancellations. We love and are grateful that they exist and continue our Hungarian customs, activities, traditions, music and food. Please support them in 2022 by *safely* attending their events, or with a monetary donation.

Also, do not forget the many small businesses which desperately need your patronage 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. May those WPA members who are not with us rest in peace.

Get well wishes are being sent to all of our Branch 14 members

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 get well wishes and speedy recovery wishes to WPA members Alan Varga, Tamas Markovits and Elizabeth (Betty) Hartman. 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 a March/April birthday and/or anniversary. May you have many more celebrations.

Be safe, stay healthy and please remember to keep in touch with someone you haven't seen or talked with in a long time. Written and phone greetings have kept me in touch with many WPA members, WPA Home Office staff and my fellow WPA Board members. It is SO good to have contact, say "Hi" and catch up on how everyone is doing. Pick up the phone, write, email or text and plan a visit, if allowed.

Remember those who are in the hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and extended care facilities where visitation may not be possible at this time. Everyone loves to receive cards,

notes, telephone calls and the opportunity to hear from family and friends. Don't forget them.

Now, I offer this closing Irish blessing:

*There are good ships and wood ships,  
The ships that sail the sea.  
But the best ships are friendships,  
May they always be.*

Branch 14 members having news to share about themselves or family members can reach me at [RichSaro@att.net](mailto:RichSaro@att.net) or at 440-248-9012.

## Branch 18 Lincoln Park, MI

**By Barbara A. House**

Belated wishes for a happy 2022! We hope this year will be a lot better than the last two. I'm sure we still have some doubts.

Branch 18 supported Penrickton Center for Blind Children for our Christmas project. We were given a list of appropriate toys and gifts. It was really a joy and lots of fun to see everyone. We will continue to support them and their needs. I received many thank you notes from the children, and yes, they wrote them.

We also supported a nursing home in Southfield. All they wanted was coloring books and crayons. I will watch for sales all year on books and crayons.

Our last project was a group home that member Judy Schonek told us about. This home is run by nuns. We bought all the things that ladies like. We also supported the nuns with Kroger and Walmart gift cards. We even bought some wine for the nuns. I'm sure there are times they really would like a sip.

We plan to continue supporting all three of these locations this year. Doing so is good for us, also.

Branch 18 has suffered the loss of some of our best friends

and members. Earlier this year, I learned that Linda Enyedy's husband, Joseph, passed away. He had been in a home and suffering for a while. Rest in peace, Joe, you will be missed.

My sweet Krisztina, who many of you know, lost her mother Katalin in December. Give her a hug.

Remember and pray for all our deceased friends and members.

We also had some members fighting to stay healthy. Tamás and Ursula Markovits have had their illnesses, but they are on the road to recovery.

I got a new hip in December and spent a month in rehab. Not fun, but it's done. Thank you, everyone, for the cards and flowers and calls. It sure helps.

All your officers are still trying all we can to start up activities and be the greatest Branch 18 again. About the time things start looking good, we get hit again. The meeting places are far and few between. Nothing can be planned because they close at a moment's notice. Michigan is having a rough time.

By the time you read this, I should be in Florida, but we're planning on returning to Michigan on May 22.

Helen Sryniawski, our wonderful communication secretary, was wintering in Arizona. Be safe Helen, we miss you.

Branch 18 joined another group in November and went to Firekeepers for the day. It sure was great to see so many of you there. We haven't seen some of you for two years. We are working on something again in June.

FYI, Ursula Markovits, one of our branch auditors, is taking on the duties of our branch secretary position until we have a meeting and election again. She has big shoes to fill since we lost Rose Antal. Rose was secretary for 20 years.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Linda Enyedy, Tom House,

Ursula Markovits and all who are celebrating.

When a new month begins, say this little prayer: "A new month starts; may it bring happiness, friendship, love, health and blessings, and blow the past troubles away." Our thanks to Father Barnabas for that and for the many phone calls.

Special thanks also to Krisztina and David, Helen and Carol, Ursula, Judy and Pauline. Tommy was a great helper. He could be a nurse by now. Thanks for all the face timers, the Krajcz family especially. Sure hope I didn't forget you.

Stay healthy and happy. Remember, my phone number is 313-418-5572. Call me; I would love to hear from you. Just in case, Tom's number is 313-402-5839.

Happy and blessed Easter.

## Branch 19 New Brunswick, NJ

**By Evelyn Bodnar**

During the months of December and January, Branch 19 was involved in community projects in conjunction with the Bayard Street Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

These projects included the collection and distribution of new toys to children in the vicinity of the church. Under the coordination of Branch Vice President Joseph Bodnar and Branch Auditor Maureen Bodnar (Joe's wife), about 650 children received toys on the Saturday before Christmas. Because of COVID, this program was held outdoors in tents. The line of recipients extended for two blocks and beyond. After receiving their gifts, each child had the chance to talk to Santa.

That same day, people from our community received two bags of non-perishable food, along with cooked hamburgers and hot dogs.

Maureen wrapped each gift and prepared cookies for everyone who was there.

Each month, our branch also sponsors a free flea market which offers everything except furniture. We distribute coats, clothing, pots, pans, glassware, appliances, school supplies and more to many people.

In addition, Branch Auditors Kathy Shimmel and Jennifer Orlick are involved with programs that help handicapped and challenged children as well as support groups for cancer patients.

We are looking forward to continuing these efforts. As the virus subsides, we hope to bring back our winter coat program and resume serving periodic hot meals.

We wish you all well.

## Branch 28 Youngstown, OH

**By Kathy Novak**

Happy spring days, as we look forward to the sunny days of summer.

Along with so many other Hungarian communities, Youngstown held an event commemorating the March 15, 1848 War of Independence. Our event was held March 13 at Our Lady of Comforter Shrine, hosted by the Youngstown American-Hungarian Foundation. Traditional songs and poems were shared with all in attendance. Endre Csoman was the guest speaker for the afternoon. Light refreshments were served following the program. The program this year made many of us reflect not only on the past but also recent events taking place in Europe.

Branch 28 members are looking forward to the upcoming WPA fraternal events, especially the golf outing to be held in Canfield, Ohio at the Kensington Golf Club. The one-day event sounds like an enjoyable time. The golf club's party room looks as if it will be an exciting location for the after-golf reception. We're hoping for a nice turnout and the chance to see all those WPA friends we haven't been able to spend time

with these past few years.

Also, watch for details about the August 20 WPA Picnic.

How wonderful it was in the last issue to see members being able to gather together in many new and unique ways to celebrate the branch Christmas parties.

Don't forget that applications for this year's WPFA Scholarship Foundation grants are due into the Home Office by May 27, 2022. This is for both new applicants and renewals.

Also, this is a good time to think about making a donation to the WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., to help advance the education of our younger members.

Continue to be aware of the health concerns that surround us as well as the safety of other countries undergoing conflicts.

Get well wishes to everyone feeling under the weather, especially Margie Sams, Irene Devlin, Ernie Sarosi and Barbara House.

Best wishes to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Sincere sympathy goes out to those who recently may have lost a loved one.

Blessed Easter wishes to everyone.

For information about branch activities or answers to your questions about your WPA products, please call Alan at 330-482-9994 or Kathy at 330-746-7704.

## Branch 34 Pittsburgh, PA

**By Marguerite McNelis**

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day. May you all have a happy and blessed



*Nurses in the ICU and COVID units at Akron Summa Hospital were the grateful recipients of snacks and beverages donated by the members of Branch 44.*

Easter.

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

On Feb. 9, Roseann Vamos, a realtor with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services for 24 years and the wife of Branch President Gary Vamos, was presented The National Sales Excellence and Top Producer Award. This prestigious award is given to the top 5% of realtors nationally.

During the annual awards ceremony, Roseann was also inducted into the President's Circle of Excellence. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments, Roseann.

Birthday wishes go out to my great niece Rhiannon, Becky Williams and all branch members celebrating their birthdays in March or April. May you all have many, many more.

Congratulations also go out to Becky on her upcoming wedding to Bob Fedor. Such a great couple. Love you both.

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.





Members of Branch 44 made more deliveries of snacks and beverages to local first responders, most recently to the Hudson (Ohio) fire department (left) and the Hudson (Ohio) Police Department.

## Branch 44 Akron, OH

**By Elizabeth Darago**

Happy spring! Finally, we can see flowers and feel warm breezes--of course, any day with temperatures over 20 degrees is welcome.

Happy Easter on April 17. May is just around the corner.

We received some happy news from branch member Rose Herdon: Elek Kitchen (who served as the elf at our branch's annual family holiday party this past December 2021) was named to the Dean's List at Akron University. He earned all A's in his fall semester. Elek is majoring in communications and media studies and psychology, and has also taken three semesters of American Sign Language. In his spare time, Elek serves as a DJ for WZIP and program manager for ZTV. He also works as a camera man for ESPN for Akron University sports.

Congrats! Way to go, Elek!

Other members who have news they'd like to share can contact any Branch 44 officer, or email me at [mtd13ekd@att.net](mailto:mtd13ekd@att.net).

It was a cold and snowy winter in January and February in Ohio. There were days when I just looked at the 14 inches of snow on

the ground and the car and stayed inside with a cup of hot tea. Hope all have been keeping warm and safe.

Northeast Ohio went through a bad spell with COVID since November 2021. Hospitals in our area were overwhelmed, and the Ohio National Guard was called in to help staff the hospitals. FEMA also was sending medical personnel to assist. We hope all members have weathered the COVID storm.

For the Easter season, if you know of a family or older couple who would welcome a gift of food, contact any Branch 44 Officer, or me at [mtd13ekd@att.net](mailto:mtd13ekd@att.net). Branch 44 is participating in the Easter Basket program supported by the WPA Home Office.

Enjoy the flowers and sunshine (even the spring showers) and stay healthy and safe.

For those celebrating a happy event, congratulations.

If you are ailing, get well soon.

To our military service personnel, thank you for your service.

For those undergoing a loss, our sincere condolences.

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

## Branch 129 Columbus, OH

**By Debbie Lewis**

Hello, everyone, from Columbus, Ohio. We hope this issue finds all in good health.

We would like to welcome our newest branch members: Ella Boso, Brodey Boso, Hazel Boso and Charlotte Browning.

The weather here in the early months of 2022 was cold with some warm days here and there. We hope the warmer weather and the spring flowers get here soon. It's always so nice just to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Important dates for April: April Fool's Day (April 1), Palm Sunday (April 10), Good Friday (April 15), Easter (April 17), Tax Day (April 18) and Arbor Day (April 29).

Important dates coming soon in May: Mother's Day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 21) and Memorial Day (May 30).

Looking even further ahead, mark your calendar for these June dates: Flag Day (June 14), Father's Day (June 19), the first day of summer (June 21) and the WPA Golf Tournament (June 25).

Don't forget that the date to submit your application and essay for a WPFA Scholarship Founda-

tion grant is Friday, May 27, for all eligible applicants. This date applies to both new and renewal applicants.

Donations are always accepted to help support the WPFA Scholarship Foundation for these grants. WPA and all the recipients appreciate all your help.

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and additions to their families.

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

We also extend our sincere sympathy to all who have recently lost a loved one, especially to the families of Mary Boso and Joseph Spanovich, both of whom were longtime members of WPA. Please keep them and all deceased members in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any news you would like to share about yourself or family members, or for life insurance and annuity information, please contact me, Debbie Lewis, at 614-875-9968 or e-mail [DAL9968@aol.com](mailto:DAL9968@aol.com).

## Branch 132 South Bend, IN

**By John E. Burus**

The regular business meeting of Branch 132 South Bend, IN will be held on Tuesday, June 7, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin's Supermarket Deli (first floor) on Ireland Road. We will begin planning for the return of our branch's summer picnic in 2022, which was canceled the last two years.

Our 12th (formerly annual) summer picnic will be held Sunday,

## Welcome to Our Fraternal Family



**LYDIA C. D. BUCKEY**  
Branch 249 Dayton, OH



**SADIE C. BUSHNELL**  
Branch 28 Youngstown, OH



**ABIGAIL C. ISABEL**  
Branch 129 Columbus, OH



**GABRIEL L. MILLER**  
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Branch 352 Coraopolis, PA



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Branch 129 Columbus, OH

July 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Potawatomi Park Pavilion number one. The branch will provide Martin's fried chicken, Eby's sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, soft drinks, water, plates, napkins and utensils. We ask those attending to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or chips to share. We also ask those planning to attend to please make your reservations by July 24. You can make reservations by calling either John Burus at 574-256-5281 or Susan Marshall at 574-257-0659.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our picnic.

## Branch 226 McKeesport, PA

**By Judit Ganchuk**

Spring is right around the corner. Happy Easter, Passover and Ramadan--we hope you spend the entire day in the company of people you love and care about. Sending best wishes to you and your family during this holy season.

In this hurried world of "I need it yesterday," we should remember how lucky we are and try to be a little more patient with others. Be patient with the elderly; be patient with children. Every one of us can show a little more patience to strangers every once in a while.

We were happy to cheer when the Americans won eight gold medals! We congratulate Shaoang Liu, the only gold medal winner for Hungary in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. What a small world it is--he's Hungarian-Chinese. He won first place for the men's 500 meter short track speed skating event.

Our branch was able to participate in the Join Hands Against Hunger campaign. We made a donation to the McKeesport Intersection, Inc., a community program that helps those most in need and is known for being "a crossroads for those who want to give and those in need."

We wish happy birthday and

happy anniversary to all who celebrate in March and April. My little P.J. will be three years old!

Sending warm wishes to Branch Auditor Wayne Nelson, Branch Auditor June Coyne, Goldie Szarka, Branch Vice President Janet Sparico and her husband Joe and Branch Secretary Gerry Nelson, Cathy Trunzo and anyone else who needs some sunshine. We are thinking of you and sending prayers for your strength and resilience.

We pray for the friends and families of branch members we have lost: Steve Jordan, Donald P. Fusilli, Joann Geary, Roger K. Truman and Sebastian P. Zangla.

The Free Hungarian Reformed Church of McKeesport plans to host monthly food fundraisers, pre-orders only. Please call 412-672-7298 for info on what will be on sale.

The church is again hosting a Spring Luncheon Bingo on Saturday, April 9. Tickets are \$25 and doors open at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call the church at 412-672-7298.

Each March, Hungarian-Americans attend programs reflecting on the 1848 Hungarian Revolution against the Austrian Hapsburg monarchy. Though this tragedy happened over 170 years ago, it's important to remind the little ones not to take their modern lives for granted. Someone (and it may have to be you) has to remind them of the rights we enjoy as Americans, especially if you have an immigrant heritage like many hard-working Hungarian-Americans today.

Easter falls on April 17 this year. You can practice your Hungarian: *Kellemes Húsvéti ünnepeket kívánok!* (Literally translated as "I wish you Happy Easter Holidays" because Hungarians celebrate both Easter Sunday and Easter Monday).

Quick questions for you: have you updated your beneficiaries on your life insurance or annuity?

Does your spouse have coverage with us? Have your children begun the paperwork for this year's scholarship program? You have time to discuss these ideas with your family, but don't wait too long!

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

Have you heard of "six-word memoirs"? They're like micro-blogging and puns all in one. This is one of my favorite six-word memoirs I saw on the internet: "March makes promises that April keeps."

Remember that spring is right around the corner and to keep hope alive.

## Branch 249 Dayton, OH

**By Mark Schmidt**

Here we are in the throes of spring. Yes, we may get another blast of winter because it wants to hang around a little longer, but spring flowers are poking through the ground, trees are budding and birds are singing their beaks off. I am declaring it: Spring is here!

With spring arrival, here are a few dates to keep in mind: Easter on April 17 and Earth Day April 22. I'm not fond of Daylight Saving Time and losing an hour's sleep, but if the weather cooperates and stays warm, bring it on.

Speaking of Earth Day and the thought of combating global warming, maybe we should all consider planting trees on Arbor Day on April 29 as a possible Join Hands Day project. Just a thought.

Other dates to take note of include June 25 for the WPA Golf Tournament in Canfield, Ohio and Aug. 20 for the WPA Picnic. I can vouch for both events. I have been going to both for years. and I just don't understand how they keep getting better each year. I hope to see you at both this year.



Other dates to take note of are the many weddings this year. Since COVID forced many brides and grooms to postpone their nuptials, there will be a surplus of weddings this year. Love will prevail.

Locally, the Magyar Club of Dayton hosted a St. Stephen's Dinner on March 12. A meal of fried chicken, cabbage rolls, paprika potatoes and cucumber salad was served in commemoration of the 1848 Revolution in Hungary. It's good to see old friends as events open up again.

Branch 249 made donations to The Foodbank of Dayton and the House of Bread for Join Hands Against Hunger. The Foodbank supplies 100-plus food pantries with food commodities and the House of Bread reaches out to a large depressed area of Dayton with daily lunches and dinners. Both organizations are top notch if you're looking to make a donation.

Branch 249 also has a leadership position available in November. We need a branch auditor. This position only needs to meet quarterly during the year and takes a minimum of time and expertise. If interested, please call me for info at 937-938-0198.

Happy birthday to you March and April babies. Celebrate like it's spring. Same to you married couples celebrating anniversaries. Hard to beat a spring bride.

We remember and pray for the friends and family who have passed away. With Easter here, we are reassured that they will delight in eternal life in Heaven.

Call Anne Marie with any life insurance or annuity questions at 937-308-4670. If she can't help you, she will tell you where to go.... wait...that didn't come out exactly right, but you get my meaning. Anne Marie will help you with all things involving WPA insurance.

Remember: spring is nature's way of saying: "Let's Party!" So, get outside and dance like you just don't care who sees you.



*As part of this year's Join Hands Against Hunger campaign, the members of Branch 349 prepared and delivered the food above to the Center of Hope at the Friendship House Shelter in Steubenville, OH.*

## Branch 296 Springdale, PA

**By Mary A. Kelly-Lovas**

Spring is upon us and not a moment too soon. Throughout our area, we've experienced a weird winter featuring both above average temperatures--when you see people walking around in shorts and long-sleeved T-shirts--and ice storms--when you hunker down with your hot chocolate (or something stronger). Both would happen within the same week. Makes life a little more exciting, I guess.

The huge issue around here are the "surprise" potholes that develop, seemingly overnight, due to the extreme temperature changes. No one enjoys busting a tire because they couldn't avoid a pothole that wasn't there just the day before. Anyway, we're ready for a beautiful springtime when all can enjoy the outdoors.

The Lenten season is here again and with it comes the WPA Easter Baskets program. Branch 296 will decide how to contribute to our community at large through this meaningful program.

Greetings and good wishes to our members who were March and April babies, especially to John Torma, our branch auditor, and to WPA National V.P.-Secretary Cassie Holmes. Happy anniversary wishes to all couples on their special day. May you all be blessed with good health, good humor,

and happiness.

Sending healing thoughts and prayers to those who are recovering. We want you to experience an improved state of health, and soon.

For those who are grieving, we offer our condolences and sincerely hope that you are able to hold good memories of your loved ones close to you. God grant the recently departed eternal rest and blessings for their loved ones.

At this point, I am hopeful about planning for upcoming meetings at some point this year. Right now, we are still on hold and anticipating a time when restrictions will loosen some more. That's not to say that we should let our guard down. This will end at some point and we can look ahead. I realize that what I've just written does not provide any concrete answers or plans, but I choose to remain optimistic.

If you have any news to share, please feel free to contact me at [makelly367@verizon.net](mailto:makelly367@verizon.net) or call 724-274-5318.

Are you reevaluating your insurance needs? There's no time better than the present. Noreen Fritz has a wealth of experience with our WPA insurance and annuity products. She's also very reliable, and you may contact Noreen at [noreen.fritz@comcast.net](mailto:noreen.fritz@comcast.net) or call her at 412-821-1837.

Daylight Saving Time, St. Patrick's Day, March Madness, April



Fool's Day, Passover and Easter all occur during these two months. May we experience more sunshine, wear the green, watch some hoops, enjoy some foolishness and receive all sorts of spiritual blessings. Let's continue remaining upbeat and staying in touch with one another.

## Branch 349 Weirton, WV

**By Joyce Nicholson**

This winter, we endured the coldest weekend we've had in a long time. Temperatures were in the single digits, and an ice storm was followed by snow. I pray you are continuing to stay warm and safe. We hope the worst weather is behind us and summer is just right around the corner.

Our branch decided that our Join Hands Against Hunger project would focus on the Center of Hope at the Friendship Room Shelter in Steubenville. We cooked soup and made sandwiches for over 50 homeless and marginalized adults and children and delivered them on Feb. 5. The Center truly appreciated the hot soup, meat and cheese sandwiches and hot soft pretzels for their guests and thanked William Penn Association for its kindness and generosity.

The International Festival of Nations in Weirton Millsop Community Center was cancelled for the second year in a row this March due to the COVID variants. The Festival of Nations committee and Weirton Area Museum & Cultural Center organizers are planning to host the event in March 2023. Stay tuned.

We wish happy birthday to members with March or April birthdays and send best wishes to those with anniversaries.

Our prayers go out to those who may have lost loved ones recently.

Please continue to stay safe, social distance and wash your hands

often. We want you to be well and see you at our next WPA golf event upcoming on June 25 and at the WPA Picnic planned for Aug. 20.

In the last issue, there was a brief article concerning the Ohio Fraternal Alliance scholarship program. Application for this year's grants are due April 1. Applicants must be a resident of Ohio and be a member (or child of a member) of a fraternal benefit society that is a member of the OFA, such as WPA. Applicants must be a 2022 high school graduate and enrolled in higher education for the fall term. For more information, email [jlovasz@wpalife.org](mailto:jlovasz@wpalife.org).

Also, the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc. application deadline is May 27. If you have been a past recipient of a scholarship, please think about paying it forward and making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation. Every donation received makes a difference to our students.

For this article's interesting fact, we tackle "why do dogs tilt their heads?"

In a recent issue of the *Smithsonian Magazine*, scientists doing animal research at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest discovered a potential link between dogs' memory and their head tilt.

In the study, the Hungarian researchers looked at the head tilt patterns of both "gifted" and "typical" dogs. The dogs were asked to fetch a specific toy from another room. While most dogs struggle to memorize the name of just two toys, the "gifted" dogs (all of which were border collies) could remember at least 10 different toy names they'd been taught. The dogs who were good at toy recall tilted their heads when hearing a command more than the unskilled dogs.

It was concluded that a pup's endearing head tilt may be a sign of paying attention to match a name to a visual image in their head. Whether they tilted their head to the right or to the left was just a

matter of individual preference.

Who knew?

You can call on Alan Szabo for all your insurance needs at 330-482-9994. For information about our branch activities, please call Joyce Nicholson at 740-264-6238.

If you have any news to share, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Branch 800 Altoona, PA

**By Joan B. Ballash**

Welcome, spring! The month of March also brings the beginning of Lent, Daylight Saving Time and St. Patrick's Day.

We hope everyone celebrating a special day in March and/or April will enjoy it with family and friends. Happy birthday to Victor Ballash, branch auditor, whose birthday is on Easter Sunday this year.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are experiencing health issues and to those who have recently lost a loved one, especially the relatives and friends of Joseph E. Bott.

Attention, students! It is time to apply or re-apply for a grant from the WPFA Scholarship Foundation. Let's be certain Branch 800 is represented among the applicants and, we hope, the awardees.

Mark your calendars for the annual branch picnic, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6:00 p.m. at Highland Park in Altoona.

Branch 800 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Education Center, 873 - 27th St., Altoona. All adult members are welcome to attend.

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

If you have questions regarding life insurance or annuities, please call Bob Jones at 814-942-2661.

Wishing all a blessed and joyous Easter. He is risen! Alleluia!

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

## DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

0001 BRIDGEPORT, CT  
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William Toth

0005 PHOENIX, AZ  
John E. Arlet

0008 JOHNSTOWN, PA  
Sarah Jane Jarosick  
Joseph W. Lee  
Joseph K. Tallion

0014 CLEVELAND, OH  
Audrey V. Farren  
Jeannette R. Katona  
Galen M. Kurtz  
Robert L. Wesolowski

0015 CHICAGO, IL  
Frank Debevic  
Clarissa L. Vana

0018 LINCOLN PARK, MI  
Marilyn J. Dombak  
Elsie M. Kantor  
Donald L. MacFarland  
Shirley E. Tyitve

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Olga Borbas  
Cecelia V. Toth  
Fred J. Wennemer, Jr.

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Joan M. Gilbert

0026 SHARON, PA  
Robert Aversa

0027 TOLEDO, OH  
Lois Gombash

0028 YOUNGSTOWN, OH  
Robert Lenton  
Delia L. Riley  
Emma Waid

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Bettina A. Lohrey  
Elka Rabinovich  
Mary Singley  
Henry Andy Zimmer

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Charles Sebastian  
Mary Veres-Taylor

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Roland E. West

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## Puzzle Contest

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In 2015, Ágnes returned to her Magyar homeland. She recently wrote a book entitled, *The Queen of Gymnastics: 100 Years of Ágnes Keleti*.

This puzzle is dedicated to not only Keleti but all those who have battled prejudice and hatred.

There are 17 clues, each has something to do with the life of Ágnes Keleti.

**Boldog Husvét!** Happy Easter! Don't forget to *locsolkodás* (sprinkle with water or perfume) your sweetheart on Easter Monday.

## Donations

### Donations Through Premium Payments

#### DECEMBER 2021

Branch - Donor - Amount

1 - Gary J. Freddino - \$25.00

1 - Oswald Walker - \$5.00

8 - Heather L. Groshans - \$16.20

14 - Almut S. Zvosec - \$25.00

28 - Kristen M. Taylor - \$20.00

28 - Frank Schauer - \$5.60

51 - Alexia Marie B. Willard - \$20.00

76 - Stephen M. Skrzat - \$25.00

129 - Joseph M. Fuleki - \$50.00

129 - Virginia Abahazie - \$8.00

129 - Kaarin Sheehan - \$50.00

129 - Thomas A. Shepard - \$10.88

132 - Matthew A. Burus - \$2.70

159 - Kelly J. Scherfel - \$3.39

226 - Caiden Biddle - \$20.00

226 - Arabella S. Hough - \$20.00

226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40

8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$5.00

**TOTAL for Month = \$313.17**

#### JANUARY 2022

Branch - Donor - Amount

13 - Dennis J. Cudnik - \$25.00

13 - Frank Papp - \$5.00

14 - Jayne E. G. Growley - \$5.00

14 - Bethany R. Townsend - \$10.00

14 - Mary Ann Dobransky - \$3.56

14 - Christina Preston - \$100.00

14 - Almut S. Zvosec - \$25.00

14 - Lois C. Sterrick - \$1.65

16 - Alfred W. Smith - \$10.00

28 - Mary P. Balash - \$3.38

28 - Jennifer A. Palotsee - \$25.00

28 - Michael A. Kroner - \$9.21

28 - Darcie L. Johnson - \$25.00

28 - Daysie C. Acevedo - \$5.00

44 - Alexander J. Darago - \$30.70

44 - Jagger T. King - \$5.00

44 - Arthur S. Morvai - \$20.00

76 - Edward J. Ginley - \$13.90

76 - Susan M. Straka - \$5.00

89 - Edward Joseph Tokar - \$25.00

89 - Vincent A. DePaolo - \$10.00

89 - Carissa R. Debreczeni - \$4.20

89 - James M. Ujevich - \$27.15

132 - Danielle R. Burus - \$3.40

132 - Deanna M. Rubottom - \$10.00

226 - Timothy R. Holtzman - \$1.40

336 - Zita F. Prowse - \$5.24

800 - Joan B. Ballash - \$10.00

8036 - Zachary J. Kaider - \$5.00

8340 - Christian D. Sugg - \$10.00

**TOTAL for Month = \$438.79**

### Additional Donations

#### DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

Donor - Amount  
(In Memory of, if applicable)

Vincent Betro - \$35.00  
(Margaret Pheasey)

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Non-members - \$15.00

WPA Br. 51 Passaic, NJ - \$300.00

WPA Br. 88 Rural Valley, PA - \$197.66

WPA Cookbook Sales - \$160.00

**TOTAL for Month = \$1,392.66**



# Ágnes Keleti: Hungary's greatest Olympian

**A**fter excitedly watching the Winter Olympics, I perused the internet for information on Magyar athletes. I came across the story of an extraordinary woman, Ágnes Keleti, who's known as Hungary's greatest Olympian and, at the age of 101, is the oldest surviving Olympic champion in the world.

Keleti was born in Budapest on Jan. 9, 1921. Her involvement in gymnastics began at age 4 and by her 16th birthday, she was Hungary's top female gymnast. She was set to represent the country in the 1940 Olympics, but the event was cancelled due to World War II.

Keleti, a Jew, was expelled from her gymnastics club in 1941. As the Arrow Cross began to round up the "undesirables," Keleti escaped Budapest assuming the identity of a Catholic woman working as a household servant. Since married Magyar women were not sent to internment camps, gymnastics coach István

Sárkány married Keleti as a courtesy, helping her avoid imprisonment. The marriage was later annulled.

When the Olympics returned in 1948, Keleti could not participate due to an injury. It was not until 1952 that she finally was able to compete, earning four medals: a gold, two silver and a bronze. In 1956 she competed in Melbourne, winning four gold and two silver medals, becoming the oldest person to earn gold in gymnastics at age 35.

At the closing of the 1956 Olympics, Keleti and 44 other Hungarian team members applied for asylum due to the Russian takeover of Hungary less than a month prior. She lived in Australia until 1957 when she emigrated to Israel. There, she utilized her leadership skills to establish Israel's gymnastics team. In 1959, Keleti married Robert Biro and eventually had two children.

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## WPA PUZZLE CONTEST #189 OFFICIAL ENTRY

### "Ágnes Keleti" Word List

Asylum	Finland	Melbourne
Australia	Floor	Rafael
Balance Beam	Gold	Sárkány
Biro	Gymnastics	Silver
Bronze	Helsinki	Uneven Bars
Budapest	Israel	

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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 #189**  
709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Entries must be received at the Home Office by **May 31, 2022**.

Four winners will be drawn from all correct entries on or about June 6, 2022, at the Home Office. Each winner will receive \$50.

## Puzzle Contest #187 WINNERS

The winners of our Puzzle Contest #187 were drawn Feb. 9, 2022 at the Home Office. Congratulations to:

**Marjorie Martin, Br. 18 Lincoln Park, MI**  
**John W. Bush, Jr., Br. 352 Coraopolis, PA**  
**Loretta M. Watkins, Br. 132 South Bend, IN**  
**Noah Bauman, Br. 383 Buffalo, NY**

Each won \$50 for their correct entry.



March/April 2022

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# Our young members need your help

## *Will you answer the call?*

As the pandemic continues, so, too, has the need for making difficult decisions concerning WPA's normal schedule of events. Last year, several WPA fraternal events—including the WPA Picnic and the annual meeting of the William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation—were cancelled. These events are important sources of revenue for the Scholarship Foundation, as many members and branches attending these events contribute thousands of dollars. But, to protect the health of all involved, these events were cancelled and the expected revenue was lost.

We are appealing to all members, branches and friends of WPA to help us make up this shortfall. If you are able, please make a donation today using the form below.

We ask our branches to remember our Scholarship Foundation and the young members it helps when planning fundraising events. Every dollar you contribute will help our young members achieve their goals. No donation is too small.

Our Scholarship Foundation has been blessed with tremendous support throughout the past 50 years, thanks to the wonderful relationships built with friends like you. On behalf of our past, present, and future scholarship recipients, we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

## William Penn Fraternal Association Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of: ☐ \$500.00 ☐ \$250.00 ☐ \$100.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**WPFA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 709 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**

*Thank you for your support!*